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SILVER THAW IS IN OREGON CITY, TRAFFIC BLOCKED

CARS TO PORTLAND AND OVER W. V. S. TO MOLALLA SERIOUSLY DELAYED BY STORM.

SECTION OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRACK UNDERMINED BY STREAM

Telephone Poles in All Parts of County Are Down—Mill Officials Unable to Estimate Whether River Will Reach Danger Stage

The silver thaw, which hit Portland so hard Tuesday that it apparently overlooked Oregon City, settled down on this town late Wednesday and by nightfall every tree, wire, fence and the eave of every building had a grotesque coat of ice. The thermometer last night was at the freezing point, and an icy sleet fell about 9 o'clock, fine snow replaced the sleet.

Traffic on the Oregon City line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and on the Willamette Valley Southern has been interrupted, telephone lines, including the wires of both the Pacific and the Home companies to Portland, were down, trains on the Southern Pacific are delayed, trees have fallen across the roads in many parts of the county.

A swollen stream at New Era undermined a portion of the Southern Pacific track Wednesday, and all trains on the main line were delayed as a result. The train and crew that makes the run on the Canby-Molalla branch of the Southern Pacific were put to work hauling gravel and material from the Canby gravel pit to the undermined track, which now is passable. All the trains passing through Oregon City are delayed.

Records of the Crown Willamette Paper company show that the Willamette is rising steadily. Reports received Wednesday show that the river went up in the last 24 hours, one foot at Eugene; 1.7 feet at Albany; 2.5 feet at Salem; 2 feet above the falls here and 3 feet in the lower river.

Officials of that company are unable to estimate when the crest of the high water will go past, or the extent of the high water. They expect that the river will continue to raise for several days, but do not predict that the river will reach the danger mark.

The Willamette Navigation company has lost all track of the steamer Lang. The boat left for Camas at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and arrived at 2 o'clock that afternoon. It started on its return trip, but no word has been received of the boat's whereabouts. Telephone wires are down to Portland, and the company is unable to communicate with river men there. One report has it that the Lang is caught in the ice on the Columbia.

The people of Gladstone are among one of the principal sufferers from the present storm. A large shallow lake formed in front of the school building Tuesday night and Wednesday the school board employed a man with rubber boots to carry the children across the lake one at a time to the school. Scores of basements are filled with water there.

The Clackamas, like the Willamette, is rising steadily and now is out of its banks. Low lands to the north of Oregon City are under several feet of water.

Willamette Valley Southern train left for Molalla 2:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and after forcing its way through the storm as far as McBain, two miles, was forced to give up. Ice formed on the trolley and the rails were coated. The passengers, after being told that the train could not go either way, walked the two miles over the icy track back to Oregon City.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power

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CONFESSED FORGER SUED FOR DIVORCE IN CIRCUIT COURT

WIFE SAYS TERREL POPE WAS CONVICTED IN NEVADA AND SERVED TWO YEARS.

Terrel Pope, confessed forger who was arrested in Portland early in the month, is made defendant in a suit for divorce filed Thursday in the Clackamas county circuit court by Luella M. Pope.

They were married in Portland, November 4, 1911. At Rawlins, Nev., June 30, 1912, she alleges, he was convicted of forgery and sentenced to two years in the state prison. Following his release from the Nevada penitentiary, she says they have not lived together.

Charging that he came home drunk, that he said he had lost his love for her and that he would not come home until early in the morning, Syble Roberts Thursday filed a suit for divorce against Clay Roberts. They were married May 2, 1912, at Marshfield. She asks for the return of her maiden name, Syble Droke.

MAIL SERVICE FOR MANY TOWNS IMPROVED

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SOUTHERN CARRIES MAIL TO MOLINO, MOLALLA AND LIBERAL.

Arrangements have just been completed whereby Molino, Liberal and Molalla will receive an improved mail service. The early train will leave Oregon City at 7:25 a. m., and arrive at Molalla at 8:35 a. m., carrying the morning papers from Portland and Oregon City and all eastern mail.

The afternoon mail will leave Portland on the 2 o'clock Portland Railway, Light & Power company train and transfer to the Willamette Valley Southern railway train at Oregon City about 3 p. m., and arrive at Molalla about 3:55 and returning from Mt. Angel to Molalla at 5:55, will pick up the evening mail for Oregon City and Portland.

This improved service has been recommended by the special agent at Portland and will be put into operation as soon as it is approved by the department at Washington.

