

NO AUTHORITY FOR IT.

A judge in Portland has handed down a decision which holds that county courts have no power to make settlements of taxes that have been regularly assessed against a taxpayer. In the cases decided the Multnomah county court had settled with taxpayers in three instances, accepting in full settlement but a fraction of the amount of taxes. The court held that the action of the county was without authority, and therefore void, county courts having no power to make such settlements.

The case is of interest in Benton by reason of the offer sometime ago of the Coast Land & Livestock Company to pay but a small portion of the amount in full settlement of certain tax claims held against the corporation by Benton county. The court refused to make the settlement, and proceeded in an attempt to enforce collection. The Portland decision fully vindicates the court's action in the matter. The court could not have made the settlement, because it is without authority of law so to do.

MADE PERMANENT NOW.

Building a New Hatchery for Salmon on Elk River—What a Flood did Last Year.

The salmon hatchery on Elk river is to be made a permanent affair. A large quantity of lumber is now going to the scene for use in erecting necessary buildings. The site of the hatchery is two and a half miles above Elk City. The main building is to be 100 feet by 40 and is now in process of erection.

Last years operations were merely experimental, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of the plan. The possibility of securing enough salmon eggs for hatching purposes was the main question. In all last year only about 600,000 young fish were hatched, but the unforeseen circumstance of a freshet that carried away the entire works prevented a much larger output. At the time of the freshet it is estimated that 1,000 fish were in the hatching pen. The output of eggs from this lot of fish would have been 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 eggs, a number wholly sufficient for the perpetuation of the hatchery.

For the permanent hatchery a new site, a short distance below the old one has been selected, in order to provide against damage from freshets such as interfered with the success of the undertaking last year. The operations are sure in the course of a few years to largely increase the run of salmon into Yaquina Bay, and correspondingly increase the salmon packing business in that district.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT.

Fell Fifty-two Feet from Railroad Trestle, and was Instantly Killed.

William D. Casteel, a Benton County boy, well known in the vicinity of Philomath, was buried in Crystal Lake cemetery yesterday. His death occurred while he was at work as a bridge foreman on the O. R. & N. railroad near the Blue Mountain Canon in Eastern Oregon. He was on top of a high trestle which spans Dry Creek, and while moving a stick of timber it fell from the trestle, and carried him with it. The fall was 52 feet and they thought man was instantly killed, having sustained a fracture of the skull near the base. Two fellow employees were at work on the trestle near him, but were unable to render assistance. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Casteel was 36 years of age and unmarried. Arthur Casteel, engineer and Richard Casteel, fireman of the regular Yaquina passenger train are his brothers. Both were at the burial, as was also his mother, who conducts the Yaquina hotel and a store at Yaquina. The father died in Corvallis a number of years ago, and it was beside his grave that the son was laid to rest.

The deceased young man was for some time in the employ of Mrs. Ann Smith. He bore high reputation, and his death is lamented by his friends. Death occurred Wednesday, and the body reached Corvallis by special train from Albany. The funeral occurred at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, from Wilkin's undertaking parlors.

Sir Tommy and the Cup.

Tommy Lipton crossed the sea,
Phoebe Jane,
With his gallant Shamrock III,
Phoebe Jane;
And his colors wuz a-flyin'
And his sailors wuz a-sighin'
And Sir Tommy wuz a-tryin'
To carry home the cup, Phoebe Jane.
And the Yankees had a boat,
Phoebe Jane—
Just the swiftest thing afloat,
Phoebe Jane;
And the two went out a-sailin'
And the Yankee kept a-whalin'
And Sir Tommy kept a-failin'
To carry home the cup, Phoebe Jane.
And the skippers kept a tackin'
Phoebe Jane,
And a-footin' and a-trackin'
Phoebe Jane.
And Sir Tommy kept a-losin'
And his ardor kept a-oozin'
For the goblet kept refusin'
To quit the Yankee land Phoebe Jane
And he got a tired feelin'
Phoebe Jane,
But nobody heard him squealin'
Phoebe Jane;
For he did his best to win it,
But he went up hard agin it,
For his country isn't in it
When it comes to liftin' cups,
Phoebe Jane.

