

LOCAL BRIEFS

County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan spent Wednesday in Salem attending the state fair. C. F. Richardson, of Canby, is spending a few days in the county seat attending to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stevens, of Canby, are being congratulated upon the arrival of a son, born September 27. Mrs. Harvey Mattoon, of Viola, underwent an operation at the Oregon City hospital the first of the week and is doing nicely. Miss Mary Doty, who spent the summer with relatives near Canby, left Oregon City Wednesday for San Francisco, Cal., where she will attend school. Emilie Schatz and Otto Miller have returned to their homes in this city after spending the greater part of the summer in eastern Oregon harvest fields. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Gath, of Roseburg, have returned to their home after spending several days in this county. They formerly lived in the Washford district. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albright of Hood River and family motored through Oregon City Tuesday morning enroute for Salem to attend the state fair. Mr. Albright was at one time a business man of this city. Mrs. Elvira Fellows underwent an operation at the Oregon City hospital Monday morning. Mrs. Fellows is 77 years old and the operation was serious, but Dr. Guy Mount, who is attending her, said Tuesday evening that she has a fair chance of recovery. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Vernon, who lived for the last year in Vancouver, B. C., are now in Oregon City. They are planning to return to their former home a few miles from Barlow. Mr. Vernon was employed by a Canadian railway during his absence from this county. E. L. Hoopengartner, of Portland, spent the greater part of Tuesday in this city and called on a number of friends. He was formerly station agent for the Southern Pacific here and is now with the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company in Portland. Miss Marie G. Bowers and Paul S. Schaubel, of Canby, were granted a license to wed Wednesday afternoon and were married the same day by Judge H. S. Anderson at the courthouse. They are both well known people of Clackamas county and will make their home at Canby. Miss Mabel Harrison, who accepted a position as teacher in a rural school near Aurora, was forced to leave her school last Friday and go to San Francisco, Cal., where her mother is seriously ill. She will probably return within two weeks, and the vacancy has been filled during her absence.

In The Social Whirl

Current Happenings of Interest in and About Oregon City

A SIMPLE but attractive wedding of much interest to Oregon City persons is that of Miss Elaine Henrietta King and Mr. Lewis D. Williams, Jr., of Astoria, by County Clerk Mulvey, Monday. MUDGE-THEHN—Hannah N. Mudgett and John Hehn, of Estacada, rural route 3, were granted a marriage license here Tuesday. DAWSON-PRATHER—Edna Dawson and Glenn Prather, of Mt. Angel, rural route 1, received a marriage license at the clerk's office here Tuesday. BOWERS-SCHAUBEL—Marie G. Bowers and Paul S. Schaubel, of Canby, were granted a marriage license Wednesday by Deputy Clerk E. T. Quinn. ELLIS-PALKEY—Belle Ellis and Eugene R. Palkey, of Molalla, received a marriage license from Deputy County Clerk Harrington, Wednesday. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Randa, of this city, a son, September 24. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Lee, of Clackamas, a son, September 25. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stevens, of Canemah, a son, September 27. WRIGHT ARRESTED AGAIN—Harry C. Wright, a farmer living near Willamette, was arrested Tuesday night by Constable Frost on a charge of cruelty to dumb animals. Wright was convicted several months ago in the circuit court here on a charge of burglary and was given a suspended sentence of three years. Wright is said to have abused a cow belonging to a neighbor. WIFE SUES—Lettie E. Cummings filed a suit for divorce from her husband, Earl W. Cummings, Saturday on the general charge of non-support. They were married May 4, 1903, in Colorado Springs, Colo. OSWEGO MAN RELEASED—W. E. Landy, of Oswego, was released upon the request of his wife by Justice Sievers Saturday. Mrs. Landy only a few days ago made charges of non-support against her husband.

