

MUST PAY POLL TAX
Ten Thousand Men in Portland Are Assessed.

THEY DO NOT KNOW IT YET

Exemption Law Was Not Re-Enacted by Last Legislature in Time to Enable Assessor to Work Under Its Provisions.

There will probably be a storm of protests by many of Portland's main inhabitants when they find that they will be required to pay poll tax. In past years poll tax was collected from only about 2000 persons assessed for personal property taxes.

This year all personal property was assessed and the personal property roll contains about 21,000 names. This includes the names of numerous women. Omitting these and also men under age and over 50 years old and others exempt from the payment of poll tax, leaves about 10,000 who are assessed, and it became the duty of the Sheriff to collect the tax.

In 1903 the Legislature passed an act repealing the exemption clause of \$300 on personal property, and at the special session, which convened the following December to straighten out the tax laws, the exemption clause was re-enacted. The re-enactment bill did not take effect until March 11, 1904, and the assessor assessed all personal property as of March 1, he assessed all furniture, household effects and personal property of every description without allowing any exemption.

Consequently all persons are supposed to pay a tax on furniture, no matter how little it may be, and when the names were taken for the personal property roll, a poll tax was added except where persons are exempt. Therefore everybody is expected to pay a tax on personal property and also a poll tax, except men who own nothings in the property line. They are exempt.

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington recently held the poll tax law of that state unconstitutional for lack of uniformity, because it did not apply to all persons alike and exempted certain classes. The Oregon law is subject to more objections on the ground of lack of uniformity than that of Washington, and will no doubt be held unconstitutional if tested by the courts.

ASK FOR HABEAS CORPUS.

Men Arrested for Violating Gravel-Pit Ordinance Protest.

W. T. Joplin and Charles Meeks, who were arrested and fined \$25 each in the Municipal Court for a violation of an ordinance prohibiting the operation of gravel pits in the City of Portland, yesterday filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the State Circuit Court, through their attorneys, Pipes & Tiff.

KIERNAN OBTAINS A JUDGMENT

Old Suit Against V. Kratz Comes to an End. The old suit of John Kiernan against V. Kratz came to an end yesterday when judgment was rendered in favor of Kiernan for \$2664. In 1904 Kratz and Kiernan owned interests in the McMinnville Flouring Mills.

PLAN SUMMER RESORT.

Evangelical Association to Establish Convention Grounds. "We have secured an option of eight acres at Jennings Lodge, on the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's Oregon City line and on the banks of the Willamette River, and will establish a great educational and religious center for our conference," said Rev. S. N. Shupp, of the Evangelical Association of the Oregon Conference, yesterday, speaking for the Campmeeting Association.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL TONIGHT

Dr. Stephen S. Wise Will Preach on "The Parent and the Child." Dr. Stephen S. Wise will deliver this evening the first of two addresses on the general subject, "The Education of Our Children," at the Temple Beth Israel, at 8 o'clock.

STOP FOR COLLINS HOT SPINGS.

A covered platform has been erected by the O. R. & N., immediately opposite Collins hot springs, for the accommodation of passengers who desire to visit this resort. The Spokane Flyer, trains 3 and 4 stop at this place.

May Proceed Against Brothels.

Members of the Municipal Reform League appeared as witnesses before the grand jury yesterday, and it is reported that houses of ill-fame were the subject of inquiry. Two sessions were held, morning and afternoon, and District Attorney Manning was present at each, assisting the grand jury with legal advice.

Was His Own Fault.

A nonsuit was granted by Judge Cleland yesterday in the \$10,000 damage suit of Stanley M. Solder against Herman Rittman and the Log Cabin Baking Company. Solder fell into an open trapdoor leading to the cellar of the bakery, striking on his head, and was severely injured. He testified that he did not know how he happened to fall in. It was daylight at the time and he could see that the trapdoor was open. Judge Cleland for this reason held that Solder was to blame for the accident and that the defendants were not liable for damages. The motion for a nonsuit was granted by Judge Thomas O'Day and Charles J. Schnabel.

FREIGHT MARKET BROKEN

NO RATES QUOTABLE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Demoralized by Recent Low Portland Charter—Over Seventeen and Six Not Obtainable. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The grain freight market is demoralized. No accurate rates can be quoted. Seven vessels belonging to the shipowners' combination are preparing to leave in ballast; and others will follow. The fact that a vessel outside the union recently accepted 20 shillings for Portland loading, rate below any recent charter here, has had a discouraging effect.

Only Routine Business Transacted at Yesterday's Session.

It was routine business entirely that came up for discussion at the monthly meeting of the Port of Portland Commission yesterday. All the members were present except Mr. Adams.

Walton to Be Sentenced Tomorrow.