MARSHALL'S MISFORTUNE

What he Might Have Made on Chittim had he Only Known—Other News.

The final race between the Reliance and Shamrock was sailed Thursday, and resulted in another crushing defeat for the British boat. The Reliance crossed the finish line with the Shamrock fully three miles astern. The result of the race, which was already a foregone conclusion, ends the struggle, and leaves the coveted cup on this side of the Atlantic for another period.

Marshal Miller takes in nearly all the commercial snaps which come his way and he is generally regarded as a speculator. While the vocation is entirely legitimate, this class of business men usually receive little sympathy when financial reverses come to them. That is why a good many people are disposed to josh Mr. Miller about what he might have made on a certain deal in chittim bark. At the beginning of the season he bought three tons of bark at four cents a pound. When the price reached 8 1/4 cents Marshal got tender-footed and sold, the profit realized in a few days being only \$255 or an investment of \$240. Had he kept the bark until now he could have sold it at 15 cents, thus making a profit of \$660. His loss by failing to hold the bark to this time is therefore, \$165. Persons who yesterday morning saw Marshal with a pick and shovel on his shoulder pretended to suppose he was going out to dig his own grave in view of an intention to commit suicide on account of his misfortune. Friends insisted that he defer the rash act at least until the price of chittim went up another notch.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the county board of equalization will attend the office of the county clerk of Benton county, state of Oregon in the said court house of said county, on Monday, the 28th of September, 1903, and continue in session one week, at which time they will publicly examine the assessment roll of said Benton county, state of Oregon, for year 1903, and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions or correct quantities of land, lots or other property. All persons interested are required to appear at the place and time appointed,
H. L. BUSH,
Assessor of Benton county, state of Oregon.

Horse Strayed.

A large bay, scar on left hind leg a joint. Address A. C. Guthrie, Eugene, Or.

Do you intend to keep students? A committee from the Y. M. C. A. at the College will canvass the city on or about Sept. 15 to secure a complete list of those who wish to board or room students, also accommodations, terms,

For Sale.

At a bargain; 200 feet of picket fence. Apply to Mrs. Sarah E. Moore, corner Third & Jackson.

For Sale.

New vetch seed. Also a fresh Jersey cow. James M. Herron.

White and red clover, orchard and rye grass seed for sale at Zieroff's.

When you want fresh clover and grass seed go to Zieroff's. A new supply of fresh seed just received.

Two houses to rent, one six and one seven rooms, with barns. 15 sheep to let on shares. S. H. Moore.

THEY HAVE LYFORD NOW.

Former Corvallis Man Arrested at Victoria Thursday—He Confessed.

A. E. Lyford formerly well known in Corvallis as secretary and cashier of the Coast Carriage & Wagon Company, is at last in the hands of the officers. He was taken in custody at Victoria, B. C., Thursday, and to the officers he made a full confession and waived extradition. He is now on his way to Rock Island to answer for his shortcomings. At Victoria he was living under an assumed name, being known as H. C. Miller.

Lyford's defalcations as deputy county treasurer at Rock Island, Illinois, has hitherto been published in the TIMES. His shortage during the two years that he served in the position was \$10,000 to \$12,000. The treasurer was a farmer, and Lyford was his trusted deputy. Lyford disappeared just as the treasurer was retiring from office, and the shortage at once became known. That happened last fall and until Thursday nothing was known of the whereabouts of the fugitive, though once there was a false report that he had been taken in Oklahoma.

In Corvallis, Lyford and his estimable family occupied a high social position, and there are many here who read of the new troubles with deep regret. The particulars of the arrest are told in the following telegram:

Victoria, B. C. Sept 3—H. C. Miller alias Alfred E. Lyford was arrested here last night on a telegram from Rock Island, Ill. the police identifying him as ex-deputy county treasurer of Rock Island county, who absconded July 5, 1902 with \$12,000 of the county funds. Lyford made a complete confession and will waive extradition.

