

Corvallis Times.

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VIEWERS KILLED IT

Proposed Cutoff Road for Shortening Distance Between Philomath and Corvallis.

The proposed road for shortening the distance between Corvallis and Philomath, by a cutoff from the east boundary of Philomath through to Thomas Cooper's place, is not to be opened. It was locked in the head by the report of viewers appointed to examine and report to the court upon the feasibility of the plan.

The law on the subject is such that the court, in case of an adverse report by viewers, cannot, even if so desired, proceed to open the road.

A petition for opening the road was presented at the November term of the commissioners' court, and was liberally signed. At the time, John Rickard, J. H. Edwards and S. L. Shedd were appointed viewers. They went over the line of the proposed cutoff and at last week's term of the court submitted a report in which they unanimously recommended that the road be not opened.

The proposed road if established would not justify the expense of opening and maintaining said road, as a part of the route is over bad ground, and would be expensive to make and keep in good condition.

The court accepted the report, and the petition was dismissed. The expense of the viewers, \$28, was assessed to Albert Shriver and his surety, J. A. Park.

RUN FOR FIREMEN

Sunday Evening Blaze Called Them Out—A Fire and Its Spoils.

The fire department had a call Sunday night. The occasion was soot burning in a flue in the dwelling house of Ben Woldt. The flue is located in the center of the house where four walls joined, and was so completely enclosed that it was difficult to reach. Inside of it was a pile of soot that was very deep. It burned readily and sent out flame, sparks and smoke as fiercely as a small sized volcano.

The department with all appliances was quickly on the ground, but was unable to do anything with water. Hoses were laid and kept in readiness in case the flames communicated to the woodwork. After some time two shots of Babcock chemicals were applied with more or less success.

The excitement all took place while the owner was in Portland. The chief damage was to a nicely polished shoe and Sunday clothes worn by the firemen. The alarm was turned in about six o'clock.

I have 500 acres of timber land for clearing and sawing, located about 5 miles west of Corvallis. A. Kline.

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AGAIN AT LARGE

Bars and Bolts Won't Hold—Chenoweth—His Record in Benton.

There is much newspaper talk again about Elwood E. Chenoweth. He is the man who performed in Benton county, the unusual feat of walking into the sheriff's office and turning himself over to the custody of Deputy Sheriff Henderson. That happened in the last days of November, last year. A few weeks before, Chenoweth had escaped from the sheriff of Union county, near Echo, Umatilla county, by leaping from a train while it was running 15 or 20 miles an hour. Subsequently he had been rounded up by various officers, but he always managed to elude them, and finally made his way via Portland, Oregon City, Salem, Independence and other points to Kings Valley and thence to Corvallis, where he voluntarily surrendered himself to the astonished sheriff, and asked to be locked up.

The new occasion for Chenoweth's publicity, is that he is again at large, though wanted by the authorities at the Insane Asylum. Where he is, nobody knows. It has been his wont, generally, to escape officers and prison bars, when ever he so desired. It is his boast, that "You may take me, you may put me behind bolts and bars, but whenever I want freedom, I will get it. God will help me do it." On many occasions he has made his word good, but in general his claim of divine assistance is not credited.

From Corvallis Chenoweth was taken by Sheriff Burnett and the Union county sheriff to the asylum. That happened December 3rd, last year. After staying there a few weeks word came that he was again at large having made his escape. After that, he was re-taken and again committed to the asylum but on the 7th of last August, he again fled away, and no trace of him can be obtained.

Chenoweth's mania is religion. He claims to be a sort of vicegerent of the Almighty, commissioned to preach and do divine healing. Whenever he talks on his hobby, his eyes shine with brilliant light, his tongue begins to work as if on ball bearings, and his whole appearance seems to indicate him to be as crazy as a bed bug. He has a magnificent physique, and when he breaks loose in his fanaticism, he becomes more or less imposing. On other occasions he is polite, enough and sane enough to make an officer almost apologize for detaining him.

The authorities at Salem say he is incurable, and that the asylum is the proper place for him, because it is far safer for him, and for the rest of the world that he to be under detention.

TO SELL IT THURSDAY

Property for Delinquent Taxes—Sale Occurs at the Court House.

The sale of property for delinquent taxes occurred last year at the court house at ten o'clock Thursday morning. The list of properties to be sold is to be found in another column of this issue. In all there are only 32 pieces of property, and accordingly the sale will be an unimportant character, in comparison with some other sales that have taken place in Benton county, at which on one or two occasions, more than one day was consumed in the work.

