

## NEW LAW COSTS \$4,000 A YEAR

### WIDOWS' PENSIONS EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, WILL PROVE HEAVY DRAIN ON FUNDS

### APPLICANTS BESIEGE JUVENILE JUDGE

Clackamas Hit Lightly as Compared to Benton, Were Outlay May Seriously Cripple Financial Stability

Benton county is worrying about the widow's pension law, passed by the last legislature, and which goes into effect on June 5. Benton county officials have figured out that the new law will cost the taxpayers from \$500 to \$1,000 per month, and fear that it will bankrupt the county. Clackamas county, on the other hand, is not so badly off, the supply of dependent widows with minor children in their keeping being not so great in these parts.

However, there are enough women who will have to be cared for by the county under the new law to make a sizeable hole in the district finances. Juvenile Judge Beattie, under whose jurisdiction applicants for this relief come, estimates roughly that it will cost Clackamas county between \$4,000 and \$6,000 a year to fulfill the requirements of the new measure, but says that a part of this money will take the place of funds now expended through the pauper fund. The county at present is paying \$6,000 annually for the care of paupers, but with the becoming effective of the widow's pension law, a part of this expenditure will be diverted to the other fund.

Judge Beattie will hold special sessions of the juvenile court June 2 and 3, to receive applications for relief under the new law. Several dozen women have already applied to the county court for information in regard to the working of the law, and after having been given a copy of its provisions have been told to make their regular application upon the two days set forth above.

The law provides that any widow who is entirely dependent may draw from the county funds the sum of \$10 a month if she has one child in support. For each additional child she is allowed \$7.50 per month. Thus a dependent widow with ten children would draw a pension from the county of \$77.50 per month. Widows who are able to work, and whose employment gives them a certain income, can procure a less amount for care of their children, the law providing a graduated scale. Most of those who have already applied to the county court for relief have no means of support at all, and are now dependent upon the county.

In connection with the law, it is interesting to note that Senator W. A. Dimick, of this county, was one of the two men who voted against the bill in the upper house of the legislature. The bill was generally supported in both houses mainly from " pork barrel" sentiments. Under its provisions it is possible for a widow, if she so desires, to obtain practically all the state aid for herself, for if her minor children are working and are gaining sufficient income to provide for their own support, there is no means of reducing the amount the widow shall spend upon the "home," provided she herself does not receive a part of the children's wages.

## LOCAL RAILROAD NOT AFTER LAND

"Interesting if true, but not a word of truth in it," is the way Grant B. Dimick, secretary of the Clackamas Southern railroad, commented upon the report in the Oregon Daily Journal, of Portland, to the effect that the Clackamas Southern was seeking a franchise through the city of Milwaukie. The article went on at considerable length to inform the public that the railroad wanted its tracks on Front street, Milwaukie, but that city officials desired them on Main street.

"The Clackamas Southern has no immediate intention of extending its line beyond Oregon City," continued Mr. Dimick. "We are going to devote all our attention to building the line to the east, as originally outlined, and we have all the trade and traffic that we can accommodate waiting for us as the rails are extended. Perhaps after the line is completed, and the country is developed and settled, we will want our own inlet to Portland, but at present we are satisfied to make Oregon City the terminal of the line."

Mr. Dimick would not hazard a guess as to what line, if any, was seeking a franchise in Milwaukie. Other people, familiar with railroad plans in this section, said that if any line at all was negotiating for a franchise in Milwaukie it might be the projected East Side line of the Hill system, which it is believed will be built from East Portland through Milwaukie or Woodstock, and thence up the Clackamas valley on the northern side of the stream. No announcement of this work has yet been made by President Young of the Hill Lines in Oregon, however.

## FIELD DAY CUP WILL STAY HERE

### OREGON CITY GETS PERMANENT OWNERSHIP OF COUNTY TROPHY AT MEET

### BARCLAY CAPTURES GRADE HONORS

Gladstone Girls Win Baseball Game from Oak Grove, While Teachers and Pupils Tie Score by Four-Bagger

Oregon City high school won the Clackamas County School league trophy for the third consecutive time at the big field meet at Gladstone park Saturday, thus securing permanent right to the valuable prize; the grammar school cup was captured by Barclay school; Gladstone girls won the baseball game with Oak Grove, and the ball game between the school boys and their teachers came out a tie. Such, in a nutshell, is the story of the great annual track meet for the year 1913. To this must be added the fact that there was a tremendous and enthusiastic crowd on hand, that everybody had a good time, and that the affair was as big a success as the day was fair and bright.