Pending this approval, all residents of the city of Molalla will receive their afternoon papers over the Southern Pacific via Canby, through the local paper's agent at Molalla, who will see that they are properly distributed.

The train which will leave Oregon City at 3 p. m., will carry high school students to their homes along the line southerly from Oregon City.

SIGN ALL PETITIONS YOU WISH, SAYS CLERK

COUNTY OFFICIAL CORRECTS REPORT VOTER CAN SIGN ONLY ONCE FOR ONE OFFICE.

Sign all the petitions you want to, there is no limit, declares County Clerk Harrington, correcting the report that a voter can sign only one candidate's petition for an office.

She bases her advice on section 3362, Lord's Oregon Laws, which says: "Any elector may sign more than one nominating petition required by this law for the same office."

Clerk Harrington says the report has been circulated through the county, particularly in the Molalla district, that a voter can sign only one candidate's petition for each office.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR 4 BUILDING OF HAWLEY MILL

HURLEY-MASON COMPANY TO BEGIN ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TWO WEEKS.

STEEL AND CONCRETE STRUCTURES WILL HAVE FRONTAGE OF 386 FEET

Orders Are Placed For Giant Paper Machine, 1000 Horsepower Generator, Beaters, Grinders and Other Machinery.

The contract for four modern, steel and reinforced concrete buildings, which will form the new mills of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, was let Saturday to the Hurley-Mason company. The buildings, their dimensions and general description, follows:

Boiler house, to be located next to sulphite mill. Thirty by 60 feet. Beating and engine room. Sixty-nine by 76 feet, two stories and basement. Machine room. Forty-five by 220 feet, and one story. The interior of this building will be 26 feet high in the clear.

Finishing and shipping room. Sixty by 90 feet, three stories and basement. The group will have a frontage of 386 feet on Main street and 50 feet on Third. They will be 50 feet longer than the woolen mill and will extend from the sulphite plant of the Hawley company to Third street.

Construction Begins Soon. The Hurley-Mason company plans to begin work in two weeks, or as soon as the grounds can be cleared. The city has been notified to move the filters and other equipment as soon as possible, so that the filtering and pumping station can be torn down. The water board will seek permission from the council to store the machinery removed from the building on property owned by the city at Greenpoint.

W. P. Hawley, Sr., said Saturday night that he expected the buildings would be completed by July, and that the mill would be in operation by late next fall. The machinery will arrive here in eight months.

Machinery Is Ordered. The contract for the paper machine and the wet machines has been placed with the Beloit Iron Works, and orders have been placed for the pulp mill machinery, water wheels, grinders and a 1000 horsepower generator.

The paper machine will be six inches wider than any machine in local mills and will have a 25 per cent larger drying surface. The machinery in the new mill will be electrically driven throughout, and the paper machine will be the only electrically driven one on the Pacific coast.

Through an arrangement with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the mill will have an emergency supply of electricity from the power lines of that company.

FRAUD IS CHARGED IN TRADE OF FARMS

Fraud in a trade of two farms is charged by O. C. Purdy in a suit for \$2389.50 filed in the circuit court Saturday against I. C. Underwood. Purdy traded a tract of land in Marion county for a tract in Clackamas. When Underwood was showing him the Clackamas county tract, Purdy says, he declared it contained 112.5 acres. When Purdy had it surveyed after the deal was closed, he says he found it contained only 78.75 acres. Brownell & Sievers filed the complaint.

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CLARKES REPUBLICAN IS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER



W. H. Bottemiller.

Among those who have announced their candidacy for county commissioner is W. H. Bottemiller, who is a resident of Clarkes, where he has a farm of 185 acres. He has been a resident of Clarkes 25 years, and has a wife and five children. He is a native of Stillwater, Minn., and is 51 years of age. Mr. Bottemiller is a member of the Farmers' union. He has done considerable work on a stretch of five miles of road between Oregon City and Clarkes. He has served many times in juries in the state and federal court. Mr. Bottemiller is a Republican.

OF ALL OF OREGON, CLACKAMAS LEADS IN POWER DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL HORSEPOWER IN STATE IS 456,410, OF WHICH 349,716 IS IN THIS COUNTY.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—To develop 456,410 horsepower in the state, rights representing 219 claims have been initiated, according to records of State Engineer Lewis for 1916. In many cases the claims represent power which the claimants assert the right to develop, but which yet have not been actually developed.

