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A WORD IN ADVANCE AN APPEAL FOR A BETTER DAY IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

A CONTRACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE, FOR THIS QUARTER PAGE OF ADVERTISING SPACE, FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IT IS VERY GENERALLY AGREED That Oregon is on the threshold of a splendid development along material lines. Already our local capitalists, aided by abundant money from the east, are erecting mills and factories, building railroads and projecting improvements that has and will go on quickening the business and industrial life of every community in the State. Immigrants with money to invest are rapidly buying up available lands, houses are being erected, farms are being opened up and improved, orchards are being planted, good roads are reaching out into every settlement and altogether a march of prosperity is on us and yet to come that will double the wealth and population of Oregon in the next five years. Portland is making giant strides in population and growth of commerce, every city and hamlet in the State has awakened to a new day and opportunity.

Oregon City and Clackamas County must receive their full share of this incoming tide of prosperity. It will be our part to aid in this great work. It will not be expected our effort will be entirely unsuccessful, but for every farm sold, for every new dwelling erected, for every new bank deposit, for every new wheel put in motion our whole community will be benefitted. The possibilities of Clackamas County in material development have been but scratched on the surface. With its 1500 square miles of territory, boundless forests of timber and vast areas of the richest clover land in Oregon, suitable for the production of all varieties of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables peculiar to the Willamette Valley, we could easily accommodate and profitably employ the whole present population of the State of Oregon.

Oregon City with its great manufacturing plants ought to have a present population of twenty thousand people. The proximity of the garden, fruit and truck farms of Clackamas County to Portland, the market and distributing center of the Northwest Coast, means wealth and comfort to those who fortunate enough to take advantage of such opportunities. A great day is upon the people of Oregon. We are to grow faster in the next ten years than we ever grew in our lives before. The great boundless, limitless west has come to its own.

It's for every man, woman and child to appreciate the westward move, and get in step with the procession. There are riches and opportunities all around us, if we have sense enough to see them. Let us line up for progress and all pull together for Clackamas County.

H. E. CROSS.

IS A REAL METEOR

Washington Expert So Declares of Recent Find.

Largest Specimen of Metallic Meteorite Ever Found in the United States.

"It is a real meteorite," said E. W. Crosby, of Washington, D. C., Friday afternoon, after he had made an investigation of the aerial visitor that was recently discovered near this city.

Mr. Crosby is collector of geological specimens for the Smithsonian Institute at the National Capital and is making a tour of the Pacific Coast in search of desirable specimens. While at Lodi, Calif., where he forwarded a small meteorite to the Smithsonian Institute, he read of the discovery that had been made at Oregon City and he came at once to this city.

"The meteorite is composed entirely of iron and nickel, probably nine of ten parts being iron. The specimen was pitted with holes as it came through the air in a mountain state. This is an invariable indication of a metallic meteorite. From appearances the meteorite may have been buried in the hillsides, where it was discovered, for many centuries. At any rate its rusted condition is unmistakable proof that it was buried in the ground for many years.

"This is the largest specimen of metallic meteorite that has ever been found in the United States and among the largest ever discovered in the world. It weighs between 20,000 and 40,000 pounds. Because of its enormous weight, the specimen is less valuable to its owner, Mr. Dale, than if it were one-fourth of the size. Meteorites of the same formation are not at all uncommon but rarely are they found so large. In the Smithsonian Institute at Washington there are probably 100 of these meteorites and the largest specimen will not weigh to exceed 1400 pounds. In the British Museum there are at least 1000 metallic meteorites.

Mr. Crosby thinks that the Oregon City specimen is the greater curiosity because of its remarkable size. He is also of the belief that the government alone can afford to acquire the ownership of the meteorite for the reason that the probable expense of purchasing the specimen and removing it would prove greater than its ownership would justify. The government representative would not state whether or not it was likely that the specimen would be secured by Uncle Sam for the Smithsonian Institute. It is impossible to ascertain from those who are interested in the ownership of the property what is intended to be done with the meteorite but it is generally believed and understood that it will be taken to St. Louis and placed on exhibition at the World's Fair next year and returned to the Pacific Coast for the Lewis & Clark Fair the following year.

L. L. Hawkins, of the Portland Museum, was also in the city and made a visit to the meteorite.

Many residents of this city are of the opinion that the big meteorite has not been buried in the earth for the length of time that others believe. A great many Oregon City people report that in the year 1883 a large meteorite was seen to pass over the Willamette river near this city at the mouth of the Tualatin river, and disappear in the immediate vicinity of the recent discovery. Such persons are inclined to the belief that the meteorite is none other than the one whose flight through the heavens attracted their attention some twenty years ago.