Carnage of Booze Is Greater Than War Says Governor Oswald West

(By Oswald West.) Oregon should go dry because there does not exist a single reason on earth why it should stay wet. The war news from Europe strikes us with horror; yet this great war, with all its carnage, past, present and future, will not prove a drop in the bucket compared with the ravages which are being made throughout the land by booze. We boast that we are the greatest nation upon earth, and in our efforts to preserve that position we must strive constantly to raise, or at least maintain, the standard of our citizenship, and to accomplish this end we must unflinchingly fight organized greed and graft, stamp out poverty, vice and crime, protect the home, and make life more pleasant than others. It is idle, however, to talk of progress along these lines so long as King Alcohol occupies the throne. Who grabs the pay check from the honest workman on Saturday night, and makes his wife and little ones go ragged and hungry? Mr. Booze. Who sows the seeds of poverty and distress everywhere? Mr. Booze. Who fills our insane asylums, feeble minded institutions, penitentiaries and reform schools? Mr. Booze. Who loads upon us most of our tax burdens? Mr. Booze. The wets protest against our voting the state dry because it will close Paul Wessinger's brewery and be equivalent to the confiscation of his property, but they do not tell you how the brewery was built through the ruination of homes and the confiscation of pay checks. They do not tell you that every brick in the building represents a broken heart, and the color of the building is emblematical of the blood that has dripped therefrom. Whenever I think of the devil I think of booze, and whenever I think of booze I think of the devil, for the devil is booze and booze is hell. Old Booze is an outlaw who has been long pursued but never subdued. At no time and under no circumstances should he be given quarter, and it is the duty of every good citizen to stand ready to sandbag him whenever he sticks his head in sight. All Oregon will have a chance to sandbag him on November 3, and for the Lord's sake let us make a good job of it.

SUIT FOR \$25,000 ALIMONY IS FAILURE

PORTLAND PHYSICIAN WINS OUT IN ACTION BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT HERE

An unsuccessful attempt made by Mrs. A. L. Lamb, formerly Mrs. E. L. Fleckenstein, to secure \$25,000 permanent alimony and a monthly alimony of \$25 from Dr. H. F. Fleckenstein, her former husband, ended in the circuit court here Saturday when Judge Campbell signed an order amending the divorce decree. The two were married June 23, 1900, in Napa, Cal., and the divorce decree was signed by Judge Campbell in 1910. Alimony was placed at \$25 a month with a permanent alimony of \$25,000 which was never paid. January 27, 1913, the former Mrs. Fleckenstein married Frederick William Lamb in New York City and on that date, her former husband in Portland stopped paying alimony. Mrs. Lamb began an action in the circuit court here early in the summer to force her former husband to pay both the permanent and monthly alimony. Dr. Fleckenstein in his answer to the charges made by Mrs. Lamb alleged that she no longer needed the money as her second husband was able to provide for her with his assistance, and that he was financially unable to make the payment. Judge Campbell ordered Dr. Fleckenstein to pay the accumulated alimony to September 19. Dr. Fleckenstein is the son of the late Henry Fleckenstein and is a well known Portland physician. His offices are in the Medical building.

ESTACADA MILL IS CAUSE OF SUIT HERE

A sawmill, located near Estacada, was the cause of a suit which was argued before Justice of the Peace Sievers Tuesday afternoon. The decision of the court will be made later. A. H. Sevier is the plaintiff and Paul and Otto Ketch the defendants. A. H. Sevier sold Paul and Otto Ketch the mill some time ago for \$400. The purchasers made an initial payment of \$100 on the machinery and claimed that it required the rest of the money to put the plant into operation and supply missing parts, according to testimony at the hearing.

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SEARCH OF POLICE PROVES FRUITLESS

Mother of Missing Man is Surprised When Told of Disappearance of Son—One of Many Not Accounted For

The disappearance of C. T. Cox, of Canby, was reported to the Portland police department Friday and a search in Portland failed to reveal any trace which would lead to his location. His disappearance adds another to the long list of lost persons which has been reported to the police departments of valley towns during the last few days. According to information in the hands of the Portland police, Cox left his home in Canby Tuesday for Portland on a Southern Pacific train but failed to arrive in Portland. The matter was reported Friday morning and several detectives were assigned to the case, but a thorough search through the city failed to reveal the slightest clue. Mrs. M. A. Cox, the mother of the missing man, was surprised Friday evening when told of the disappearance of her son. She said that with his wife, two children and two step-children, her son left a week ago last Wednesday to spend a few days at Gervis with relatives. From Gervis he planned to go to Portland where he intended to secure work and live with his family, she said. Mrs. Cox has not received word from her son or his wife since they left her home in Canby, a week ago last Wednesday. The missing man is 31 years old, weighs 180 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes. When seen last he wore a blue serge suit, tan shoes, and carried a light overcoat. His wife is about two years younger than he. The case is one of a dozen which is worrying the Portland police. During Friday four cases of missing men and women were reported to the officials of that city.

