

SALEM WILL SUFFER

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MAY LOSE THREE MAILCARRIERS

As Many People as Enumerated Live in Suburbs—Are Real Residents of City and Enjoy Municipal Privileges.

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FOREIGN CAPITAL MAY COMPETE. Oregon City Decides Not to Restrict Bond Sale to Home Bidders.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 12.—At a special meeting of the City Council, held this afternoon, it was voted to readvertise proposals for the bill sewer improvement bonds, which will be termed as proposed in an aggregate amount of \$150,000.

SCHOOL FUND HAS BEEN SLIGHTED. County Superintendent Ziesler has made a complaint to the County Board of Commissioners that the school fund has not received any benefit from the delinquent tax collector for the past three years.

FOUR CASES DECIDED. Adjudications of Washington Supreme Court.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 12.—The Supreme Court today affirmed judgment in the case of James Rush, respondent, vs. the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Company, appellant.

Another old case from Spokane County today disposed of is *Mary K. King, respondent, vs. School District 12, Spokane County, and Board of Directors, appellants.*

Other cases decided are: *Mary A. Coffey, respondent, vs. John Megarath and Standard Furniture Company, garnishees, appellants; King Co. vs. Reversed.*

WOOD CAR RAN AWAY. Collided With Passenger Coach and Caused Slight Damage.

HEPPER, Dec. 12.—A heavily-loaded wooden car ran away at the depot yesterday and bumped against the passenger coach.

Wild Race of Horse. The horse attached to McNay's express ran away at the depot this morning, threw out the driver, Charles Surface, kicked off the dashboard, and broke the shafts.

Roseburg Pet Stock Show. ROSEBURG, Dec. 12.—Just now local interest is centering in the pet stock and poultry show at Roseburg.

Special Car for Football Enthusiasts. SALEM, Dec. 12.—Manager F. W. Durbin of the football team, has chartered a car for Salem football enthusiasts who will go to Portland Saturday to witness the game.

Oregon Notes. Umatilla has several cases of smallpox. Portland and the Dalles High Schools are playing football this week.

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PRIZES DECIDED UPON

AWARDS FOR BEST COUNTY EXHIBITS AT NEXT STATE FAIR.

First Premium is \$250 and \$100 Silver Cup—Purpose is to Move Exhibitors to Do Their Best.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—The State Board of Agriculture today ordered that \$25 be set apart for prizes for displays of the agricultural and horticultural products of the various counties, variety and quality to be considered in distributing prizes.

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The importance of game protection, I am pleased to state, is being more and more recognized, and while our game resources do not yet receive the attention that is accorded similar resources in other states, their value is receiving the thoughtful consideration of our best citizens.

With the meager allowance made for the protection of our game interests, much has been done. More might be done were the appropriation for this department larger. It has been impossible for the game warden to visit every county in the state, as much as he desired to do so, as the limited allowance for expense would not permit of such service.

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