

## City and Vicinity

The Albany lodge of Elks will build a club house.

Jacob Lippence of Union was an Oregon City visitor, Monday.

Miss Nellie Swafford is helping in the sheriff's office during the busy time of collecting taxes.

H. F. Gibson of Barton was attending to business matters in Oregon City, Friday.

Sixteen inches of water fell during the month of January; 4 1/2 inches this week. Reported by O. A. Cheney.

William Dolph, son of ex-Senator Dolph of Portland, was a guest of his friend, Charles Robison, over Sunday.

Miss Clara Paddock has begun her duties as assistant stenographer in the office of the Willamette Pulp and Paper mill.

T. D. Albright of Molalla was in town, Friday. He brought a box of beautiful Baldwin apples from his orchard to his brother-in-law, J. E. Jack.

E. P. Randa left Monday morning for Camas, Wash., where he will make some survey of the lands of the Crown Columbia Paper and Pulp company.

Joe Meldrum left Monday morning for San Francisco, after a visit of a couple of days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meldrum, of this city.

H. Leveitch, the junk-store man of South Main street, has gone to Albany and entered into business there. His family will move in about a month.

State Treasurer George Steele left Monday morning for Salem to resume his duties. Mr. Steele returns every week to spend Sunday with his family at Meldrum Place.

P. M. Boyles of Portland was in Oregon City Saturday morning on his way to Molalla for a short visit. Mr. Boyles was a former resident of Molalla and conducted a blacksmith shop at that place.

Mrs. E. C. Hamilton and daughter Edith left for Underwood, Wash., Friday morning, for an extended stay on their farm there. Mrs. Hamilton goes in the hopes of regaining her health, not having been well all winter.

Mrs. B. A. Sleight and daughter Anna Lou, visited Mrs. Sleight's mother, Mrs. Seougall, of Portland, Sunday. Anna Lou staid for a longer visit with her grandmother while school is adjourned during the institute.

The Red Front was closed Monday forenoon on an attachment by the Northwest Merchants Protective association. The Red Front is a grocery and general store at Ninth and Main streets. It is owned and managed by E. C. Hamilton.

The sheriff's office was a busy place all day Monday as the tax roll is being prepared for the large number of tax payers who will come in in a few days. Three assistants—Misses Bessie Kelly and Nellie Swafford and Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, are now hard at work on the tax books.

Mrs. G. W. Grace was in Portland Monday to see her friend, Mrs. Jennie May, who recently underwent a successful surgical operation in the St. Vincent hospital. Miss Sarah Roberts was with her sister, Sunday. Mrs. May has many Oregon City friends who will be glad to know she is getting along well.

The Hook and Ladder company held a regular meeting on Friday evening. It was decided that a special meeting be held two weeks from that meeting when the special committee will report what it has done in the way of arrangements for the firemen's ball to be given on Washington's birthday on February 22.

As J. Josie, who lives out in the country beyond Elyville, was driving his milk wagon in town on Tuesday morning, he stopped in front of the Walter & Doring bakery on Seventh street to deliver some milk. While in the store a dog scared the horse hitched to the wagon and if it had not been for the presence of mind of Fred Hayward who drives the bakery wagon, Josie might have had serious loss. The lad was driving up in front of the bakery at the time the horse became frightened and jumping out of his wagon stopped the frightened animal as it was plunging madly on the sidewalk. He finally overpowered the animal and the only loss was the scattering of several cans of milk.

## BIG MORTGAGE RECORDED TUESDAY

MT. HOOD RAILWAY COMPANY RAISES \$5,000,000 ON WATER RIGHTS.

Union Trust Company of San Francisco Advances Loan and Takes Trust Deed on Power Rights.

The Union Trust company of San Francisco has filed for record a trust deed given by the Mount Hood Railway and Power company in the sum of \$5,000,000. The Mt. Hood company intends to construct and complete its railroad to Mt. Hood for the purpose of carrying passengers and freight. At the last meeting of the Mt. Hood company the board of directors thought necessary to borrow \$5,000,000 to carry on the work and thus mortgage all their holdings. Bonds are for \$1000 each, all payable on second day of January, 1937, with 5 per cent interest; interest payable semi-annually on July 2 and January 2 of each year.

