

A Railroad Commissioner.

There is one man on the railroad commission whom all Oregon knows will do his righteous duty. Perhaps all will, but his four years in a public capacity are Oswald West's guarantee of good faith. He has always made good with the people. His administration of the office of state land agent as the appointee of Governor Chamberlain has brought him high repute throughout the Northwest. With the executive's good advice, Mr. West has been the premier in the purification of state land conditions in Oregon. He drove spurious land agents from the temple. There were no records in the office of losses from school sections, but he supplied and registered them. The whole land business was in a mess and he brought order out of the chaos. Forged and fraudulent certificates had been employed by speculators and thousands of acres of lands were in process of illegal seizure. With keen insight, Mr. West detected the thieves in their roguery and many of them were brought to justice. The whole land system of the state under the business rules and painstaking care that he applied has been reduced to systematized conditions wherein the buyer can deal directly with the state without the aid of so called agents who once hung around the capitol. He has codified the land laws of the state and in a bill passed by the present session the bars are all up and future thefts of the public domain will be next to impossible. Mr. West's record as land agent is a bond as to what he will do as railroad commissioner. He takes a quick, keen, vigorous mentality into the commission and what is equally essential, uncompromising integrity.

One Veto.

Governor Chamberlain's recent veto, in no sense indicated that he is hostile to juvenile courts. Even had it been sustained, the juvenile court would have continued under the existing law to carry on its excellent work. The executive negative was a blow aimed at the long list of officialdom that the new bill creates. The state and the country are becoming frenzied for officialism. We must have commissions, boards of controls, inspectors with clerks and stenographers on every subject conceivable and for each, there must be a salary and an increase of salary. There seems absolutely no limit to the string of liveried, salaried and officialized boards and buncombes that must be set up for the public to support by taxation. Two years ago when the juvenile courts were created it was the widely heralded statement that there was to be no additional cost. But here, almost before the ink in the signature to the bill creating it, is dry, comes a demand for a long list of clerks, assistant clerks, masters of the horse and gentlemen in waiting, all to cost about \$15,000 a year. Included, is an increase of a judge's salary which is violative of a well known constitutional principle. We do not stop at a reasonable limit, but suffer ourselves to be carried on to the nonsensical. Those who want to draw the salaries impudently and entreat for the plans to be treated, and we repeat it and foolishly yield. It is at the general principle of a tax eating time serving official class, clamoring always for morsels, more allowances, more perquisites and more officials that Governor Chamberlain's veto of the juvenile court bill was directed, and in that view there are thousands of the same mind with him. Had the veto been sustained, the juvenile courts would have continued to fulfill the very excellent function that they have filled since their establishment.

Remember Nolan's remnant and rummage sale closes Saturday evening at 9 o'clock.

A DOSE OF PADDING.

The Stuff That News Men Write When They Have Nothing to say.

A gentleman not a thousand miles from Corvallis has incurred the unanimous enmity of the TIMES employes. To be a little more explicit, he is only about thirty-five miles from here, having been called to the capitol to administer spiritual consolation to the rapidly-declining Oregon legislature in its expiring moments, and it the final agony is not too long drawn out he may be able to assist in performing the dust-to-dust service. The gentleman also has friends in Salem whom he may be expected to comfort, as far as possible, in their biennial bereavement. In anticipation of a part in the last sad rites before departing he sought inspiration from spiritual sources and decided that his remarks in the event of his being called upon to make a post-mortem talk, should be based upon a passage, in a machine-made confession as follows: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us." While the importance of the gentleman's presence at Salem is fully appreciated by those upon whom devolves the distinction of purveying the news of this issue of the TIMES, it should be said, not to his credit, that he left here in the early dawn, having given an unfulfilled promise to leave a column of copy with which the force of voracious compositors might allay the acute pangs of an abnormal Thursday morning appetite for "stuff." We regret to say that nothing serious or alarming has occurred locally, up to date, of which an account may be given. Hence, the necessity of a "space-filler" is apparent.

The situation is a reminder of Dr. Murphy's remark some years ago. The doctor once practiced medicine in Corvallis. He was nomadic in his habits. He administered to the ills of Southern Benton for a time, with headquarters at Monroe, and from there he went to Brownsville. After a few weeks he came back to Monroe. Upon his return a friend met him and after exchanging greetings, the latter enquired, "Well, Doctor, how did you find things at Brownsville?" "I assure you, Mr. Blank," said the Doctor, "I found it distressingly healthy over there. I prefer Monroe."

