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LOCAL BRIEFS

Samuel S. Gerber, a farmer of Stone, was in the county seat Tuesday. T. G. Jonsrud, of Sandy, was in the county seat Tuesday to attend to business matters. Herman J. Koch, a farmer of the Redland district, was in the county seat the latter part of the week. H. T. Melvin, of Barlow, is in the county seat to attend the meeting of the grand jury Monday. Frank Andrews has sold his place at Mt. Pleasant and the new owners will take possession at once. Miss Alice M. Carpenter, of Molalla, was in the county seat Friday afternoon. Joseph Spert visited a few days ago at the home of John Damm, who lives near Aurora. J. Gregory, of the Grant B. Dimick stock farm near New Era, was in the county seat Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Udell has returned to her home at Mullino Monday after being confined in the Oregon City hospital for 13 days. Alfred Turis, a farmer of the Sandy river valley, was in the county seat Friday and Saturday to attend to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Tulliver, recently of Oswego, are moving to their new home in the country a few miles east of here. Mrs. William Stuart, of Carus, who underwent an operation at the Bellwood hospital for appendicitis, is rapidly recovering. E. L. Palfrey and Bernard Reynolds of Molalla, have left for the east, where the former will visit his parents in Wisconsin and the latter his sister at Red Oaks, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thorson, who recently moved from the Redland country to Ashland, were in Oregon City Tuesday and called on many of their friends here. Mrs. L. P. Engles, for 15 years a resident of the Stafford district but now of Portland, was in Oregon City for a short time Tuesday on her way to Molalla, where she will visit friends. Thomas Weaver, of Portland, is looking over property near Meadow Brook belonging to Mrs. E. Calvin, of Corning, Cal. In case Mr. Weaver buys the farm, he will take possession at once. Albert Russell, of Molalla, who was taken to a Portland hospital the latter part of last week with both legs broken as the result of an accident at Mortensen's saw mill, is better although the injury is of a serious nature. Henry L. DeBerg and John DeBerg, who live on the Clackamas side of the Pudding river, were in the county seat Thursday on their way to Portland where they will spend the rest of the week with their brother, Gilbert DeBerg. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marquam, who lived in the Redland district until the fore part of October 1913, were in town Thursday morning on their way to Molalla, where they will visit friends. Their present home is in Salem. Architect W. A. White, of this city, and F. E. Dodge, of Canby, have been in Aurora lately to see several prospective builders there.

PARDEE WOULD BE COUNTY TREASURER

J. K. Pardee, former city treasurer of Gladstone and a resident of that town, on Saturday announced his intention of becoming a candidate for county treasurer in the Republican primaries. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln at his second election while in camp at Strawberry Plains near Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Pardee's slogan is "efficiency and an economical administration of the office."

DEMOCRATS GET ONE SLIPPED OVER THEM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The provision favoring free passage for American ships through the Panama canal was injected into the Democratic platform without the knowledge of the majority of the resolutions committee at the Baltimore convention, according to the assertion today of Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the Interstate and foreign commerce committee. He had met only two or three members of the convention, he said, who knew of the existence of the toll plank before the platform was promulgated. Mr. Adamson will introduce the administration bill and is regarded as the president's spokesman on the subject.

CITY'S ARM STRONG ENOUGH WITHOUT AID

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—Holding that the Portland city council has ample authority to require an extension of the street car lines within the city, the state railroad commission today returned to the city officials the petition of J. H. Tipton and others, for a cross town car line on East Thirty-third street between Sandy and Columbia boulevards. Following the recent decision in the federal court to the effect that the authority for regulating street car fares rested in the railroad commission instead of the city council, the council forwarded the Tipton petition to the commission with a favorable recommendation. The council evidently took the position that under the court's decision it did not have authority in the matter.

SEARCHING PARTIES GET NO TRACE TO ENFORCE BIRD LAW

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WARRANTS PILE UP AGAINST COUNTY

Opening the February term of the county court, business that has attracted the attention of the members has been along routine lines. Most of the time during the past two days has been taken up with the auditing and approving of all of the various claims and expense accounts that are chargeable against the county government. During the month, these bills have piled up rapidly as they do every month for the maintenance of the various departments and the paying of the costs of the different channels of work. Some of the bills are for work on the county roads and a large share of the warrants will be drawn on the several road funds. The other expenses are taken from the various funds into which they naturally fall.