Preliminary steps have been taken by a Portland attorney and an interested client to acquire possession of the now remarkable and valuable meteorite. It has been reported on the streets, and there are many who accept the rumor, that the meteorite was actually discovered on land adjoining that of the parties who now have it in possession and claim sole title thereto. The report is to the effect that the specimen was clandestinely removed onto the land of those now having the meteorite in possession before the discovery of the heavenly monster was announced. With the official announcement as to the genuineness of the meteorite, the strife to determine its lawful ownership will likely prove interesting.

This strange visitor from the celestial realms has an interesting history that covers the period from its first discovery eighteen months ago. The meteorite is cone-shaped. Its base measures 9 feet and it is six feet from the base to the apex, which is about 2 feet 10 inches in diameter. Red in color is the curiosity, which will probably weigh eighteen tons.

It is the general belief of those who have witnessed the strange object that it is actually a meteorite. The first discovery of the meteorite dates back to the spring of 1902, when Wm. Dale, while engaged in clearing a tract of land, accidentally came across the missile, the apex end of which protruded from the ground. Striking the object, it gave forth rings such as would be produced in striking a metallic bar. With tools he endeavored to dislodge the huge rock and ascertain its dimensions. In this he failed, as did also an effort on the part of a number of his neighbors. Following the failure, the disappointed searchers for natural curiosities recovered the rock.

Rain storms of last winter disclosed the hiding place of the meteorite, which was re-discovered last July. The location of the curiosity was on a sidehill, and it was only by undermining the rock that it was landed on level ground, where by means of jackscrews it was placed on a truck and over a road that was built through the thickly wooded tracts. It was carted to the main road near Willamette.

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CIRCUIT COURT HAS CONVENED

Judge McBride Disposes of Several Divorce Suits—Other Business.

Judge T. A. McBride convened the November term of the Clackamas county circuit court Monday morning. The jurors were dismissed from attendance on the court until next Monday morning.

Monday was occupied largely by the judge in making minor orders and entering a few divorce decrees. Divorces were granted as follows: E. C. vs. Carrie B. Golden, Frank vs. Lillian Partridge. Six divorce cases that have been pending in the court for months and in which both parties are non-residents of this county but at the same time live in the state, were today stricken from the docket. They were: Theresa Ordway vs. Chas. Ordway; Walter W. Ray vs. Lillian Ray; Miller Weiss vs. J. M. Weiss; Louisa Stranger vs. Jacob M. Stranger; Mary E. Schley vs. W. C. Schley; and John Schadlinger vs. Susan Schadlinger.

Default was entered in these divorce suits: John A. Lofquist vs. Susan Lofquist; Jennie Dowell vs. Robert Dowell; K. L. Adkins vs. Mary Adkins. The suit of Virginia May Vorhevs vs. Fred Vorhevs was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff. Two other actions were dismissed as follows: H. L. Kelly, trustee, vs. T. F. Ryan; I. B. Madison vs. L. E. Armstrong, et al. A number of cases having been settled out of court, were dropped from the docket. They were: Catherine Gibbons vs. Geo. and Lena Doll; H. E. Cross vs. P. H. Morley; J. P. Ridings & Son vs. Lizzie Burtchett; S. M. Jones vs. Michael Shafer et al.; S. A. D. Gurley vs. M. Shafer et al.; in the matter of the application of Geo. Brown for a gateway; G. B. Dimick vs. Geo. Kernes; J. A. Arkells, administrator, vs. The Southern Pacific Company; Portland City and Oregon R. E. vs. Dora Quint; O. W. F. & Ry. Co. vs. Jos. Peterson et al.

After hearing the testimony in the case of Sarah Coad vs. Chas. Wilkins, her former husband, for the custody of a five year old son, the court awarded the child to its grandmother, Mrs. Martha Campbell, of Salem. The plaintiff represented in her petition that it was the understanding between herself and divorced husband at the time the divorce was granted that she should have the custody of the boy but it seems that the husband retained the child when he secured the divorce decree. In defense of the woman's petition for the child, the husband testified that the present husband of his former wife is a bar-keeper and on this showing the court gave the child to the its grandmother, and decreed that neither of the children of the divorced couple shall be removed from the jurisdiction of the court.

Judge McBride has arranged the following calendar of cases to be heard next week: Monday, November 9—W. H. Young vs. H. O. Stickney; November 10—Jacob Kalbfleisch vs. Clackamas county; November 11—Lechter vs. Houser; November 12—McDonald vs. Campbell; November 14—Holzworth vs. Holzworth; November 16—Hartigan vs. The Southern Pacific Company.