HIS PECULIAR FIND.

A Little Image That Prehistoric Indians Wore—Prof. Pernot Picked it up.

Prof. Pernot is the happy owner of a little stone god. He does not worship it, however, beyond the point of carrying it around in his pocket as a relic of a remote and shadowy past, in which the Indian held the Oregon country in undisputed sway.

The piece was found by Prof. Pernot a week or two ago along the Columbia river in the vicinity of Castle Rock. Many an Indian relic has been unearthed in the neighborhood. Arrowheads of the finest character and in great numbers have been picked up there, chippings of flint and other remains of the arrowhead manufacture carried on at the spot are everywhere in evidence. The place was evidently the camping place and resort of some great tribe in prehistoric days.

The little stone image is two inches in length and is apparently of slate. It is the figure of an Indian, and apparently was worn suspended from the neck of some chief medicine man or other aboriginal functionary. Three parallel curved lines are on the right and left sides of the chest in front, and between is a line of three button-like carvings, of possible mysterious meaning to its ancient wearer. The piece was found projecting from the bank along the beach within 100 feet of the river's edge. Prof. Pernot has had chills and fever ever since he got hold of the image and there is a dawning surmise in him that the one may have caused the other.

COUNTY COURT MET.

Admitted a County Charge—Warehousesmen Filed Bonds—Other County News.

The petition of Bryans and Ballards and others for a road through the Wyatt place between Philomath and Wren was dismissed.

George W. Cox an indigent and aged person, was admitted to the county poor farm from Alsea.

The bond of H. M. Finley as warehouseman was approved and license granted. The bond is for \$7000.

The warehouse bond of G. Westgate for warehouse at Philomath and Wren was approved and license issued. The amount of the bond is \$2,500.

A quit claim deed for correction of title was ordered executed to one lot in Charles Pearse property.

For Rent or Sale.

320 acres stock ranch 3 1/2 miles south-west of Philomath. 50 acres in cultivation, remainder fine pasture land; good roomy buildings; good outhouse, will take rent in work.

Otis Skipton, Philomath, Or.

IN JAIL AT LAST.

Stone, who led Portlanders a Merry Chase for Timber Land in Alsea Last Autumn.

Oscar C. Stone, who last fall located 38 Portlanders on timberless timber land claims is at last in the county jail in Portland. The lands on which the Portlanders filed, it will be remembered, were in the Five Rivers country, and are practically barren of merchantable timber, while Stone showed the timber-hunters fine timber southwest of Dusty and made them believe that the latter was the timber on which they were to make filings. The incomings and outgoings of the party, together with the bold rascality of Stone was published in detail in the TIMES at the time. Through the articles the Portlanders became aware of the fraud and began a system of investigation, several of them demanding a return of the \$100 that each had paid Stone for the timber locations. Before, however, sufficient evidence could be gathered, Stone disappeared from Portland, and could not be found.

The notorious swindler was landed in a Portland jail Wednesday evening. He was arrested at Sand Point, Idaho, a few days ago. After leaving Portland, he went to Butte, Montana, where he was arrested and sentenced to serve three months in jail for forging checks to the amount of \$3,500 on Portland banks. After his release from the Butte jail, Stone went to Sand Point, Idaho, and engaged in the practice of law with a young man named Johnson for a partner. There he took the name of Clark, and being of fine address and polished speech, he quickly took a high place as a lawyer and citizen among the Sand Pointers. In the interim, he had married Bessie Louise Guinean, daughter of Thomas Guinean of Portland, and a well-known writer and social favorite, and the Clarks were soon leaders of the smart set in Sand Point social circles.

