

REAL ESTATE SALES ARE BECOMING NUMEROUS

TERRITORY BETWEEN OREGON CITY AND PORTLAND BUILDING.

NUMEROUS SALES ARE REPORTED

New Buildings to be Erected in Vicinity of Rinearson Place and Gladstone.

The real estate transfers printed daily in the Star indicate that there is an active movement in Clackamas county real estate. It also is encouraging to note that property is being sold at reasonable figures, in fact at much lower rates per acre than is demanded in interior counties farther removed from the market centers.

Clackamas county lands are held at a less figure than in any other county in the Willamette valley, while at the same time the fertility of the soil is everything that can be desired, and there is the further advantage of close proximity to Portland, the best market town on the coast.

Suburban property between Oregon City and Portland has been active during the last few months and bids fair to continue. Judge Thomas F. Ryan has completed another deal which transfers 14 acres of the E. E. Williams tract, in what is known as West Gladstone near the Rinearson ranch, to N. E. Randall for \$3000.

Mr. Randall will build a handsome residence on his newly acquired property. Prof. Reed of the Parkplace school has also bought some property in that vicinity and he and his father will begin the erection of two homes. It is reported that several other residences are to be built shortly.

The building activity that has been going on during the past year in that direction has been aiding materially in the work of the board of trade, which has advocated the problem of better transportation facilities. The committee, in looking forward to the settling up of the country between this city and Portland, has found many advantages that can be secured in the way of lowering the transportation rates between this city and the metropolis. As this desirable section of the country becomes more thickly settled the demand for better rates will become stronger.

The members of the board and the greater majority of the merchants of this city are now expressing themselves as favoring the adoption of lower rates of transportation, and have come to the conclusion that low passenger rates as well as low freight rates would beneficially aid in the growth of the city.

Some of the members of the board of trade express themselves as favoring a strong organization of the business people and citizens that will make a united pull for one common object, the breaking up of the combine of the three transportation companies that have killed off all competition. They realize that this can be accomplished only by a united move of the entire business population.

SOCIAL A SUCCESS.

The Valentine social given by the ladies of the Baptist church in the church Wednesday evening was a de-

cid success. The attendance was splendid and the evening enjoyed by all present. Prof. Yoder of Portland who is always popular with his audiences played several selections; he was assisted in two piano duets by Miss Myrtle Tooze of Gladstone. Miss Tooze also gave two recitations that were well received. The supper in conundrum style kept everyone guessing what they were ordering and made lots of fun. The menu explained was Fine-cut, cabbage salad; Food for spinningwheel, rolls; New England brains, beans; A girl in arithmetic, potato salad; Brazilian jag, coffee; Woman of grit, sandwich; piled up, layer cake; of water, in water but not water, tea; coagulated superfluity, cheese; H2O, water; Changeable politician, turn-over; take one or you will regret it, tooth-picks; letters with burriens, pickles; a circle of sweetness, doughnuts.

DEATH OF AGED PIONEER SPRINGWATER

Springwater, Feb. 14.—Jonathan Wooster, a well and favorably known citizen of Springwater, died February years. He came to Oregon thirty-six years ago. Death took place after a

few weeks' illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Smith. Funeral services were held February 5, at the Springwater church, Rev. C. T. McKeown officiating, and burial was at the Springwater cemetery. Mr. Wooster leaves five children: Mrs. Wm. Smith of Springwater; Eugene Wooster of Portland; another son in Maine; a daughter in Missouri and one in Idaho. Mr. Wooster was a member of the Maine legislature when James G. Blaine was a member of that body and was a close friend of that distinguished statesman.

February 11th, a farmers' institute was held at Estacada. Dr. Withycombe of Corvallis gave several interesting talks on various agricultural and horticultural subjects. His main point was to the farmers what we do, do it well and use brain force as well as brawn or we are liable to get left and that we are a favored people to have such a good country as this great state of Oregon and the advantages and facilities we have. Mr. Schrummeizer's topic was dairying; try and get the best breeds and not try to have all purpose cattle which could not be done successfully. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Judd gave very interesting talks on fruit, poultry, small fruits and some fine stereopticon views were given. Frank Stormer's children are quite ill with pneumonia.

STAFFORD FARM GOES AT \$100 PER ACRE

Stafford, Feb. 14.—We are enjoying this delightful weather. Who wouldn't like to live in a place where there is never a flood or a land slide and Fourth of July every day but Sunday, caused by the blasting for the new trolley road from Salem to Portland.

