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STORM RUINS TIMBER VALUED AT \$1,000,000

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Feb. 8.—Earlier estimates of the amount of damage to timber by the storm which swept the Olympic peninsula of Washington on January 29 and 30 were greatly increased today with the announcement by Charles Morganroth, assistant federal forest supervisor for this district, that the loss in uprooted timber is more than \$1,000,000. The estimate was made after a trip to the stricken district.

While no loss of life has been reported, from 20 to 30 families in the Clearwater, Bogochiel, Heh and Queetz river districts have not been heard from, according to Mrs. Morganroth.

Many of them are believed to be short of food and it may be several days before they can be reached with supplies, he said.

Sixty per cent of the timber can be salvaged with prompt action, Mr. Morganroth said today.

Something must be done before the summer months, said Mr. Morganroth. "The danger of fire is terrible. Fully 50 per cent of all the area of the 2200 square miles of storm-swept territory is down, and of the remainder the best trees are damaged, the scrubs remaining standing. All along the coast the hemlock has suffered great damage. One can stand at Quillayute prairie and see the Sol Duc river three miles away. A few days ago this was a dense forest.

"Some of those trees were standing 500 years before Columbus discovered America. The storm is the greatest disaster that has ever happened in Washington."

CAPTURED MAN VERY SICK FROM POISONED DRINK

Geo. Williams, a stranger from Montana, was given a 30-day jail sentence by Judge Noble yesterday afternoon for the theft of a suitcase belonging to F. M. Dowd, of Amity. When arrested by Sheriff Wilson last night, Williams was in an intoxicated condition and had a bottle of some kind of "moonshine" upon his person. Not until later, when a complaint entered by the owner of the suitcase was Williams accused of the theft, which he admitted.

Earlier in the evening Dowd placed his suitcase, containing clothing and personal effects in the Southern Pacific depot here, and stepped out to look around. When he returned, he found the suitcase gone, and Chief Hadley found the case on the hill section. In the meantime, Sheriff Wilson arrested Williams for being drunk near Mt. Pleasant, and he was placed in the county jail.

Williams is so sick from the effects of the "moonshine" he embittered that the sheriff was compelled to call in a doctor last night. The man is suffering from the poison, which began to take effect soon after he was placed in jail. The bottle found upon his person, was about half empty, and one official poured some of the contents on the floor and touched a match to it. The stuff made a small explosion and flashed up like powder. It was a whitish liquid and the officers are still wondering what brand of "moon" the bottle contains. Williams alleges that he got it from a companion who was traveling with him, and who disappeared soon after he stole the suitcase.

MONEY TAKEN FROM GROCERY IS RETURNED

Through the efforts of Constable Ed. Fortune, the \$34 taken from the Twentieth Century grocery store on Main street last Monday afternoon, was returned to the management, who refused to prosecute the woman. She was Mrs. Louis Simons, of the Wilhoit neighborhood, and when accused of the theft in Portland, where she had gone from here, she acknowledged she took the money and returned it to the owners.

Mrs. Simons came to Oregon City for the purpose of swearing out a warrant against her husband, Louis Simons and Rose Simons for assault and battery. Her husband gave Fortune a clew to her whereabouts in Portland when the latter served the warrant on him, and when discovered by the officer, she alleged that she committed the theft for the support of herself and baby.

Community Club to Meet Next Friday

The Jennings Lodge Community club will hold a meeting on next Friday evening in the school house at that place. Plans for the betterment of the neighborhood and other matters will be discussed.

COUNTY'S 1920 TAX NOW READY FOR COLLECTION

The 1920 Clackamas county rolls were turned over to the tax collection department Saturday by Assessor Cooke, and the total taxes to be collected this year will amount to \$1,512,127.60. This is about \$300,000 more than last year.

Of the total amount to be collected, the following amounts are included: Special road tax, \$182,644.58; general road tax, \$270,700.00; public utility tax, \$270,700.00; high school tuition tax, \$121,729.89; high school tuition tax levied on property not in high school districts, \$58,369.39; Union high school tax, \$23,931.30. Ten cities of the county levied a special tax of \$107,032.77 for city purposes.

