

# Corvallis Times.

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## THE OUTLOOK.

Important work is apparently to be done for Benton county roads this year. The county court has levied a five mill tax in the general fund and a two mill tax under the special road law. It has made the road poll in each district payable in cash, and has instructed supervisors to proceed at once to collect. Its part of the work, for betterment of the highways, the county administration has thoroughly done, in the provision of funds for the purpose.

On the supervisors now depends the rest. It is up to them to expend the funds intelligently and economically. They have been provided even with literature on the subject of road building by the court, and with every facility thus afforded, ought to be able to accomplish much.

The supervisors themselves are reported to be enthusiastic with the prospect. They have means and see hope ahead. They will vie with each other in seeing which can make the best showing with money at hand.

On a cash basis, they can accomplish vastly more than under the old system. They have the support of all the people, for everybody realizes that best roads will do more for Benton county than almost any other influence. All in all, such an atmosphere of promise, and of business methods, never before surrounded the problem of roadmaking in Benton, and the end of the season ought to see most favorable results.

## FOR CONVENIENCE.

Way for Taxpayers in Each District to Get Amount of Their Taxes.

Sheriff Burnett, by extra trouble to himself, and ever anxious to serve the public well, has made arrangements so that taxpayers in outside precincts may ascertain the amount of their taxes without making a trip to the sheriff's office. He has prepared a list of the persons who pay taxes in all save the four Corvallis precincts together with the amount of taxes each citizen has to pay, and has placed these lists in a convenient place in each of the precincts of the county. These lists are to be found at the following places:

- Summit, the store of Titus Ranney.
- Blodgett, the store of J. A. Wood.
- Wren, the store of T. Huff.
- Kings Valley, the store of Miller & Alcorn and Frantz Bros store at Hoskins.
- Soap Creek, the store of J. A. Carter.
- Fairmount, residences of T. B. Williamson, Chester Skeels and Frank Hughson.
- Monroe, the store of A. Wilhelm and Sons.
- Willamette, the store of Norwood Company and the postoffice at Inavale.
- Bellfountain, the store of Nathan Clem, store of D. Perrin & Son, and postoffice at Glenbrook.
- Alsea, the store of Wade Malone.
- Philomath, store of Hill & Son, store of Judson Weed, store of Moses Brothers and store of F. P. Clark.

These lists as prepared by the sheriff, show the number of taxpayers in each of the precincts outside of Corvallis. They are as follows: In Summit precinct, 41; Blodgett, 58; Wren, 42; Kings Valley, 118; Soap Creek, 91; Fairmount, 128; Monroe, 122; Willamette, 108; Bellefontaine, 150; Alsea, 130; Philomath, 182.

## Killing of Seals.

The increased value of seal skins in 1900 induced the lessees of the Pribilof islands, the breeding grounds of the seal herds, to kill 13,000 two-year-old seals, whereas the rule has been not to kill any seal which has not reached the age of at least three years. If the killing of two-year-olds is allowed to continue it is certain that the seal herd will soon be exterminated.

## Fattened Oysters.

Half-developed oysters and bivalves which are in poor flesh, as a stockman would say, are now kept in regular pens and fattened for the market, as if they were pigs or other live stock.

## CASTORIA.

The famous signature of Dr. J. C. Hutchins is on every bottle.

## JESSIE SHIRLEY.

Engagement Closes Tonight—Matinee This Afternoon—Big Crowds.

The theater-goers of Corvallis have never had a more pleasurable week than that which ends with the close of the engagement this, Saturday evening of the Jessie Shirley Company. In former engagements, Miss Shirley and her support have always established a kindly relation between themselves and the public, but during the present visit their efforts to please have been more thoroughly appreciated than ever before.

Of Miss Shirley herself, the wonder is expressed by many that she confines her efforts so much to country circuits, when her talents seem to indicate that she should have a place among the favorites on the metropolitan stage. In all the roles she attempts, she is a constant source of delight and surprise, always acquitting herself in a way so pleasing that she brings the same people back into her audience night after night.

Of her support, the McQuarries, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Loftus, Miss Adams, Miss Grenville and the other members are clever and painstaking people who sustain their characters acceptably and in many instances artistically. The scenic effects, as was notably the case in "Held by the Enemy," Wednesday night, are far superior to any thing of the kind ever presented in Corvallis. A feature of the performance is that the plays put on are all free from things that sometimes make the theatre objectionable, and are universally high in tone character and sequel. "Held by the Enemy" Wednesday evening and "Nell Gwynne" Thursday night gave Miss Shirley roles of almost pure comedy, and to those who went to regard her as an emotional actress she was an agreeable surprise, for in the lighter role she is undoubtedly a finished artist.

This afternoon there is to be a matinee at popular prices, and tonight the engagement closes. The bill for the matinee is "Among the Pines," and for the evening performance, "The Blue Grass of Old Kentucky." The latter is said to be one of the most delightful plays that the company presents. It is quite sure to be greeted with a crowded house, for each night the audience has largely increased in numbers.