Hundreds Die. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The first detailed account of the terrible eruption of Sakurajima, off the southern coast of Japan, has been received today by mail from the Tokyo correspondent of the Associated Press, places the loss of life, conservatively estimated, at "several hundreds."

PRIVATE LAND IS A CITY STREET

LIVY STIPP DECLARES RIGHTS HELD BY PAPER MILL BELONG TO PUBLIC LONG TO PUBLIC

SEARCHES THROUGH EARLY RECORDS

Suggests Council May Vacate Upon Proper Consideration And Goes Into Powers As To Use of Water

In an exhaustive report Attorney Stipp has just made to the city council it is contended that Oregon City is the real owner of a roadway that has for years been occupied by the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., which has been collecting rental for its use from the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co.

Along with his opinion Mr. Stipp has set out fully what he believes are the rights of Oregon City in and to the water. He has made a detailed investigation of the early history of the land around the east side of Willamette Falls and finds that as long ago as 1865 Daniel and Eliza Harvey, heirs of Dr. John McLoughlin, the original owner of the townsite of Oregon City, conveyed to the Peoples Transportation Co., all that part of the Oregon City Land Claim known as the "Mill Reserve," with certain exceptions and reserving the "public highway and railroad upon said premises."

Early Line. The railroad referred to was a horse line from Canemah and was located partly on the public road. Whatever rights the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. may have, according to the records of Clackamas County, it obtained through successive conveyances beginning with the Peoples Transportation Co.

It has been suggested that the city, for a consideration to be agreed upon, vacate the roadway to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. and the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. each of whom own property abutting.

Conclusion Reached. Mr. Stipp has reached definite conclusions, which he enumerates under 10 distinct sections, as follows: "Neither Oregon City nor any company owns the waters of the Willamette River or any other stream or body of water in Oregon."

"Oregon City, or any other company or person, may not use any water of the Willamette River, except where it would interfere with navigation or the use of water put to use prior in time, by some other person or company."

"The taking of water depends upon the right to reach it in the first instance and whether it has already been put to beneficial use in the second."

"A city whose streets border upon the water, has the right to take the water for any legitimate city purpose, but not for gain or in a commercial sense, or where it has already been put to beneficial use by others."

"A city may appropriate water rights for legitimate city purposes, or may condemn them where already appropriated or used by others."

"A city cannot sell the right to take water from the Willamette River, but may sell, lease or let an approach to the river through the streets and the right to put pipes or flumes, etc., under the streets for water or power purposes, where no obstruction is made in the streets. (This is done by giving a franchise)."

"A company or person cannot sell a right to water out of a stream and put upon the purchaser the burden of development of the water or power, but may only charge for right of way or access to the water. Only developed water power can be sold by any one."

"A city may not develop water power for sale. This is beyond the powers of a city."

"A city may put in a water plant, and, if in so doing an excess of water is obtained, this excess may be sold for water or power purposes, or may develop this power for other legitimate city purposes."

"A city may put in an electric, gas or other lighting plant and sell the excess electricity or gas for private purposes."

Is City Street. Mr. Stipp is of the further opinion that the city has the right of passage over the ground, which is now used by the paper company for private purposes and says his report demonstrates conclusively that the space east of what was formerly known as the Imperial Mill, and which space is now occupied by the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., is a city street. He contends that Oregon City has always exercised jurisdiction over the street in "Mill Reserve," improving and repairing it, and that eventually all opposition ceased to Oregon City's claim to the street and since that time no question has been raised.

MRS. SECREST PASSES AWAY AT ADVANCED AGE

Mrs. Susan A. Secrest died at her residence, 714 Jackson street at an early hour Sunday morning at 60 years of age. The funeral will be held from the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment in Mountain View cemetery. Friends are invited.

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STRANGER DIES AT SANDY HOTEL

BELIEVED IN "EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY FOR TOMORROW WE MAY DIE"

FIND NO MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

Not a Letter in Room to Tell of Any Possible Relatives and no One in Town Knew Him—Verdict of Jury Positive

An insatiable appetite, both for food and drink, brought about the death of an unknown laborer at Sandy and resulted in the verdict of the coronor's jury of "death due to acute alcoholism and gastritis of the stomach."