The damage suit of Hartigan against the Southern Pacific Company is one of the principal cases to be heard at this term of court. Hartigan was formerly employed as brakeman by the corporation and in a wreck last February on the West Side near Oswego he claims to have received injuries causing him the loss of a leg. For the loss of the limb, which he alleges was the result of an accident that was caused by the faulty condition of the company's road-bed, Hartigan asks for a judgment against the railroad company for \$15,000. The railroad company has filed an answer to the complaint in which it denies all of the allegations of the complaint save to admit that it is a corporation and that Hartigan was in the company's employ at the time of the accident. From a legal standpoint the case will be vigorously contested, the plaintiff having retained Bennett & Sinnott, of The Dalles, to conduct his case, while the defendant company will be represented by W. D. Fenton, of Portland, and Geo. C. Brownell, of this city.

THEY AGREED TO DISAGREE.

Unusual Divorce Proceeding Brought by a Portland Couple.

Displeased husband and unhappy wife seldom accompany each other to the court house, carrying a young child in their arms, especially when the errand has for its purpose the filing of a divorce suit in which the one is the plaintiff and the other is the defendant. Such an unusual circumstance was enacted at the Clackamas county court house in this city last Friday afternoon.

The parties were Mr. and Mrs. John Bush and their two year old daughter of Portland. In the divorce proceeding Mr. Bush alleges that his wife, Clara V. Bush, whom he married at Astoria in October 1900, and from whom he asks to be granted an absolute divorce, frequently throws herself into a temper, has called him a liar and last February caused his arrest at Portland on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, which he says was false and malicious. The husband consents that the custody of the child be awarded its mother.

After filing the papers in the case, the parties went to the office of Sheriff Shaver where Mrs. Bush, the defendant, was served with the summons. An officer of the court asked if the proceeding was not something out of the ordinary and was informed by the parties that they had once before attempted to secure a divorce but compromised matters. Difficulties again appeared and it was concluded, they stated, to be legally separated and adjust their property interests.

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CAN MAKE NO LEVY

Supreme Court Says Phelps' Law is Inoperative.

Special Session of Legislature Must Be Convened if the Defect Is To Be Remedied.

The supreme court last Saturday affirmed the decision of the circuit court of Multnomah county in the case of Flanders vs. the county clerk, thus holding that a tax levy cannot be made under existing laws next January. This means that a special session of the legislature must be held before January to pass a law which will authorize such a levy, or that state, county, city and school district warrants must be indorsed "not paid for want of funds." Governor Chamberlain has said that he will not call a special session unless the public finances require it, but it seems unquestioned that a special session will now be necessary.

The supreme court in affirming the decision says:

"It will readily be observed that the purpose of the amendatory act is to change the dates upon which the several official acts designated shall be performed, the mode of assessment and levy, and the manner of collecting remaining the same. All dates in process are completely shifted.

"The true situation is perfectly manifest. The old statute relative to matters alluded to is to be replaced by amendments, these abrogating completely the law as it now stands. It is not the case of a repeal, either directly or by implication, except as amendments supersede and displace the old statute. The new is substituted for the old, leaving no vestige of the old for operation. Such is the holding of the supreme court of Indiana, under a constitutional clause providing a mode for revision and amendment precisely as ours, and from which ours was probably adopted.

"All sections of the old law relative to the assessment and collection of taxes set out in the amendatory act as amended to be in force and effect from and after January 1, 1904, will be wholly obliterated and superseded by the new sections as contained in the amendatory act, which latter will become solely operative and effective from and after that date. The logical consequence is that the county court or the board of county commissioners will be left without power or authority to estimate the amount of money to be raised for county purposes, or to apportion the same with the state and school taxes according to valuation of taxable property in the county or to levy a tax thereon for the purpose of raising revenue at its January term."

WILL BE BAD FOR CLACKAMAS.

By the decision of the supreme court that under the Phelps' tax law no tax levy can be made prior to January 1, 1904, Clackamas county finds itself in poor circumstances. With an indebtedness approximating \$140,000, the county will be obliged to issue warrants to meet current expenses and at the same time allow the interest to accumulate on outstanding warrants, unless a special session of the state legislature be convened and unravel the entanglement. This complicated condition of affairs is the more unfortunate at this time in this county perhaps than in any other county in the state, for the reason that the assessment will this year represent more than double the total of assessable values on the roll of a year ago. By levying a reasonable tax levy, the county had an exceptional opportunity to provide for all current expenses and at the same time discharge a considerable amount of the warrant indebtedness. Clackamas county taxpayers will eagerly await an adjustment of the complicated condition that will admit of the collection in this county of a tax on the mill as prepared by Assessor Nelson and which is so representative of the true values of this county.

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COMMITTED A THIRD TIME.—Mrs. Bertha Storm, aged 47 years, of Logan, was taken to the asylum at Salem Tuesday night by Sheriff Shaver. This is the third commitment of the woman. The woman is violently insane and the loss of her mental faculties is believed to have resulted from grief over the burning to death of her mother.

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