The Irish Pawnbrokers. A farce comedy to be presented at the Opera House, tomorrow, Thursday night, is described as a play designed to promote side-slaking laughter and a contagion of fun. The new and catching title is an indication of its original and humorously infectious composition. It deals with a new subject in a unique way and appeals forcibly to that large and intelligent class of theatre goers who prefer to shed tears of laughter over comical actions, sayings and songs rather than weep over sombre and pathetic melodramatic representations of misfortunes in real life. This farce is a bracer—a genuine comical elixir.

Yaquina Bay Celery. Constantly on hand at Zieroff's.

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ACTIVITY THERE

Big Preparations for Piling Operations—Building a Siding at Blodgett.

There is bustle and activity in the woods in the vicinity of Blodgett. The forests there swarm with men and teams. At last accounts the whole quota of laborers had not been secured, and men were being hired as fast as they applied at the camp. In a short time the piles that are being cut for an Utah railroad will begin to pass through Corvallis on trains over the Corvallis & Eastern. It is supposed that in the main the cars of piling will be handled by special freight trains from Blodgett to Albany.

Another feature is that Blodgett is to be made a telegraph station. Linemen went out Monday to install a set of telegraph instruments in a box car. It is supposed that the office will be of temporary character, to continue only as long as the piling operations are in progress. Walter Sheasgreen was detailed to take charge of the office, but on account of the sudden death by suicide of John Turner, agent of the Corvallis & Eastern at Albany, the plan was temporarily changed, and Mr Sheasgreen left hurriedly Monday afternoon to take charge of the Albany office.

NEW CABLE ORDERED

For the Corvallis Ferry—Old One Cannot be Used, and Boat Laid Up.

The Corvallis ferry is temporarily out of business. No trips have been made across the river for several days. High water is partly responsible for the condition as for the greater part of a week the water has been above boating stage.

The late break in the ferry cable, however, is the main cause of the boat's state of innocuous desuetude. A strand of the cable parted last week, while the boat was making a trip, and both the ferryman and the county court deem it inadvisable, if not unsafe to use the old cable longer. Accordingly, a new cable has been ordered from San Francisco, and some time will be required for it to reach Corvallis, and be put in position for use.

The new cable is to be 730 feet long, and its cost is 24 cents per foot, delivered in Corvallis.

ALL NEXT WEEK

Clara Mathes Company to be at the Corvallis Opera House.

The Clara Mathes Stock Company, although playing at popular prices, would be a good company in any prices and their conscientious and accordingly the sale will be an unimportant character, in comparison with some other sales that have taken place in Benton county, at which on one or two occasions, more than one day was consumed in the work.

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Headquarters for Holiday Goods. Our patrons will find our selections unusually large and attractive. Our Men's Suits and Overcoats cannot be equaled at the prices quoted. Good Suits for the Boys, \$1.50 up.

Other Holiday Goods. Neckwear, Collars and Cuffs, Shoes, Glassware, Suspenders, Dress Suit Cases, Hats, Toilet Sets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Albums, Etc. SPECIAL. Ten Percent Reduction on Men's Suits. Owing to the late arrival of part of our men's suits, for the rest of the month we place them at 10 percent reduction. Sole agents for the Ralston Health Shoes for Men, the best winter shoe made, \$4.00.

S. L. KLINE. THE BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS CONGRESS. BAKING POWDER.

25 OZ. 25 C. Hodes' Grocery.

VETCHES AND Grass Seeds. Portland Seed Co. H. S. Pernot. Physician and Surgeon. Office over Post Office. Residence, Cor. 5th & Jefferson Sts. Hours 10 to 12 a. m. & aft at Graham.

Canadian Bank of Commerce. Chicago—First National Bank. Canada—Canadian Bank of Commerce. Union Bank of Canada.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a writ issued out of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, to the Sheriff of said County directed and delivered, commanding the said Sheriff to collect the taxes as shown to be delinquent on the tax roll for the year 1901, charged to said delinquent taxpayers, and if necessary to sell the several parcels of personal property of said property upon which such taxes are levied, as set forth in said tax list, said delinquent taxpayers, the amount of taxes and the penalties and the several parcels of property are described as follows to-wit:

Notice to Creditors. The undersigned hereby gives notice that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lina Neuggass, deceased, by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon, and that Letters Testamentary therein have been issued to him. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, verified as by law required to me at the office of W. S. McFadden, 1st Nat'l Bank Building in City of Corvallis, said County within six months from this date.

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