So, in the nature of things, one may prosper upon the ills and misfortunes of another. If nobody got sick the doctor would go out of business. If nobody died the undertaking parlors would be closed newspapers would be deprived of what is a part of their stock in trade and lots of worms would go hungry. Indeed, there is in death the essence of other life. Humanity survives its allotted time through this principle, and our death in turn feeds the substance which supported our existence. If nobody committed crime a good many court officials would lose their jobs. If nobody disagreed there wouldn't be so many fat lawyers, and that would unfortunately, partially close an occupation to some people who are good for nothing else. If everybody were as good as they ought, to be the preacher—no, he would stay with us and insist upon our being still better, and upon a regular attendance at prayer meeting just the same.

But the phone is jangling. Maybe somebody wants to tell us that there has been another local train wreck. Possibly Japan has declared war. * * * No it was only a little "Born"—just a three-liner.

—Wallace Benson of Salem, is the guest of his brother for a few days.

FARMERS call at the seed store, have a friendly talk, and look over the different kinds of seed, red clover, alsike, alfalfa, vetch, speltz, beardless barley, rape, rye grasses, and artichokes. For sale or trade, one 6 year old horse. Wanted, 10 ton vetch seed. L. L. Brooks.

Mr. J. Mon Foo, an experienced compounder of Chinese medicines, successor of the late Hong Wo Tong, of Albany, Oregon, is now prepared to furnish Chinese medicine to all. The undersigned recommends him and guarantees satisfaction.

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FORTY-ONE TO SEVEN.

Score of OAC-U. of O. Basket Ball Game Last Night.

Forty-one points to 7 in favor of OAC was the score in the basket ball game Thursday evening, at the Armory, between the college team and the State University team. The score is what was generally anticipated as shown by a large number of guesses on the result. The University boys are from average to good individual players, but the team has not the system necessary to accomplish results against OAC' style of play. Comparison of games heretofore played between the College, University and Friendly teams shows that the score is a fair index of the relative strength of the organizations although one basket allowed U. of O. was a subject of much contention, the claim on the part of OAC being that the basket was thrown after call of time at the close of first half. Penland and Johnson did good work for U. of O. and Stevenson was unerring in securing the single points. On the part of OAC spectacular plays were made by Foster and Reed, both emerging from scrimmages with their guards and shooting the basket from near the center of the field, while Swann earned rounds of applause upon plays rendered possible by quick perception of possible advantages. The 4th of March is the date of a game in the Armory with a Chicago team claiming the world championship.

The lineup was: O. A. C. U. of O. Foster Center Stevenson Swann, Reed Forwards Johnson, Rooper, Bilyeu, Guards, Penland, Strong, Charman.

ASYLUM FOR ESTHER MITCHELL. Closing Scene in a Sad Drama of Real Life.

Esther Mitchell is now in the Steilacoom asylum. A Seattle dispatch to the Portland Journal under date of Feb. 20th says: "Esther Mitchell, who since last July has been confined in the county jail charged with the murder of her brother, George Mitchell, left for the state asylum for the insane at Steilacoom this noon. The commitment was signed by Superior Judge Frater this forenoon immediately upon the receipt of a remittor from the supreme court conveying formal notification that Judge Frater's act in calling a lunacy commission to investigate the mental condition of the girl was legal. "As soon as the commitment was signed and delivered to Deputy County Clerk Stickles a certified copy was made and given to Chief Deputy Sheriff Ed Drew. A few minutes later Esther Mitchell was informed of the disposition of her case and at once began preparation to leave her cell in the woman's ward of the jail. Mrs. Kelly, police matron, was summoned to accompany the girl to the asylum. "Esther Mitchell received the news to go to the asylum as stoically as she has accepted everything that has had to do with her since she shot her brother. Before leaving the ward, she bade the women, who have been her companions goodbye and was in turn made the recipient of many congratulations. "Ever since she has been in jail Esther Mitchell has been an object of sympathy on the part of women who have been in her company. She has never been intimate with any of them, but her demeanor has been kindly, and all of those who came in contact with her, learned to sympathize with the pale, silent, girl, who seemingly was wrapped up in some mysterious influence, and bore none of the characteristics of her fellow prisoners—women from the slums of the city, devoid of any but the very basic indications of their sex.