From the evidence that was placed in the hands of Coroner W. J. Wilson and Sheriff E. T. Mass Friday, the man literally ate himself to death. He ate everything that was placed on the table before him, called for more, rushed over to the grocery stores and stocked up on sardines, then raced down to the meat markets where he laid in a supply of sausages and other edibles there.

After wineing and dining for several hours, he was found dead in his bed in the room of the hotel. Not a letter or a mark on his clothes indicates who he is or from whence he comes. The officers were unable to locate any person in or about Sandy who knew the man or any of his family connections.

He is described as six feet three inches, 180 pounds, blue serge suit, blue eyes, iron gray hair, sandy moustache, 51 years of age.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS DIFFER ON FUNDS

Differences over the apportionment of the school funds of the districts are expressed in a complaint filed by district number 45 against number 49 in the circuit court.

The two districts were originally one but were divided last year and the funds, according to the complaint, were to have been apportioned in accordance with the assessed valuation of the property in each. The plaintiff recites that the assets of number 49 were \$6,288.09 while those of the petitioner were the proportion between \$97,800 and \$403,749.91 or 21.688 per cent.

In the complaint, the district 45 recites that the \$1,326.24 has not been paid and asks the court for a judgment in this amount.

GIANT MOTOR TRUCK MIRED IN STREET

One of the big motor trucks running between Oregon City and Portland became mired on Seventh street near John Adams street Thursday, and two hours elapsed before the machine could be extricated.

The car was delivering freight when the wheels sank into the soft street, which is one of city's main thoroughfares. This is the street which many of the business men wanted hard surfaced, but their efforts were blocked by some of the heaviest taxpayers on the street.

GRAND JURY PROBES FIVE CRIMINAL CASES

The Clackamas county grand jury convened in session Monday and began investigation into the cases that were brought over from the justice court during its recent recess.

Of these, there are five, Guy McMurtry, held on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences; H. E. Holdren, charged with assault upon his brother E. H. Holdren; Jack Davis, and Adome Skeris, statutory offences, and Wallace Woodcock.

McMurtry was arrested a few days ago by Deputy Sheriff Worthington after having fallen into a trap that was set for him and sold magazines to Mrs. Worthington, it is said. The officers declared that he travelled through the county selling subscriptions to magazines that he did not represent and that he failed to turn in any part of the money to the various companies.

Several months ago Holdren shot through the window of his brother's home below Gladstone after handing around the place for several days. It is asserted. He alleges at that time that the brother had defrauded him out of \$5000. The brother denies the charge and declared that there was no basis in the complaint. It happened that Detective Mallett on his way from the Portland police headquarters to Oregon City saw the shooting and stopped the car while he made the arrest and brought the man into Gladstone for Percy Cross, chief of police. He was then given into the custody of Sheriff E. T. Mass.

NO QUORUM HERE FOR COUNTY FAIR MEETING

A meeting of the stockholders of the Gladstone County Fair association scheduled Saturday, was not held, owing to the absence of a quorum, and Secretary Lee announced that a meeting will probably be called early in March. Every stockholder will receive a notice of the meeting by mail and a copy of the financial statement of the association. Mr. Lee has appointed Fred Roth, of Canby, to assist him in the detailed work incident to this year's fair.

MAIN STREET MAY HAVE NEW SURFACE

REPAVING WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW LOW LAYING OF BIG TRUNK SEWER MAIN

CITY ENGINEER IS INVESTIGATING

Administration Proposes to Make Needed Improvement From Hawley Paper Mill to Twelfth Street

Unless the plans of the city administration receive a severe set-back, the next 12 months will probably see the repaving of Main street from the Hawley mill at the south end of the street to Eleventh street. It is planned to follow this improvement upon the heels of a new trunk sewer covering the same distance.

City Engineer Noble is now engaged in making tests of the soil along Main street to determine the base for the sewer. Reports were made to him that there were layers of quicksand under Main street, but so far the city engineer has been unable to find any evidence of it and is making headway with his investigations that will result in the drafting of definite plans for the improvement.

