

THE COURTS

There has been little doing about the Court House since the Governor's proclamation was received. At the County Recorder's office no papers are being filed; they are received for safe keeping and will be placed on file Monday. At the Clerk's office marriage licenses are issued as usual, but other papers are simply taken care of for those who wish them filed and will be filed soon as the "holidays" are over. Sheriff Beattie has received some little money for taxes, and is not loth to accept a "boarder" where the public good is to be conserved through his keeping "under the ban" some one who is prone to wander from his own fireside into "pastures green but not his'n."

But aside from the "works of necessity" the Court House officials are not striving to do business.

Circuit Court will not convene until Tuesday, allowing Judge McBride to complete a case on trial at the time the proclamation caused a halt in the proceedings.

Mrs. Charman Wants an Accounting.

Mrs. Lena Charman has brought suit against George H. Wishart, C. H. Caulfield and T. L. Charman, executors of the estate of the late Elmer E. Charman, husband of the plaintiff, to foreclose a mortgage on a lot 80 by 210 feet, on the corner of Main and Ninth streets. On June 10, 1890, she loaned E. E. Charman \$3000, taking his promissory note and a mortgage on the lot, on which there is a house. Mrs. Charman claimed and was allowed the property for a residence, and was permitted to live there by order of the County Court. She asks that the property be sold and the proceeds be devoted toward the payment of the note and for \$500 for attorney's fees.

Charges Husband With Desertion.

Norah Tunney, who was married September 16, 1895, to J. F. Tunney, has filed a suit for a decree of divorce, alleging that Tunney deserted her. They have two daughters, Frances, aged 7 years, and Mamie, aged 11 years. Mrs. Tunney says her husband left her in Troutdale in 1904. She also charges him with using intoxicants to excess so that he became an habitual drunkard, and failed to support his family, and she was accordingly compelled to go out and labor. Her maiden name was Norah Alexander, which she desires to resume.

Court Notes.

Lucey May Sargent has filed a suit for divorce against Draper C. Sargent, to whom she was married in Durango, Cal., Feb. 25, 1892. She alleges that her husband deserted her in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June, 1900.

William H. Addington and Cynthia Fox were married in Vancouver, Wash., December 8, 1902, and went to Portland to live, remaining there until March 3, 1903. Cynthia wants a divorce. She charges William with intoxication and failure to support her and desires to resume her maiden name.

William B. Tait asks for a legal separation from Virginia Tait, to whom he was married January 2, 1901.

Katherine Jones was married to Caleb Jones, December 31, 1897, and on September 14, 1906, he informed her that he no longer cared to live with her. She wants a divorce.

Isaac F. Beales was married to Katherine Beales in Vancouver, Wash., August 29, 1906, and he charges her with desertion, and wants to resume "his maiden name."

Ida M. Robinson, who was married in Pleasant Home, Ore., October 19, 1899, to John W. Robinson, alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. They have two children, the eldest aged 7 years, and Mrs. Robinson says her husband spends his money gratifying his own tastes which forced her to wash, scrub floors, and wall-paper houses. She charges her husband with threatening to take her children away from her and asks for divorce and \$20 per month alimony.

Edna Hughes has filed a suit for a decree of divorce against Charles E. Hughes, to whom she was married in Clackamas county November 26, 1902. They have one child, Walter, aged 4 years. Mrs. Hughes charges her husband with failure to support her and her child, which forced her to go out and work. She says further that he used profane language.

Minnie Carblener was married to Jacob Carblener in Oregon City May 28, 1901, and she charges him with cruel and inhuman treatment and personal abuse. He owns forty acres of land, valued at \$2500, and personal property worth \$1400, and she asks for a restraining order so that he may not dispose of it. She wants \$250 of him as temporary alimony pendente lite. They have one child, aged five years.

John W. Robinson has stolen a march on his wife. He went to Canby Sunday and secured his two children, Earl aged four years and Helen aged seven, and went away with them and his whereabouts is unknown. Mrs. Robinson sued her husband for a divorce Friday on the ground of non-support, and asked for \$20 a month alimony. She says her husband earns \$2.50 a day logging, but has always spent his money in the gratification of his own tastes and desires.

Circuit Court convenes next Tuesday, instead of Monday.

Andrew Hickey has filed a suit for divorce against Doretta M. Hickey, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married about five years ago in Portland. Mrs. Hickey is said to have left Astoria October 11, 1907, for Los Angeles, and is now residing in that California city.

STATE NEWS.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has filed notice with the Board of Equalization of Baker county that it will not pay taxes on the assessed valuation of \$27,500 a mile, saying this amount is excessive, unfair, unjust and illegal. It will not pay more than \$13,000 a mile, so it says. It alleges that the Board of Equalization is illegal and has no power to sit as such body.

A new organization was formed in Salem last week. Its chief purpose is to "boost Salem," and help with the industrial development of the city.

Butter is hitting the high places and apparently straining itself to keep up with labor prices. It started in at 75 cents a roll recently, went to 80 cents in a day and a half, and touched 90 cents soon afterward, with prospects of hitting the dollar mark, along with wheat.

Lincoln county has formed a pioneer association.

A hypnotist talked Mrs. James Alderson out of \$480 at Independence recently.

Governor Chamberlain Monday granted a pardon in favor of Morton Douglas, a young man residing in Lane county, who was recently convicted of burglary—his offense consisting of taking a hatchet from an apparently deserted cabin in which he slept while on a hunting trip in the mountains.

From Albany a carload of clover seed was shipped one day this week its destination being Minneapolis. It is valued at \$12,000. The clover seed industry will soon be an extensive one in this part of the state.