"After leaving the ward the girl bade cordial farewell to Jailer Fred Hill and Emil Larsen, asking them to tell the night jailers goodbye for her, and accompanied by Police Matron Kelly, left the building for the dock where she will take the boat for Tacoma, from whence she will make the trip to the asylum."

—If a man's wife is his better half, and he has had the benefit of two, an arithmetrical calculation would lead to the conclusion that he had acquired the whole of what was coming to him in this respect.

PIANO TUNING up to May 1st, at special prices. Also music taught in all grades of difficulty. Frank A. White, phone. 405. Corvallis, Ore.

BEST BREAD and pastry can be obtained at Starr's Bakery.

ALL BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR.

To Be Held August 29, 30, 31, 1907, at Corvallis, Oregon. \$1600.00 to Be Given Away for Benefit of Fair.

Continued from last week. (a) First prize, six months course in penmanship, value \$25. 2nd prize, 3 months course in penmanship, value \$15. 3rd prize, 2 months course in penmanship, value \$10. 4th prize, 6 weeks course in penmanship, value \$7.50. 5th prize, 1 months course in penmanship, value \$5. by Corvallis, Albany or Portland Business College of I. E. Richardson. (b) Colonial Fountain Pen, value \$2 by C. A. Gerhard. Essay on "Pupils Own Garden Work For the Fair." (a) 1. 3 months course in English and shorthand, value \$30, by I. E. Richardson's Business College. 2. Two years subscription Benton County Review, value \$2. (b) 1. Gold Banded Fountain Pen, value \$3.50. O. G. Weed, Stationery, Philomath. 2. History, value \$3, W. W. Hill Philomath. 3. Two years subscription Benton County Republican, value \$3.

For best scoring of Shropshire Sheep, score cards to be supplied by Dr. Jas. Withycombe, O. A. C., one registered Shropshire Ewe, value \$25, given by E. D. Baker, Corvallis. All specimens must be at Corvallis one week before opening of Fair, except the bread, butter and celery, which must be there two days before Fair, and the flowers one day before. They must be delivered at building where exhibits are. Each pupil must obtain, and fasten to each specimen, a card furnished by us, with age, name of pupil number of school district, and seeds used. Pupils must be bona fide pupils of public schools of Benton County.

The agriculture contest open to all. The apple display open only to boys in either (a) or (b) class. The essay, penmanship, drawing, spelling and ciphering open to all. The sewing, preserving of fruits, jellies, butter, bread, darning, buttonhole, hemstitching open only to girls. A room will be set aside, which will contain any exhibit furnished by private citizens in the vicinity of Corvallis. Said citizens will not be entitled to compete for any of the grand or special prizes and said exhibits must reach Corvallis at the same time as pupil's exhibits.

A complete exhibit consists of one watermelon, cabbage, squash, pumpkin, loaf bread, pound butter, rutabaga, two muskmelons, three potatoes, cucumbers, onions, carrots, beets, tomatos, turnips, celery; five ears each kind corn; fifty heads wheat and oats; sheaf of alfalfa not more than 5 inches in diameter; 25 apples of each variety. Each specimen must be labeled by pupil with cards furnished by us, properly filled, and same fastened to specimen. The sweet peas, asters, and nasturtiums in sufficient quantity to get general average. The penmanship must be on paper furnished from this office, selection to be not less than ten lines long, vertical or slant written either in or out of school. Must reach this office June 15, 1907.

The essay must be on "The Pupil's Own Garden Work for the Fair," not more than 150 words long, on paper 8x11 inches. Give a simple narration of manner of planting, cultivating, time of planting, blossoming, care of plants, results of work, suggestions how to do better next time. Must be in office two weeks before Fair. Drawing (a) maps of Oregon and county with cities, streams, mountains, lakes, railroads, educational institutions, etc. To be in ink. No extra credit for coloring. On paper 10x12 inches. (b) Map of school house and grounds, in ink or pencil.