RESORTS ISSUE IN MILWAUKIE ELECTION

The attitude of the city toward the Friars' club and the Hotel Belle have become the issues in Milwaukie over which the town has been divided for its coming election. Although as yet only a few nominations have been made, politics has become the one absorbing subject in the town. The city election will be held November 2. A complete new set of city officials will be elected. The terms of Mayor E. T. Elmer, Councilmen Felix Mitchell, P. King, Charles Council and Herman Loedlin Councilman-at-Large Ray Albee, Recorder David P. Mathews, A. L. Reed all expire. Since the last election, the city has been divided into two wards, Ward 1, comprising the downtown section, and Ward 2, comprising the territory east of Penance and Whitcomb streets, and including practically all of East Milwaukie. From each ward two councilmen will be elected. Mayor E. T. Elmer, who has been mayor for two years, is not a candidate to succeed himself. William Shindler, Republican, Milwaukie's first mayor, who served three years, is the only candidate thus far announced. The friends of Councilman "Pat" King are urging him to run for mayor, but he has not yet announced his willingness to make the race. Judging from his record as councilman, his supporters believe that if mayor he would take active steps against the taverns.

BUSCH'S HALL LEASED BY THE MILITIAMEN

NEW ARMORY IS FOUND BY COMPANY-G-LIFE OF CONTRACT THREE YEARS Beginning October 1, the armory for Company G, Oregon National Guard, will be the hall formerly known as Busch's hall, located on Eleventh street near Main. The information became definitely known the latter part of the week when a lease was signed after several weeks of negotiations between Frank Busch, the owner, and the militiamen. The life of the lease is three years and it is understood that the monthly rental is \$60. The hall is considered the best in the city and has been the scene of most of the dances and many public entertainments for the last year. Just what changes will be made in the interior arrangement is not yet known. It will be necessary to erect gun-racks and lockers in the building. The old armory is located on South Main street and has been the home of the militiamen for several years.

\$11 SUIT CAUSES A SENSATION IN COURT

A Justice of the peace, a jury, a dozen witnesses, two busy lawyers, and a court room full of spectators were all involved in a \$11 suit for a board bill tried out before Justice Sievers Monday. The trial occupied the greater part of the afternoon and was decided in favor of the defendant. The costs in the case were about three times as much as the amount of the suit. The latter part of last July, Mrs. Jenny Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chrisanson, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Thomas Moore came up from California to make their home here. They secured four rooms from Mrs. A. Huber and in the middle of September she began an action in the justice court to recover \$11 room rent. She made Tom Moore the defendant.

H. J. ROAKE NOW A CITIZEN

First in Oregon to take advantage of the recent act of congress, passed last June, by virtue of which anyone of foreign birth holding an honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States after four years' service may be granted naturalization papers without preliminary declaration of intention. Hedley James Roake, a native of Sheffield, England, Saturday was admitted to citizenship in Judge Gaten's court in Portland. H. J. Roake formerly lived in Oregon City.

DESERTION FAVORED CHARGE

Two divorce actions, both charging desertion, were filed in the circuit court here Thursday. Calista M. Lewis is suing for a divorce from Charles E. Lewis. They were married in Lake City, Mich., July 13, 1903. Evelyn Pyle is suing Henry Edward Pyle for a legal separation. They were married in Baker, Ore., September 7, 1907.

LADOUX FINED \$10

Roy LaDoux was fined \$10 by Justice of the Peace Sievers Thursday on a charge of assaulting Arthur McKinnis last Tuesday. The fine was remitted.

