

## TO ENJOINTAX LEVY

Will Determine Questions  
Raised By New Law.

Until Supreme Court Decides, Assessors Will Not Feel Safe in Levying Taxes for 1904.

A suit to have determined the question whether a levy for taxes on the assessment for the year 1903 can be made in January, 1904, was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Williams, Wood & Linthicum, attorneys for Maria L. Flanders, says Sunday's Oregonian.

As has been previously stated in the columns of the Oregonian, a tax law passed at the last session of the Legislature takes effect on January 1, 1904, providing that the tax levy shall be made in September. The assessment for 1903, now in course of completion in various counties throughout the state is being made under the old law, which provides that the tax levy shall be made in January next. Now the question is, as the new law takes effect on January 1, 1904, and says the next tax levy shall be made the following September, can the levy on the assessment for the year 1903 be legally made in January, 1904, after the new law providing for a levy in September, 1904, is in operation?

The various assessors in the state are assessing property at a considerable expense for clerk hire, etc., and it is necessary to ascertain by a decision of the Supreme Court if the work is to be of no avail, and it is also important to know if taxes can be collected for the year 1903, otherwise from January until October, 1904, all the counties in the state will be out of funds.

It would not do to take the chance and make the levy in January without first having had a legal adjudication of the question, because, if this were done, suits might be instituted after the levy to enjoin the collection of the taxes. Consequently this suit is brought now, and a decision of the higher court can easily be secured before January next.

The defendants named are the members of the County Court, Assessor McDonnell, County Clerk Fields and County Auditor Brander. The complaint asks that the Assessor be enjoined from completing the assessment, and the County Court from making the levy next January. This raises the issues. The complaint will probably be demurred to and arguments then made by counsel as to the application of the new law to the assessment for the year 1903.

## PHEASANTS BEING SLAUGHTERED

Hunters Have Been Killing These Birds for Six Weeks.

There is urgent need for the vigorous enforcement of the game laws of the state so far as they are designed for the preservation of the Chinese pheasant. For the past five weeks these birds have been killed in countless numbers in the Willamette Valley although the season for the killing of this game does not open until Thursday, October 1.

Passengers on the southbound Albany local Saturday evening witnessed two hunters, armed with shot-guns, engaged at killing pheasants in a grain field near Brooks and within 100 yards of the railroad track. The killing of these birds is being done more generally and boldly in the interior of the valley. A mail clerk on the Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific reports that for the past several weeks he has daily seen scores of hunters after pheasants in the section of the Valley traversed by his train.

S. L. Jones, salesman for a San Francisco confectionery house, says the killing of pheasants has been going on uninterrupted throughout the Valley for nearly six weeks. Five weeks ago while in Corvallis, Mr. Jones says a hunter came boldly into a store and exhibited thirteen pheasants that he had slaughtered in open violation of the state game laws.

Not an arrest has been made this year in this locality for the killing of these birds out of season. Unless the law is made more severe in its penalties and is strictly enforced, it will be but a short time until the pheasant will be exterminated in the Willamette Valley.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF CROPS

Issued by Edward A. Beals of U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The weather during the week was dry and warm and all that could be desired for the completion of fall work. There were a few frosty nights in the eastern portion of the state, but so far as known, they did no serious damage.

Hop picking is practically completed and the crop has been secured in good condition. The yields continue below average, but the quality is satisfactory. Harvesting is nearly finished, and threshing has progressed rapidly. Oats were slightly damaged by the rains of a week ago, but not sufficiently to affect the total yield to any great extent. Corn is ripening nicely; the ears are well filled and the crop, on the whole, is doing well. Field onions have about all been pulled, and beans are nearly ready for harvesting. The third crop of clover and alfalfa are being cut. Potato blight continues in the coast counties, and the crop in that section will be below average. Digging has begun in some localities. Pasturage continues good, and stock is improving. There has been a slight shrinkage in the milk supply in the Willamette valley. The harvest of prunes is well under way and the dryers are now running on full time. The crop is an excellent one, both in quality and quantity. Pears and plums are yielding well. Apples continue fair to good.

## OREGON CITY SCHOOLS OPEN

Will the Provisions of State Labor Law be Enforced?

The Oregon City public schools opened Monday morning with a fair attendance. It will probably be ten days before the total enrollment of pupils will be reached since many of the scholars have not yet returned from the hop yards.

The opening of the public schools this

week renew interest in the child labor law and suggests the query: Will the provisions of the statute be complied with? The Oregon Child Labor Law was enacted by the legislature of 1903 and the first section provides "that no child under 14 shall be employed in any factory, store, workshop in or about any mine or in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service." Section 2 provides that no child, under the age of 14 years, shall be employed in any work or form, for wages or other compensation to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town, district or city in which he or she resides are in session." Attendance for the full year is compulsory on all children under 14 years of age and those under 15 years who are not employed in any lawful work. Corporations and parents are both made liable under the law for the non-attendance of children at the schools. The former are subject to fines ranging from \$10 to \$50 and the latter from \$5 to \$25.