While the tax rolls have been received by I. D. Taylor, deputy tax collector, nevertheless, he is in a peculiar position, for the reason that the awards for the printing this year, handed by the county court, were late in being let, and the tax receipts have not as yet been delivered to the tax office. Over 21,000 of the receipts will have to be made out and 60 per cent of these will have to be executed immediately. Over 300 requests for blanks are now on file in the office.

It is expected that the blanks will be delivered in a few days however, and the mammoth collection for the year 1921 will proceed.

MEMBER SAYS SOLONS MUST MOVE FAST

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—"If this house continues to conduct its business at the present rate, we will be here until April 1," said Representative Burdick, who occupied the speakers' chair the greater portion of the day. Speaker Bean was suffering with a severe cold.

"Bills are being re-referred to committees after being subjected to hours of debate upon the floor of this house. Careful consideration of the bills in committee does not seem to satisfy many members of this house. Unless some real effort is made to expedite the business of this house, we will be here until early summer."

Veteran attaches of the house, including Fred Drager, chief clerk, predicted that the house would be unable to complete its work at the expiration of the 40 days' session and that at least another week should be necessary.

Circuit Judges May Lose Annual Outing

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 8.—Circuit judges for Multnomah county are faced with a prospect of being compelled to forego their annual summer vacations if the house sustains the senate in its passage of Senator Hume's bill No. 16. Under the present law no court terms are held during July and August. This fact Hume declared has resulted in great congestion of the court dockets. Senators Moser, Joseph and Banks, opposed the bill on the ground that its provisions would work a great hardship on members of the circuit bench through requiring their attendance upon court during the summer months.

FARM BUREAU DRIVE STARTS ON MONDAY

Monday, Feb. 14, the drive by the Clackamas County Farm Bureau for membership will commence, when it is expected that 1500 new members will be added to the organization. Speaking campaigns will commence simultaneously at Marquam, Molalla, Garfield, Oregon City and Sandy at 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the opening day. In the evening addresses will be delivered at Monitor, Bolton, Cottrell and Estacada, and other meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 15, 1:30 o'clock: At Needy, Firwood, Eagle Creek and George; 7:30 o'clock: At Mark's Prairie, Mullino, Deep Creek and Springfield.

Wednesday, February 16, 1:30 o'clock: At Macksburg, Beaver Creek, Damascus, Logan; 7:30 o'clock at Union Hall, Clarkes, Boring, Redlands.

Thursday, February 17, 1:30 o'clock: At Canby, Carus, Clackamas; 7:30 o'clock: At New Era, Maple Lane, Happy Valley, Mt. Pleasant.

Friday, February 18, 1:30 o'clock: At Ladd Hill, Wilsonville, Milwaukie; 7:30 o'clock: At Stafford, Hazella and Twilight.

Two Local Men Buy Home Sites

E. A. Young and W. T. Reed, both connected with the government locks here, have each purchased an acre lot at Hull avenue west of the River road near Jennings Lodge, where they plan the erection of modern bungalows.

Oh, Boy, Opportunity Only Knocks Once Here's Your Chance

We clip the following advertisement from the Molalla Pioneer under date of February, which goes to show that all opportunities in the West have not been taken up as yet, and "Go West, Young Man" still holds good:

"I have an excellent chance for a young man with a high school education to invest, to get a farm. The farm is very rich level land, small clearing, lots of cord wood timber short haul to railroad. It is a \$7,500 proposition. A young lady is willing to marry a suitable young man and put a thousand dollars into the deal. Don't ask for information unless you mean business."

TAYLOR'S REAL ESTATE
Molalla, Oregon.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail Thursday night through a hole made in the floor of the assessors office in the courthouse, and two of them—negroes—were caught by the Aurora authorities and brought back here. The other two white men—Wells and Brown, recently arrested for burglary, made a clean getaway and the sheriff is now on their trail.

