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## CORRECTS ITS ERRORS

OREGON LEGISLATURE MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION AND CORRECTS FORMER MISTAKES.

### COSTS THE STATE \$7500

Campbell, of Clackamas, Takes Ocasional to Roast His Colleagues For Undue Haste in Passing Bills.

Confining itself strictly to the business for which it was called, the extraordinary session of the Legislature adjourned sine die Tuesday night at 5:40 o'clock, having refused to consider new legislation and thus leaving the normal school question where it was at the end of the regular session. The session will cost not more than \$7500 and probably less, this money being used for per diem and mileage of members and incidental expenses.

The defective measures acted upon were as follows:

- S. B. 1. Ways and means committee—Appropriation for improvements in state institutions.
- S. B. 7. Oliver—Curing defect in appropriation for experiment station at Union.
- S. B. 8. Wood—Opening duck season in Willamette Valley October 1, instead of October 15.
- S. B. 9. Wood—Protecting deer.
- S. B. 10. Wood—Prohibiting night hunting of deer.
- S. B. 11. Wood—Protecting elk.
- H. B. 2. Clemens—Rope fire escapes in hotels not to apply to towns having fire regulations.
- H. B. 4. Abbott—Curing defect in salaries of Supreme Court bailiffs, clerk and stenographers.
- H. B. 5. McArthur—Curing defect in act creating curricula board.
- H. B. 6. Farrell—Curing defect in penalty clause of act requiring doors of public buildings to open outward.
- H. B. 7. Buchanan—Curing defect in act providing for new code.
- H. B. 9. Bones—Appropriating \$7500 for expense of special session.
- H. B. 10. Belknap—To cure defect in act reimbursing George H. Small.

After the House had tried to do something with the normal schools, the Senate took a hand. The Senate, however, refused to confer with the House on this matter and initiated a new measure entirely. The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$5000 to Weston, Monmouth and Ashland, respectively, to defray expenses from January 1 to June 31, and transferring the property to the school districts in which the three normals are situated. Every friend of the normals voted against this bill in the Senate, and the friends of the normals defeated it in the House.

During the course of the session, Campbell, of Clackamas, scored his colleagues for attempting to rush through bills without due consideration. "The House is acting worse than it did on the first day of the regular session," said Mr. Campbell. "Such tactics are driving the state to Socialism faster than anything you could do. No wonder the people kick about the Legislature. We spend our time fooling with petty matters, and when it comes to something important we rush it through without any consideration. It is no wonder the people elect Statement No. 1 members. This was some of the Representatives at the only wonder is that the people do not exact pledges from members covering every move that may be made during the session."

### SUIT AGAINST LUMBER COMPANY

E. G. Chapman and J. S. Taylor Sue Bowerman Lumber Company.

Through their attorney, M. G. Murphy, of Portland, E. G. Chapman and J. S. Taylor, have commenced suit in the circuit court of Clackamas county against the Bowerman Lumber Company. The amount sued for is \$452.17, a balance due for logs delivered to said company by plaintiffs up to September 11, 1908, and \$1000 damages to plaintiffs by breach of contract by the defendants.

The contract is alleged by the plaintiffs that they should deliver to the company all merchantable timber from an 83-acre tract of land in section 4, township 3 south, range 1 east, of Clackamas county, and the company to operate its mill until the supply of timber on this tract was exhausted. The mill ceased to operate on September 11, 1908, leaving a large amount of timber and logs unused.

## SUIT AGAINST SHERIFF

A. L. CHURCHILL FILES SUIT TO RECOVER PROPERTY, AND ASKS DAMAGES.

A. L. Churchill has filed a suit in the circuit court of Clackamas county against Sheriff Beatie. Churchill is the owner of 48 head of sheep, valued at \$216; 16 head of lambs, valued at \$16; 94 head of goats valued at \$376; three horses valued at \$325; one Shepherd dog, valued at \$10; one lumber wagon, valued at \$10; one set of double harness and one saddle valued at \$27, all amounting to \$985.

Churchill in his complaint states that about March 19, the sheriff without his consent, wrongfully and unlawfully took possession of all of the said property above described, and that on the 12th inst., he demanded the return of his property, but the sheriff refused to return the same. Churchill alleges that by reason of said unlawful and wrongful taking and detention from his property, that he has been unable to plow or sow his ground, and to do other farm work, all to his damage in the sum of \$50, and by reason of the sheriff having possession of it, the plaintiff has been compelled to leave his home and his work and spend two or three days in Oregon City, Oswego and Portland in making preparations to commence action to recover the possession of his belongings and to expend money for hotel expenses and car fare to his damage in the sum of \$75.