Sentence will be pronounced upon Charles W. Walton Saturday morning by Judge Cleland, before whom he was tried for shooting Ole Nelson, a policeman, and robbing Emanuel Johnson, a conductor of a Willamette-Highland car. Judge Cleland yesterday denied a motion filed by Henry St. Rayner to strike certain affidavits from the files.

Court Notes.

Edith Dervell has sued Frank Dervell for a divorce because of desertion commencing in April, 1902. They were married in Walla Walla in May, 1900. There are no children.

Papers in a divorce suit filed by Samuel B. Rowan against Gladys Rowan in Clackamas County, were served by the Sheriff yesterday; also papers in a divorce suit filed in Chehalis, Wash., by Alton R. Kellogg against Mabel Kellogg.

W. C. Fischer has sued the G. W. Cone Lumber Company and W. P. McIntire to recover \$1025 on account of claims due various men for work and labor performed in a logging camp at Rainier.

AGREE ON LOWER PRICE.

Citizens of Arlington Will Allow O. R. & N. to Run Through Town. The citizens of Arlington have come to an agreement with the management of the O. R. & N. in regard to the right of way through the streets of the city.

Some time ago the city asked the right-of-way department of the company \$3000 for the franchise through the town. The department gave assurances that the Council will grant the franchise in a short time. The work is being rushed through at Arlington since the agreement was reached, it being a certainty that the franchise would be given as promised by the city.

The citizens of Arlington took the position in the controversy that the coming of the road at this time would be a detriment to the place until conditions had changed and the people had adapted themselves to the new state of affairs. For this reason, and since the city carries a heavy bonded debt, it was decided to ask what was thought to be a reasonable figure for the value of the streets by the railroad company.

Daily Service on Upper River.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The dock at this city is undergoing extensive improvements. A daily boat service will be given Albany and Corvallis this winter, and the boats will commence running on the Upper Willamette as soon as a few days' rain provides the necessary stage of water.

Marine Notes.

The Pierr Loti, grain-laden for Europe, left today morning. The China liner Nicomedia is due at Astoria today, being it days out from Yokohama.

The steamer Hercules, after having the damage caused by striking a rock near Hood River repaired, is to leave today to join the Regular fleet.

The Gloucester yesterday shifted from Greenwich Dock No. 1 to the elevator dolphins, the Langdale from Bassfield's to Oceanic, the Arie from Martin's to Irving and the Europe from the stream to Sand dock.

The British bark Dunreagan, which arrived at Astoria yesterday from Newcastle, N. S. W., has a cargo of coal for the Holmes Company. The German bark Naurechos comes in ballast from Yokosuka and is seeking business.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Nov. 10.—Sailed at 8 A. M.—Steamer Elmore, for Tillamook. Sailed at 8 A. M.—Schooner Irene, for San Pedro. Arrived at 11:35 A. M.—Steamer Elmore, from Newcastle. Arrived at 11:35 A. M. and left at 2:30 P. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 12:30 P. M.—French bark Casanova, from 1:30—German bark Naurechos, from Yokosuka. Arrived in 4—Steamer. Arrived down at 2:45 and sailed at 3 P. M.—Steamer Whittier, from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 3 P. M. smooth; wind northwest; weather cloudy.

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Schooner James A. Garfield, for Portland; steamer Sierra, for Sydney, via Honolulu; British ship Chelmsford, for London; British ship Kensington, for Queensland; British ship Westgate, for Ipswich. Arrived—Steamer Empire, from Coos Bay; steamer Charles Nelson, from Seattle and Tacoma; steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay; German steamer Ammon, from Seattle. U. S. S. Elsie, from Astoria.

New York, Nov. 10.—Arrived—Phoenicia, from Hamburg. Gibraltar, Nov. 10.—The United States cruiser Olympia sailed today for Genoa.

Havre, Nov. 10.—Arrived—Steamer La Bayou, from New York. Cherbourg, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Wilhelm Ge Green, to New York. Queenstown, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Majestic, for New York. London, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Minnesota, for New York. Trieste, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Giulia, for New York.

Genoa, Nov. 10.—Sailed—Lombardia, for New York. Teneriffe, Nov. 10.—Arrived—Luzon, from San Francisco, for Hamburg. Arrived—Maitika, for Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Mongolian, for Glasgow, via Bermuda and Havana. Naples, Nov. 10.—Arrived—Romanic, from Boston, via Ponta Delgada, Uthmaniyah, from New York for Trieste and Phium.

Hamburg, Nov. 10.—Arrived—Pontypolina, from New York and Dover. Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Arrived—Meta Nelson, from San Francisco for Hoquiam. Sailed—Barkentine Wrestler, from Aberdeen for Mexico.