## COURT HOUSE WATER.

Boys in Jail Let it Waste—What it Cost for Two Months With Meter.

Water at the court house for the month of December cost 96 cents. The amount used was 3,221 gallons as shown by the meter recently installed, and its price as per the Water Company's agreement with the county court is 30 cents per thousand gallons.

For the month of January the amount of water used was 6,039 gallons, and the cost, \$1.80. The increased expense during January was caused by the boys in the county jail, who for some unknown reason opened the faucet in the jail and allowed the water to run two or three days before it was discovered.

Experience shows that the cost under ordinary circumstances will be about a dollar per month, except during a couple of months in summer when lawn sprinkling will add considerably to the expense. The former cost of water at the court house was \$113 per year.

Go to W. W. Holgate for first-class cabinet work and upholstering cosy corners, box couches, folding beds made to order. Leave orders at the Quivey house on 3rd st, next door to Dr. Altman's residence.

## The Poetry of the Orange

It appeals to you, when the fruit hangs ripe and sweet on the trees in February or early in March. Then the blossoms break out and the trees are yellow with golden globes, and white with orange flowers. It may be that a flurry of snow has whitened the mountain tops, and then you have an artistic background for a tropical forest. The air is full of sunshine, and heavy with fragrance as the night comes on, and then if the moon be shining, you may hear at midnight through open windows the song of the mocking bird in the scented grove, and it never seemed so melodious before.

An experience like this is possible every winter, and it is worth a journey of a thousand miles, while you can have it, by taking the scenic Shasta route through the grand and picturesque Siskiyou and Shasta mountains to Southern California. Complete information about the trip, and descriptive matter telling about California may be had from any Southern Pacific agent or W. E. Coman, Gen. Pass. Agt S. P. Co. Lines in Oregon Portland, Ore.

## COLLECTING TAXES.

Sheriff Has Roll Now—Amounts of Special Levies—Road Fund.

The tax roll is in the hands of Sheriff Burnett. It is probably the first roll in the state to go into the hands of the sheriff. It was completed last week by Clerk Moses, and when the office hours opened Monday morning the big books were carried into the sheriff's office. A similar feat was performed by Clerk Watters last year, when the roll went to the sheriff on the same day, the first Monday in February. These are the earliest dates in the history of the county, and are probably earlier than any other county can boast of.

Counting the five mill levy for road purposes on the general fund and the special road levy, together with the special school tax of about \$6,000 in district number nine, Corvallis, the total of the roll is over \$80,000, or about \$16,000 larger than the total of the tax collected last year. The exact figures are, \$81,862.92. Of the sum special levies are as follows, in amount: City of Corvallis, \$3,462.35; City of Philomath, \$416.65; school district number nine, Corvallis, \$5,990.87; Philomath school district, \$466.29; district number one, \$113.42; number 6, \$116.73; number 8, \$205.05; number 25, 107.01; number 27, \$228.54; number 32, \$124.28.

The roll also shows the sums collected in each road district for road purposes under the two mill special levy. It does not apply to either Corvallis or Philomath. The levy makes for the road fund in each district as follows: Number one Corvallis, \$466.07; number two Corvallis, \$36.61; number three, Corvallis, \$38.83; number four, Corvallis, \$308.82; number five, Fairmount, \$286.27; number 6, Wells, \$366.92; number 7, Kings Valley, \$180.64; number 8, Summit, \$58.96; number 9, Blodgett, \$110.34; number 10, Wren, \$129.15; number 11, Philomath, \$426.95; number 12, E. Willamette, \$345.49; number 13, Alsea, \$161.65; number 14, Bellefontaine, \$377.81; number 15, Monroe, \$264.07; number 16, Monroe, \$122.70; number 17, W. Willamette, \$197.80; number 18, Alsea, \$74.50.

As is well understood there is a rebate of three per cent on such taxes as may be paid on or before March 15th. The experience of last year shows that the vast majority of taxpayers will take out receipts in time to get the rebate.

## Enlarging Business.

Notice is hereby given that I have purchased the dairy business of J. H. Hukill, and added the same to the "Corvallis Dairy" business. I shall continue to enlarge my operations in this line as business warrants, and will continue in the future, as I have in the past, to supply my customers with the very best of dairy products. I have had much experience in the business and I feel warranted in assuring the people that I will give the very best satisfaction.

C. H. Vehrs,  
Prop. Corvallis Dairy.

## For Sale.

Choice clover seed, in any quantity at 12 cents per pound.  
Corvallis Flouring Mills.

## Notice.

To my many friends and patrons: desire to take this means of thanking you for past favors and the liberal patronage that has been extended me in the past, and wish to inform the public that I have with me as a partner, Mr. W. H. Curry who is an experienced man in the handling of dairy stock. Having purchased the entire herd of registered Jersey cows of M. S. Woodcock, we can furnish the best quality of milk and cream, direct from our farm, which is located in the suburbs of this city. We guarantee entire satisfaction and solicit a share of the patronage.  
Phone 263.