E. P. Clark of Los Angeles is president of the Mt. Hood Railway and Power company and C. W. Miller of Portland, secretary. The principal property covered by this huge mortgage consists of the water rights acquired by the company through filing or by purchase, and include the enormous amounts of 240,000 miners inches from the Sandy, representing a flow of 360,000 cubic feet a minute; 180,000 miners inches from the Clackamas, or 270,000 cubic feet; 80,000 miners inches from the Salmon or 120,000 cubic feet, and 20,000 miners inches from the Little Sandy and a like amount from Bull Run, meaning in each case a flow of 30,000 cubic feet a minute.

## NEW PROPRIETORS AT PORTLAND HOUSE

Well Known Boarding Place Bought by Mesdames Armstrong and Clark.

The Portland House was sold by Mrs. I. Williams, Friday, to Mrs. J. E. Armstrong and Mrs. G. W. Clark. Both of the new proprietors are well known in the city among those who board out.

Mrs. Armstrong formerly owned and managed the New England Home, near the woolen mill, which she sold about a month ago. Mrs. Clark formerly managed the Red Front house. The new proprietors of the Portland House are making some changes in the management of affairs and also in the serving of meals. Mrs. Armstrong when seen Monday, said that she would adopt the style of the New England Home and would make the Portland House a home-like place and that meals would be more like "mother used to make."

Mrs. I. Williams, the former owner, has moved her family on the hill. Mrs. F. Bernard has been secured to manage the Red Front boarding house.

## HIGH COURT DECIDES AGAINST MELDRUM

NEW TRIAL MOTION DENIED BY U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in San Francisco, Monday, handed down a decision denying a motion for a new trial for Henry Meldrum of this city, former United States Surveyor-General for Oregon, who is under sentence to serve three years' imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary on McNeill's Island and to pay a fine of \$5250 and costs. The mandate of the Court of Appeals will issue in 20 days and the man who once held one of the highest Federal positions in Oregon will have to go behind prison bars.

Meldrum is now on his way to Washington, D. C., in response to a subpoena, directing him to appear as a witness against Binger Hermann, whose trial will begin shortly. Upon his return to Oregon and the filing of the mandate of the Appellate Court here, he will be taken into custody by the United States Marshal. The convicted man left Portland last night and will probably learn of his fate immediately upon his arrival in Washington.

## THREE WEEKS EFFORT RESULTS IN 7 LAWS

NO IMPORTANT MEASURE HAS YET PASSED BOTH HOUSES AT SALEM.

### BIG BILLS BEFORE COMMITTEES

Plan Appointment of Railroad Commissioners by Governor So Law May be Effective at Once.

Salem, Feb. 4.—The legislature started this morning on its fourth week of lawmaking. The three weeks have been almost fruitless as far as compiled legislation is concerned as only seven bills have passed both houses, out of a total of 522 introduced. Thirty-three of the total are killed by indefinite postponement, and one failed to pass.

Among those put on the shelf was the one for a state board of charities and corrections introduced by Representative Dye.

Six of the seven laws enacted are local measures, the seventh being the one requiring true branding of all packed fruit, as to grower and place of production.

The "big bills," important measures all remain to be acted on and include those for railroad commission and reciprocal demurrage; regulation of water franchises; regulation of salmon fishing on the Columbia river; control of public funds at interest; normal schools and other educational institutions; free locks at Oregon City; employment of convicts; improvement of county roads; appropriation for Seattle exposition; creation of new counties; protection of forests from fire; institution for feeble minded; use of streams for logging; and many other subjects.

**Railroad Commission.** It is planned in case the roads committee favorably reports Chapin's railroad commission bill, to recommend the temporary appointment of commissioners by the governor, until members are elected by the people in June, 1908.

This plan has several advantages. If the appointees must go before the people for indorsement of their administration the Governor will be careful to appoint commissioners whose records will most probably be satisfactory to the people. Then, with the knowledge that they must go before the people for re-election, the first incumbents would strive harder to please the people, even though they displeased both the Governor and the railroads.