Churchill prays judgment for the recovery of his horses and cattle and dog, and in case said property cannot be had therefor the value thereof in the sum of \$985 with interest at 6 per cent from March 12, 1909, and for his damages in the sum of \$125, and for the costs and disbursements herein.

The sheep and goats belonging to Churchill have been taken to a place at Bolton; the horses to the Seacrest barn, in this city, and the Shepherd dog is at the home of Constable Miles.

## AGED MAN ON LONG HIKE

EDWARD PAYSON WESTON WALKING FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE 4000 MILES DISTANT.

Edward Payson Weston, the greatest walker the world has ever known, left New York city on his birthday, March 1, to come directly to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle.

Although seventy years old on the day given, Weston declares that he is in as fine fettle and as fit for a record breaking walk as he was when in 1907 he walked from Portland, Me., to Chicago in 25 days, covering the same route in the same time that he covered it forty years ago before when he made the "world's longest walk."

It is 4000 miles from New York city to the Exposition grounds in Seattle, but Weston declares that he will do the distance handily in 100 days. In England, in his younger days, he defeated all comers by walking 5000 miles in the same time.

It has been Weston's desire to view the big World's Fair in the Northwest ever since it was announced and as he had long planned a lecture tour he has decided to combine the two ideas and see the exposition, probably speaking on physical culture in the cities through which he will pass.

The Exposition opens in Seattle on June 1. Weston will proceed by the northern route, which should bring him to the Exposition city during the early part of July.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. M. GRAHAM

Well Known Woman Passes Away After Long Illness.

Mrs. Marianna Graham, wife of Captain John M. Graham, a well-known steamboat man of this city, died at the family home on Saturday morning at 9:20 o'clock. Mrs. Graham had been ill for several weeks previous to her death. She was born at Hansport, Nova Scotia, December 25, 1823, and came to Oregon City about 25 years ago, where she has since made her home.

Besides her husband, she leaves the following children: Arthur W. Alden B. M. J. Newton, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Ardee Morril, of Portland; and Mrs. William Andressen, of this city. Three sisters in the East and one brother, a sea captain, whose home is in British Columbia, also survive.

The funeral services were held from the Baptist church on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Linden officiating. The church was filled with many friends of the family both from Portland and this city. The interment took place in Mountain View cemetery.

Miss Emily Hendrickson, of New York, has accepted a position with the Goldsmith millinery establishment in this city.



JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN, who advocates the building of a stone High School in the Park at Top of Singer Hill.

## LAND WARRANTS FOR WAR VETERANS

ACT TO BE PASSED BY CONGRESS GRANTING 160 ACRES TO INDIAN FIGHTERS.

After waiting for a period of fifty-three years the few survivors and the widows of the Oregon and Washington Indian War of 1855 and '56, may now hopefully look for and anticipate receiving from Uncle Sam, the 160 acre land warrant for which they have been contending, and to which they are justly entitled. The Act, which will pass Congress in due time, reads as follows:

An Act to extend the provisions, limitations, and benefits of an Act entitled "An Act granting military bounty land warrants to survivors of the Indian wars of eighteen hundred and thirty-two to March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, inclusive."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions, limitations, and benefits of the Act entitled 'An Act granting military land warrants to the survivors of the Indian wars of eighteen hundred and thirty-two to March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, inclusive,' be, and the same are hereby, extended, from the date of the passage of this Act, to the surviving officers and enlisted men, including marines, militia and volunteers of the military and naval service of the United States, who served for fourteen days, or more, or were in a battle, and were honorably discharged under the United States military or territorial authorities in the Indian war of Oregon and Washington Territories in the years of eighteen hundred and fifty-five and fifty-six, inclusive, and also to include the surviving widows of such officers and enlisted men: Provided, That such widows have not remarried, or who may be widows at the date of the passage of this Act."

And provided further, That where there is no record of enlistment or muster into the service in said Indian war of Oregon and Washington Territories in the years mentioned in this Act, the record of pay by the United States or the evidence of being pensioned under the Act of June 27, 1902, for services in said Indian war as a survivor or widow, shall be accepted as full and satisfactory, proof of such enlistment and service.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REBATE.

Sheriff Beatie Has Collected More Taxes Than Any Sheriff.

The sheriff's office Monday was filled with taxpayers, and Sheriff Beatie and his force of deputies were kept busy from morning till night making out receipts. Sheriff Beatie has collected more taxes so far than has ever been collected by any sheriff heretofore. On Saturday he received \$48,000 by mail for taxes from out of town residents. The amount taken in by him from the people who took advantage of the rebate was \$340,000. The Oregon City Women's Mission and the Hawley Pulp & Paper M. is paid their taxes Monday morning.