In the number of horsepower for which claims have been filed, Clackamas county leads with a total of 349,716. The only counties in Oregon in which no claim for power development has been filed are Clatsop, Gilliam and Wheeler.

The number of horsepower claimed in each county follows: Washington, 513; Benton, 186; Umatilla, 886; Marion, 8237; Wallowa, 1887; Linn, 3127; Douglas, 7927; Harney, 219; Baker, 5685; Clackamas, 349,716; Hood River, 25,737; Wasco, 4413; Morrow, 123; Union, 1529; Polk, 170; Jackson, 14,498; Yamhill, 503; Klamath, 3569; Grant, 4681; Lane, 992; Sherman, 25; Lincoln, 20; Crook, 11,719; Curry, 29; Multnomah, 818; Lake, 236; Josephine, 626; Jefferson, 5000; Tillamook, 133; Coos, 16; Columbia, 11; Malheur, 454.

JUDGE BAGLEY IS CANDIDATE.

George R. Bagley of Hillsboro, has filed with the secretary of state declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for circuit judge for the nineteenth judicial district comprising Tillamook and Washington counties. "I will devote my best efforts to the faithful, fearless, economic and impartial discharge of the duties of such office," says Judge Bagley in announcing that he will be a candidate for re-nomination. Judge Bagley is well known in Oregon City. He made his initial appearance on the bench in the Clackamas county circuit court, and has appeared here a number of times since, while Judge Campbell was in Hillsboro or Astoria.

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1916 LEVIES TO RAISE \$819,318 IN THIS COUNTY

TAXPAYERS CALLED UPON TO PRODUCE LARGEST SUM IN HISTORY OF COUNTY.

INCREASE DUE TO GREATER CITY. SPECIAL ROAD AND SCHOOL TAXES

Tax Collecting Will Begin Monday and County Assessor Jack Completes Task of Preparing Tax Books—Delinquents List 1965.

Taxes are ever mounting upward. Clackamas county taxpayers this year will raise a sum unequalled in the history of the county.

County Assessor Jack Saturday completed a 12-months' job, the preparation of the tax roll for tax collecting, and his figures show that all levies in this county will raise \$819,318.99 this year, which is considerably more than the total in 1915, \$784,378.64. City and Special Levies Grow. A comparison of taxes of 1916 with 1915, follows:

Character of Tax	1915	1916
State, county, school, general road and library	\$561,940.15	\$545,916.57
Special school	110,397.80	113,967.53
High school tuition		27,743.85
Special roads	64,012.21	70,281.28
Cities	61,975.55	64,012.21
Forest patrol	311.54	334.21
Total	\$784,378.64	\$819,318.99

The general county, state and school levies are slightly reduced, and the amount to be raised correspondingly lower, the road levy is 8 mills, the same as a year ago; but in the special road levies, the money to be raised in the cities for municipal purposes and in the special school levies there are slight increases.

However, the item that brings up the total is the high school tuition fund, which was created by the 1915 legislature. Clackamas county must raise \$27,743.85 this year to meet these tuition charges. The tax is levied only on property in those school districts which do not have a standard high school, and the money raised is based to pay the tuition of children, living in districts without high schools who attend a standard institution.

Tax Collecting Begins. Tax collecting begins Monday under Sheriff Wilson and Tax Collector George Harrington. One per cent penalty is charged on all taxes paid after April 5 and before May 5 following, and after May 5 and until October 5, one per cent per month is charged as penalty.

The list of delinquent taxes has been completed and will be published in the county newspapers early in February. It contains 1365 names, and the total of outstanding 1915 taxes is \$49,498.86. Of this sum, over \$30,000 is outstanding on Oregon & California grant lands.

SENATE DECLARES FOR PHILIPPINE FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—With Vice President Marshall casting the decisive vote in favor thereof, the senate late this afternoon declared for Philippine independence within four years. Before he voted, the senate stood 41 to 41 on the amendment of Senator Clarke to the administration bill, proposing this step.

The amendment calls for independence in not more than four or less than two years with no responsibilities attached for the United States or other nations to protect the islands from internal or external troubles.

TWO WIVES ONE TOO MANY FINDS HELSER AND COURT AGREES

PORTLANDERS ARRESTED THIRD TIME FOR FAILURE TO PAY FIRST WIFE ALIMONY.