## CLOVER LEAF DAIRY.

Walter C. Taylor & W. H. Curry,  
Props.

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

From the E. E. Wilson place three miles west of Corvallis, about Dec 15th one red two year old Short Horn bull dehorned. A reward will be paid for his return or information leading to his recovery by the owner.

J. B. Kirk, Corvallis.

T W McGowan, Jr, established 1867 commission merchant, hops, and general merchandise, 36 & 38 Whitehall street, New York. Liberal advance made on all consignments, Highest market prices obtained and quick returns. References: R G Dunn's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bradstreets Mercantile Agency, New York; Bank of America, New York.

## CASTORIA

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## SHOT SHERIFF WITHERS.

Desperate Criminal Resisted When Lane Sheriff Attempted Arrest.

Sheriff Withers of Lane county was shot Thursday by a criminal supposed to be Elliott Lyons of Josephine county. The latter is a horse thief and was in hiding from the officers. He was located by Sheriff Withers at a house in Lane county, 30 miles west of Eugene, and the officer went out Thursday to make the arrest. The account of the shooting as given by telephone yesterday morning to Sheriff Burnett, is that as soon as they learned his business, several women in the house seized the sheriff and held him, while Lyons fired. The shot took effect in Sheriff Withers neck, and is reported to be a dangerous, if not mortal wound.

A special dispatch to the TIMES from Eugene at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, describes the condition of Sheriff Withers as follows: "A report received at noon from messenger is to the effect that Withers was moved to George Hale's at Elk Prairie at eleven o'clock last night by Charles Lyons brother of the fugitive and others. Messenger says that wound is not necessarily fatal, and that Withers is in possession of all his faculties. The wounded man expresses hope of his own recovery."

Lyons, the man who did the shooting is wanted in Josephine county. He is five feet, nine inches in height, weighs 175, and is well built. He has light complexion and his lips are thick and prominent. He blacks his hair and eyebrows and colors his face.

## FLOOD OF SIXTY ONE

A Survivor of it Relates Incidents—How Garner Lost His Life.

Editor TIMES:  
With your permission I wish to correct a few slight errors in the article published in the TIMES concerning the rescue of the family of Smith Stewart, during the freshet of 1861.

I remember every incident perfectly and the events of that flood are indelibly impressed on my mind. The river came up first on Sunday night December 1, 1861, reached its height Monday, then receded and a week later, rose again. The second rise was as high as the first, but could not do the damage that the first rise did for there was little property left to ruin.

Father Stewart lived on what is now known as the Eglin farm. When the water came up so high in the house, my brother, Will, went up stairs, and began firing his gun to call for aid, but he loaded it so heavily that the barrel burst. A rescuing party composed of Arthur Coffin, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Garner, Uncle James Stewart and brother, Al, started to the rescue, but directly in front of our house, the boat was overturned. Brother Al Stewart and Mr Garner both caught hold of the same limb, Al let go in order to give Garner a chance for his life, was held under a drift. He finally emerged half stunned but able to grasp a switch and eventually drew himself into a tree, as three of the party had already done. Garner never was seen alive again. The boat drifted away and was lost. Meantime a rescuing party had taken our neighbor's family named Powers to a place of safety. They returned accompanied by Mr Powers and took fathers family out. As mother left the house she saw three of the men clinging to the trees. Brother Will and Mr Powers then went back and got Mr Coffin. Uncle Jim Stewart and brother Al. Mr Kendall was rescued later as described in the TIMES.

Mr Powers and Will then made another trip to rescue a man named Collins, whose cries for help they had heard. They found him about a mile below our home. He was strapped to a tree and was unconscious when they found him. He had started to swim out with his race horses but he became entangled in the hazel bushes and was obliged to leave them drown and seek refuge in a tree.

Both my brothers who came so near losing their lives will corroborate my statements concerning both the time of this flood and the incidents mentioned.

EMILY STEWART-BLAKE,  
Wells, Feb. 5, 1903.

## City Stables.

Notice is hereby given that we have opened up the City Stables in Corvallis and that we are well prepared to accommodate the livery trade here in a first-class manner. Good attention will be given to the care of transient stock and regular boarders. A share of the patronage is solicited.

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Inventory over, clearance sale over, now for our

## Remnant and Rummage Sale

To clean house and prepare for spring. There are Remnants of Silks, Velvets, Satins, Black and Colored Wool Dress Goods, White Goods, Gingham, Percales, Outing Flannels, Sheetings, Muslins, Flannelettes, Table Linens, Towelings, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Cretones, Silkaleens, Etc, all

At Very Low Prices.

Odd lots and broken lines of shoes, hosiery, wrappers, corsets, skirts, petticoats, jackets, men's and boys' suits, odd pants, underwear, etc,

All at Rummage Prices.

A lot of men's hats at a Dollar Each, some worth \$3.00. A lot of men's frock suits, 33 to 37, at \$5 a suit, some worth \$12.50. A lot of boy's suits, 4 to 8 years, worth up to \$6, going at \$2.50 as long as they last.

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