## Sunday School Entertainment at Gladstone.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. C. T. Toozee, of Gladstone gave an entertainment in the Christian church Saturday evening, and the following programme was given: Class as ministers, sang "Swinging on the Golden Gates," and followed by another selection, "Who Stole the Lock?"; solo, Bruno Friedrich; reading, Miss Myrtle Toozee; reading, Miss Mina Mulkey; reading, Fanny Oswald; drama, "Judge Not That Ye Be Not Judged," Sunday school class and Rev. Mulkey; song, "The County Fair," "Inspector," Victor Gault; "Hans Von Dusen," Mr. Goodwin; "Biddy McCrea," Mrs. T. J. Gault; "Miss Marie Sunshine," Mrs. Goodwin; quartette; song, "Friendship, Love and Song."

## WILD STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM AT CANBY

HONORS GO TO COUNTY FAIR CITY FOR THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.

What will probably appear to a great many people in the Northwest to be a fairy tale, is the fact that last Sunday, March 14, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brattle, Mrs. William Knight, Mrs. Anna Knight, Mrs. D. G. Clark and Mr. R. C. Knight were out walking on Canby Prairie, and found the first ripe strawberries of the season. Only a few were found, but there are millions of blooms and a great many green ones, which will be ripe in a short time.

The wild strawberries which grow on Canby Prairie are of a peculiar variety, being a cross between the old wild Alpine varieties and the wild Virginian strawberry. It is supposed that these strawberries got started at this point by the early Indians. The seed was probably distributed by the first Indians that visited this country, as in those days the Indians were in the habit of catching the fish, drying and smoking it in season, and picking and drying wild berries.

When they desired to take a long journey, their packs always contained a plentiful supply of dried fish and dried berries. In as much as the strawberries were growing around the old Indian battle-grounds, where the Methodist church now stands, it is a reasonable theory that the start was made from that locality.

The wild strawberries growing in the timber and mountains are more like the Alpine varieties. The wild strawberry growing on Canby Prairie is very large, being about three times the average size of the wild timber varieties.

In a few weeks a gallon bucket of berries can be picked from these beds in a few minutes. The season is very long and these berries can be gathered for nearly two months. The main heavy crop will commence about the latter part of April and they will be gone by the first of July.

On account of the extreme earliness of this wild Canby berry it seems strange that no one has ever tried to cultivate it for market, as they are certainly the richest and finest flavored berry that grows.

## HORSE IS MISTREATED

Dwyer and Carter, of Clackamas Arrested on a Serious Charge.

On complaint of Humane Officer D. Bradley, of this city, and residents of Clackamas, two men by the name of Dwyer and Carter, of Clackamas Station, were brought before Justice Samson Wednesday afternoon. These two men, Dwyer being 80 years of age, and his son-in-law, about 35, were accused by several of their neighbors of mistreating a horse, which was the cause of its death. The horse had been bled, and the owners in order to break it, tied a rope around its nose, and tied the other end of the rope to its tail. It is claimed by the witnesses, several of whom were present at the trial, that it was cruelly beaten, while tied in this position, fell dead, and buried near the spot where it fell. There were many people from Clackamas here to attend the trial, but the accused were acquitted.

Humane Officer Bradley has worked hard for two days on the case, and deserves great credit for the work he does in the interest of the poor, dumb brutes. The humane society is composed of many of the prominent people of this city, and the work carried out by the organization is very commendable. This is a society that should have the hearty endorsement of all citizens. Upon hearing of this cruel treatment of the life of the members of the society was aroused and they left nothing undone to bring the accused to justice, and it is the intention of the society to keep a sharp look out on the people of this county as to the treatment of animals. Those who are guilty of such crime will be dealt with according to the law.

Charles William Martin Promoted to Assistant Supt. of Traffic.

Charles William Martin, of Roseburg, who was recently promoted to the position of assistant superintendent of traffic of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Portland, is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howell, of Canemah. Mr. Martyn's wife, formerly Miss Marcie Howell, of this city, is well known here. Mr. Martyn entered the service of the Southern Pacific Company in 1890, at that time being operator at the East-Side car shops. From that place he was transferred to Ashland. He was afterwards transferred to Roseburg, where he has been chief dispatcher since 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Martyn expect to make their home in Portland in the near future.



HON. J. U. CAMPBELL, who scored the Members of the House for Undue Haste in Rushing Through Legislation.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST PERNICIOUS EVIL

SUPERINTENDENT GARY SEEKS TO STAMP OUT A BAD PRACTICE.

