

AGAINST SPAULDING.

LOSE LAND THEY FILED ON IN BENTON.

Is Result of Land Contests Made by Ambler, Charles Davis and Others—Other Local News.

Title to a section of land in Benton county is involved in a decision just rendered at the Oregon City land office. Mrs. Spaulding who resides at the corner of Seventh and Jefferson, Corvallis, with her son, daughter and grand daughter filed on a section of timber land near a saw mill, south of town. Henry Ambler, Charles Davis, William Mace and Mr. Burnap, all of Philomath, contested the claims on the ground that the Spauldings were not bona fide residents, and were not homesteaders in good faith. There was a hearing of a week last August before County Clerk Moses, in which evidence pro and con was taken. Two of the contests were also heard in Oregon City. A decision just rendered by the land office officials holds that the claims of the Spauldings are invalid, because the filings are not in good faith.

AS IT NOW STANDS.

Judges and Clerks of Election—The Revised List—Some Changes.

An adjourned meeting of the county court as provided for by law was held at the court house Wednesday to make required changes in the list of judges and clerks of election. A number of the appointees had signified an unwillingness or inability to serve, and in the revised list several new names appear. The men whose names are printed below are those who will be on the battlements and preside over the several polling places on election day next June. The new list is as follows:

Corvallis number 1—Judges, E. E. Wilson, chairman, P. Bilyeu, S. L. Shedd; clerks, Walter Locke, John Swick, H. L. French.

Corvallis number 2—Grant Elgin, chairman, O. J. Blackledge, J. W. Crawford; clerks, J. L. Osburn, William Moore, Miles Starr.

Corvallis number 3—S. L. Henderson, chairman, E. B. Horning, E. J. Dunn; clerks, Charles Perrot, Ed Smith, Alex Rennie.

Corvallis number 4—J. D. Howell, chairman, E. H. Taylor, E. Allen; clerks, W. T. Johnson, F. R. Overlander, W. H. Dilley.

Fairmount No. 5—H. J. Reese, chairman, F. H. Hughson, J. T. Mayberry; clerks, W. G. Abraham, F. M. Sharp, E. B. Small.

Soap Creek No. 6—E. F. Wiles, chairman, E. M. Dodele, E. C. Stellmacher; clerks, E. A. Thurston, Joe Smith, E. A. Blake.

Kings Valley No. 7—L. G. Price, chairman, By Frantz, F. J. Chambers; clerks, W. A. Winniford, Fred Groshong, Thomas Allen.

Summit No. 8—E. F. Strouts, chairman, Fred Duncan, B. D. Pettit; clerks, Charles Savage, G. E. Barchard, A. Vance.

Blodgett No. 9—Wm. Spencer, chairman, John Skaggs, G. H. Wamsley; clerks, S. R. Wood, A. L. Richardson, M. R. VanAlstyne.

Wren No. 10—J. G. Springer, chairman, W. F. Bryans, W. A. Gellatly; clerks, George Harris, I. H. Jackson, George Bayne Jr.

Philomath No. 11—C. W. Davis, chairman, Sam Dixon, M. Burnap; clerks, C. G. Springer, Rufus Skipton, Robert Gellatly.

Willamette No. 12—J. F. Porter, chairman, John Whitaker, W. H. McBee; clerks, J. G. Buchanan, J. G. Winkle, George Mercer Jr.

Alsea No. 13—A. L. Clark, chairman, S. R. Straw, William Vidito; E. M. Kimball, M. P. Rycraft, J. F. Banton.

Bellfountain No. 14—G. R. Hall, chairman, William Rees, J. P. Gragg; clerks, Ed Banton, H. T. Bristow.

Monroe No. 15—John Coffee, chairman, J. D. Hinton, Caspar Zierolf; clerks, Charles Bowen, H. C. Herron, D. B. Farley.

London, Feb. 9.—Hayashi this morning said it had today received a cablegram announcing the departure of the Japanese fleet for the Yellow sea, but no news of the engagement at Port Arthur or of the landing of the Japanese troops at Korea. It says Russia is making deperate efforts through various embassies to have the powers intervene. Russia is now willing to concede every thing, but the offer comes too late.

Go to Zierolf's for fresh Yaquina Bay oysters.

SEYMOUR SIMPSON TALKS.

In Answer to "Bob's" Alleged Experience at the Seance.

In behalf of the mediums, Brothers Rowe and Kanouse, who gave the seance, I wish to reply to an article published in the Gazette, entitled, "Who Struck Bob?"

These gentlemen came to Corvallis upon invitation from myself and wife. They came highly recommended, and are gentlemen in every respect. We never have been in the habit, (or are not at the present time) of associating with any people of good character. The statement in the Gazette is written as a burlesque and slur upon the above mediums, and the Spiritualists in particular. Before announcing people as fakes, I would suggest that the editor of the Gazette at least send a reporter or attend a seance and see for himself, before making a publication which is a libelous and a slanderous insinuation upon the mediums, Spiritualists, and upon myself and family, knowing those gentlemen were guests in my home at the time of said publication. The "Bob" referred to evidently is Mr. Johnson. He attended the seance and conducted himself as a gentleman. And there never were any such actions during the seance, as described in said article (as for Willie.) If his father had brought him up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, he no doubt would have learned to speak right out instead of giving the long, slow winks, which are so very becoming to a business man of the town.

SEYMOUR SIMPSON, President of First Spiritualist Union of Corvallis, Oregon.

BILLS ALLOWED.

List of Warrants Ordered Drawn at Last Week's Term of County Court.

The following bills were allowed by the County Court at its regular February term 1904, to-wit:

T V Vidito const fees State vs Wagoner	\$ 1 80
E Holgate J P fees	8 05
T V Vidito const fees State vs Small J P court	6 00
Claude Walker wit State vs Small J P court	3 00
Oscar Hartly wit State vs Small J P court	3 00
J S McMahon wit State vs Small J P court	3 00
V L Hamilton wit State vs Small J P court	3 00
L A Bundy wit fees State vs Small J P court	3 00
R Z Walker wit fees State vs Small J P court	3 00
R Healy wit fees State vs Small J P court	3 00
Chester Keady wit fees State vs Small J P court	3 00
Harvy Hart wit fees State vs Small J P court	3 00
W L Price jury list J P court	3 00
T M Ramsdell ast	2 00
T U Vidito const fees Small hearing	19 00
Victor P Moses computing 1903 roll	71 00
J H Harris supplies county poor	3 00
E Bennett county physician	17 50
Price & Woodward med co poor	11 15
Graham & Wortham	6 25
E B Horning supplies co poor	11 00
Nolan & Callahan sup	7 50
Mrs D Huggins care co poor	119 55
A Wilhelm & Sons sup co poor	4 35
J D Wells janitor	40 00
Corvallis Times printing etc	25 00
P S T & Co telephone	6 60
J E Michael running ferry	53 35
H D Buffum	20 00
O W Beck with ferry work	50
J M Herron rent ferry boat	12 50
Fruit & Wagoner livery hire	1 50
Price & Woodward road work	6 75
H T Maxfield road work	4 00
J S Miller	25
City Transfer Co drayage	20 65
Benton County L Co lumber	5 00
Robt Lamberson gravel	20 65
R M Gilbert road work	22 50
James Martin gravel	2 41
D B Farley road work	3 00
City Transfer Co drayage	50
W C Corbett tiling for roads	9 60
G L Stoneback sal sup rd dist no 1	16 00
T H Cooper	4 19 00
Lewis Wentz	5 60
E A Blake	6 19 00
J S Miller	7 26 00
W M Clark	8 10 00
A Cadwalader	9 19 00
W L Read	10 32 00
J R Fehler	11 35 00
G R Taylor	12 3 00
G T Veinon	13 30 00
E N Starr	14 9 00
John Crow	15 12 00
Albert Zierolf	16 5 00
Doke Gray	17 4 00
J E Faumer, trans Mrs. Marvin and daughter	85 50
R W Jones road work	6 00
Thomas Nolan wit pros atty	1 50
Geo Bryant	1 50
Chester Keady	3 00
C C Cate	3 00
Alfred Lewis	1 50
Roy Healy	4 50
Harvy Hart	1 50
Robt Walker	1 50
Claud Walker	1 50
Claud Whitehorn	1 50
Leroy McReynolds	1 50
J S McMahon	1 50
Albert Strong	1 50
Frank Thrasher	1 50
O. L. Hartly	1 50
M L Seits care pauper	75
M P Burnett supplies pauper	5 00
F L Miller mdse pauper	7 05
R S Irwin sal com	10 00
W A Jolly	18 00

ATTEST: Victor P. Moses, County Clerk.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruits livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

IS A GIANT.

SECRETARY ROOT'S CHAIR NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR TAFT.

Was Afraid It Would Break Down, and Had New One Made—Comparative Strength of Japanese and Russian Navies—Other News.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Taft's first official act today was to summon the war department carpenter and tell him to make a new desk and chair, and be quick about it.

Secretary Taft is six feet tall and weighs 320 pounds. He found he could barely squeeze it to the chair used by Mr. Root. He could not sit comfortable in it, and there was great danger that the chair would go to pieces under him if he moved quickly.

When he tried to get up to the desk he discovered that the opening was neither wide enough nor high enough to admit his legs. The best he could do was to pull out one of the small leaves of the desk and try to write on that.

The desk and chair that will be built for the new secretary will be of mammoth proportions. The chair will be very strong and will be braced with iron at every joint.

It is probable that a special chair will have to be provided for Secretary Taft in the cabinet room at the White House. The cabinet chairs are very large, as ordinary sizes go, but they are a tight fit for Mr. Taft.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 9.—A series of revival meetings that has been conducted at Mulino by two Free Methodist preachers, named Blair and Kaywood, terminated rather abruptly a few days ago. The form of services conducted by these men is reported to have been similar to that of the Holy Rollers, of Corvallis fame, and the meetings increased in interest and enthusiasm until the usual quiet of the locality was considerably disturbed.