Henry Schatz sold his place Saturday for \$100 per acre. The purchaser we understand is an English or American man, by name of Brink, recently from Dakota. We are sorry to lose Mr. Schatz and his family, but hope they will do well by the change.

Little Herman Moser hurt his hand quite severely Sunday, it is reported, by driving a nail into loaded cart-ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker came out to her father's, Mr. Barnes, last week from their home in Willamette on account of the high water.

Is there not a law against allowing obscene matter to pass through the U. S. mails? Then why is the report of the Thaw trial permitted to stare one in the face from the pages of a responsible, respectable paper like the Oregonian? It serves no moral end, and the average reader would prefer not to be made familiar with the Billingsgate vaudeville of a north end theatre.

A couple of drummers were in town this week selling cream separators and met with good success.

The road boss had a few men out mending our ways, and the query arise, why blame the road boss for not carrying on the work as we individually think it ought to be done? As we understand it he has to do as the county court tells him, and they may not understand road building any gets on a roving fit, but the rovers often wander back to the old stamping ground.

Mr. Weddie, who went down to Ashland, after his wife's death, to put his children in school, is home for awhile cutting wood for next year, when he intends to move back upon the home farm which is now rented to Will Borland.

Will Borland sold his big team for \$400 and bought a span of colts for \$250.

ROCK CRUSHER WAS SHORT OF HANDS

Beaver Creek, Feb. 14.—Everybody seems to be enjoying the fine weather. Many are busy sowing at present.

The rock crusher shut down for one day—short of hands.

Mrs. D. Thomas spent a few days with friends at Carus this week.

Mr. Grisenthwaite called on Mr. Martin last Sunday.

G. Stabin called on Mr. Thomas last Sunday.

Otto Lemón made a pleasant call on Miss Maud Daniels one evening this week.

The dance at Beaver Creek ended up in a rough house.

Several of the young folks attended the services at Schubel church last Sunday evening.

Miss Esther Martin called on Mrs. Matchett one day last week.

Mr. Ogden is very ill; Dr. Mount is in attendance.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SHORT STEMS

Walter Mann has been quite sick. Little Georgie Selby is suffering from a sore eye.

Mrs. J. D. Locke is in very poor health.

Mrs. Kayes is once more in her little home, her son Harry is with her.

Stafford and Joe Harrington are making garden.

Grandpa Dixon is yet quite feeble from the effects of the fall he received some weeks ago.

We are a little bit worried about Wiley May as we never see him idle good weather or bad, but we saw him driving out with a new rig and he seemed contented. We wondered if he had decided to play gentleman of leisure; if so we are glad for he and his good wife are worthy of a pleasant drive in a new buggy.

NEW FIRM PURCHASE PLUMBING BUSINESS

Ex-City Treasurer H. E. Straight and H. C. Salisbury both connected with Pope & Company have purchased the plumbing and hardware business of A. Mihlstein at 729 Main street, and will take possession March 15. Both are enterprising young business men, and have been reared from boyhood days in the hardware and plumbing business. Mr. Straight has been with the Pope company for 19 years and Mr. Salisbury 18 years. During the last few years Mr. Straight has practically been manager for the Pope company, while Mr. Salisbury has made a specialty of plumbing work.

The entertainment given by the Sunday school of St. Paul Episcopal church in Willamette hall Tuesday evening was well attended and the presentation of two acts from Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" well acted. The piano solos by Hazel Farr and Clara Daugherty were enjoyed by the audience as was two well delivered recitations by Clara Fields. Miss Gussie Humphrey's kindergarten class called forth the applause always accorded these little people.

Thomas Mostul, a prominent Logan farmer was in town Wednesday afternoon.

BUSY TIMES AT THE COURT HOUSE

NEW CASES AND FURNITURE FOR RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Taxes Are Coming in at Lively Rate—Marriage Licenses and Divorce Complaints Features.

The courthouse is one of the busiest places in the city this week and bids fair to be by far the busiest for some time to come. A large number of persons are coming in daily to pay their taxes, and the number is increasing.

The county clerk's office had a good run all day Thursday and being St. Valentine's day more marriage licenses were issued than usual. Three licenses were issued and the parties immediately sought the proper persons to legally bind them together for the remainder of their lives. There is no doubt that the question of the day, "Will you be my valentine?" was duly considered. There were only two dissatisfied parties who sought the office to file complaints for divorce.