GROWTH OF SCHOOLS SHOWN IN REPORT

SUPT. CALAVAN SENDS STATEMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The progress in public education in Clackamas county is discussed in a special report which J. E. Calavan, county school superintendent, sent to the state department of education Wednesday. The teacher's training school, playgrounds and playsheds, new buildings and other matters are brought up in the report. The report follows in part: "In submitting to you this special report, I shall give a brief account of a few new things which are being tried out in this county. "As this is the first county to try out the training school law, I feel it highly important that I should say something of our experience with it at this time. "I am not in a position to say that it will work satisfactorily in every county, but will suffice it to say that from our two years' experience, it has been entirely satisfactory to all the teachers who have attended it, and I am quite certain that they would protest against going back to the former system. "Nearly all of the teachers in attendance advised me at the close of the last session that they had gotten so much practical help that they were certain of a successful school year. "The school was conducted this year in two departments, namely, primary and advanced. This gave the teachers a chance to select the kind of work which is most important for their individual school. "The playground equipment and playsheds movement has begun to take root. Several school districts are building playsheds and putting playground equipment in this fall. Quite a number of school boards think kindly of the plan and I believe before the end of this school year, many districts will have installed some of this equipment. The boys, with a little help from the board, can build and install most of the equipment out of such material as they can find close at hand. "We expect the support of the parent-teachers' association to be one of the strongest factors in expediting this work. "The heating, ventilation, and lighting have received their share of attention. A great many of our one and two-room buildings have perfected this evil by installing heating system and rearranging the windows. The standardizing of the rural school has been a great stimulus in bringing about the above named changes. "A wave of enthusiasm for better schoolhouses began to arouse boards and patrons early in the spring, which has resulted in the building of one-eight-room building one one floor, one four-room on one floor, one two-room, four one-room, and one two-room annex."

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\$300 Exemption Amendment

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Affirmative Argument.

Can Oregon afford to be without the protection of a constitution, one that is more difficult to change than the least important of laws? The founders of our government did not underestimate the need or the importance of laws, but they did carefully safeguard law making by brief and concise rules, defining certain personal and property rights regarded as sacred to every citizen and fundamental to liberty, equality and development. Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Webster, Clay and Lincoln, stood for constitutional safeguards, not easily changed. Our country has made the most remarkable development known to history, making great strides even during the Civil war, with such constitutional limitations. What Oregon most needs is a revival of business—and business never was done except for profit. Unless our constitution and laws invite business by offering certain and ample protection, employment for labor is not in sight. The men who for years past have been seeking to reverse our tax system and establish inequity of taxation, now propose to write a statute into the constitution, and by a mere assertion of authority to keep alive the issue of exemptions and taxation for four more years. Such agitation, aimed at investors and business in general, is not designed to restore business nor permit prosperity. Employment is far more vital to the laborer than is the dodging of a few dollars of tax. Give us settled business conditions, enact laws friendly to

Negative Argument.

The argument takes from the power of a majority of the voters of this state the supreme right to make tax laws and tax amendments to the state constitution by the initiative. If it is adopted no change can be made in any tax laws unless it receives a two-thirds majority of all who vote on the bill. This amendment is based on the poor principle that a majority should not rule and repudiate the American policy of law-making and our plan of a government by a majority. It gives to one more than one-third of those who vote power for all time to reject any important change in the present tax and assessment laws of Oregon. Even the simplest income tax law could not be made with less than a two-thirds majority. The argument of the affirmative is weak. In defense of the amendment it is stated that our tax laws need to be fixed permanently in order to induce industries to come to the state. The growth of a commonwealth is largely dependent on progressive and modern tax laws. This amendment would hold the state back in making such measures and force on Oregon a handicap which would favor neighboring states. This law would make it most impossible to repeal any tax law or amendment which was actually detrimental to the development of the state.