The plan of temporary appointment will secure immediate operation of the law without sacrificing the general principle that public officers should be accountable to the public.

### All Stand Together.

The State University and State Agricultural college deny any combination with the normals to secure appropriations, but they are standing together—just the same.

### To Stop Fishing on Sunday.

Portland, Feb. 4.—By agreement between the lawmakers of Oregon and Washington, reached at a concurrent committee conference held in this city, yesterday, bills will be introduced within a few days in the Oregon and Washington legislatures recommending that no salmon fishing be allowed on the Columbia river between 6 o'clock p. m. Saturday to 6 p. m. Sunday during the summer open season, which it is planned will extend from April 20 to August 20. The bills will shorten the present open season five days in April and five days in August.

The proposed bills will make the closed season from March 15 to April 20, and from August 20 to September 10. The present law makes the closed seasons from March 15 to April 15 and from August 25 to September 10.

### MORE ROOM FOR POSTOFFICE CLERKS

A change has taken place at the postoffice, which will give the postmaster and his assistants more room and will enable them to get the mail out of the way in a much shorter space of time.

The quarters of the postoffice have been much too small for the amount of mail that is received here. Before the carriers of the city were given their route, it was necessary to have a large number of boxes in the office, but since people have had their mail brought to their houses, many of the boxes at the office have been dropped. Postmaster Randall then saw that a larger floor space could be secured

by reducing the number of boxes and taking out those that were not in use. The change has taken out three sections of boxes, making altogether 220 boxes taken out. This means about 15 or 20 feet more space for the carriers in the office proper.

There are now six rural carriers and three city carriers and when all were in the office and especially when the mails were large, there was very little room left to move around.

The change will make possible for the carriers to make up their bundles of mail in much shorter time and will result in the delivering of the mail somewhat earlier than before.

### WASHING MACHINE COSTS HASSLER DEAR

The case of J. E. Smith vs. Hassler of Elyville was heard Saturday before Justice of the Peace Stipp. Hassler was brought up on a charge of defacing the store of J. E. Smith. In the justice court Hassler was fined \$10 and given his liberty upon the payment of the fine.

The charge of defacing the building came through a controversy between Hassler and Purcell, a clerk of the store of J. E. Smith. Hassler had purchased a washing machine and taken it home, but brought it back on the following day as he did not like it. The clerk would not take it back and words were the result. In an attempt to return the machine inside of the door Hassler broke the front door. When Purcell called for the police, Hassler took his machine, which he had intended to leave at the store, and made his departure for home.

### Legislative Notes.

Fifty lawmakers visited the State Agricultural college at Corvallis, Friday, Representative Huntley being the only Clackamas member among the number. The college is asking for \$125,000 for new buildings in addition to the \$50,000 already provided by law for the two-year period.

The State University and the State Agricultural college have gone into a combine with the four normal schools to secure their full appropriation and to prevent the abolition of the Ashland and Drain normals.

All kinds of Sunday closing blue laws are before the legislature, the only difference in them being one of degree in their strictness.

None of the many bills introduced by Clackamas members has yet been passed by both houses, or by either of them in fact, though there are several that should and doubtless will reach Governor Chamberlain.

### WILSONVILLE.

Mrs. Wm. Young is improving. Miss Oille Burns is working for Mrs. Young.

Miss Florence Nickerson is quite ill of inflammatory rheumatism, but is recently reported better.

Mrs. John McConnell, who has been ill for some time at Mr. and Mrs. Seeley's was taken to Portland to a hospital for treatment, Saturday.

Gust Jaeger and Grant Leichtenhaler contemplate building new barns in the near future.

Business is rushing here this bad weather, the biggest rush to the saloon.

Misses Gouldie and Dora Seeley are at home after a brief stay in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. M. C. Young made a Portland business trip last week.

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Senate sustained Monday by a vote of 13 to 12 the governor's veto of the board of control bill passed by the last legislature. Six Republicans voted with the Democrats.

Federal Supreme court upheld Idaho sheep law, requiring flocks to be kept off other men's claims and not allowing them herded within three miles of others' abodes.

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