The recorder's office has received a large and up-to-date book shelf and case which will immediately be placed within the vault. The shelf will be used to store away a large number of the books and records that up to this time had to be placed in any old corner. The new book case, is a combination shelf and drawer case and will make room for 30 large record books besides having 48 drawers for papers and deeds.

The county court room has also been a busy place as the room has been used for the last three days by the County School Superintendent to hold the teachers' examinations. The examinations were completed Friday afternoon.

ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT DECREES ENTERED

NUMEROUS DIVORCE JUDGMENTS PASSED AND OTHER MATTERS.

Following are additional proceedings in the circuit court in addition to the cases already mentioned:

Arnaud vs. Arnaud; W. B. Bell vs. Clara C. Bell; Mindella Freundenthal vs. Bernard Freundenthal; Leona Rodgers vs. Frank Rodgers; C. L. Mason vs. Julia Mason; A. A. Dickerson vs. C. D. Dickerson; Izola Stroup vs. Elmer N. Stroup; Bertha B. Reid vs. John Reid; A. M. Gardner vs. D. W. Gardner; Pearl W. Smith vs. Walter E. Smith; Nellie Mullen vs. William Mullen.

The case of R. L. Sabin vs. Charles Rusk and Cora Rusk was decided against the defendants who were each ordered to pay the sum of \$296.56 and interest on same. Defaults were ordered drawn in the divorce cases of H. E. Billings vs. Kate Billing; W. O. McKown vs. A. McKown; and H. R. Koen vs. Anna Koen.

The court granted Mindella Freundenthal the right to resume her maiden name of Mindella Harwood and also to Bertha Reid her former name, Bertha B. Dancer.

Mary E. Courville as plaintiff has filed a complaint for a divorce suit against Oliver L. Courville. The two

were married at Plains, Montana, July 2, 1906. The plaintiff states that the husband has been an habitual drunkard from the beginning of their married life and that he rendered her life very burdensome. He often times made threats to kill her and abused her continually. There are two children as the result of the union, Harris Oliver Courville aged 9 years and Della Fay Courville aged 7 years.

On June 15, 1902, the plaintiff states that the defendant threw a loaded revolver at her while he was about to kill his brother. She was forced to leave her husband on account of the cruel treatment and so came to Portland, where she earned her living for the last three years.

She begs the court to grant her a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between them also asks for the custody of the children.

George J. Moody has instituted a suit in the circuit court for a divorce from Myra L. Moody on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married at Oak Grove April 17, 1906. He states that the wife has been cruel and has abused him and that since July 18, 1906, she had nothing whatever to do with him. She desired that he would go away and would not let him sit at the same table with her.

NEW ELECTRIC POWER PLANT ON CLACKAMAS

An electric power plant that will be a duplicate of the one now being completed at Cazadero, is to be built two and a half miles further up the Clackamas on the Habelt place. Ex-county surveyor, John W. Meldrum has been doing the engineering work at the new location, and it was reported that an independent company was putting in an opposition power plant.

The Portland General Electric company, however, has given out that it is one of its new ventures and that it will furnish 25,000 horse power, the duplicate capacity of the Cazadero plant.

TWO COUPLES WERE MARRIED THURSDAY

Justice of the Peace Lvy Stipp officiated at two marriage ceremonies Thursday which united the lives of Luella Helen Forshee and Victor H. Fritz, Sadie Briggs and L. H. Brisbane. The young people sought the justice as soon as the marriage license had been secured. Mr. Brisbane lives east of the city, his grandfather being an early pioneer of this section. The other contracting parties were unknown to the justice.

LARCHMONT DISASTER TO BE INVESTIGATED

Special to Daily Star. New York, Feb. 15.—The total deaths reported as the result of the Larchmont disaster, the steamer going aground along Rock Island is 159. Fifty-five bodies have been identified, and 87 are missing. Vigorous investigations will be instituted as to the cause of disastrous collision between the two vessels. Some of the escaped passengers charge cowardice on the part of the captain and the officers.

SENT BACK TO POOR FARM.

E. Matheson was brought before the county examining board Friday afternoon and examined for insanity. Matheson has been on the county pauper list for the last ten years and although getting well along in years has never attempted to do a bit of work. Six years ago he was sent to the state hospital for the insane but was soon permitted to go back to his home. The board found that the man was sane and instead of being sent to Salem will go to the county poor farm again.

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