The Oregon High School Debating League, organized during the past summer, is meeting with hearty cooperation from all parts of the state. Fifteen of the larger schools have signified their intention of joining the league, including Pendleton, Baker City, La Grande, Ontario, The Dalles, Astoria, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Bandon, Marshfield, North Bend. The state has been divided into four districts, and a championship team will be chosen from each district. The final debate will be held at the University of Oregon. A handsome silver cup will be given to the winning team.

A Bend, Or., man got 49 potatoes, weighing 19 pounds from one hill.

Deer have been destroying fruit trees around Ukiah, one man having thus lost all but 125 out of 1000 cherry trees.

Eugene High School defeated the football team from Albany College at Eugene Saturday by a score of 21 to 0. The Albany team was strong in the line, but the High School played a much faster game, and scored decisively in both halves.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the Pacific Coast championships for amateur boxers and wrestlers in Portland next April. After considerable correspondence it has been agreed on Portland as the place for holding the bouts, and next April the fight fans will have an opportunity of again witnessing as clever an aggregation of youngsters perform as was seen at the tournament at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

WAIT! WATCH! LOOK! READ!

The Fair Store Great Closing Out Sale

Hundreds of shoppers from outlying districts are pouring in to take advantage of the stupendous bargains we are offering, the sale is meeting with such success.

Remember an opportunity of a lifetime is knocking at your very door.

Bargains! Bargains!

The store is overflowing with bargains. Come early. Mail orders promptly filled.

P. S.—This is no fake sale, we will give \$100 reward for anyone who can disprove this statement. We have only a limited time in which to close out this entire stock.

HOOT MON!

"The Kilties" are Comin'

CANADA'S GREATEST CONCERT BAND TWICE COMMANDED BY HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII

MUSICIANS SCOTCH PIPERS MALE CHOIR HIGHLAND DANCERS SOLOISTS

Two Grand Concerts Afternoon and Evening Thurs. Nov. 14

ARMORY HALL

AUSPICES CO. "G" 3rd REGT. O. N. G. PRICES: Matinee 25c, 50c Night 75c, \$1

Tickets on Sale in Advance. Reserve Early!

The Polk County Poultry Raisers' Association has fixed the dates of the annual poultry show for December 26, 27 and 28. The show will be held in the implement room of Ralph Adams' new store building, Dallas.

The Observer says: "Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, who is considered to be among the best poultry authorities on this coast, will act as judge."

The appointment of Dr. Robert Lee Steiner to the position of Superintendent of the Oregon Insane Asylum is very pleasing to his many friends in Dallas, where he practically began his professional career.

The Oregon State Dairy Association will meet in Portland December 19-20. The Commercial Club offers two gold medals, one for butter and one for cheese, while the Portland Flouring Mills put up a purse of \$100, in cash for the best general display.

U. of O. Correspondence School.

The demand throughout the state for the correspondence work now being offered by the University of Oregon is greatly surpassing the expectations of its most sanguine supporters. In a number of towns the teachers are forming clubs and carrying on work under the direction of the University instructors. The interest is not confined to teachers, however; for many young men and women who have found it impossible to attend college are taking the work. To begin with, only a small number of courses are being offered, such as English Classics and Shakespeare, English History, Pedagogy, Algebra, etc., but others will be added from time to time.

According to the latest Chinese investigation, the number of Chinese in other countries was as follows: Japan 17,673, Russian Asia 37,000, Hongkong 314,291, Siam 2,775,000, Burma 134,560, Java 1,825,000, Australia 34,465, Europe 1769, Korea 11,500, Amoy 74,500, Malaya 1,025,000, Annam 137,000, Philippine Islands 83,878, Africa 8200, and America 272,829. The total number is 6,892,639.

A Philadelphia girl who decided at the last moment not to marry sent back \$50,000 worth of presents. That is not so slow.

Two New Teachers for Eastham Building.

Miss Josephine Lester, of Arieta, has been elected principal of the Eastham school building, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Claude Turrell. She taught last year in Vancouver. Miss Daisy Estella Spaulding has been elected teacher of the sixth and seventh grades of the Eastham building, to succeed Miss Stella Pennick, resigned.

The Republican National convention next year will have 992 delegates with 497 votes necessary to a choice. The South will need 332 of the total number.

During the month of September last the postal authorities found \$5,251.74 in dead letters and \$4,371.64 was returned to the senders.

BUCKING AN ICE FLOE.

An Incident in One of Peary's Arctic Exploration Trips.

One of the most striking passages in Robert E. Peary's "Nearest the Pole" is his description of the action of an ice floe which threatened his ship. He writes: "Its slow, resistless motion was frightful, yet fascinating. Thousands of tons of smaller ice which the big floe drove before it the Roosevelt had easily and gracefully turned under her sloping bilges, but the edge of the big floe rose to the plank sheer, and a few yards back from its edge was an old pressure ridge, which rose higher than the bridge deck. This was the crucial moment. For a minute or so, which seemed an age, the pressure was terrific. The Roosevelt's ribs and interior bracing cracked like the discharge of musketry, the deck amidships bulged up several inches, while the main rigging hung slack and the masts and rigging shook as in a violent gale. Then, with a mighty tremor and a sound which reminded me of an athlete intaking his breath for a supreme effort, the ship shook herself free and jumped upward till her propeller showed above water. The big floe snapped against the edge of the ice foot forward and aft and under us, crumpling up its edge and driving it inshore some yards, then came to rest, and the commotion was transferred to the outer edge of the floe, which crumbled away with a dull roar as other floes smashed against it and tore off great pieces in their onward rush, leaving the Roosevelt stranded, but safe."

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The next qualifying examinations for the Rhodes scholarships for this state will be held at the University of Oregon, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21 and 22, 1908. The arrangements for conducting the examinations will follow closely those of last year, with the exception that an examination fee of \$5 will be charged all candidates.