P. F. Helsler finds that it is hard work to support two wives, even if one is divorced.

For the third time within a year he was arrested Friday by Sheriff Wilson on a charge of contempt of court for failure to pay alimony to his first wife. He is in a transfer business with his brother at 46 First street, north, Portland.

Helsler was taken before Circuit Judge Campbell to explain why he was delinquent in payments of alimony, and his plea was so earnest and effective that the judge reduced the alimony to only \$10 a month.

Helsler married again soon after the divorce from wife No. 1, and told the court it was mighty hard work to keep his second wife and child supplied with food and clothing and support wife No. 1 at the same time.

FILMS BARRED FROM PASSENGER TRAINS

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ANNOUNCES NEW RULING, TO GUARD AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

As a further step to safeguard the lives of passengers from accidents, the Southern Pacific Railroad company announced, beginning this week the carrying of motion picture films in passenger cars will be prohibited.

This announcement was made by H. D. Olsen, Oregon City agent for the company. The reason for this new ruling is that motion picture films are made of a highly combustible substance, and the railroad company fears that a chance contact with fire might end in disaster.

Mr. Olsen says this action follows that already taken by railroads of the country located in the east and middle west. A passenger on a suburban train running out of Chicago recently carried into the combination smoking and baggage car four reels of motion picture films and placed it on the floor between the seats. In some way, presumably by a lighted match dropped by a smoker, the films were set off and an explosion occurred in which thirty-eight persons were badly burned, two fatally. As a result railroads are no longer willing to submit their customers to such a hazard.

When films are sent by express they can be inspected when received for shipment, and carried in the safe manner laid down by the packing rules of the interstate commerce commission.

This ruling has been recommended by the American Railway association.

EXECUTRIX IS DEFENDANT.

Alleging that Ensign E. Howes, deceased, secured from her stock and cash to the value of \$3000 by which he hoped to buy his way into the vice-presidency of the Union Pacific Life Insurance company, in return for property for which she never received the deed, Viola M. Godfrey has filed suit in the Multnomah circuit court to recover from Christina E. Howes, executrix of the Howes will.

Mrs. Godfrey contends that Mr. Howes was under promise to marry her at the time of the transaction.

SUIT FILED TO QUIET TITLE.

A suit to quiet title to an 80-acre tract was filed by Charles Seeberger against Edith Kelly, Theopolis Culbertson, Joe Buoy, D. A. Taylor and Dell Stuart.

BROWNELL FLAYS LEGISLATURE AT ESTACADA RALLY

MEMBERS 1915 SESSION CHARGED WITH FORGETTING THEIR ELECTION PROMISES.

ELECTION OF ROAD SUPERVISORS IS URGED BY OREGON CITY LAWYER

Mr. Brownell Declares State Should Have Income Tax for Hard-Surfaced Roads—John Albright and E. D. Oide Speak.

ESTACADA, Ore., Jan. 31.—(Special)—The heavy snow fall of Monday afternoon was no bar to the interest of more than 100 people in the eastern Clackamas district, who attended the first real political rally of the approaching primary campaign, at Estacada.

George C. Brownell, for twelve years a state senator from Clackamas county, was the main speaker and he talked rapidly and entertainingly for more than an hour and a half and held his audience to a man. Mr. Brownell, whose experience along legislative lines has been varied and extensive, roasted the recent legislatures to a rich brown turn and made a detailed attack on the extravagance in appropriations and substantiated his castigations with extracts from the records of the 1915 session.

He declared that nearly every member of the last legislature had made on the campaign a voluntary promise of economy and had pledged his vote for the abolishment of useless commissions, and section by section, the speaker dissected the duties of the various boards and commissions of the state and then showed that the last legislature had kept its word by abolishing just one of the many commissions that encumber the state's payroll.

Mr. Brownell declared himself in favor of the election of road supervisors by the people of their respective districts in preference to the present system of appointment by the county court, and the audience applauded vigorously.

The speaker emphasized the need of federal aid for road building and said there was just as good reason for congressional appropriation for highway construction, as for river and harbor improvements. He favored a state income tax for the construction of hard surfaced roads.

Mr. Brownell opened up a new line of thought in a recommendation for county government by three commissioners. He favors the creation of three geographical districts in Clackamas county and the election of a commissioner from each district, limiting the authority of the county judge to probate and juvenile court affairs.

The speaker declared that there should be a referendum election on the proposed purchase by the county of the fair grounds at Canby and he questioned.