It is broadly proposed to lay a new sewer main 12 inches in diameter from the Hawley mill to Twelfth street, the big pipe to rest 10 feet below the surface grade of the street. This depth will care for a complete drainage from the property all along the street and will overcome the complaints that have for years been registered against the present sewer that was not laid at a sufficient depth to take away the sewage from many of the basements along the street. As a result, some of the owners of property were compelled to lay private sewers.

Last year when the proposal was made to repave Main street the leading property owners set up a righteous clamor and insisted that before this was done, a new sewer should be laid. They contended that the cart should not be placed in front of the horse. That there was justice in this argument there can be no doubt.

There is a possibility that the present vitrified brick pavement on Main street can be used as a base for an asphalt surface or a dressing of some suitable surfacing material. While the surface of the brick pavement is in an extremely rough condition, it is said the base is well grounded and that by covering the brick, the cost of repaving could be kept down to a minimum of cost. This is a problem that will have to be worked out later, and there are bright prospects for an improvement of some character that will form an unbroken chain of fine paving from one end of the city's principal thoroughfare to the other.

MANY FRIENDS SEE FUNERAL SERVICES

In the presence of many friends who had known her for years, Mrs. Susan A. Secrest was buried in Mountain View cemetery Monday afternoon. The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock in the family residence, 714 Jackson street. The pallbearers were J. E. Jack, John Bradley, Grant B. Dimick, J. W. McNeil, Ed Simmons, J. Jenkins.

Mrs. George W. Secrest passed away at her home 714 Jackson street at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, February 8, after a lingering illness of three years.

Mrs. Secrest was Miss Susan Athea Keyser, eldest daughter of the late Nathaniel and Frances E. Keyser being born in Nashua, New Hampshire, April 30, 1851.

Mr. and Mrs. Keyser moved from New Hampshire to the middle west, where they resided for a number of years and then came to the Pacific coast settling near Amity, Yamhill county, Oregon.

There Miss Keyser was married to George Clinton Hall and three children were the result of the union. Mrs. Hall was widowed in 1889 and became Mrs. Secrest in 1899.

The deceased leaves her husband, George M. Secrest; her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Johnson; her son, Francis Clinton Hall, all of Oregon City and her son, Elliot Rockwell Hall, of Portland, and two grandchildren Bernice and Carl Johnson. Two sisters and a brother also are left, Mrs. S. V. Epperson of Coquille, and Mrs. George A. Sutherland, of Portland, Oregon, and Mr. Alfred P. Keyser, of Ravendale, California.

Mrs. Secrest was widely known as a loving and faithful wife, mother, daughter and sister.

BUD, WITH GOLD-HEADED CANE, OFF FOR FRISCO

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—Bud Anderson, wearing a gold headed cane and confident smile, left at 1:30 o'clock this morning for San Francisco, where he will prepare for his battle February 20 with Red Watson.

Only eight or even twelve regional, banks won't go around very far, or thickly.

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ETERNAL FEMINE CREATES EXCITEMENT

The "eternal feminine" wrought havoc in the office of the county recorder when a woman walked off and left in the envelope in which she had brought a mortgage for filing a \$2900 check in payment for the purchase of Clackamas county property.

Holding the envelope up to the light through force of habit looking for stamps that might have been enclosed, Recorder Dedman discovered the check rushed through offices at court house, and finally caught sight of the woman just as she was disappearing out of the door. He gave her back the paper before she had even missed the order but the envelope narrowly missed oblivion in the official waste basket in the recorder's office.

VAST FORTUNES TO BE SPENT ON LINE

PORTLAND, Oregon, February 5.—Between \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000 has been authorized by the directors of the Union Pacific system for improvements on the O. W. R. & N. This covers almost exactly the amount asked for in the budget prepared by President J. D. Farrell and Vice President J. P. O'Brien and sent to New York on New Year's day.

This news was brought back to Portland today by Mr. Farrell himself who has been in New York nearly three weeks in consultation with the directorate. The money is to be distributed in general improvement of the lines in Oregon and Washington. It does not include any expenditures that may be entailed by prospective new lines, for which special appropriations are to be made.

LAND SCHEMERS COOL HEELS IN CO. JAIL

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—J. T. Conway and Frank Richet, promoters, who were convicted of using the mails to defraud in connection with the Inland Development company's fraudulent operations in worthless lands, were sentenced this morning by United States District Judge Bean.