DEMOCRATS GIVE OUT DATES FOR CAMPAIGN

The Democratic county campaign will begin Thursday evening at Killen. E. T. Maas, chairman of the county central committee, has announced the following dates: Killen, Thursday; Eagle Creek, Friday; Mt. Pleasant, Saturday; Marquam, Monday; Missouri Ridge, Tuesday afternoon; Needy, Tuesday night; Mackaburg, Wednesday; Colton, Thursday afternoon; Mulino, Thursday night; Highland, Friday; and Molalla, Saturday afternoon.

Water Frontage Bills

Initiated by authority of C. S. Jackson, Journal building, Portland, Oregon, and F. W. Mulkey, room 21 Mulkey building, corner Second and Morrison streets, Portland, Oregon. Public docks and water frontage amendment. The purpose of this amendment is to prohibit the sale of the beds of navigable waters (at bank full stage), and subjecting the same to public use for water commerce, navigation, and improvements in aid thereof; authorizing the construction of municipal docks on such lands within the municipality, or within five miles from its corporate limits, and authorizing the leasing of such lands for the construction of private docks, when not needed by the public or municipality, giving one moiety of the rents to the municipality and one to the common school fund. The ballot numbers are 329 and 328.

Water Frontage Bills

Initiated by authority of C. S. Jackson, Journal building, Portland, Oregon, and F. W. Mulkey, room 21 Mulkey building, corner Second and Morrison streets, Portland, Oregon. Municipal wharves and docks bill.—The purpose of this act is to authorize cities and towns to construct, operate and maintain wharves, docks, piers, etc., for the use of boats and vessels of all kinds, the said wharves, docks, piers, etc., or other like utility to be constructed within the city or town, or within five miles from its corporate limits, and also authorizing the leasing of submerged lands for the construction of private wharves, etc., when said lands are not needed for such municipal wharves, docks, etc. The ballot numbers are 330 and 331.

Affirmative Argument.

The purpose of the proposed constitutional amendment and initiative bill designated on the ballot as the "Public Docks and Water Frontage Amendment" and the "Municipal Wharves and Docks Bill" is to prohibit the state from selling or disposing of the beds of its navigable waters and subjecting the same to use for water commerce, navigation and improvements in aid thereof, and giving municipalities the right to construct public docks thereon. If these measures pass adjoining upland owners who have never built wharves upon state lands under the wharf act of 1862 will lose their right to do so and municipalities may build public docks on such lands within their limits or within five miles of their limits. If municipalities do not desire to use such lands they may be leased under periodic valuation at fair rental with a privilege to lease given to upland owners if they meet the best bid offered. Any time after ten years if the municipalities need any of the state lands within their limits or five miles adjacent thereto leased to private interests they may take over the same by paying a fair value for the private improvements erected thereon. The fact that they have once improved their lands even though such improvements have been destroyed protects their license from revocation under the proposed measures. These measures are also revenue producing, in as much as leases of these state lands can only be given upon payment of rents based upon fair value. Oregon is a marine state. She must use her harbors. What she needs is to be able to market her products at the least possible cost for transportation; to develop a transportation system by water that will open up to her world markets for her natural resources and farm products. The Panama canal brings her eight thousand miles nearer to the Atlantic seaports. Whether she will profit by this splendid opening depends upon her ability to develop and

Negative Argument.

Owners of waterfront property will be deprived of their property without due process of law. Industries will be driven from the state and intending investors will turn their backs upon Oregon if these two bills, known as the public docks and water frontage amendment and the municipal wharves and dock bill are approved by the voters at the fall election. These bills do not protect the interests of the state. The state has the right to deed the land adjoining navigable streams—between high and low water marks and derive a revenue therefrom. Under the proposed laws the state will take away from a man the right to build a dock extending below the low-water mark. It will erect a wall in front of property at low-water mark. Between this low-water mark and the harbor line the state reserves the right to build. Now as a matter of fact in some places in Portland the low-water mark line and the harbor line are practically identical. The space between them varies from a few inches to a very few feet. Now the state would be unable to utilize this narrow strip and at the same time the owner would not be able to build upon it. These bills are as absurd as telling a man he cannot walk upon the sidewalk in front of his own house. The object of these measures is to obtain revenue. The object is to charge property owners for the use of their own property.