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Now In Race For County Offices



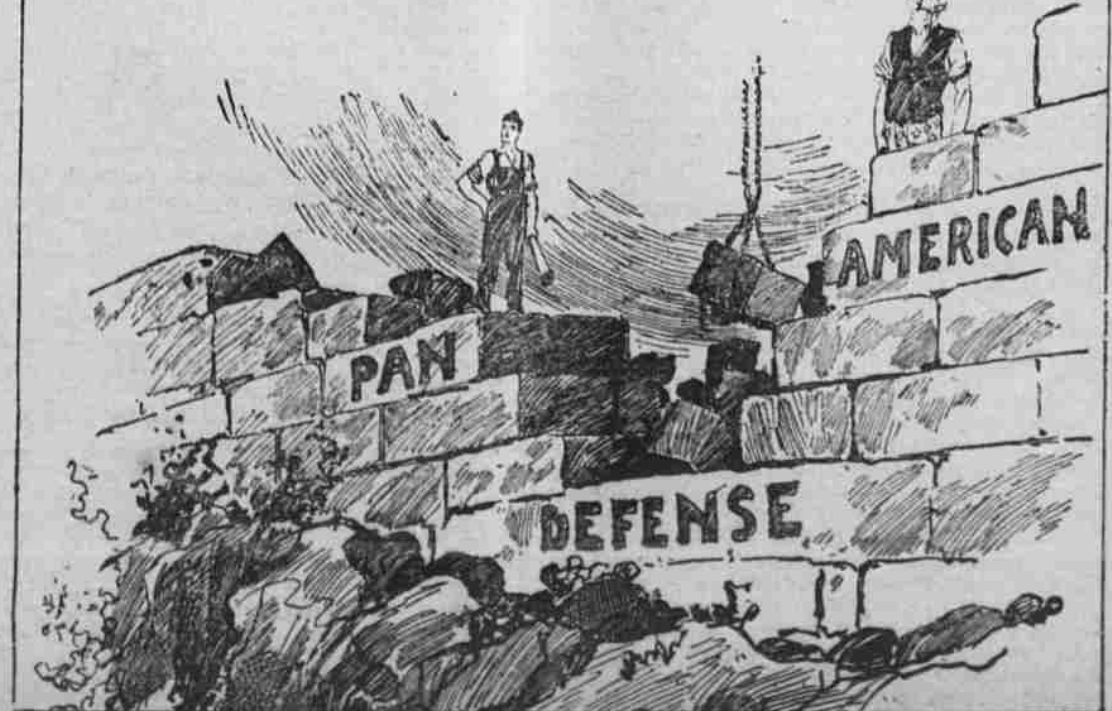
William J. Wilson.



W. W. Everhart.

Two Republicans formally entered the race for a county office Tuesday by filing statements with County Clerk Harrington. W. J. Wilson, with a campaign slogan of "A faithful servant of and for the people," is a candidate for re-election as sheriff, and W. W. Everhart, mayor of Molalla and well-known throughout the county, is out for assessor. Mr. Everhart's motto is "A fair and equal assessment to all."

BRIDGING THE GAP.



JUDGE GRANT B. DIMICK, PRESIDENT FAIR ASSOCIATION, SAYS CHARTER NOT FORFEITED BY UNPAID DUES

The Clackamas County Fair association has not lost its charter because of failure to pay corporation dues, declares Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the fair association. To prove his contention, he has produced a receipt of R. A. Watson, corporation commission, showing that the association is not delinquent.

In a recently published list of corporations, delinquent in payment of corporation tax, which had forfeited their charters thereby, the name of the fair association was included. The list was issued in a proclamation which was signed by Governor Withycombe.

Judge Dimick Wednesday presented a written statement to the Enterprise, which follows: "I have noticed upon several occasions you have printed, as a fact, that the Clackamas County Fair association was delinquent in its corporation tax, and therefore the governor, while exercising a prerogative of his high office, declared this corporation dissolved, but I wish to inform your paper and its readers that regardless of the act of the governor, the corporation is not delinquent in the payment of its tax, and I now have before me the receipt of Mr. R. A. Watson, corporation commissioner, showing our corporation tax was paid from June 1, 1914, to June 1, 1915, the date of the voucher being September 5, 1914, and the date of the receipt September 15, 1914, so you can easily see that we are fully paid up to June 1, 1915, as the above payment was for one year in advance, and we could not be delinquent so as to authorize the dissolution of the corporation before June 1, 1917, as it requires two years' delinquency before action can be taken by the governor."