Teachers in the Oregon City schools report that some children, who come within the provisions of the child labor law failed to attend the opening session of the schools Monday. If these youths do not enroll in the schools within the next few days, the attention of Mrs. Evans, of Oswego, will be called to such instances. Mrs. Evans is a member of the state board of inspectors that has been appointed to enforce the provisions of this law.

For the purpose of considering plans for enforcing this law, a meeting of the Child Labor Commission, the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of Labor, has been called to be held in Portland tomorrow morning. The Child Labor Commission is composed of:

A. S. Kunkret, Mrs. Nellie Trumbull and Stephen S. Wise, of Portland; Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Oswego, and Mrs. Belle M. Wright, Union. O. P. Hoff, of Portland, is Labor Commissioner.

## WORTH A THOUGHT.

This Statement Will Interest Scores of Oregon City Readers.

The facts given below are worth a perusal by all who are anxious about their physical condition or are similarly situated to this man. It is an occurrence which can be thoroughly investigated.

J. C. Buckler, of No. 8 East Ninth street, Portland, brick mason, contractor and builder, says: "A constant soreness across the small of my back which bothered me when stooping or straightening up and was accompanied with weakness of the kidneys, particularly in evidence at night, indicated that my kidneys were not performing their functions properly. I had it for years, despite all my endeavors to get relief, until one day I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box. A few doses convinced me that they were going to the root of the disease and the continuation of their use for a short time removed the pain from my back and corrected the kidney secretions. I have another box in the house and should necessity demand it I shall certainly resort to the use of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Plenty more proof like this from Oregon City people. Call at C. G. Huntley's drug store and ask what his customers report.

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

## HE STOLE A BICYCLE

Young Man From Damascus "Hikes" To Avoid Arrest.

A young man about 15 years of age, giving his name as Cain, stole a bicycle belonging to Art. Vinton, from the Huddleston hop yard, and rode into town, where he offered to sell it to Roscoe Langley for \$8, and later offered it for \$6. The wheel is a valuable one, worth about \$25, and the low price was offered for it by Mr. Langley to suspect that it was not the property of the young man having it in his possession.

Before reaching the city the young man met Willis Huddleston, a brother of Allen, from whose place the wheel was stolen, and offered to sell it for the same price it was offered to Mr. Langley, but the price was too low to be an inducement.

After having attempted to dispose of the property to Mr. Langley, the latter put the young man through the "sweat box," so to speak, and he finally admitted that he stole the wheel and related the whole story connected with the case.

He said he came from Damascus, walking in from the main line, and as he passed by the Huddleston farm noticed the wheel and appropriated it for his own use. Mr. Langley advised him to leave it at the shop, which he readily consented to do, and lost no time in getting out of town to avoid arrest. He started down the track at a high rate of speed, and that was the last seen or heard of him. It is a pity that he did not fall into the hands of the law and receive punishment.—Silvertonian.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TEACHERS**

County School Superintendent Zinser Addresses Letter to Educators.

Monday of this week County School Superintendent Zinser mailed a letter to each of the school teachers of the county offering helpful suggestions for the teacher at the beginning of another school year. The letter was as follows:

"Enclosed I hand you your certificate of Institute attendance. I trust you will find it correct. It is your duty to hand it at once to the clerk of the district where you expect to teach and to ask him to send it to me before the first day of October, in order to secure for his district the \$5 to be apportioned at that time.

"And now, as you go into the school room, fresh from the inspiration of the Institute, you tremble, perhaps at the thought of the great responsibilities resting upon you as you stand before your children at the opening of the school year. So much depends upon first impressions. It is all-important for the success of the year's work that these



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Presenting High Class Productions in an Admirable Manner, offering to Oregon City Playgoers a Superb Production of the Beautiful Drama

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## GAVE OFFICER SLIP

HAS \$600 IN TREASURY.

Burke, Washington County Forger, Escapes Twice.

Is Considered a Desperate Criminal.

Armed Posse is in Pursuit.

STEVENS, Wn., Sept. 22.—Bloodshed may result from the manhunt now in progress on the Washington side of the Columbia river, between The Dalles and Vancouver. Burke, the forger and escaped prisoner from the Hillsboro jail, overpowered a deputy sheriff who had captured him yesterday and secured two revolvers, a rifle and a large supply of ammunition. His action and escapades of the past few days brand him as being desperate, and should the noose which is now hot on his trail overtake him, there is little doubt but that a pitched battle will ensue.

"The teacher should take pride in keeping her records accurately and neatly. If your school has not been well graded, attend to this at once. The superintendent will be glad to assist you.

"Wishing you abundant success, I remain,

etc.

Charman & Co. druggists and book-sellers can supply any book used in the schools of Oregon City or Clackamas county at lowest Portland prices.