In the high school games of the track meet, Oregon City had but one competitor, the team from Estacada high school. When the scores for the several events had been tallied up, it was found that Oregon City had 72 points to the 23 gained by Estacada; and with this victory the county trophy that they have held tentatively for the past two years became theirs "for keeps." When the result was announced, pandemonium broke loose, and the Oregon City cohorts went wild.

The baseball game between the teachers and the students was the last feature of the day, and was worth waiting for. Both sides went in to the sport with blood in their eyes, and many an old score was recalled as the contestants lined up against each other. The teachers proved of better metal than the boys had expected, however, and managed to hold the youngsters just about as well in hand on the diamond as they had done throughout the year in the classrooms. In fact the teachers had a slight the better of it, and when Professor Vedder, of the Gladstone school, rapped out a home run and tied the score 5 to 6, both sides agreed to call it off.

The team that the teachers put in the field follows: catcher, Gault; Gladstone; pitcher, Mulkey, of Slabtown; first base, Adler, of Oak Grove; second base, Cross, of Greenpoint; shortstop, "the Portland mystery"; third base, Supt. Gary; right field, Searle, of Molalla; center field, Free, of Oregon City; left field, Vedder, of Gladstone. Opposed to them was practically the regular team of Oregon City high school.

The girls' baseball game between Gladstone and Oak Grove was a revelation. The Gladstone lassies put it all over their rivals, winning by a score of 20 to 3. The Gladstonesses stood up stiffly to the game, showed no fear of the ball, and put over many trick plays. They played a snappy game of excellent form throughout, and never for a moment was the result in doubt. They have been practicing faithfully for the contest for the past several weeks, and showed an amount of team work and understanding of the fine points of the game that would be a credit to any nine.

Results of the main events are as follows:

50-yard dash, (grammar) grade—Won by Stinger of Molalla, Settlefield of Eastham, second, Moody of Barclay third. High school event taken by Nelson, Oregon City.

220-yard dash, (grammar)—Won by Stroneman of Eastham, Hesty and Floucan of Barclay following. High school event won by Oregon City.

440-yard dash, (grammar)—Won by Cross of Barclay. High school even won by Oregon City.

Pole vault, (grammar)—Won by Cross of Gladstone, Brand of Eastham 2nd, Tucker of Barclay 3rd. H. S. event won by O. C.

Shot-put, (grammar)—Centerfield of Molalla first, Brand of Eastham 2nd.

Relay race, (grammar)—won by Barclay. High school by Oregon City.

Half-mile—Cross of Barclay 1st, Johnke Barclay 2nd, Venderhake Eastham 3rd; time 2:32.

Half mile, high school—Evans Estacada 1st, Halesten O. C. 2nd, Woodie Estacada 3rd.

In the high school broad jump Dumbach established a mark of 15 feet 2 inches.

In the grammar school division the teams finished in the following order: Barclay, Eastham, Molalla. Estacada. In the minor events other schools were represented. The girls' relay was won easily by Gladstone.

## OVER \$3 A SQUARE FOOT FOR DOWNTOWN TRACT IS OREGON CITY PRICE

Ten thousand dollars was paid for less than half a lot of Oregon City business property this week, when J. W. Cole and wife sold to Richard Petzold the north-south 21 feet of lot 4, block 6, together with the one-story building thereon and an interest in the property and the Masonic temple, for that sum. The lot itself is 66 by 105 feet, so the part sold is less than one-half. The property is improved by Johnson's barber shop and the Falls restaurant. The buy, even at the price named in the deed, is considered a good one by local realty men.

## OLDS ON GRILL AT NEEDY MEET

### COUNTY COURT RECALL AGITATOR TURNS RANCHERS AGAINST PLOT

### SPEAKER'S RECORD BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Farmers Ask to Have Names Removed from Petition—Efforts of Aides to Calm Revolt End in Trouble

Interesting light was thrown upon the agitation for the recall of the county court at a meeting held this week at Need in the southwestern corner of the county, when E. D. Olds one of the star witnesses of the famous "committee of three" report condemning the commissioners became "rattled" by questions shot at him from the audience, and left anything but a desirable impression with those that heard him. In fact, at the close of the meeting, which was called to boost the recall movement, several farmers and others who had signed the recall petition came forward and told Olds that they wanted to withdraw their names from the petition, as they had become satisfied that the whole thing was a mess of political potage.

