

JOHN A GELLATLY.

His Election as Mayor of Wenatchee—What a Local Paper Says.

The election of John A. Gellatly to the mayoralty of Wenatchee is made the subject of a very complimentary article in a recent issue of the Wenatchee Republic. After reciting the fact that Mr. Gellatly had been a resident of Wenatchee but three years, the Republic says: "Chelan county having just been organized a few months prior to Mr. Gellatly's arrival in Wenatchee his several years of experience in county office work, in the capacity of recorder of Benton county, Oregon, at once secured for him a position in the county auditor's office. He was made deputy auditor within ten days after his arrival and was subsequently put in charge of the county clerk's office which he managed a year and a half."

Mr. Gellatly served as a city councilman for two years prior to selection as mayor of Wenatchee, a few days ago, which new honor is a proof of the esteem and confidence he has gained by his conscientious and satisfactory work in the council.

Mr. Gellatly was recently re-elected as president of the Commercial Club of this city, and in that capacity has, without reward except the satisfaction of work well done, given time and labor of the most effective character to the promotion of the interests of his adopted town.

As local manager of the Wenatchee Canal Company, Mr. Gellatly is identified not only with the development of the city, but all of the territory directly tributary to the town. The success of this company's work and the benefit it has conferred upon the valley are due largely to the management of Mr. Gellatly. And in the meantime, by the proverbial burning of midnight oil, by hard work done long after office hours, he has compiled an almost ideally perfect set of abstract books, being the only set in Chelan county. The office of abstractor which he has established has, therefore, been a success from its initiation. Yet apart from this private business, Mr. Gellatly finds time to devote to a score of interests which are identified with the progress of the city. Socially and personally, also, Mr. Gellatly has won popularity as a genuine type of Americanism, always approachable, affable and courteous to the poorest as the richest, always recognizing the brotherhood of men and utterly unspoiled by success.

His career in public life may be said to have just begun; for though a young man and though he may conclude that he has done his share of public work, the people nevertheless need the service of such men.

Meantime our people here are fortunate in their choice of John A. Gellatly as mayor of Wenatchee."

Among those going to Portland on Monday morning's boat to spend the holidays were Mrs. G. A. Seely and Miss Maud Seely who will visit the latter's sister, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. W. H. Hadley; Grandpa Kamsley, who has a daughter and other relatives there, and Miss Ella King, who has relatives in Portland.

For Sale.

Bright cheat and rye grass hay, vetch, alfalfa, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices. I. L. Brooks,

Came to my Place.

A stray white sow, December 5th, 1903. T. A. Logsdon.

Rates for Christmas Holidays.

The Corvallis & Eastern R. R. Co. have made a round trip rate of one fare between all stations on account of Xmas holidays. Tickets will be good going Saturday, Dec. 19, 1903, to Jan. 2, 1904 and for return at any time up to and including Monday, Jan. 4, 1904. No ticket less than 25 cents.

There is a sale of mens and boys overcoats now going on at Kline's.

Big bargains this month in ladies tail-made suits, walking skirts, flannel waists, Boys suits and overcoats. Nolan & Callahan.

We are capturing gift makers. Our line of diamonds, watches, rings, and silver novelties, is full of quality and merit. F. M. French, the jeweler, Albany.

LITTLE LOWELL AUSTIN.

The Child's Death—Fire Escapes from Hotel Corvallis—Other News.

Asa Lowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Austin of Corvallis, died from inflammation of the bowels Monday afternoon. The child was born at Philomath the eleventh of December, 1901. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church today at 11 o'clock and interment will be at Odd Fellows cemetery. Much sympathy is extended the family in their bereavement, and there is deep sorrow among those who came to know the little one in the vicinity of the Austin home.

Theo. Barnhart has returned from Condon where he has been engaged for several months in painting the court house built by A. Peterson of this city. The structure has been completed and received by the authorities of Gilliam county and Mr. Peterson is expected home in a day or two.

While out riding Monday, Mrs. W. H. Hammel lost from the carriage, near Mary's river bridge, a brown striped woolen shawl. Finder will please leave at Hotel Corvallis.

On his last trip out from Alesia, N. C. Prickett brought out for Mr. Malone, 1000 pounds of dressed turkeys to be shipped to Portland.

E. J. Garrow arrived Monday from Moffit Creek, Calif., to be with his family during the holidays.

Fire escapes are being attached to Hotel Corvallis. There are to be two of them—one in front and one at the rear.

SHERIFF SOLD IT.

Property at Delinquent Tax Sale—Numerous Bidders—County a Buyer.

The annual sale of property for taxes took place on the court house steps at 10 o'clock Saturday, Sheriff Burnett was the auctioneer, and the entire list of property as recently advertised in the TIMES was disposed of, the county being a heavy purchaser.

Under the new law, the person that bids the lowest rate of interest per year on the amount of the taxes and costs is the successful bidder. Formerly, the law provided a twenty per cent interest rate the first year, and thirty per cent the second. The new arrangement is more favorable to the delinquent, in that it provides for the lowest possible interest for him to pay in case he elects to redeem the property. For the latter alternative, he has three years. All he has to do is to pay the amount of the taxes and costs, and the interest from the time of sale to the date of redemption. Otherwise, at the end of three years, the buyer of the property at the tax sale receives a sheriff's deed and at the end of five years from date of sale his title to the property becomes perfect. After three years the only way a delinquent can get possession is by suit, in which it shall be shown that there is a defect in the proceeding.

Among those who were bidders at the sale were the following: E. E. Wilson, E. R. Bryson, Henry Ambler, Frank McGee, T. K. Fawcett, and R. E. L. Brown.

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No. 34.—460 acres adjoining R. R. town, all tillable, fine improvements. Only \$25 per acre.

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No. 21.—300 acres all fenced 160 acres cleared more could be, 100 acres to grain now. Price \$25 per acre.

No. 20.—60 acres, good 9 room house, good well and orchard, all fenced; also 10 head of cows, team, harness and wagon; some hogs and chickens all for \$3000.

No. 18.—30 acres, 25 in orchard mostly prunes, good house and barn, good well and running water. Price \$2400.

No. 15.—160 acres, 4 1/2 miles east of Corvallis, eight room house, barn 40 x 60 20 acres of prunes, balance good forest land. Price \$35 per acre.

No. 26.—House and two lots on Main street \$1,500.

No. 27.—22 foot front on Main street good location for business. \$500.

No. 25.—A fine lot on Third street \$135

No. 31.—Two fine lots nice location, \$500.

No. 35.—Undivided half interest in business lot on Main street, good two story brick 50 x 75 feet, a snap. Price \$4,500.

Space will not permit of further details, but if you want a good investment call and see us. White & Stone. First door south of Reading Room.

OLD WELL THERE

Though Hidden for Years, it Suddenly Opened—Hen Fell in it.

Shortly after daylight Saturday morning, N. F. Gillespie noticed a small hole in his back yard that he knew had not been there the evening before. The spot was but a few feet back of the house, and when Mrs. Gillespie's attention was called she was unable to explain. An investigation followed, and Mr. Gillespie soon discovered that two feet below the surface of the opening there was water. The water was moving, and a closer inspection showed that a chicken was floundering about on the surface. How such things could be, was a query that caused the work of discovery to go on with diligence, and when Mr. Gillespie had finished, he had learned that the spot was an old well, and that there was full seven feet of water in it.

For weeks and months and years, the family had been passing over the spot. The little children had played there. The grass had grown there, and there was outwardly no sign as to what was beneath. The whole circumstance was one of mystery that has since been explained by the fact that anciently such a well is known to have been on the premises. In the lapse of time Mr. Sylvester, who owned the property filled the well up. As in the case of newly constructed sewers in this town, it is supposed that by and by the filling settled and left a subterranean cavity. Near the surface the earth was more tightly packed and more sodded, and when the filling beneath settled, it remained intact, and was an earthen covering for the big hole beneath. The opening finally of the new hole into which the hen fell is supposed to have been due to the late heavy rains, which softened the crust, and permitted a cave.

It is fortunate that it was only an old hen, and not a child that was the means of discovering the hidden danger. The well is four feet in diameter, and its total depth, nine feet.