Richet must serve one month in jail and pay a fine of \$4000, and Conway was sentenced to serve eight months. Attorney C. W. Fulton, for the defendants immediately filed notice before that he would appeal to the United States Circuit court of Appeals.

MARION COUNTY WILL VOTE ON ROAD BONDS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—The petitions for an election to vote on the bond issue of \$850,000 for building permanent roads in Marion county were filed with the count clerk and it is expected an election will be called as soon as the names have been carefully examined. The petitions contain 1912 signatures, many more than are required under the laws. County Judge Bushey announced that as soon as the signatures to petitions from outside districts had been checked over those from Salem and other towns would be given attention.

SUIT FILED

Suit involving the settlement of the estate was filed in the circuit court by Margaret J. Moreland, administratrix of Charles W. Noblitt, against Charles R. and Walter N. Noblitt.

Shoots Wife to Marry Him.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 7.—Hazel Herdman, an innkeeper's daughter, confessed, after taking a fatal dose of poison late today, that it was she who last night shot and killed Mrs. Harriet Manning, wife of Charles I. Manning, a garage owner. She said, on her deathbed in a hospital in Montclair that she had killed the woman in order that Manning might marry her.

CLUBS ENDORSE EAST BANK FOR ROUTE

With the object of furthering the effort to have the river road on the East bank of the Willamette River designated a state highway, the Milwaukie Commercial Club and the Oak Grove people have adopted the following resolutions, which are attested by C. B. Hanson, secretary of the meetings.

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, Milwaukie, Oak Grove and Jennings Lodge are on a main road leading from Portland southerly to Oregon City, and

"Whereas, said trunk road runs through a very thickly settled territory, and

"Whereas, many steps in the past have been taken to open up this road in a most direct route, and that said route can be best opened up by bridging the Clackamas River near its mouth, and running along the Milwaukie and Rinearson road southerly to Oregon City. Therefore be it

"Resolved, that this body assembled go on record as favoring this route and that we put forth every effort to secure the early completion of the same, and be it further

"Resolved, that we request the county court of Clackamas County to apply to the State Highway Commission of the State of Oregon for any early survey of said route and that said route be made and established according to law a State Highway."

Crying Baby Gave Him Fits of Rage

Wife Complains of His Temper and Frequency of His Spells When Infant Walls Disturbed Quietude of Night.

Because he had regular fits of rage three or four times a week and these used to come above the time that the baby would wake up in the night and cry, H. Simmons brought suit for divorce from J. E. Simmons in the circuit court Thursday.

In her complaint, she recites that he frequently went into fits of violent temper and that he particularly objected to a crying baby. She says they were married in Portland May 26, 1909.

Five months after their marriage he deserted her and since that time a baby has come that he has never seen. Muriel Orwin says in her suit for divorce against J. H. Orwin. She alleges that they were married in Astoria, March 3, 1912 and that on August 31, 1912 the defendant left her and has since failed to provide for her support or of that of the child. She asks for \$25 monthly alimony.

Suit was also brought by Bessie M. Tegeler against William E. Tegeler for desertion. The ceremony was performed at St. Mary's, Ohio, October 4, 1906.

Archie C. Wright brought action against Mabel Wright on the charge of desertion, asking also for the custody of the minor child, Francis. They were married August 8, 1911 and November 27 of the same year, she left him, the plaintiff alleges. The child is nine years of age and was born during a former marriage.

Divorces were granted by J. U. Campbell, circuit judge, to Walter Simpson, against Ida E. Orma Klock, against James A. F. Jones, against E. G. Jones.

LEAFY BOWERS TO LINE TOWN STREETS

GLADSTONE, Ore., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The annual election of the Gladstone Commercial club was held this evening and the following officers were chosen: W. E. Niles, president; F. E. Goble, vice-president; Thomas A. Burke, secretary; and W. H. Miller, treasurer.

A plan was brought up and adopted to plant several thousand shade trees in the parkings of all the streets. It is thought that the city could be made much more attractive if both sides of every street were lined with trees. A committee was appointed to aid in the movement of changing the route of the Pacific highway from the west side of the river to the east side.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson