

Oregon City Enterprise

TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

TAX COLLECTIONS.—August was a fairly good business month with the sheriff, considering that but few people from the rural districts have been in town. The amount of tax money taken in during the month was \$1452.08, tax, penalty and costs.

BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.—The conditions prevailing about the court house Monday were no exception to the general rule about the city. All business was suspended in all the departments, the officials availing themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a "day off."

ON IN EARNEST.—Yes, the hopping season is on in full blast and the exodus of pickers has never before been exceeded. Every thoroughfare is lined with wagons carrying from two to a half a dozen pickers, and the steamers passing this way are loaded to their full capacity. September promises to be financially beneficial to thousands of people.

CARNIVAL CHEAP RATES.—Transportation rates between Oregon City and Portland have been placed at one fare for the round trip during the carnival, by the electric road, the same rate being at all times in effect by the river route. This is considered a very generous act by the car company, and no doubt hundreds of people will avail themselves of the cheap fares to visit the carnival once or more times.

LAUREL FEES COLLECTED.—The month of August just past, proved the best business month enjoyed in the county recorder's office for a long time, from a financial standpoint. Recorder Stevens reports the earnings in his department for that month to have been \$230.10. The fees collected in the corresponding month last year were but \$107.65. The total number of instruments received for record was 210.

STONE FOR BRIDGE.—Several flatcars were sidetracked at the depot this week, having on board a number of very large sawed stones to be used in building the superstructure of the new steel bridge across Clackamas river, to replace the structure now used by the Southern Pacific. The stone came from California, being of such a formation as to render sawing it possible. As soon as details can be arranged construction work on the new bridge will be started.

APPROACHING FALL.—Old settlers declare they have never before noticed so perceptibly the approach of fall as in the case this year. The conditions which have prevailed this year are more of a striking resemblance to fall weather in the East, so they say, and a casual observer is forced to agree with the statement. Chilly evenings and nights and warm, pleasant days, conducive to good business conditions and good spirits, has been the order for some time.

HEAVY BAGGAGE TRAFFIC.—The passenger, baggage and freight traffic on the Southern Pacific is just now about all that can be conveniently handled. Monday morning the south-bound train was unable to accommodate the demand for carrying capacity and a great amount of way baggage was left on the platform until later in the day. The coaches are crowded with passengers and the freight traffic is heavier than has been experienced for a long time.

MAKING CREAMERY BUTTER.—J. L. Muddock, of Macksburg, was in Oregon City last Saturday to obtain the necessary appliances for manufacturing a first-class article of creamery butter at his place. He has been operating a hand separator for a long time and disposing of the cream at Macksburg, but he has concluded to engage in the manufacture of butter on his own account. He has as yet only a small herd of dairy cows, but he will increase the number and engage in the business to some considerable extent.

TO PRINT MUSTER ROLL.—Adjutant-General C. U. Gentzen is arranging with State Printer Leeds for the printing of 500 copies of the complete muster roll of the Second Oregon. This was ordered by the last legislature as a means of preserving, in accessible form, the records of the Second Oregon. The copies will be distributed as directed by the governor, but it is understood that each of the commissioned officers of the Second Oregon and the newspapers of the state will receive copies, while the various libraries of the state will also be supplied with a copy.

BOUGHT THE LIN PLACE.—T. E. Robb, of Pennsylvania, was in Oregon City last Friday looking after the details necessary to the consummation of a deal whereby he becomes in possession of the August Lin farm of 220 acres on Eagle creek. Mr. Robb thinks, and rightly too, that he has a tract of land that in future will be very valuable. It is on the line of survey of the Springwater extension of the electric line of the Oregon Water Power and Railway Company, about forty acres in a prime state of cultivation, the remainder being of very fine timber. Mr. Robb will probably not reside there at present, but he will improve the place somewhat.