## TRAPPED BY A BEAR

Conductor Dave Houston Has Thrilling Experience While Fishing.

Conductor Dave Houston of the Southern Pacific Railroad, who is taking a ten-day vacation at Seaside, had a thrilling experience with a big bear which he will not soon forget. He only told a few of the incidents, as he desired to keep it quiet, but the story leaked out. Conductor Houston is a great fisherman, and never lets an opportunity slip to cast the line. He had hardly got settled at the seaside when he went out on the Necanicum river to have a fish all by himself. He made his way through the brush until he came to a log, one end of which projected out into the creek. "That's the very place," thought the conductor, and, adjusting his line and pole, he crept on the log, where he found himself comfortably perched above the cool water of Necanicum Creek. Houston lighted his pipe and trusty pipe and then cast his line. He fished and smoked perhaps an hour without getting a bite.

Suddenly there was a movement in the bushes back of him, and then he felt the log he was sitting on tremble. Instantly the conductor turned around, when to his amazement he gazed into the face of a black bear. The latter seemed to be sizing him up and estimating how much of a meal the conductor would make, and whether he would "scrap" when it came to the point. For the conductor there seemed no escape. The bear sat complaisantly on the shore end of the log, and it was not possible for Conductor Houston to get past the monster. The bear held him there for several hours before a hunter came along and killed the animal. The bear weighed 250 pounds when dressed. Conductor Houston now has a few more gray hairs in his head as the result of his experience.

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TAKES A DEPUTY'S ARTILLERY.

Both men fought for every inch there was in them, but Burke's strength was supplemented by desperation, and he fought like a demon until he had the deputy overpowered. He then helped himself to the minion's rifle, revolver and ammunition, bade him a sarcastic adieu and disappeared in the brush down the river.

This episode, as soon as it became known, convinced officers that they have a desperate man to deal with. Sheriff Totten promptly organized and equipped a posse and went on the trail determined to take the man dead or alive. They will scour the country along the river to Vancouver. A reward of \$50 is offered by the Washington county sheriff for Burke's capture.

Burke is the man who swindled a Jackson county bank out of about \$250, and tried the same swindle at Forest Grove, where he was arrested as he entered the bank to pass a forged check. The officers of the bank had been forewarned, and thrust guns into the man's face when he walked into the bank. When arrested he was taken to the Hillsboro jail, where he located a weak spot in the walls and dug his way out, in company with a young fellow named McNamara, who has since been recaptured.

DR. GUY HEPPNER, of 925 Fillmore street, San Francisco, has been attending Mrs. Burke. Her physician had finally to tap her every few days. She was tapped nearly forty times and grew worse from day to day. The physician finally told her husband that she had right to live, and that he must let her go. Her heart also gave her the usual trouble and she was in such a serious condition the relatives were sent for. They put her on Fulton's Compound, where she lay for a week. The second week the dropsy declined a little and the improvement was then gradual till her recovery was complete. This case was examined by Dr. J. Lewis, Comm'l. Agt., 248 Alder St., Portland, who will be pleased to mail to you address copy of the latest Seaside pamphlet telling all about summer girls, sea serpents and sunsets at Seaside.

## CHURCH PEOPLE WILL MEET.

Congregationalists Will Convene With Oregon City Church.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the general association of Congregational churches and ministers of Oregon will meet with the Congregational church of Oregon City next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This meeting will be attended by all the Congregational ministers of the state and by delegates from all the churches.

The sessions will be held during the day and evening. The program consists of a great variety of topics, grouped

under the following divisions: First, The Church and Child Nature; second, The Church and Civic Problems; third, The Church and the Extension of the Kingdom; fourth, The Church and Its Problems; fifth, The Modern Church at Work.

Among prominent workers outside of the state who will be present are: Pres. Penrose, of Whitman college, Rev. H. Meville Tenney, of the American Board, Rev. H. H. Wikoff, of the Building Society, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, editor of The Pacific, Rev. E. S. Williams, of California, and others. Rev. E. L. Dye, Oregon City; director, E. G. Canfield, Oregon City; directors: Geo. A. Steele, W. A. Huntley, E. E. Charman, Geo. A. Harding, J. T. Apperson and C. B. Moores. With the exception of Messrs. Apperson and Moores, the members of the board of directors served in the same capacity last year. The president, vice-president and secretary are ex-officio members of the board of directors.

A financial report was presented showing the association to be in good condition. The receipts this year aggregated \$5127.12 with disbursements amounting to \$4314.12, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$813. With this amount the total outstanding indebtedness of the Association, \$213 will be cancelled leaving a surplus of \$600. The Chautauqua session this year was the most successful in the history of the society which is now without a cent of indebtedness.

"The Association was never before in such good condition financially," said H. E. Cross, the secretary, Tuesday afternoon, "and the prospects are indeed bright for a bigger and better meeting next year."

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