SALE THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

Though the Hour for it was Near at Hand—Injunction Restrained.

Litigation has developed in the sale under execution of the William Milton Howell farm located in the south end of Benton. The property was to have been sold Monday by sheriff under execution on a judgment for about \$1,500 in favor of Wilhelm and Sons at Monroe. Shortly before the hour for the sale an injunction was served restraining the proceeding. The injunction suit is brought by Howell, and his complaint sets up a variety of legal complications that will likely carry the case to the supreme court.

Howell, it appears was indebted to the Monroe firm in the sum of about \$1,500. Suit was brought and an attachment was placed on the property of Howell. He at once went into bankruptcy, his estate has been settled, and he has been discharged from the bankrupt court. It is about a year ago since the attachment suit was brought.

Meantime, under a state law Howell was entitled to a homestead exemption to the amount of \$1,500 which is said to be about the value of the farm. He failed however, to make his claim for it, and the Wilhelm's proceeding in the state court obtained a judgment and order of sale, and the property was advertised. With the day of sale near at hand, Howell has sued out an injunction under the homestead exemption provision, and a big suit is ahead to test the rights of the parties. The injunction will come up for hearing at next spring term of the circuit court. The injunction was issued from the county court. Sheriff Burnett, on account of legal forms, is made a defendant in the injunction, and the papers were served by Coroner Wilkins, acting as elisor.

Card of Thanks.

The relatives of the late Carl Schimmel wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly gave their assistance in his last illness, death and burial.

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New and second hand sewing machines for sale at the Blackledge Furniture and Music Store.

IS CRAZY NOW.

And may Have to be Sent to the Asylum—A Corvallis Girl.

Apostle Creffield, according to all accounts, is again in the vicinity of Corvallis. He arrived a few days ago, and is said to be an occupant with others of the old house across the road from the Beach dwelling, a few hundred yards east of the ferry. Worship according to the Holy Roller idea is carried on there by disciples of the sect. There was also much activity among members of the faith in the house in the main part of town during the past week.

Meanwhile Esther Taylor is in a bad state of mental derangement in the Boys and Girls Aid Society hospital in Portland. She is a Benton county girl who was among the worshippers when the late excitement among the sect was at its height. She is a sister of Mrs. Starr of Portland, and sometime ago the latter took her to Portland and had her placed at the Boy's and Girls home for care and treatment. A news item about her in yesterday's Oregonian reads as follows:

Esther Taylor, the unfortunate young girl whose reason has been upset by religious fanaticism since she joined the "Holy Roller" movement, continues to suffer with the hallucination that she must spend every minute of her time in prayer.

It is feared that her mind is permanently affected and that it will be necessary to have her committed to the insane asylum. She is still under the care of the Boys and Girls Aid Society.

WHY KILL THE DOGS?

That is the Question This Writer Asks—The Dog Ordinance.

When the master is the one who is delinquent, why kill the helpless, loving dog? Is it just that the innocent shall suffer for the guilty? The dog is the truest best friend a man can have. He watches while his master sleeps. He guards his home when all are absent. When he is found homeless and deserted, shall we turn from him in his need? Let men be men, and worthy of the name! And let our town be known as a humane town, where kindness justice and mercy reign. Let us feed the homeless creatures, and find them homes.

CITIZEN.

Wood Wanted.

The Oregon Agricultural College will receive bids for supplying wood for the ensuing College year commencing next July. Call on the Purchasing Agent for specifications.

Corvallis, December 22, 1903. T. H. Crawford, Purchasing Agent.

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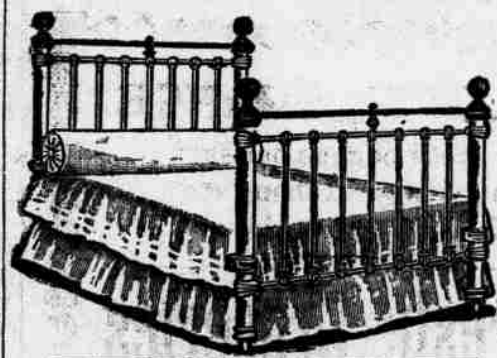
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