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## GLADSTONE BUYS OWN GRAVEL PIT

So as to obtain street paving material at the most economical rate, the city of Gladstone has purchased a gravel pit four and a half acres in extent just across the Clackamas river from the main part of the town, and will haul material from it for grading, cement work and other purposes at an approximate cost of 50 cents a cubic yard. The purchase price of the pit was \$125.

Street improvement work is being hastened in the city, and residents are proud of the fact that Gladstone is being developed and bettered at a faster rate than any other city in the state. This week lumber was purchased for the sidewalk along Dartmouth street from Yale avenue to Gladstone park, and the grading of Portland avenue will soon be put under way.

While the city recently installed a water system at a cost of \$20,000, consideration is now being given the plan to add hydrants to the service lines for fire protection, and to purchase a hose cart. Some of the citizens, however, feel that it would be better to let the hydrants wait for the time being, and to purchase a chemical fire engine instead. They feel that perhaps more damage might be done in the case of incipient fires by the too enthusiastic use of water from a regular fire hose than would result from the blaze itself.

## WOMAN MANCLED AS HORSES RUN

### MRS. COOK, OF BEAVER CREEK, SHOCKINGLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

### LITTLE GIRL ESCAPES MIRACULOUSLY

Tom Davies Dragged 300 Feet in Effort to Stop Plunging Steeds on Molalla Avenue in Evening

In a disastrous runaway accident on the Beaver Creek-Oregon City road late Tuesday evening Tom Davies, of Beaver Creek was dragged about 300 feet by the maddened horses, Mrs. Cook, his housekeeper, was severely injured and will be confined in the hospital for several weeks; Mrs. Evans, a sister of Mr. Davies was badly shaken up and shocked, and Mr. Davies' eight-year-old daughter had a miraculous escape from harm. The accident occurred just at the city limits, and owing to this fact aid was quickly given the unfortunate members of the party.

Mr. Davies and his party had stopped on the road while he left the team in charge of the women and went to a nearby store. One of the horses, but little more than a colt, shook its bridle free, and made a break, frightening the other horse into a mad race by its side. Davies heard the team starting and rushed out to stop them, but succeeded only in grasping the reins. Unable to stop the horses, he hung on grimly, and was dragged 300 feet before he was forced to let go. The horses plunged on about a hundred feet further, when the wagon struck a rough place in the road, precipitating the women in the party to the highway.

Mrs. Cook was thrown under the vehicle, and was also struck by the hoofs of one of the horses, it is believed. She sustained severe lacerations of the forehead and scalp, a dislocated shoulder and two broken ribs, and was rendered unconscious by the force of the blows rained upon her. She was picked up from the roadway and taken into the home of Councilman William Beard, where Dr. Mount was summoned to treat her. Her injuries were found to be so severe that the physician took her to the Oregon City hospital, where at a late hour it was said that she was resting as comfortably as could be expected, but that she was still in a critical condition.

Mrs. Evans was tarrown from the wagon and severely bruised and shocked, but otherwise was unharmed. The little Davies girl escaped from the accident without a scratch. Mr. Davies was considerably mangled by being dragged by the team along the rough roadway.

After the occupants of the vehicle had been thrown out the team continued on its mad run until stopped by Henry Hennessy. He climbed onto the driver's seat and started back along the road, looking for the ill-fated passengers. Later in the evening Mr. Davies and his sister and daughter, plucky drove the team to their home at Beaver Creek. Notwithstanding the violence of the horses, neither seeds nor wagon seemed to have suffered in the accident.

## JEWELRY STOLEN AT WILSONVILLE

### GOODS VALUED AT \$200 TAKEN FROM ADEN'S STORE BEFORE DAWN MONDAY

### MYSTERY IS FEATURE OF CRIME

Two Doors Forced by Thieves in Entering Building, But Work Does Not Appear to be "Professional"

Considerable mystery surrounds the robbery of Aden's store at Wilsonville Monday night, when \$200 worth of jewelry disappeared from a showcase in the center of the establishment. The robbery was reported to Sheriff E. T. Moss Tuesday morning, and with deputies he went up to look the ground over.

The theft was evidently committed by some person familiar with the inside arrangement of the store, which is a general emporium for the town. Entrance was apparently gained by the forcing of two doors; an outside sliding door which was lifted from its rollers after the narrow strip of wood on top of the runway had been removed, and an inner door that was opened by removing the pins from the hinges. This gave access to the main part of the store, and the thief or thieves went directly to the jewelry showcase and took practically all the better grade of stuff in stock.

