

Corvallis Times.

Official Paper of Benton County.
CORVALLIS, OREGON, OCT. 10, 1903.
COUNTY COURT MET.

Road Ordered Opened in Blodgett—Constable Appointed for Corvallis.

The claim of C. J. Luntz for \$25 damages for the destruction of an apple tree cut out of a public highway in King's Valley was rejected.

Delegates were appointed to the Good Roads convention to be held in Portland October 23d and 24th as follows: J. D. Harris, D. R. Farley, W. D. Barclay, Robert Gellatly, George G. Peeke, Henry Hector, H. M. Fleming, Eli Spencer, F. J. Chambers. All road supervisors are delegates by virtue of their offices.

The resignation of J. B. Irvine as constable of Corvallis just as precinct was accepted and T. B. Vidito was appointed, George Rayne was appointed road supervisor of district No. 10 to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of W. L. Reed from the district.

In the matter of the Norton-James road in Blodgett, after hearing the testimony of witnesses, the court declared the said road a public highway, and the supervisor as directed to open it up to the public. The road has been the source of a neighborhood squabble for a long time and has often been before the county court.

The semi-annual financial exhibit as presented by the county clerk was approved and ordered published.

THE PRUNE CROP.

One Crop Sold—Preparjng to Process The Big Drier—Prices off.

Operations have ended for this season at the big prune drier. All the appliances have been cleaned up and put away, and the last of the force of working people quitted the place Tuesday evening. The product of dried prunes is in the bins at the plant, going through the sweating process. It is very large in volume, the aggregate being very close to the estimate of Manager Johnson about the time drying began. In two or three weeks, after the sweating process ends, the sacking of the prunes for removal to the Corvallis processing plant will begin.

At the processing works, operations are expected to begin in about three weeks. By that time all the machinery will be in readiness, and a proper force of operatives will have been secured. Meantime, the Paddock crop and the output of the orchard formerly owned by F. P. Sheasgreen are being hauled to the works. The same is true of the prunes from the B. W. Johnson orchard. The Henry Stone prunes which were in the drier at the time of the late fire, have been sold. They were bought by a Salem dealer. The figure given out as the price at which the product sold is three and five-eighths cents per pound.

Operations in all the driers in the vicinity have ended, except in the drier in the Rose orchard, and the commercial drier of Charles Blakeslee in Corvallis, and both of these are likely to close down today.

The prune market is not opening up as favorably as might have been desired or as was expected. Prices have been somewhat off during several days past, though a better tone now manifests itself.

This, Saturday Night.

'Resurrection,' the great international dramatic sensation will be produced in the Corvallis Opera House, this Saturday evening by the Clement-Keefe Company. This company is one of the best now on the road, and after opening here will go directly East playing in the best houses enroute. The play is founded on Tolstoi's powerful drama of that name and first presented simultaneously in London and New York, last February, and this will be its first presentation at popular prices. It has made a profound impression whenever presented and is interesting to all alike dealing as it does with the redemption of two souls. No one can afford to miss seeing it. The company carries special scenery and the greatest accuracy is observed in staging and costuming.

Reserved seats on sale at Graham & Wortham's. Prices 50, 35 & 25c.

When you want fresh clover and grass seed go to Zierolf'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.

TWO "STORIES."

Dick Dunn 'Told Them—One Wasn't True—The Other is Doubtful.

Dick Dunn has furnished the TIMES with a bit of Kings Valley news, but the paper does not want to vouch for its reliability. Dick once reported the birth of a child to an aged couple to whom such a thing had not previously happened and in fact, had not happened then. But the TIMES did not at that time know Dick as well as it does now, and printed the news without confirmation. The couple referred to were readers of the paper and up to that time thought what the TIMES said was law and gospel. It is certain that no other misstatement however, improbable, would have shaken the faith of these people in the reliability of the TIMES. They would gladly have defended the paper, but there was not a shadow of argument to bear out the truth of the statement, and they were compelled reluctantly to admit that the TIMES is not infallible. That is the source of the distrust of Dick's reports. However, this, in substance is the story he has to tell now.

Dick Dunn and Willard Price are neighbors. Both employed Indians to work through hop and onion gathering time this season. There were many other Indians in neighboring hop yards. One of the "other" Indians went to Willard's house and bought a quantity of bacon and other produce. He said he was working for Dick Dunn, that the stuff was to be charged to Dick, and that the amount would be retained for Willard when there was a settlement. The Indian secured the provisions on that understanding. The same fellow went to Dunn and said he was working for Willard; that he needed flour, oats, etc, and that Willard would keep the amount out of his wages that were due, and settle later with Dick. The arrangement was perfectly satisfactory, and the Indians requirements were supplied. Recently, after the washes had departed for the reservation, Dick was coming to town and needed a little change. He spoke to Willard about the amount supposed to be due on account of the Indian's purchases. This circumstance exposed the fraudulent action of the swish and the best satisfaction Dick and Willard could obtain was the rather strained construction of the situation, namely, that they were not out anything because each held a counter claim against the other.