The prisoners gained freedom from the jail through an old opening which was made a few years ago, when another prisoner sawed through the floor above the jail rooms. The hole had been nailed up, but using a window weight for a pry, the quartette last night knocked the boards off the opening and escaped. After gaining entrance to the upper floors of the courthouse, the men then went to the rear of the building and crawled to freedom through the coal chute in the furnace room.

Alexander and Baney, the colored men recaptured at Aurora, were found at that place when a south bound freight stopped there for water. The men were riding on the "rods" and were with several other hobos on the train. The Aurora officer noticed the two negroes and remembering their faces when they were arrested near there for the Canemah robbery, stopped them and inquired how they got free from jail so soon.

"I'll tell you, boss," said one, "the judge gave us only six days in de jail at Oregon City and den turned us loose last night."

The officer did not believe the tale however, and held the colored men until he got word to Sheriff Wilson here about 4:00 o'clock Friday morning. The sheriff immediately got busy and telling the officer at Aurora to hold them, made an investigation at the courthouse, discovering the escape of the prisoners.

Wells and Brown and said to be bad eggs, and both of them were in jail on the charge of burglary and other counts awaiting the action of the next Clackamas county grand jury. There were seven prisoners in the jail at the time of the escape, and the three men left told the sheriff that a chance was offered them to escape by Wells and Brown, but they refused to go with them.

C. W. Bagby, a carpenter who fixed the hole in the floor of the assessors office, said that the men used the spikes taken from the boards to make a ladder to crawl up to the floor above the jail.

Word has been telegraphed up and down the line by the sheriff describing Wells and Brown, fugitives, and it is thought that they will be picked up soon and brought back here.

Some time ago, when the famous "Slim" Brown escaped from the county jail by sawing the bars of the jail window, lights on both sides of the courthouse were placed, and kept burning all night. The three men left in the jail at the time the others escaped Thursday night, alleged that Wells and Brown noticed the lights burning and decided to escape through the rear coal chute from the furnace room facing the river.

The negroes recaptured, allege that after they gained their freedom from the jail, they crossed Main street and went up the alley at the side of the Style Shop on 8th and Main and took the next freight out of town. They claim Wells and Brown waiting for a train they went up to the depot and hung around for over an half hour.

Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Hughes brought the two negroes back from Aurora Friday morning.

Debater from Estacada Has Narrow Squeak

ESTACADA.—Ed. Boner had a thrill Friday night when coming home with the school debating team from West Linn. After passing Clackamas about a mile, the water was running over the road and caused the car to swerve to the side and threatened to upset it. Fortunately it righted itself but Boner says he had a genuine scare for a few moments.

WIRES ENDORSE ROAD CONGRESS FOR THIS CITY

Dr. H. C. Fixott, representing the educational department of the state board of dentistry, was the principal speaker at the Live Wire luncheon today. Dr. Fixott had intended to show stereopticon views illustrating the work he is doing over the state but did not have time to arrange it. He lectured in the evening at the high school.

Plans for entertaining a number of road supervisors of the county who will be in the city during the month for a 3-day road making institute, conducted by the county court, will be made by a committee headed by Chris Schuebel, working with the regular road committee of the commercial club. It is planned to arrange accommodations for the 25 or 30 men expected in the homes of the club members. Hearty endorsement of the plans proposed by County Judge Harvey E. Cross, who is organizing the road institute programs, was given by the club, and a dinner for the supervisors will probably be part of the entertainment accorded them while here.

M. D. Latourette reported as a committee on extending the city limits, and a motion was passed authorizing the Main Trunk to appoint a committee of five to pass on the report and report back to the club. Don Wilson was appointed by Main Trunk to serve as resolution committee for the term, and Raymond Caulfield was asked to go ahead with plans for the proposed teacher's banquet, at which the city school teachers of the school board are to be guests of the Live Wires at a dinner.

Highway North Out of Portland Good

That the Pacific highway from Portland to Tacoma and Seattle is in excellent shape and that the drive from here to one of the sound cities is a good one-day jaunt is the declaration of A. D. Beckley of this city, who made the trip from Tacoma to this city one day last week in a Chevrolet "baby grand" sedan.