No traces of marauders were discovered outside the building, nor did any people living nearby hear such a noise as would be apt to have been made by driving out the hinge pins or prying off the guard over the rollers of the outside door. The robbery was committed sometime between ten Sunday night and four o'clock Monday morning. It is suggested that possibly somebody who went to Wilsonville with the crowd of motorboat enthusiasts may have "piped the place off" Sunday, and then returned later to commit the burglary.

Working Mass and his deputies are searching on the case. They doubt very much that the crime was committed by an experienced burglar, and say that the work bears the earmarks of either an amateur or a hobo.

## COUNTY'S CRUISE SHOWING PROFIT

### INCREASED TAXES ON NEW ASSESSMENT WILL PAY MORE THAN COMPLETE COST

### 9000 ACRES GIVE 300 PERCENT GAIN

Preliminary Figures Submitted to Assessor Jack Are Surprise to Even Most Hopeful Boosters of Plan

Returns upon 9,890 acres of timber land in the county, a part of that so far cruised under direction of the county assessor Jack, and have been shown to have a valuation of \$214,480. This same property was assessed in 1912 at \$122,375. Thus the county cruse shows an increase of valuation of \$92,105.

The tax levy this year will be the same as last, 16 mills. On this basis the timber land in this section crused will yield an increase in taxation of \$2,013.65. At the rate the county is paying for the cruise, eight cents an acre, this increase is sufficient to pay for the cruising of 25,421 acres. From these figures County Assessor Jack concludes that the increased assessment this year, and the increase in taxes resulting, will more than pay for the total cost of the cruising.

The timber included in the 9,890 acres upon which these figures are based is merely an average, and does not include the "record" timber of the county, where the increase in valuation has run, in some sections, as high as 500 percent.

From the results so far obtained and tabulated, county officials are much elated; and declare that the cruise is more than proving its worth. It is believed that the final figures will of themselves be sufficient to still all complaint that has been made in regard to the cruise; and that it will also reveal the resources of the county on an entirely new scale. The cruise will be the first adequate accounting of citizens of Clackamas county have had of the standing timber, and will also show comprehensively the exact condition of the vast stretches of almost unexplored territory in the heart of the district.

## MAN DASHES INTO AUTO; BREAKS LEG

Hastening across the street to produce change for some gasoline he had just sold, Edward Hughes, an employee of the Pacific Highway Garage, ran into the automobile being driven by Dr. M. C. Strickland Wednesday afternoon, and falling under the machine sustained a broken leg. Dr. Strickland at once took the man to his office where he reset the limb, and later will remove him to the Oregon City hospital for further care. Hughes says that the physician was in no way to blame for the accident, and that he had neglected to look ahead to see if the street was clear before leaving the curb.

The accident occurred on Main street, just below Eleventh, as was witnessed by many people. Dr. Strickland was returning from Gladstone, where he had been on a professional call. An auto was standing at the curb in front of the garage, having just taken on some gasoline. Just as Dr. Strickland came along an interurban train passed down the center of the street, and in order to pass between this and the standing auto, the doctor slowed down to walking speed. It was while he was thus slowing the auto carefully along that Hughes rushed in front of the machine. There was no room for the physician to turn out, and though he applied his emergency brake at once, the garage man dashed into the heavy machine full tilt.

Hughes is reported to be getting along comfortably, and it is expected that the bones will knit satisfactorily, and that he will soon be again at his work.

## YOUTH'S HAND CAUGHT IN SAW AT REDLAND

While working on a saw in the Kilmer & Kinzel sawmill at Redland Thursday afternoon, Clyde Warren, 17 years old, got his left hand in some manner entangled in the machinery, and suffered the serious laceration of all the four fingers. The lad's screams called mill hands to his rescue, and he was hastily carried procured, and the injured boy was rushed to Oregon City, where he was given surgical care by the Drs. Mount.

After the hand was dressed the young man returned to his home. The surgeons hope to be able to savor the entire hand, though the member is badly cut.

## GLADSTONE HOUSE IS SCENE OF BLAZE

Gladstone's need of a fire department was again demonstrated Wednesday afternoon, when the residence of W. R. Dann caught fire from a defective fuse. Neighbors saw the roof blazing, and a bucket and ladder brigade was hastily formed, doing such excellent work that the fire was soon put under control, and was finally extinguished before much damage had been done.