One fateful day, however, the sheriff of the county recognized Lawyer Clark as Oscar C. Stone, wanted in Portland for forgery and other swindling operations, and swooped down on him. Stone took the arrest very coolly, seemed anxious to avoid publicity, persuading his captors to keep the matter dark for the present.

In company with a deputy sheriff, whom he introduced as an intimate friend to people he managed to collect several accounts for the expenses of his wife to go with him. To his law partner he explained that the sickness of his wife's people in Portland made it necessary for both to leave for the Coast at once. To the deputy sheriff he lamented that his identity had been discovered so soon, as he had strong hopes of securing the nomination for congress next fall.

As a swindler, Stone is meteoric in his successes. Suave and convincing in his address, his power over men and women is remarkable. When Willis Vidito and John Hyde told his Portland victims that there was no timber on the land they were to file on, they went to Stone and with a succession of inventions and subterfuges he easily allayed the suspicions of his victims, and led them on to be plucked. About \$3,500 is the sum out of which he swindled them in spite of the efforts to save them.

Logs Wanted.

White fir, balsam, oak, ash and maple, or will saw the same for 1-3 of the lumber, or will saw, dry kiln, and plane for 1-2 at the Organ & Carriage Factory.

For Sale.

Baby cart, lounge and good buckboard. A. F. Hershner.

Wanted.

Bartlett pears in any quantity. Must be straight, smooth and at least two and one half inches in diameter. Price three fourths of a cent per pound for properly assorted fruit, spot cash—one-half a cent per pound for fruit that I have to pick over. I furnish boxes free. Pears will be received at old incline, back of water tower, Corvallis, from Saturday morning Sept 5 to Tuesday evening September 8th. Pears must not be too ripe for shipment. Call and get boxes.
J. L. Lewis.

New Harness Shop.

J. W. Ingle has opened a harness shop adjoining Farmer's Hotel. Call and get prices. He has an experienced workman who also repairs boots and shoes.

Notice to Prune Growers.

Have just received "Red Seal Lye" in 5 pound cans; 60 pounds to case. Most convenient and cheapest way to buy for spraying and dipping. On sale at Hodes' Grocery.

Fall, 1903.

Our New Fall and Winter Stock is now arriving. It will be, when complete, the largest and most attractive Stock of High-Grade Merchandise we ever had the pleasure of submitting to our patrons.



FOOD

FOR

Old and Young.

Carolina Rice Flakes.

WHOLESOME NUTRITIOUS SUSTAINING

PREPARED IN A MINUTE.

Don't Forget that We Sell Applegate Creamery Butter.

HODES' GROCERY.

Times Office for Job Printing.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of William D. Armstrong, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of said William D. Armstrong, deceased, by the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of said William D. Armstrong, deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at her residence about four miles southerly from Philomath, Benton county, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated this August 29, 1903. ANNA M. ARMSTRONG, Executrix of the last will and testament of William D. Armstrong, deceased.

For Sale.

Shropshire sheep. Aberdeen Angus cattle. Poland China pigs. Young stock now ready for shipment. Fat cows and heifers of the best breed to trade for Jersey cows, also spring calves of beef breeds for sale or trade. One second hand 20-foot wind mill tower.
L. L. Brooks.

Men Wanted

I have established an employment agency in Corvallis, with head quarters at Gerhard's book Store. Those wishing help, and those wanting work will please call up Phone 221 or 306. Special attention given to the requirements of hop-growers and pickers. John Lenger, Employment Agent.

Manure to give away at the Brick Stable.

Dainty Breakfast Goods,

As well as Choicest Delicacies for lunch and dinner, can always be found at our store. We handle only first-class goods and can guarantee quality. Everything offered for sale here is strictly fresh and just as represented. We carry a large stock of selected Family and Fancy Groceries, and are sole agents for

Chase & Sanborn High Grade Coffees.

P. M. Zieroff.

For Sale. Thirty two inch Pitts separator and a horse power, to be had for \$100. Call on or address, R. C. Kiger, Corvallis.

Buy your harvesting outfits at Nolan & Callahan's.