County Superintendent T. J. Gary has inaugurated a campaign against the pernicious practice of some teachers of promoting pupils before they are properly prepared, and of giving high grades when they are not earned. He is sending out to every teacher in the county, the following well written letter which is as pertinent to parents as to teachers:

Oregon City, Or., March 11, 1909. Dear Teacher:

I have been much impressed with the need of more thorough work in some of our schools.

Children are sometimes passed from grade to grade before they are ready for promotion. When they reach the eighth grade and take the State examination the result is failure with the more pernicious result, they feel that they have been humbugged and that school is a farce.

At the last examination there were forty-eight candidates for graduation out of which only sixteen passed. This condition was even worse in some other counties in the State, but this is no excuse for us.

Many of our teachers are bravely doing their whole duty in this matter and are being classed by some misguided parents as "poor teachers"; my children's grades were much higher last year when Miss — taught our school.

Miss — secured a better position because she succeeded in "fooling" the patrons of her last school, but success of that kind is short-lived and I hope that with your moral support and the support of all honest people we will be able to induce her to quit, or move on, next year.

The report card if properly used, may be made a stimulus to endeavor, but the misuse of it is so pernicious that I sometimes question its usefulness. If high grades are earned, common justice demands that they be given, but it is also a great injustice to give them if they are not earned.

I regard the practice of giving high grades when they are not earned and of passing pupils before they are prepared as one of the greatest evils in our public school work.

Help me to stamp it out. Respectfully, T. J. GARY.

## Grocers' Central.

In view of the absence of Clarence L. Eaton, secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, from the city, arrangements have been made with M. D. Latourrette to act as central for the Association.

## ATTY. GRIFFITH IN PORTLAND.

Moves His Law Office to Couch Building in Metropolis.

Attorney Franklin T. Griffith has moved his law office to Portland, where he has taken rooms in the Couch Building, Fourth and Washington streets.

F. J. Lonergan, a successful young lawyer, who has been associated with Mr. Griffith here for some time, will have offices with Mr. Griffith in his new location in Portland. Clarence Eaton and Miss Horn have also gone to Portland and will be connected with the office.

## FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

OREGON CITY WOMAN 62 YEARS OF AGE BRINGS SUIT AGAINST OLD SOLDIER.

Mrs. Ann Nash, of this city, has brought suit against William C. Van Glahn, of Sellwood, for breach of promise. The suit was filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county. Van Glahn, who is a veteran of the Civil War, serving in Company E, 25th Infantry, Illinois Volunteers, met Mrs. Nash at the Grand Army Encampment which was held on the banks of the Willamette River near Sellwood in 1905. After a courtship of a few months, Mrs. Nash states that Mr. Van Glahn proposed to her, and the marriage was to take place in February, 1907, but before the close of the year, he married another woman.

Mr. Van Glahn says that he came to Oregon during the Lewis & Clark Exposition, 1905, and was introduced to the woman at the encampment, and he says he only took her to the theatre twice and that he never promised to marry her. After the encampment Mrs. Nash returned to this city and was staying at the home of her son. While there, Van Glahn says he called, hearing that Mrs. Nash was ill. Mr. and Mrs. Van Glahn are living happily together in their little home at Sellwood, and suit instituted by Mrs. Nash was a surprise to the old veteran.

Mrs. Nash is about 62 years of age, and Van Glahn, who is two years older, says that a woman at that age could hardly be expected to fall in love. C. D. Latourrette, of this city, and H. F. d'Lourette, of Portland, are representing Mrs. Nash, and Joseph A. Stowbridge, Jr., the defendant.

## J. S. Dick, of Canby, in Oregon City on Saturday paying his taxes.

Dick has property in Multnomah county and left in the evening to pay his taxes there.

## HUDDLE SUIT DISMISSED

GRESHAM MAN SUES MINISTER FOR BREAKING UP HOME, WITHDRAWS SUIT.

Last Friday Eli Huddle, of Gresham, brought suit against Rev. S. F. Pitts for alienating the affections of his wife, Mattilda Huddle, and sought damages in the sum of \$10,000. On Saturday, however, Mr. Huddle came to Oregon City and asked that the case be dismissed.

The Rev. S. F. Pitts, who claims to be a converted gambler, prize fighter and erstwhile bad man, has been conducting a Free Methodist Mission at Gresham. Mrs. Huddle joined the church, after which the minister became a frequent visitor at the Huddle home. Mr. Huddle discovered evidence which led to the belief that the conduct of the couple was somewhat too friendly, so he remonstrated with the evangelist and warned him to cease his visits. The minister, however, had gained such influence over Mrs. Huddle he had completely alienated her affections and wrecked the heretofore happy home. The Huddles are the parents of four children.