PICKING OF HOPS.—Hopping began in a number of yards the first of the week, and in all of them there were more pickers than were needed. At Levi's yard, near Salem, 140 pickers began work, the price paid being 40 cents a box. There were a few who demanded 50 cents and went out, but the pickers generally decided to accept 40 cents a box. From other yards similar reports are coming in. There appears to be no dearth of pickers, as nearly all growers have ample pickers registered to care for their crops. At the Gilbert & Patterson yards, in Polk county, picking will not commence until toward the end of the week. This firm always has its choice of pickers on account of excellent treatment given the employees and they have this year many of the people who picked in the same yards during several years. They have more pickers than required, as have most of the larger growers. The hops everywhere are coming down nicely, and are of excellent quality. If the price of picking should be advanced to 50 cents, there will be such a rush into the hop yards, that growers will have to limit the pickers to five or six hours a day, and the result will be a loss to the pickers who are now enabled to put in a full day's work each day.—Salem Statesman.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.—State Superintendent Ackerman has just completed the school statistics of the state from the reports received from the several county superintendents. The statement shows the total school population of the state to be 138,466, of which number 109,459 were on the school registers during the last school year. The school libraries of the state show a healthy growth, the number of books purchased during the last year being 15,831, and the total number now in the libraries is 56,598. The total amount of money available for school purposes in the state for the year past was \$2,383,974.93, and the amount expended \$1,900,809.43, leaving a surplus on hand of \$483,265.50. The portion of the report relative to Clackamas county makes a very creditable showing. The amount of money received in the county for all school purposes during the last year was \$92,642.39, and the disbursements were \$84,065, leaving in the hands of the various district clerks \$8,567. One of the very creditable features of the report is the showing made in the increase of value of school property, indicating better buildings, better equipment and a better condition of school affairs throughout.

BODY RECOVERED.—After being in the water nearly eight days, the body of the Japanese man who committed suicide nearly two weeks ago by jumping off the suspension bridge, was found floating in the river last Sunday morning by a young man named Ihaas, who was rowing on the river. The body when found was not more than a hundred feet from where it was last seen at the time of the drowning. The young man immediately notified Coroner Holman, who took the remains to the morgue, where an inquest was held, but nothing was developed whereby the identity of the man was disclosed. The body was in a very bad state of decomposition and was buried Sunday afternoon. There were to have been some parties from Portland present at the inquest to identify the man, if possible, but they failed to materialize, and no light is thrown upon the mysterious action of the fellow. It is indeed, a rare thing for a body to be recovered that has been drowned in that particular part of the river, so nearly the point of drowning as was the case in this instance.

ASSISTANT RECORDER.—Not perhaps, just at present, will there be any service rendered in the recorder's office by an assistant that has been secured for that department of the county routine work, but maybe later on there will be very valuable service received. The new assistant is at present staying at the home of Recorder Stevens, having arrived Sunday. He is receiving instructions in all the various complications experienced in the recorder's office, and really, is a student not yet very susceptible to all that is planned for his future benefit. The late arrival is a son of the present recorder, being of a weight of only eight pounds, and his father will impart to him his knowledge of the art of administering paragonic and drill him in a few of the more modern movements in midnight foot parades before he is started out to play a very important part in the drama of life.

ENLARGING THEIR STORE.—Noticeable among the many improvements going on in Oregon City at this time are those at Huntley Bros. For the third time in the past eight years they are enlarging and improving their stores to accommodate their trade. The brick wall between the store is being removed and the entire front changed. There will be one wide central entrance, with sixteen foot windows on either side. The salesroom, or front part of the store, will be 40x42 feet. In the centre is to be a horseshoe-shaped show case twelve feet wide and eighteen feet long, with a center fixture. This arrangement will give double the present floor space for customers and make a light, pleasant place to transact business. When finished they will have one of the handsomest drug stores on the coast.

FOURTH OF JULY FUNDS.—The committee on the Fourth of July celebration has submitted its report on finances, showing an unused surplus of nearly \$200. A petition was presented to the committee asking that the amount be donated to the Federal Union, having in charge the Labor Day celebration. This petition was signed by more than fifty of the subscribers to the fund, and the Fourth of July committee did as requested in the matter. The report showed the total receipts to have been \$996.75 and the expenditures \$789.35.

TIMBER FOR BOATBUILDING.—Clackamas county is acquiring some notoriety by being called upon to furnish timber for boat-building to the Portland contractors. Work on a steamer being built at Portland by Louis Paquet has been somewhat delayed because of the contractor's inability to get the necessary material. The contractor got some of his material from Molalla, where it is said an excellent quality of boat knees is to be found. The steamer is being built for a transportation company at Needles, Arizona, to be shipped in knock-down shape.

ACCIDENT TO JOHN NOBLETT.—The Aurora paper gives the following account of an accident that befell a Needy resident last week: "John Noblett, of Needy, had an accident at Butteville last Thursday evening. While driving along with his stallion, he had a paralytic stroke and fell off the cart. One foot caught in the rig and he was dragged for over a hundred yards before he was rescued. Fortunately, the horse did not get frightened and the injuries sustained by Mr. Noblett were not serious. He passed through this city Friday morning on his way home."

TRAILER BRIDGE BURNED.—The long bridge which spans the Tualatin river, about four miles from its mouth, was totally destroyed by fire last Friday, entailing a very serious loss to Clackamas county. The structure was known as "the Portland bridge", and is on the road between Portland and Stafford. Just how the fire originated is yet a mystery, but it is considered likely that it was started either by sparks from a threshing machine or from a passing steamer. The bridge cost about \$5000, and to replace it will necessitate an expenditure of at least that amount more.

ATTACKED BY ANGRY COW.—Mrs. S. Swinton, who lives near Milwaukie, came near losing her life last Saturday by being attacked by a vicious cow. As it was, she was very seriously injured. Her children were playing with the cow's young calf, when the mother, becoming infuriated, made a charge at the children. Mrs. Swinton, comprehending the danger of her children, rushed to their rescue, when the cow turned on her, and the woman was unable to defend herself. Had it not been for the timely arrival of a neighbor Mrs. Swinton would undoubtedly have been killed. The woman will recover, although she was confined to her home several days from the injuries sustained.

JUST THE THING.—For many years past the meteorological conditions have not been better for successfully conducting the average agricultural pursuit than has been the case this season. The hay crop was saved without any very material loss on account of rain, and the weather through harvest time was perfection for the purpose. Just as the hay harvest season opens the climatic conditions are all that could be hoped for, with good prospects for a continuation. The value of this condition of affairs cannot be overestimated, and if a continuation does obtain for another fortnight Oregon farmers will have experienced a season of unequalled favorable conditions for their pursuits.

OREGON CITY BATTERY.—The baseball game Sunday on the Hubbard diamond was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season. It was a good game. The Hubbard team went down to defeat at the hands of their opponents—was going to say, the Woodburn team, but after looking over the score book, will say Oregon City, assisted by a few Woodburn boys, for they had the battery and umpire from Oregon City. But, nevertheless, it was a good game, and much credit is due the Woodburn boys for going to Oregon City for a battery so as to make the game more even, for if we had another game of 34 to 10 in favor of either team, the interest in baseball at Hubbard would die out. The score stood 16 to 9 in favor of Woodburn.—Borealis.

GRADING THE ROAD.—Clearing the right of way and grading for the roadbed of the new electric railway line is going on in earnest between Lents and Gresham. Three camps have been established, one at Lents, another near Sycamore and the third about a mile below Gresham, on the banks of Johnson creek. They are all pretty much alike, being composed of canvas meshhouses, barns and sleeping quarters. Work is being pushed in both directions from each of them, and extra men are given employment as fast as they apply for work. Farmers along the line are given the preference, and many who are done harvesting are at work with their teams. Nearly all the work done so far the past week has been through cultivated fields. Operations through heavy timber will be deferred until later, on account of danger

from fires, which will be guarded against. After a heavy rain this danger will be past and the broken links of grading will be connected.

SARDINES IN THE COLUMBIA.—The Columbia river is now full of sardines, which are being caught for the Astoria and Portland markets. These fish make their appearance in the Columbia once a year, coming in large schools, but the run lasts only about two weeks. The fish are of fine quality and are quite as good for canning purposes as those caught on the Atlantic coast. There has been considerable talk in Astoria of starting a sardine cannery and it is not unlikely that the industry may be engaged in there. The shortness of the run would not operate to a disadvantage, as the fish could be preserved in cold storage and packed at the convenience of the canner. The Necanicum river, at Seaside, is also full of sardines, and campers are supplied with fish for breakfast. With the advent of the sardines comes their natural enemy, the whale, and many of these monsters can be seen daily off the coast.

RIG MACHINE ARRIVES.—The large machine known as the "unloading plow," to be used for grading and filling work on the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, has arrived and will be put into service in the work of filling the long trestle between this city and Clackamas river. The steam shovel to be used in this work was placed in position this week at the gravel bank at Gladstone. Gravel will be taken from the bed through which the line now extends between Gladstone and Meldrum station. When this work has been completed some of the more extreme curves will be eliminated from the line, greatly facilitating speed and eliminating a more or less dangerous curve in the track.

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