FAILED TO APPEAR

FALL TERM OF FEDERAL COURT

Jury is Impaneled, and May Work Till January. The trial jury for the Fall term of the United States District Court was impaneled yesterday morning, with this personnel: C. A. Barrett, A. G. Adkins, J. C. Weatherly, Frank Tale, A. Stevens, Aaron Isaac, J. F. Brown, G. H. Newell, George Killen, J. L. Barnhouse, James McMillen and E. C. Elliott. The jury will probably be kept hard at work until January. The first criminal case to be tried is that of Louis Savage, an Indian, who is indicted for murder, and he will be tried Monday. The land-tradecases against Emma L. Watson, Grace G. McKinley, R. A. D. Pater and Marie Ware are docketed for November 21.

Yesterday was devoted to condemnation proceedings begun by the United States Government against Alexander Gilbert, Sarah L. Byrd and Sarah A. Hill, to acquire title to about 186 acres of land adjoining the Point Adams military reservation where Fort Stevens is located, near Seaside. The Government wishes to extend the military reservation to make room for a garrison of 500 men, and some time ago the Alexander Gilbert, Sarah L. Byrd and Sarah A. Hill to buy their property, but the parties could not agree as to what was thought to be satisfactory price. The owners hold their land at a high price, fondly believing that A. B. Hammond, president of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, who already owns what property at Fort and adjacent points will be forced before long to buy the Byrd-Gilbert-Hill tract for a railroad terminal. From evidence given by witnesses for the Government, it appeared that the land in controversy is composed of drifting sand, swamp, a grove and a ridge, and is valued at from \$15 to \$25 per acre. Then the defense has its witnesses, who claim that the land is worth from \$100 to \$200 per acre, and any opinion on land recently sold at Young's Bay for \$150 per acre," explained the witnesses.

"Is it not covered at times by the tide?" inquired United States District Attorney Hall.

"Yes," the man who bought the property raises claims on it? Or does he raise a mortgage?"

"He does neither."

The case was continued until this morning. John G. Smith, A. M. Smith and Harrison Allen, of Astoria, appear for the defendants.

William H. Kelly, formerly Postmaster at Seaside, was charged with embezzling United States funds as Postmaster, and he pleaded guilty. On his behalf a writ for an explanation of the embezzlement was granted, but \$50 of the sum taken. Kelly was sentenced to serve six months in the County Jail and to pay a fine equal to the amount embezzled, \$500.

SOMETHING IN A NAME.

Inhabitants of Willsburg Object to Town Being Called Nickum. Willsburg is in the grasp of a ruthless corporation which is forcing the pennecut little hamlet not only to accept the intrusion of a modern suburban car service, but is thrusting upon the stricken natives the name of Nickum.

It is awful, and in the poetic language of a correspondent, who is "simply aghast" at the name, the business of the neighborhood is almost at a standstill.

"The burg," says the observer, "is in a state of great excitement and indignation at a newly-planned business of the neighborhood is almost at a standstill."

It is a sad and pathetic story but "the interests of justice must be told." The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has recently finished a line between Portland and Oregon City known as the Springfield cut-off. Willsburg, which is a small village of this new track in peaceful content and peers down over the banks of a cut 50 feet to where the cars speed between the old city of the falls and Portland. The Oregon Water Power Company decided at the earnest solicitation of the inhabitants to put a station at Willsburg. The citizens took up subscription to fund the 100 steps necessary to get down to the track and the station at their foot. The improvement was being rushed to completion when the workmen were struck by a newly-planned business bearing the legend "Nickum" which had been placed in front of the new station-house. Then they struck, and Hood River reported the strike.

Exchange the poetic name of Willsburg for the appellation of "Nickum"! Not much.

In view of all of these facts nothing is going at Willsburg. The steps stand still like a skeleton against the wall, and the gentle, wistful rain slips silently through the unshingled roof of the waiting-room. But there will be no compromise. The inhabitants will wall no more shingles, build no more steps or look with no kindly eye on the corporation that robbed them of their poetry.

WOMAN AND MEN ARRESTED.

Charged With Stealing Jewelry and Clothing in Lodging-Houses. Detectives Weiner and Day yesterday arrested G. P. Feeley, aged 24; Billy Gutman, aged 25, and Mrs. J. S. Burilo, aged 24, for larceny in a dwelling. The three are now incarcerated in the City Jail awaiting preliminary examination.

The arrests occurred in a rooming-house at Front and Morrison streets. The crimes with which the three are charged are two in number. One is the stealing of \$200 worth of jewelry from the room occupied by Miss Eva Burrows at 26 1/2 Second street. The other is the larceny of \$150 worth of clothing from Miss Edna Vaughn of 3 1/2 Union avenue.

The latter crime was committed Wednesday night, and the former the night before. Yesterday the two detectives caught across one of the stolen dresses in a pawnshop and rapidly traced the person who sold it. The arrest of the three followed. Gutman comes from an excellent family in California, and in searching the room occupied by Feeley and the woman, some of the stolen goods were located in a trunk. The defendant on page 10 of this issue of The Oregonian.

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