Beckley made the drive from Tacoma in nine hours, he reported, without pushing his car very hard either. "My advice to anyone making the trip north is to put on chains at Castle Rock and use them for the five-mile stretch northward from there, after which they may be removed. The road at this point is in fair shape, with solid gravel foundation, and if the center of the road were kept at all times no chains would be needed. However, the sides of the road are in heavy shape and chains are very desirable when it is necessary to turn out to pass a car. From Tenino for two miles north the road appears first to be in bad shape, but it is in reality solid, although slightly rough, and need not be feared."

RAID ON OLSON BARN FOLLOWS TWO ARRESTS

Two brothers, giving their names as Boyland, were arrested yesterday afternoon by the city police and sheriff's deputies for being in an intoxicated condition at the Olson Feed Barn, on Water street. They were placed in the city jail to sober up by Chief Hadley.

Following the arrest, a search warrant was issued from the district attorney's office to search the feed barn for intoxicating liquors, and Sheriff Wilson and deputies found about a gallon of "high-powered" stuff in one of the box stalls of the barn. It is alleged by one of the officers who made the arrest of the Boylands that one of them was locked up in a box stall and was so intoxicated that he could barely tell his own name.

NEW STAMPS ATTRACTIVE IN THEIR DESIGN

New postage stamps have arrived at the Oregon City postoffice, consisting of one, two and five-cent stamps of attractive design, representing the "Pilgrim Tercentenary." The one-cent stamps show the Mayflower crossing the ocean and the years of 1620 and 1920 are printed in each upper corner. The greenish color is retained like the former one-cent stamp, but is larger in size. The two-cent stamp shows the landing of the Pilgrims, bearing the dates 1620-1920, and the five-cent stamp shows the signing of the compact, and are of bluish color. All the stamps are oblong and are decorated with tiny mayflowers.

Conrad P. Olson Ex-Supreme Judge Keeps 'Em Hopping

It is reported that Conrad P. Olson, of Portland, late of the supreme bench of Oregon, ran into considerable trouble in Clackamas county and Oregon City while motoring back and forth to Salem during the past few days.

The first run he had was when he crashed into a Ford owned by Frank E. Kirk on the Abernethy bridge last Friday. Kirk swore out a warrant for Olson's arrest for reckless driving yesterday and while Constable Fortune was getting ready to serve the warrant, Olson was again hailed in court on his return trip by the city authorities Monday for exceeding the speed limit. He said he would appear Thursday and fix things up, but he evidently did not know that a warrant was out for him on the reckless driving charge, and blithely drove on his way, and Constable Fortune didn't know Olson was back the second time.

Kirk, who is a local mail carrier, alleges that while driving across the Abernethy bridge in his Ford, Olson drove into sight going at the rate of about 30 miles per hour and hit the bridge at a terrific rate. Kirk alleges that Olson did not have time enough to turn out, and the rear wheels of the Olson machine struck the Ford, doing considerable damage. The warrant will be served on Olson today.

ANOTHER MOVE MADE TO SLICE UP THIS COUNTY

J. W. Reed of Estacada, and David Logren, joint representative for Multnomah and Clackamas counties, arrived in Salem Thursday and popped up with a bill for the purpose of dividing Clackamas county.

They propose taking enough of Clackamas and giving it to Multnomah, in order that the Mount Hood loop will be in Multnomah, and taking another chunk of Clackamas and creating a new county to be called Cascade, is the purpose of a bill which is expected to go into the senate.

Naturally the plan will be opposed by members of the Clackamas delegation, who may be reinforced by the Multnomah county delegation. No definite boundaries have been outlined by Mr. Reed yet, but he has some idea, in a general way, of how Clackamas should be carved up. He considers that all that part of Clackamas north of Jennings Lodge should be transferred to Multnomah.

Also, he would transfer Boring and Sandy to Multnomah. That part of the Mount Hood loop which runs across a corner of Clackamas county Mr. Reed would cede to Multnomah, believing that it naturally belongs there and that Multnomah county, instead of Clackamas, should pay for the loop.