## Special Election Saturday, April 3.

At a special meeting held by the Oregon City school board on Saturday afternoon, it was ordered that a special election take place on Saturday, April 3, for the issuance of \$2500 bonds to cover the amount recently expended for the addition to the East-ham school.

## WILL ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

Mrs. Sarah Clemens Bepueath \$2500 to Descendants.

The will of the late Mrs. Sarah Clemens of Oak Grove, has been admitted to probate. The will was executed April 27, 1908, the estate of the deceased is valued at \$2500, and W. J. Clemens is named executor and guardian of the children.

Mrs. Clemens bequeaths to her daughters, Gertrude, Grace and Lucile and her sons, Robert and Grover, \$100 each. After the residue one third is to be given to her son Mark T., and two-thirds to her daughter Alice M. Clemens. In case either or both should die to go to their children. In case of the death of such children, or their devisees die without children to be divided equally among the survivors heirs.

## Son Very Low.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welsh of this city, were called to California last week, having received word that their son, Virgil Welsh, who had gone there for the benefit of his health, was very low with tuberculosis. The young man is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. Story, formerly of this city, and he will be brought to Oregon City if he is able to stand the trip.

## IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS

THIS SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY HON. C. H. DYE AND SUPT. GARY SUNDAY EVENING.

## HIGH SCHOOL ON BLUFF

Judge Ryan Advocates the Building of Stone High School in City Park at Top of Singer Hill.

The second of a series of meetings on "A Better Oregon City" was held at the Congregational Church last Sunday night. The theme under discussion was "Improving Our Schools." Hon. C. H. Dye and Supt. T. J. Gary were the principal speakers.

Mr. Dye treated the subject from the outside—the public standpoint, and declared at the beginning that if there was chance for improvement there must necessarily be some criticism, so he would pass over the numerous good things to be said about our schools and comment entirely on the current criticisms, which, if true, meant opportunity for some improvement. Mr. Dye said that from what he could learn through many interviews with patrons of the schools, there was chance for more thorough organization; that more practical work should be given the pupils along the line of manual training and domestic science; that the teaching of morality, and interest in public questions should be a part of the daily school work, and that there should be more thoroughness in the grades.

Superintendent Gary said he had recently visited all but two of the rooms in the Oregon City schools, and he could say they were in good condition, perhaps better than they had ever been before. He said he was sure there were some of the best teachers he had ever seen anywhere, and there were also some that ought to be displaced. Mr. Gary disagreed with Mr. Dye in regard to the teaching of morality in the schools under a fixed system. It is his opinion that the daily example of the teacher can be made the best method of instilling the virtue of morality in the minds and hearts of the pupils.

He said that the high school should be a separate institution from the grades, and that we would see the time in the near future when this condition was brought about in Oregon City. He declared the most pernicious thing existing in our public schools today is the passing of pupils before they are prepared to enter a higher grade, and the misuse of the grade card by unscrupulous teachers by giving the pupils undeserved high grades to fool the parents into the belief that the teacher is doing fine work. Mr. Gary has issued a letter to all teachers of the county asking them to cooperate with him in stamping out this evil practice.

Judge Ryan was called on to address the audience. He took exception to some of the things said by both the previous speakers, and defended the Oregon City schools as the equal if not superior to those of any city of its size in Oregon. He complimented the school board on the thorough interest taken in the welfare of the schools, and said there must of necessity be some poor teachers drift into the schools as good teachers were not plentiful and hard to get.

Judge Ryan advocates the building of a stone high school in the public park on the bluff at the head of Singer Hill. If not a county high school, then at least have a district high school composed of Oregon City, West Oregon City, Canemah, Parkplace, Oak Grove, and Gladstone. Let it be built on this commanding site of stone quarried from Clackamas county quarries and finished in Clackamas county wood. The meeting was led by E. T. Aylson, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Oakley, who was ill and unable to be present.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Improvement of Streets to be Brought Up at Meeting March 24.

At the special meeting of the city council Monday night, very little was accomplished, owing to the absence of Mayor Carl. Recorder Dimick and two of the councilmen. The matter of improving Twelfth street was to have been taken up, but this was carried over until a meeting of the council to be held March 24, when Washington, Taylor and Eleventh streets will be brought up at the same time. Councilman Knapp acted as mayor pro tem, and Councilman F. J. Meyer as recorder.

Frank Bonville, of the Bonville Magazine Company, was in Oregon City Sunday.