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To the City Attorney was referred the matter of ascertaining the rights of the city to the continuation of Main street North of Fourteenth street, this part of the thoroughfare having never been dedicated as a highway. It was originally acquired as a right of way by George Steele, who organized the Oregon City-Portland electric railway company and built the line. The right of way has been transferred successively in the different transactions to the present management of the property. The city made the extension of the street and built the bridge across the slough and the same has been used as a street for more than ten years.

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## CARRIED BARK ONE HALF MILE GROWS PRUNES INSTEAD OF WHEAT

### WIND TRANSPORTED BURNING WOOD GREAT DISTANCE— DANGER IN CARELESS STARTING OF FIRES.

There is grave danger in the careless starting of fires at this season of the year. In the extensive burning of slashing, farmers must exercise every possible precaution if serious loss to property is to be avoided. An instance of the danger that is always present to adjoining property while slashing is being burned, is reported from the farm of W. P. Kirchem at Logan. And had it not been for the fact that the danger was promptly discovered by N. N. Robbins, who is living on the Kirchem property, a serious loss would have resulted.

A farmer living on the north side of the Clackamas river had started to burn a slashing and although the breeze was scarcely noticeable, several pieces of burning bark were carried through the air and across the Clackamas, a distance of fully one-half mile, and while still burning, were deposited on Mr. Kirchem's stubble field within a few rods of the barn in which was stored 40 tons of hay, while the farm residence was but a short distance separated from the barn. Mr. Robbins, the renter, fortunately discovered the burning stubble before the fire had gained any headway and with a little assistance soon had the fire out.

Innumerable fire permits are being granted daily by the County Clerk and with the almost miscellaneous starting of these fires it is possible for grave damage to result to property interests. Farmers must be doubly careful in managing these fires, since with the exceedingly dry summer this section has experienced, everything is dry as tinder and will burn readily.

### CARUS FARMER FINDS PRUNE GROWING A MORE PROFITABLE OCCUPATION— BIG CROP.

Wm. X. Davis, a prominent Clackamas county farmer residing near Carus, has found the growing of prunes more profitable than raising wheat or other grain crops. For many years Mr. Davis engaged in the growing of wheat, but the yield gradually decreased until the crop was practically a failure so far as adequately compensating the farmer for his work. It was then that Mr. Davis resolved to try something else.

Accordingly Mr. Davis planted a 20-acre prune orchard, principally Italians with a few Petites. He soon found that the latter variety did not pay satisfactory returns and he replaced them with trees of the Italian variety. Mr. Davis says he will have an enormous crop of prunes this year, exceeding that of any previous year. He says his trees are loaded to their full capacity and the quality of the product promises to be above the average. Mr. Davis has realized each year more from his prunes than he did when he raised grain.

### GENERAL SUMMARY.

The past week was very dry in all parts of the state and rain is badly needed to put out the forest fires and to clear the atmosphere of smoke. The first three days were unusually but during the middle of the week cloudiness increased, and, although no rain of consequence occurred, the temperatures became about normal and the atmosphere became less smoky; these favorable conditions continued during the remainder of the week. No frosts or damaging winds occurred.

## RAILROAD COMPANY'S ASSESSMENT REDUCED

### HOP CROP IS LIGHTER THAN WAS BELIEVED.

A. McConnell and Wm. S. Flynn, of Wilsonville, were in the city Wednesday and report that the yield in Clackamas county would be perhaps 10 per cent below the average owing to the long dry season, but the disastrous effects of the lack of moisture at the critical time in the maturity of the crop are revealed as the picking of the hops proceeds.

## JOE GANS WINS FROM NELSON ON FOUL

### "Spider" Wins the Cakewalk and the "Cullud Gemmen" Are Much Elated.

In the 42d round, in the greatest contest for the light weight championship of the world that was ever witnessed, Referee Siler at Goldfield, Nev., Monday afternoon awarded the victory to Joe Gans on a deliberate foul perpetrated by Battling Nelson, the negro's opponent. The contest was one of the most remarkable in the history of pugilism.