The Bull Run power plant is to go into Multnomah county, as per Mr. Reed's plan, thereby removing some valuable taxable assets from the rolls of Clackamas. Having taken care of Multnomah, Mr. Reed wishes to pry loose a large hunk of Clackamas to create a new county to be called Cascade. This idea is not new, for there has been more than one campaign in the legislature to create Cascade county.

In the section which Mr. Reed wants to locate Cascade there is a population of about 8000, which is more than several old Oregon counties can boast of. The resources of the Cascade area consist chiefly of timber.

THREE SHOTS ARE FIRED AT HOUSE BOAT

The old steamer Ruth anchored near the Ganong place on the West bank of the Willamette, used as a house boat by the Young family, was the target for three shots from a 32-caliber pistol from the opposite bank of the river last night about 8:00 o'clock. One of the bullets passed through the outside of the boat, through a partition and lodged into a door of the Young bedroom. Whether the shooting was premeditated, or just some pedestrian emptying a gun into the river is not known, but at the least, the shooter was very careless if the latter reason was the cause.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD CHOSEN FOR YEAR 1921

At the annual meeting of the Clackamas County Fair association, held Saturday in the courthouse, a date for the next fair was not set, but will be announced after the next meeting, which will be held in March. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Judge Grant B. Dimick, was re-elected to serve for his fifth year as president; W. H. Blair, of Canby, who has been treasurer for a number of years, was re-elected; and David Long, of Hazella, was again chosen secretary.

TRIO CAPTURED AFTER RUNNING REVOLVER FIGHT

Two men, giving their names as Elbert Kossoclock and Claude Alford Twigger and a young woman known as Alvera Petterson, were arrested at Roseburg yesterday afternoon after a running gun fight between them and the officers.

They were apprehended after Sheriff Wilson telegraphed the sheriff at Roseburg of a stolen Ford, which was taken from a Parkplace garage here last Sunday night. The trio arrested left the Ford at Eugene and stealing another car at that place were caught by the sheriff there. Neither officer or other thief was hurt from the bullets, which all went wild.

As soon as the three were captured a telephone message came from Roseburg to Sheriff Wilson here of the arrest, and the stolen Ford, which belonged to John Moore, at Parkplace, is held at Eugene until after the trial of the three at Roseburg, as the shooting at the officers by the thieves is a more serious crime than the one booked against them in this county.

Officials at the sheriff's office here allege that the two men and the woman are the same aggregation that took the money from the Lents confectionery in Oregon City Sunday night. When they were taken at Roseburg, all three of them had considerable money on their persons, and officers say that the trio has been working at different places all along the line between Portland and Eugene.

It is probable that after their conviction in Eugene, the men and woman will be brought back to Clackamas county to face an auto theft charge for the stealing of the Parkplace car.

It is also reported that the three brought a stolen car from Portland to Parkplace and leaving the machine near the highway, stole the Ford from the Parkplace garage.

OREGON STATE THIRD LARGEST STAMP BUYER

Despite chaotic financial and business conditions during 1920, Uncle Sam sold nearly \$50,000,000 worth of government savings securities to thrifty investors last year, according to preliminary reports received from post offices and federal reserve banks by the savings division of the treasury department. Figures so far compiled for sales throughout continental United States were \$41,999,700, which amounts to approximately 40 cents saved by every man, woman and child in the country.

Oregon alone bought over \$802,785 worth of government securities, which includes thrift stamps, war saving stamps and treasury certificates, which pay 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. The largest amount purchased of any state in the Union goes to California, which state bought \$1,482,871 during the year 1920. California comes first; Washington second, and Oregon third in the totals just compiled by the government.

PORTLAND MAN INJURED IN AUTO SMASHUP HERE

Sam Ferry, of Portland, received a broken shoulder blade, and his seven-passenger Paige automobile in considerably wrecked as the result of an accident which took place on the New Era highway Sunday evening about 7:00 o'clock. Two other men in the car at the time escaped uninjured.

According to Ferry's story, he was driving along the highway this side of Canby, when nearing the railroad crossings, which form a "Y" near there, the car's steering gear became locked and the machine traveled off the road and ran into a deep ditch. The impact from the downward plunge of the car broke the driver's shoulder blade, it is reported. After the accident, Ferry went to Portland for medical aid.