Spelling, old fashioned Spelling Down Contest. (a) Words in Read First Lessons to page 90; (b) words in first and second readers. Ciphering oral and written work. Pupils will take places at blackboard. A problem will be given, pupils will face to front, at a signal pupils will turn to board. Pupil first writing and reading correct answer will remain at board, while others take seats. This will be continued until only one pupil remains at board. In oral work first pupil announcing answer remain standing until beaten; (a) Work in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication of common numbers and decimals and fractions; (b) work in addition and subtraction.

Sewing (a) one specimen hand-made work, or a shirt waist, a plain dress skirt, small stitches, firm and even. (b) Kitchen or girls apron, calico or white material, plain, hand work; running, gathering or hemming to be considered. Darning stocking or sock, hole to be one inch square. Hemstitching—Linen handkerchief, 12 inches square. Button Holes—For best six button holes, on cassimere, six inches square. In cooking one quart jar fruit and one glass of jelly of any and many kinds as desired.

Bread (a) one loaf, either white, graham, brown; (b) one loaf of white or graham bread. To be baked in single pans, thorough baking, firm, taste, odor, and grain to be considered. Butter to be wrapped in plain butter paper; flavor, grain, color, salt and finish to be considered. 2500 packages of garden seeds will be furnished free to pupils by J. J. Butzer, the reliable seed man of Portland; additional packages will be sold for 2c each. These seeds can be obtained at this office, if mailed, pupils to pay for postage. Mr. Butzer offers cash prizes as follows: \$1 for best display of flowers, \$1 for best display of vegetables, and \$5 extra for best general display of all things grown from his seeds. We will have 500 packages of asters, sweet peas, nasturtiums; 100 packages cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, cabbage, beets, carrots, corn, onions, rutabaga and celery.

Continued next week.

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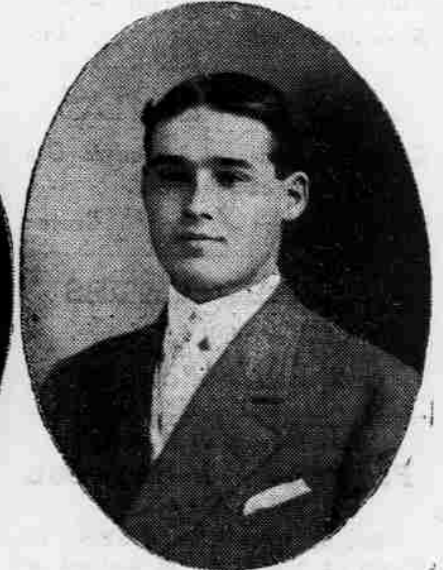
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Notice to Taxpayers.

I have prepared lists of the taxpayers of the county, showing the names and amount of taxes due from each taxpayer, and have sent these lists to the following places: Summit precinct—At T. Banney's and J. E. Morrow's stores. Blodgett precinct—At the store of J. A. Wood. Wren precinct—At the Wren store. Kings Valley—At the Hoskins store, Alcorn & Miller store and Jake Chambers' store. Soap Creek precinct—At the store of J. A. Carter. Fairmount precinct—At Paul Johnson's residence, at F. H. Hughson residence, at D. P. Mishler residence, and M. V. Leapor residence. Monroe precinct—At the store of Wilhelm & Sons, and the store of R. Trenholm, at Bruce Bellfontaine—At the store of Woodcock & Taylor, and the store of N. Clem. Alsea precinct—At the store of Wade Malone. Philomath precinct—At the Philomath State Bank. Taxpayers can send in their taxes by bank check or money order, and I will return the tax receipts. I have nothing whatever to do with the amount of taxes, and have copied the names and the amounts of taxes as they appear on the tax roll as turned over to me by the clerk. M. P. BURSETT, Sheriff.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Holroyd, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of an order of sale made by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county on the 9th day of February A. D. 1907, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased, will from and after Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1907, proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the confirmation of said court, all the following described real property, to-wit: Lots one (1), two (2), eleven (11) and twelve (12), Block Four (4), Rayburn's Addition to the City of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon. Said sale being made for the purpose of paying claims against said estate, and charges and expenses of administration, remaining unpaid. Said sale will be made subject to the decreed interest of Alice Holroyd, Widow of Henry Holroyd, deceased, in and to the above described premises. Dated, this February 14, 1907. W. S. McFADDEN, Administrator of the estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased.