

EXPENSIVE TO THE COUNTY

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT ON NOBLE TAX CASE. Loss Will Be Nearly Half a Million Dollars, Unless Sheriff Can Collect the Taxes.

Unless the County Commissioners can find some means of enforcing the collection of delinquent taxes which were to be collected by H. E. Noble under the contract which the Supreme Court holds was made without authority, the county will lose nearly half a million dollars, and there will be no means of making property owners pay their taxes in the future.

The gist of this contract, about which there has been so much discussion in and out of the courts, seems to have been in the employment of Mr. Noble to furnish to the county information necessary to correct the errors in the delinquent rolls from 1887 to 1898, inclusive, and to enable them to add to the descriptions on these rolls, where indefinite or uncertain, the full description of the land in the old records, so that the property taxed might be definitely located and ascertained.

The decision of the Supreme Court furnishes encouragement to a large class of taxpayers, which will likely increase their numbers till some stringent and effective means of tax collection is resorted to to save the community from bankruptcy.

It is regarded as unfortunate that a contract which promised to save the county much money, and furnish ready means for collecting taxes, which have long been looked upon as almost uncollectible, should prove to be technically illegal.

When he was seen yesterday in regard to the attitude of the County Commissioners toward the question, Commissioner Holbrook said he had not yet given the subject any consideration.

At present the tax collector is chuckling with delight. And he sees no reason why, since he has beaten the tax collection for the last 10 years, he may not beat it always.

INFLUX OF OFFICIALS. Traffic Managers of Transcontinental Lines Here.

There was quite an influx of transcontinental railroad officials here yesterday. They were in attendance upon the meeting held last week between the representatives of the transcontinental steamship lines and the transcontinental railway officials.

NEW YORK TERMINALS. Plan Behind the Pennsylvania's Recent Purchase.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The Herald says: "Behind the purchase of the Long Island Railroad by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company there is, it is believed, a stupendous plan for the development of terminal facilities, that includes the construction of tunnels connecting not only this city with Long Island, but with Jersey city, and perhaps tunnels connecting the Grand Central station with the Long Island Railroad system.

SPOKANE FLYER. Additional O. R. & N. Train to Go Into Service May 12.

A change in the service of the O. R. & N. that will be appreciated by patrons of the line was announced by General Passenger Agent Hurlburt yesterday.

TRIP ALONG THE COAST. A special train, to be known as the "Spokane flyer," out of Portland, beginning Sunday next, May 13, which will connect with the Great Northern at Spokane. This will leave Portland at 8 p.

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

MAY TERM OF STATE CIRCUIT COURT IS OPENED.

Grand Jury May Not Be Required—Trial Calendar—Routine Business in Departments.

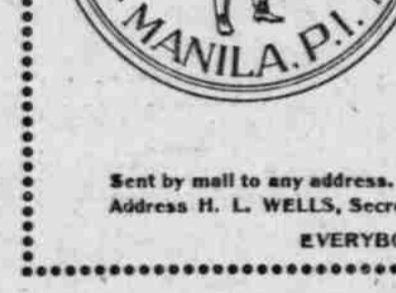
The May term of the State Circuit Court opened yesterday, and considerable business was done during the day. A grand jury was not drawn, as Judge Gregory and District Attorney Sewell, conformed to the criminal cases on hand can be disposed of under the new information statute, and the expense of the grand jury saved.

Will of Rachel D. Prettyman. The will of Rachel D. Prettyman, deceased, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday, and H. W. Prettyman and George Suttie, named in the instrument, were named as executors.

SPANISH-CANNON SOUVENIR BUTTONS

FOR THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.

Portland, Or., May 1, 1900. I hereby certify that the buttons for sale by the committee of the Spanish and Filipino War Association, of which the accompanying cut is a fac-simile, are made from bronze Spanish cannon, surrendered to the Second Oregon Volunteers at the capture of Manila, P. I., August 13, 1898, and that the proceeds will be devoted to the Soldiers' Monument Fund.



EVERYBODY SHOULD BUY ONE. PRICE 25 CENTS.

greatest trunk roads of this country. Its construction means the consolidation of the Federal power of the southeastern portion of Mexico, and affording, not only a commercial route of the highest value, but the privilege of a strategic line in case of war.

Short Line Appointments. A shifting about of Oregon Short Line people is announced. J. R. Nagel, who was recently appointed city ticket agent, has been made traveling passenger agent.

ST. PAUL & DULUTH. The Northern Pacific assumed control of the St. Paul & Duluth road today. For the present, H. Hayes, president of the St. Paul & Duluth, will continue to hold his position and the road will stand under its old name.

RAILROAD NOTES. A. E. Cooper, general agent of the passenger department of the Rock Island, has returned from a trip to Yakima Bay, Northport and other points. He says the outlook for crops is promising.

DOES DREDGING CHEAPLY. How Portland Dredge Compares With Eastern Machines.

With a view of ascertaining how the operation of the Bowers dredge owned by the city compares in the amount of work done and the cost per yard of excavating, E. T. Stevens, clerk of the Port of Portland Commission, recently wrote to the American Dredging Company, of New York, for information on these subjects.

SIX DAILY TRAINS. The O. R. & N. operates six magnificent trains every day from Portland and Chicago and give you the whole of routes through St. Louis, Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis or Chicago. These are standard trains, equipped with new cars, and are the latest improvements.

PROBATE MATTERS. The 2nd account of D. P. Thompson and W. F. Burrell, executors of the will of J. B. Burrell, covering the period from July 1, 1899, to October 31, 1899, was approved. The receipts were \$20,114 from loans called in, etc., and balance on hand \$2,384, making a total of \$22,498.

NEW TRIAL DENIED. Judge Fraser yesterday denied a motion for a new trial in the case of C. W. Egan against Dr. M. A. McLaughlin, and granted judgment on the verdict for the plaintiff for \$125. The defendant asked and was granted 30 days' time to file his bill of exceptions for an appeal to the Supreme Court.

TRIAL CALENDAR. Judge Fraser yesterday called the trial calendar and set cases for trial in the following order: The cases for the month of May 8—State of Oregon vs. J. Andrey and J. Loudie, Byl vs. Young, H. Goodman vs. H. H. Emmons et al., P. Chapman vs. Portland General Electric Company, P. M. Marzani et al. vs. H. H. Emmons et al., S. H. Gruber vs. Commercial & Savings Bank.

LAST LECTURE IN COURSE. Close of Cathedral Class Studies of "Old World Shrines."

The series of studies on "Old World Shrines," which has been conducted by the Cathedral class of the First Presbyterian Church during the past winter, will conclude this evening, when Dr. Morrison will give his lecture on "Historic London." The marked success which attended the first season of the Cathedral class, when a series of studies on European cathedrals was pursued, has been duplicated this year also.

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PORTLAND WOMEN'S UNION

MORTGAGE ON BOARDING-HOUSE CUT DOWN \$1100 IN ONE YEAR.

Reports Showed That the Affairs Were More Prosperous Than Ever Before—New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Portland Women's Union was held yesterday afternoon at the Boarding-House, 315 Flannders street. The following reports for the year were read and approved:

President's Report. In reviewing the history of the union for the past year, I am pleasantly impressed by the fact that everything which has been attempted to be done to the best advantage in the records of the different committees. There has been great activity in every department, and those in charge for encouragement in our endeavors. We gratefully acknowledge that encouraging results have been obtained by some new plans of work taken up this year.

Treasurer's Report. Receipts—Cash on hand, May 1, 1899, \$40.11; Donations to kitchen garden, \$11.65; Kitchen garden, \$11.65; Dues, \$23.30; Woman's Exchange, \$4.34; Mortgage fund, \$124.25.

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ROUGH ON CHAN SING.

Chan Sing, a Chinese gangster, has had costs to pay on account of a reversal by the Supreme Court of a judgment obtained by him nearly two years ago, in the State Circuit Court. The mandate of the higher court was entered yesterday.

Jurors Excused. The following persons were excused from serving as jurors: Philip Neu, Sam Wagner, because of too much work; Charles Fernau and J. J. Kaderly, ex-fremans; W. M. Wilder, on account of the illness of his wife, Henry Hewitt was excused on account of illness for one week; Edward Renfer, an ex-freeman, was excused.

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