The car is somewhat wrecked, and it was some time before it could be removed from the ditch. Several officers were called out after the accident to clear the highway of machines, which had collected and whose occupants desired to view the scene of the accident first hand. The road was finally cleared and traffic resumed.

CONTRACT LET FOR CLACKAMAS RIVER BRIDGE

Parker & Banfield, of Portland, were awarded the contract for a new steel bridge across the Clackamas river at Parkplace by the county court. The firm's bid was \$49,264, and the work will commence shortly. About a dozen bids for the structure were turned over to the county court by the State Highway commission, and the lowest one was that of the firm which secured the contract.

COUNTY DIVISION BILL AT SALEM COULD NOT PASS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(Special to Enterprise)—Pending the receipt of a report from Henry O'Malley of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, on the effect of a proposed amendment to Senator Ryan's bill to close the Willamette river to fishing below the suspension bridge, the joint committee of fishing is holding the bill in status quo.

No report from the committee is expected for several days, it is said. In the meantime the Oregon City fishermen are on the job in the lobby of the State House and every move of these interested in the success or defeat on the bill is being kept track of.

Another day passed safely without the introduction of a Clackamas county cessation bill and strong rumors are current here to the effect that no such bill will be introduced. The Clackamas county delegation has been assured of considerable support from other sections of the state to defeat any move to create a Cascade county and some pressure has already been brought to bear upon the delegation from the eastern portion of the county to urge the defeat of such a proposal.

It is argued that by the elimination of the Bull Run district and the other valuable tracts in that section, the proposed county would be forced to the wall in a short time by the mere operation expenses to say nothing of the extensions and improvements that would follow secession.

LOCAL GIRL CAN NOT BE FOUND BY RELATIVES

What's become of Mary Zwicker, of Third and Washington streets, this city, who left her aunt's home one week ago Sunday and has not been heard of since. Every clue to her whereabouts has been run down, and her disappearance still remains a mystery.

Mrs. John Etchison, her aunt says that there was no reason why Miss Zwicker should leave her home without telling her beforehand. The last seen of the young lady was at the electric waiting rooms at First and Alder streets, Portland, when she was waiting for the Oregon City car. This was on the evening of Jan. 30, about 8:00 o'clock, and from then on the trail leads nowhere, apparently.

Miss Zwicker had been employed by the Hirsch-Wels Manufacturing company Portland, operating a power machine, and had quit to accept a similar position with the Brownsville Woolen Mills company. Neither of these establishments seen her during the week.

On the day the young lady disappeared, she told her aunt with whom she made her home here, that she was going to Portland to spend the night, and as she was in the habit of staying overnight at Portland, Mrs. Etchison thought nothing of the incident. When the girl did not show up the next three days, her aunt began to feel alarmed, and notified all of the girl's relatives in the hopes that she could be located.

Miss Zwicker did not take all of her clothes with her at the time she left Oregon City and her savings account shows a healthy balance, which has not been withdrawn from the local bank. She is described rather shy, of a retiring disposition and up to last November, was employed at the Oregon City Manufacturing plant in this city.

The matter was not reported to the sheriff's office here, and the local authorities know nothing of the young lady's disappearance. She has been gone over two weeks and not a trace of her car can be found. Relatives, who received telegrams from the aunt have replied that they know nothing of the girl's whereabouts.

The mother of the girl is dead. Her father is W. R. Zwicker, an employee of the street construction department of the city of Salem. A number of other relatives live in the Salem district. She had lived with her aunt and uncle here for two years. Her uncle, John Etchison, is mail carrier here.

DISTRICT 15 NOW HAS TWO ROADMASTERS

The matter of the selection of a deputy roadmaster for District No. 15, near Pets mountain, is now amicably settled by the appointment of two deputies, one on each side of the mountain. When the court first made the appointment, several of the taxpayers on this side of the hill insisted that roadmaster be appointed on their side, and the court, after due consideration, appointed one on either side making two deputy roadmasters for the district.