The meetings were to have concluded Saturday evening, but on Friday night some of the displeased residents of Mulino neighborhood gained entrance to the hall in which the services were being held, and left a can of tar on the rostrum, beside which was deposited a note stating that in the opinion of the law-abiding people of Mulino the meetings had progressed about as far as would be tolerated.

The warning had the desired effect, and no further disturbance attended the evangelistic meetings, which have since been abandoned.

Chefoo, Feb. 10.—More than one-half of the Russian officers at Port Arthur blame Admiral Alexieff for the disaster that has overtaken them. They believe that, instead of spending the time sending communications to St. Petersburg during the last few weeks, bewailing the anxiety for peace that prevailed there, he should have been preparing his forces for the combat. In fact, the wish is declared to have been made by one of the admiral's former warmest supporters that he would be recalled to St. Petersburg, court martialled and shot for incompetency.

The land forces are in a bad way and are ready to run at the first fire. A corps of the determined Japanese infantry would have little trouble taking the fortress with the squadron attacking from the harbor mouth. The situation at present looks as if Russia will be forced to abandon her "modern Gibraltar" within a very short time.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampo Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a military and naval base there. Masampo is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for future operations.

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Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of all mercies to permit the husband of Death to remove from our midst, that mysterious bourn from whence there is no return, our beloved friend and brother, Oral W. Miller.

WHEREAS, The faculty and student body of the college of Philomath, have known him to have been of marked individuality and sterling character, and recognize in his untimely death an irreparable loss of an affectionate son and brother to his family, of a devoted student to the college of Philomath, of a loyal member to the church, and of one whose life gave promise of great usefulness to the community, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the grief-stricken relatives of the departed. Be it

RESOLVED, That we strive to emulate the noble characteristics of his life. And be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, that a copy be placed in the college chapel for the remainder of this school term, that copies be sent to the Christian Conservator and to the county papers.

SADIE CROCKER, E. L. KEZZEL, RUBY HIATT, Com.

London, Feb. 10.—A special dispatch from Tokio, dated today, says it is reported that three transports of the Russian fleet, conveying about 2,000 soldiers, were captured by the Japanese, off the Korean coast.

Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated February 10, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the Volunteer Fleet Association transport Ekaterinelay, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argon, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruisers Salyen and Hei Yen, in the neighborhood of Fusan, Corea. The Katerinoslay is 10,000 tons displacement, and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had 30 rifles on board and was on her way from Vladivostok. The Argon was going to Vladivostok from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Glorie, Nicholai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

Astoria, Or., Feb. 10.—An electric storm of great severity prevailed here today, lasting for more than two hours. The first clap of thunder came at 2 this afternoon, and thunder and lightning occurred at intervals at 4:30. While little damage was done, electrical appliances all over the city were interfered with and many persons received electric shocks.

The storm struck North Head at 10 a. m., but did not reach Astoria for four hours. At North Head last night fully two inches of rain fell, but there was scarcely any precipitation in this city. The electric storm had a singular effect on the government barometer in the local weather office, the record of which during the prevalence of the storm was of a zig-zag character.

During the storm lightning struck a tree near the residence of William Greenlund, on the hill side and several windows in the house were broken. Mr. Greenlund, who was inside the residence, was knocked down by the concussion and stunned for several seconds. The only other damage reported is the burning of fuses on the telephone lines and about 200 telephones were put out of business temporarily.

Tonight a high wind prevails and indications are that a heavy storm will rage for the next twenty-four hours. Several vessels are still weather bound at the mouth of the river.

Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Thomas Rodgers, of this place received a letter from Wheatland yesterday, saying that the Holy Rollers, of Corvallis fame, are now located at Bill Isham's, on a little island near that town. Residents at Wheatland say they are disturbed most all the night with their nonsense, which causes them to sleep so late of mornings that they, the residents of Wheatland, are unable to get their children to school in the forenoon.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Reports received here from lumbermen who are working in the northern part of Essex county say that deer are falling an easy prey to the bitter cold weather because of the inability to obtain nourishment on account of the deep snow. Early in the week nine deer were found dead between the upper iron works and the river, and two were found dead by lumbermen between Trout pond and Perch pond.

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We are in receipt of letters from parties in the East who are coming to Oregon this spring. Several of the parties are chartering cars to this point, and we would be glad if you have a house to rent if you would let us know; also if you have property of any description you wish to sell, we would be pleased to have you list it with us.

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Time Card Number 22.

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1 Returning: Leaves Yaquina..... 6:45 a. m. Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m. Arrives Albany.....12:15 p. m.

3 For Detroit: Leaves Albany..... 7:00 a. m. Arrives Detroit.....12:20 p. m.

4 From Detroit: Leaves Detroit.....1:00 p. m. Arrives Albany..... 5:55 p. m. Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with S P south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S P north bound train.

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For further information apply to EDWIN STONE, Manager.

H. H. Cronise, Agent Corvallis. Thos. Cockrell, Agent Albany.

Taken Up.

Notice is hereby given that I have at my place, 12 miles southwest of Corvallis an estray two-year-old Jersey heifer, having white spot on left flank; no brands nor earmarks. Came to my place Jan. 26, 1904.

W. H. Ish.