In this city, the fight was reported by bulletins, received at Griessen & Cassen's saloon where such local sports as did not go to Portland, congregated to receive the news of the battle. There was a considerable sum of money wagered in this city on the fight. Gan's victory over the Dane together with the capture of first prize by Hugh Hubanks, better known as "Spider" of this city, at the cakewalk at the Oaks in connection with the Labor Day celebration the same evening, has served to cause the local colored population to very perceptibly swell up with pride. "Spider" and his colored friends in this city had wagered their all on the lanky negro and with the combined proceeds of the day's ventures they are living on the best that is in the way of their favorite delicacies. For the present they have scratched from the menu card such ordinary dishes as "a stack of hot," coffee and doughnuts, etc., and have substituted therefor fried chicken, pork chops and other delicacies.

### Auto Be Careful.

Autoist. Ran over some one as I came down from the club; but I guess no harm was done.

Friend. Didn't you stop to see?

Autoist. Stop, no—the machine seemed to run along all right.—Boston Transcript.

## DOES NOT WANT HIS MONEY BACK

### Phil Metschan Jr., Invests in Oregon City Property and Wishes He Had More.

"I don't think it is necessary to worry about doing anything with property in Oregon City. Under the splendid conditions so apparent, property will take care of itself."

Such is the opinion of Phil Metschan Jr., of Portland, who recently became possessed of the Eli C. Maddock property in this city, through a deal by which Mr. Maddock gets the Metschan Hotel property at Heppner, eastern Oregon.

Mr. Metschan is pleased with the investment which he considers a good one.

### What Made Him Think of It?

"Pa!"

"Well, Johnny?"

"What does the devil look like?"

"Why, I don't know—I never saw the devil. Er, by the way, Mary, is your mother going to visit us this fall?"—Ex.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CHANGES ASSESSOR NELSON'S FIGURES.

### S.P. ASSESSED AT \$12,000 PER MILE

### With This Exception Roll Is Approved as Returned by the Assessor.

With but one exception, the Clackamas County Board of Equalization, which concluded its labors Saturday afternoon, did not alter the assessment of the property of the county as reported by Assessor Nelson. The exception was that of the Southern Pacific company, which had been assessed at \$15,000 per mile. This assessment was reduced to \$12,000 per mile, but this was the only important change that was made to the roll, which represents in the aggregate about \$1,900,000 more assessable values in the county than did the 1905 roll.

Assessor Nelson says that on a valuation of \$12,000 per mile the Southern Pacific company in this county will pay taxes at the rate of \$142 per mile, as compared with from \$110 to \$130 per mile in the other counties of the state. He says the company will pay more taxes per mile in Clackamas county than in any other county in the state, the next highest tax per mile being \$130. In Marion county this railroad was assessed at \$17,000 per mile for its line, with an additional assessment of \$2,000 per mile for its rolling stock.

The total assessable value represented on the roll will closely approximate \$10,500,000, which is slightly more than \$1,000,000 beyond that for the year 1905.

### Change Made by the Assessor.

County Judge Dimick says the reduction in the assessment of the Southern Pacific company's line in this county, as related in the foregoing paragraphs, does not represent the work of the county board of equalization which did not alter the assessment of that corporation's property as it was presented to the board by Assessor Nelson. Judge Dimick says the reduction in this assessment, which has been credited to the equalization board, was made in the assessor's office before the roll was submitted to that board.

### TAX LAW.

All 1905 taxes not paid by the evening of September 29 will become delinquent.

All 1905 taxes one-half of which have not been paid now have 16 per cent penalty and interest added to them.

Call at office or write for a statement of your taxes and same will be promptly furnished you.