This is the second time recently in which serious damage to Gladstone buildings has been averted through the quick work of citizens, who have happened to be at their homes when fire broke out. Both the fire in the Dann residence, and the former blaze in the Miller block, occurred in the neighborhood of the noon hour, when many of the community were at home for dinner. This made it possible for quick aid to be given in each instance.

Gladstone has a water system, but no fire hydrants have been installed, so work with a hose of inefficient size for fire fighting purposes is out of the question. An effort will be made to get the city to purchase a chemical extinguisher, and to have hydrants placed at least in the more thickly settled residence districts, where if a bad fire once got under way, serious damage would result. Now that the streets are being graded and improved, the use of a chemical wagon would be perfectly practical, and it is believed by many of the citizens that one ought to be purchased.

## TWO KILLED ON SHIP

### SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 23.—Two men were instantly killed today when the head of a high pressure cylinder on the torpedo boat destroyer Stewart blew out during a speed trial. One other man was so seriously injured by the flying metal that he will probably die.

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## BOYS PLACE DYNAMITE CAPS IN FIRE; ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Roy Marsh was probably fatally injured, and his brother, Lawrence, was seriously hurt, Tuesday afternoon by the explosion of dynamite caps in the cook stove at the home of L. H. Marsh, on Washington street, Milwaukie. Both lads were rushed to St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, for surgical care, following the accident, and are reported to be in a precarious condition.

The explosion was brought about by the desire of the boys to experiment with caps, which they procured in the railroad yards. Roy, who is six years old, is reported to have found the dangerous explosives, and with his four-year old brother to have taken them home. There the two little fellows played with them for sometime, and finally poked them in the stove to place, set fire to the stove to see what would happen.

The resulting explosion nearly blew Marsh home, and blew pieces of the stove into and grass all over the kitchen. Roy Marsh sustained internal injuries, as well as having his

Neighbors rushed to the family's assistance, and extinguished the fire in the kitchen before it gained good headway. Dr. Taylor, of Milwaukie, gave first aid treatment to the two lads, stitching the flow of blood from their more serious wounds, and accompanied the two little fellows to the hospital in the automobile ambulance, which made a record run to and from the scene of the explosion.

## HONOR MOLLALA STUDENTS

Personal merit and fitness for office in the student body at the Oregon Agricultural College ruled the spring election, barring politics. The officers are: President, C. A. Dickey, Molalla. Barometer editor, A. F. Mason, Pasadena, Cal.; Barometer manager, J. J. Allen, Cove; president of oratory and debate, C. L. Hill, Berea, Ky.; secretary of oratory and debate, O. H. Hayes, Pasadena, Cal.; 1st vice-president, R. M. Howard, Corvallis; 2nd, Otto Balhorn, Hammond; 3rd, F. McCabe, Portland; secretary, Katherine Warner, Portland; athletic auditor, Everett May, Salem; senior on board of athletic control, James Evendon, Warrenton, and treasurer, L. P. Gambee, Corvallis.

## DAVIDSON INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

DAVIDSON, N. C., May 28.—The commencement week programme at Davidson College culminated today in the annual graduation exercises. Added interest and importance was given to the occasion by the formal inauguration of Dr. William Joseph Martin as president of the college. The presidents or other representatives of many of the leading educational institutions of the south took part in the programme.

## OPEN SEASON FOR PESTS

O. E. Freytag, county fire inspector, spent Friday in the neighborhood of Wilsonville, pursuing the California scale, the woolly aphis and the coddling moth through the orchards. Saturday he goes to Sunnyside on a similar chase, and while there will deliver a talk to farmers upon the best ways of ridding trees of pests.

## ARCHBISHOP PRAISES CIVIL WAR'S HEROES AT MEMORIAL SERVICES OF MEADE POST

Declaring that while warfare was a shocking waste of human life and energy, some wars were necessary to advance the scheme of the world, the Most Reverend Alexander Christie, archbishop of the diocese of Oregon City, delivered a stirring address to members of Meade Post, who attended St. John's Catholic church in a body Sunday for memorial service. The post turned out for the ceremony about 50 strong, and was escorted to the church by children of the McLaughlin Institute and a detachment of the Catholic Knights of America. High mass was sung for the memorial service, and special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of B. T. Molalla. The church was fittingly decorated, and through-out the service the honored battle flags of Meade Post were held by the color bearers.

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