OVER FIFTY THOUSAND.

County Board of Equalization Makes Increase in Valuations.

During its session of a week, the County Board of Equalization made changes in valuations of property for assessment, of which the following are a portion:

Improvements on the farm of Isaac McMurray were reduced in valuation from \$400 to \$350.

Heirs of John Clark, petition for reduction of assessment, denied.

J. J. Whitney, owner of 20 acres of land not assessed, ordered that same be assessed at \$600.

E. W. Fischer, valuation reduced on his tillable land from \$40 to \$35 to correspond with adjoining lands.

A. Hodes, improvements on business house reduced \$200.

E. V. Taylor, improvements on property, reduced \$50.

Assessment of O. & C. R. Co, continued.

Assessments of stocks and merchandise, continued.

Valuation on Lot 7 Blk 3 O. T. Corvallis, owned by R. H. Huston, increased \$300.

H. C. Buckingham, assessment increased on number of acres of tillable land \$150.

Improvements on city property of Mrs. Agnes Thompson, reduced \$150.

Estate of H. F. Fischer board increased the valuation of the assessable property belonging to the heirs of said estate from \$5375 to \$53900.

Assessment of August W Fischer raised \$12,000.

Board continued all matters not otherwise disposed of for action by the county court.

Umbrellas and overshoes have found ready sale at J E Henkle's Cash Store.

Notice to Maccabees.

Regular meeting of Corvallis Tent No 11 KOTM next Wednesday night. A full turnout is desired as, important business will be transacted.

Our crockery department is the most complete stock this side of Portland. Just received fine, new, up-to-date patterns making in all ten to fifteen from.

P. M. Zierolf,

MINISTERS MEET.

And Deliberate—Oregon Presbyterian Synod in Session in Corvallis.

The Synod of the Presbyterian church of Oregon, is in session in Corvallis, and the town is full of ministers and lay delegates. In all about 100 are in attendance. The present is the first instance in which the Synod has been held in Corvallis in many years. The present occasion is in a measure an observance of the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the local church. In accentuation of the fact, Rev. Joseph A. Hanna is in attendance all the way from his home in Los Angeles, California. He is one of the original founders of the local church, whose building was one of the very first erected in Oregon. Another of the original organizers is in attendance. He is Mr. Robie of Brownsville, now, like Mr. Hanna, a man far advanced in years. Of the original brotherhood, these two are the only survivors. It was in token of the ancient organization that Rev. Hanna read the opening hymn at the beginning of the first meeting of the Synod, Thursday evening.

The opening session of the synod was characterized by a powerful sermon by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, of Portland. His theme was "Maintaining Old Landmarks." He referred to the vast religious awakening that followed the preaching of John Wesley, Moody, and other great evangelists. He said that each of these awakenings was preceded by religious apathy, lack of reverence for the bible, and many other characteristics. He said that the present time is full of signs that such an apathy now exists, and that conditions are ripe for another awakening.

The business organization of the Synod followed the sermon of Dr. Hill. Dr. Townsend, of Roseburg, was elected moderator and G. V. Milligan, Stated clerk pro tem.

At the business meeting yesterday forenoon the committee on temperance presented a report, taking a most hopeful view of the situation with reference to the temperance cause. A growth of sentiment hostile to the liquor traffic in foreign countries. Is announced in Scotland, liquor shops can't open until eight o'clock in the morning, and must close by 10 at night. In the United States however the advance is very marked. In many of the Eastern states there are more dry counties than liquor-selling counties. Of all the cities in Georgia, all are dry but four. In Oregon there are but three or four dry towns.

The Synod adopted a resolution of greeting and approval to the movement against gambling in Portland. The sessions of the organization are to extend through today. Tomorrow ministers in attendance will occupy various local pulpits.

For Sale.

Good resident lot, close in at a bargain. Inquire at TIMES office.

To Sell or Let.

One hundred head of good ewes to sell or let on shares. Apply to J. O. Walker, Fern P. O., Oregon.

No Hunting.

I hereby warn all hunters to keep off my premises for the purpose of hunting. Jas. P. McBe.

For Sale.

Crub oak wood. For particulars inquire of E. B. Horning.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Benton county. Sarah S. Ball, Plaintiff. Cyrus Perham, Ed Perham and Lona Chamberlain, Defendants.