R. B. BEATIE, Sheriff and tax collector.

## CONVICTED AND FINED WILL APPEAL CASE

### Jury Adjudges Mrs. Thresa Strackman Guilty of Destroying Shade Tree.

Having been found guilty of destroying a shade tree, the property of another, Mrs. Thresa Strackman, of Oswego, was fined \$30 by Justice J. W. Van Horn, of that place, before whom the trial was held Saturday afternoon. G. C. Brownell, of this city, appeared for the defendant who offered no testimony and immediately filed an appeal to the Circuit Court. Deputy District Attorney C. Schuebel, conducted the prosecution, and the jury promptly returned a verdict of guilty. Mrs. Strackman is charged with having during the night cut down and destroyed a shade tree, alleged to be the property of J. W. Kohler, who was the complaining witness.

### Good Feeding.

The Thin Skeeter. Well, say, you look like ready money. You must be having a prosperous season. Where are you stopping?

The Fat Skeeter. Me? Oh, I'm living in the back of a peek-a-boo waist.—Puck.

## "THRU" AND "THO" FOR "THROUGH" AND "THOUGH"

Oyster Bay, Aug. 24.—President Roosevelt has indorsed the Carnegie spelling reform movement. He issued order today to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the President and all other documents emanating from the White House shall be printed in accordance with the recommendations of the spelling-reform committee, headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia University. This committee has published a list of 300 words in which the spelling is reformed. This list contains such words as "thru" and "tho," as the spelling for "through" and "though."

The President's official sanction of this reform movement is regarded as the most effective and speediest method of inaugurating the new system of spelling throughout the country. Not only will the printed documents emanating from the President utilize the reform spelling, but his correspondence also will be spelled in the new style. Secretary Loeb has sent for the list of 300 words which have been reformed, and upon its arrival will immediately order all correspondence of the President and of the executive force of the White House spelled in accordance therewith. As the spelling reform committee shall adopt new reforms, those will be added to the President's list and also that of the Public Printer.

While the order to the printer today does not contemplate an immediate reform in the spelling of official documents from the executive departments in Washington, it is regarded as more than likely that the respective heads of the departments will fall in line with the President's ideas and have their official documents printed in the new spelling.

On June 18 last the simplified spelling board made public a list of 300 simplified spellings which had been decided upon by the board. The list is as follows:

Abridgment, accouter, accurst, acknowledgment, address, adz, affix, al-

tho, anaest, anemia, anesthesia, anesthetic antipyrin, antitoxin, apothem, apprise, arbor, archeology, ardor, armor, artesian, assize, ax.

Bans, not "banans"; bark, not barque; behavior, blest, blusht, brazen, braier, bun, bar.

Caliber, caliper, candor, chapt, check, checker, chimera, civilize, clamor, clangor, clapt, slipt, clue, coeval, color, colter, commixt, comprest, comprice, confest, controller, coquet, criticize, cropt, crost, crusht, cue, curst, cutlas, cyclopedia, carest, (not carressed), catalog, catechise, center.

Dactyl, dasht, decalog, defense, damagog, demeanor, deposit, deprest, develop, deresis, dike, dipt, discust, dispatch, distil, distrest, dolor, domicil, draft, dram, drest, dript, droopt, dropt, dulness.

Euemencal, edile egis, enamel, encyclopeda, endeavor, envelop, aeolian, eon, epaulet, eponym, era, esophagus, esthetic, esthesics, estivate, ether, etiology, exercise, exprest.

Fagot, fantasm, fantasy, fantom, favor, favorite, fervor, fiber, fixt, fulfil, fulness.

Gage, gazel, gelatin, gild, (not gilt), gypsy, gloze, glycerin, goodby, gram, gript.

Harbor, harken, heapt, hematin, hiccup, hock, not hough, homeopathy, homonym, honor, humor, hust, hypotenuse.

Idolize, imprest, instil.

Jail, judgment.

Kist.

Labor, lachrimal, lapt, lasht, leapt, legalize, license, licorice, liter, lodgment, lookt, loopt, luster.

Mamma, maneuver, materialize, meager, medieval, meter, mist (not missed), miter, mixt, mold, molder, molding, moldy, molt, mullen.

Naturalize, neighbor, niter, nipt.

Ocher, odor, offense, omelet, opprest, orthopedic.

Paleography, paleolithic, paleontology, paleozoic, paraffin, palor, partizan, past (not passed), patronize, ped-

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