To Cyrus Perham, Ed Perham and Lona Chamberlain, the above named defendants in the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled suit, in the above entitled court, now on file in the office of the clerk of said court, on or before the 21st day of November, 1903, said day being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons made by the county judge of Benton county, Oregon, (which said order is hereinafter referred to as follows):

On or before six weeks from the day of first publication hereof. And you are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer the said complaint as herein required, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief demanded in her said complaint, namely, for a decree determining all conflicting and adverse claims, interests and estates in and to all that part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30 Twp. 10 S. R. 5 W., Will Met, which lies north of the Alford Writman branch or creek, in Benton county, Oregon; that defendants have no claim, interest or estate therein; that plaintiff's title thereto is good and valid; and that defendants be forever barred and enjoined from asserting any claim whatever in and to said premises adverse to plaintiff; and for general relief and costs and disbursements of said suit.

This summons is published in the Corvallis Times once a week for six successive and consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of October 10th, 1903, and ending with the issue of November 21, 1903, in pursuance of an order made by the Hon. Virgil E. Vators, county judge of Benton county, Oregon, (being the county where the above entitled suit is pending in the above entitled court) dated October 9, 1903. Date of first publication is October 10, 1903.

E. E. BRYSON & E. E. WILSON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

Alseas Getting Title to Their Homes — Railroads Kept Them out of Their Rights.

Final proof made by settlers on four homesteads in the county clerk's office yesterday, tell the story of long years of litigation. The legal struggle began so long ago that some of the claimants are widows of husbands who died before the legal proceedings came to a termination.

Those who made proof yesterday B. W. Jenkins, Charles E. Banton, W. U. Wren and Mary F. Peters. They are four of the original settlers who took up homesteads in the Alsea country, but whose right to obtain title to their holdings from the government was disputed by the Oregon & California railroad company. The other settlers are Dora Barclay, Abram Peek, George C. Peek, William Huddleston, Annie Nye, William Cary and Charles Seeley. The first three of the list will make final proof today, and all the others are expected to take the same action next week. Some of the claimants settled on their claims as early as 1884. That was before the survey, and they held possessions under squatters rights. In 1892 after a survey, they filed on homesteads. Their right was disputed by the Oregon and California railroad company. Under the grant to the railroad, provision was made that if there was not unoccupied land to give them the equivalent of each alternate section within a limit of 10 miles on each side of the proposed railroad line, a sufficient amount could be taken from the next 10 miles to complete the terms of the grant. The lands selected and occupied by the Alsea squatters fell under the latter provision, and that was why, after the new survey that the railroad company set up claim to the property.

In all instances the settlers were bona fide residents, who had built homes upon and otherwise improved the lands. They resisted bitterly the claims of the railroad company. The contest was carried through the land offices and into the courts. Judge Bellinger a few years ago rendered a decision in favor of the settlers. Railroads always have salaried attorneys however, and to them litigation is cheap. They carried the case to the court of last resort, and there the settlers came out triumphant, a decision having been rendered some time ago in their favor. As a consequence, after long years of watching and waiting, years in which one after another of the original claimants passed away, the settlers are now, with intense satisfaction to themselves, making final proof and obtaining complete and undisputed title to their lands and homes.

Cheap Rates.

Between Portland and Willamette Valley points—Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold Saturdays and Sundays, and limited to return on or before the following Monday. Rate to or from Corvallis \$3.09. Call on Southern Pacific Co's agents for particulars.

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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. Pure Teas and Coffees a Specialty. Low Prices. Prompt Service.

Wanted. Wood. Inquire at TIMES office.

Fall and Winter, 1903-4.

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Complete stock of Mens' Boy's and Children's Suits and Overcoats, Dutchess Trousers, Furnishings for Men and Boys' Rain Garments, Rubber Goods, Dress-Suit Cases, Trunks, Umbrellas, W. L. Douglas, Walk-over and Hamilton Browns' Celebrated Shoes for Men and Boys, Men's Boy's and Children's Hats and Caps, including 'Hawes' renowned \$3 Hats for Men.

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This department will offer first-class advantages to all who desire to become accomplished in pianoforte and violin. In connection with artistic instruction on these instruments, harmony, musical theory, counterpoint, musical history, sight reading and ensemble work will be taught. Everything Artistic and High Class. All college students taught at the studios at O. A. C. Down-town pupils may take at the college or at city studios, as they may desire. All pupils of college and city are enrolled at the college, and all enjoy equal privileges. All the advantages of an Eastern conservatory at one-third the cost. MORDAUNT GOODNOUGH, RUTHYN TURNEY, Pianist, Violinist.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Mitchell, 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 John Mitchell, deceased, by the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of John Mitchell, 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 at Inavale post-office, Benton county, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon, dated this Aug 29, 1903. Mary Mitchell, executrix of the last will and testament of John Mitchell deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Band, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of said estate of Charles Band, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator, with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, and the said court has fixed Saturday October 10, 1903, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof. Dated this September 12, 1903. ADAM WILHELM, Jr., Administrator of the estate of Charles Band, deceased.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Benton county, administrator of the estate of Martha J. Butler, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at the county clerk's office at Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 12th day of September 1903. J. F. IRWIN, Administrator of the estate of Martha J. Butler deceased.

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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 at 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.