

VICTORY FOR LINN

Wagon Road Company Pays Tax on Timber Land.

LARGE PENALTY IS ALSO MET

Fight Now Centers Over Holdings of the Northern Pacific Railroad, on Which No Dues Have Ever Been Collected.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Charles Altschul, proprietor of the Williams Valley & Cascade Range Wagon Road Company, yesterday paid the amount of taxes due on his timber holdings in Linn County, and thus the first victory was registered to the credit of the Linn County Assessor and Sheriff in their efforts to make the holders of big timber interests in Linn County pay taxes in proportion to their property.

This large amount of money was paid very grudgingly by the wagon road company, who made every effort to reduce the amount reduced. The company owns over 10,000 acres of fine timber land in Linn County, and the Assessor valued the land at \$1 per acre. In years gone by the land was valued at but \$1.25 per acre, and the taxes have amounted to a trifle over \$1000. In addition to this, the wagon road company has 45,000 acres of timber land on the assessment rolls in the county.

When Assessor McKnight took charge of the Assessor's office, however, he examined the present ownership books and found that the big company had been paying but a small part of the taxes that should have been contributed by it. He also established the well-known fact that the wagon road company had been paying taxes on timber land at something near its worth. These elements together made the taxes of the wagon road company many times higher than in former years, and brought forth a corresponding loud protest. The county officials have succeeded in collecting the money, and have scored victory number one.

The next fight will be over the question of the taxes of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. This corporation owns by far the finest tracts of timber land in Linn County. Never has any tax been paid on this property, the railway company maintaining that as patents have not been issued to the company, taxes could not be collected. But it is a well-known fact that the land belongs to the Northern Pacific Company, having been taken on scrip obtained from the Government for the worthless holdings of the company. In some articles or mountainous regions, and also that the company can sell this land at any time. Last night the tax rolls were closed, and no more taxes can be paid without extra cost. The Northern Pacific did not pay its taxes on the timber land. This precipitates the struggle, which will begin with the advertisement and sale of the property for delinquent taxes. This will be done by the property of the corporation being treated in the same manner as the property of individuals resident in the county. A fight is expected, but the county officials are determined to try the matter out in the courts if necessary.

WILL ASK FOR NEW COUNTY.

Antelope-Anxious to Sever Connection With Wasco.—The Dalles Consents.

HOOD, RIVER, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—At the coming session of the Legislature the people of Antelope will renew their efforts to have a new county created out of Southeastern Wasco, with Antelope as the county seat. This new division is to be known as Stockman County. Although the people of Antelope are in favor of the new county, it is understood that the city is pledged this time to support the demands of Antelope.

There has been some talk of Hood River asking for a new county at this session of the Legislature. The people here have long had the ambition to govern themselves in their own affairs, but interested citizens realize that with stubborn opposition in the Senate from The Dalles, the requests of this city would receive little attention. The county is especially since the formation of Stockman County is considered certain.

Representative Jayne, of this city, at the request of the Finance committee of the Hood River City Council, has introduced a bill to the Legislature next month asking for an amendment to the city charter, permitting the town to issue bonds in excess of the limit now set in the charter. This city finds itself short for funds and must resort to borrowing money to defray expenses for the coming year.

CHANGES IN ASTORIA CHARTER

Special Committee Appointed by the Mayor Makes Report.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The special committee appointed by the Mayor to suggest proposed amendments to the city charter, held a meeting last evening and prepared its report, which will be submitted to the council tomorrow evening. The report provides for extending the limits of the city about two blocks east; that when a member of the City Council is absent from the city for three months, his office shall be declared vacant, and all vacancies on the commission shall be filled by nomination by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, the appointed to fill the unexpired term; also that property can be assessed for street improvements the full amount of its assessed valuation as fixed by the County Assessor, but improvements on lots shall not be assessed. The question of changing the time of holding city elections from December until June was discussed, but the committee decided not to recommend any alteration.

PLEA FOR STATE FAIR.

President Downing Asks Legislature for Needed Appropriation.

SALLEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—President W. H. Downing, of the State Fair Board, has written the following circular letter to each member of the Oregon Legislature:

I deem it advisable to state early each year the facts and conditions relative to the Oregon State Fair, so that you may have plenty of time before the opening of the legislative session to look into the matter and decide upon the proper course to adopt.

You are aware, of course, that the State of Oregon owns in fee simple the valuable tract of land now used for the purposes of the annual State Fair, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon. This property was deeded to the state by the old Board of Agriculture a few years ago, and the management became in fact as well as in name a state institution. Since that time the general character of the fair has been enlarged and improved from year to year, and it has been conducted without creating any indebtedness, all bills and premiums paid promptly and in full.

But several years ago the old board borrowed quite a sum of money from the state school fund, and that loan has never been repaid. The interest thereon has accumulated to accumulate

until the entire sum due the school fund is about \$19,000. At the time the property was taken over by the state, the debt was due to the state, but as the debt was due to the state by the state, it was not supposed that there would be any trouble about it. The State Land Board, however, has decided that the amount must be made good to the school fund, and a suit has been entered to foreclose the mortgage. This suit will result in the sale of the fair grounds property, and the Legislature takes such action as will prevent it from going to trial, will make an appropriation from the general fund sufficient to reimburse the school fund. That is the course which we believe is the best for Oregon, and we feel that the prudence and patriotism of the gentlemen of the Legislature will secure its passage.

Of recent years those who are acquainted with the State Fair and its resources are becoming very proud of it. It has accomplished wonders for the livestock interests of Oregon and the Northwest, and the system of premiums which has prevailed for some years has aroused a spirit of rivalry among the breeders of fine stock, that has resulted in exhibitions at our fairs which could not be excelled in any part of the world. It has stimulated the improvements of breeds to such an extent that one of Oregon's citizens was able to go back to Europe this year, enter into competition with the best of the world's stock and carry off blue ribbons.

This fact alone is worth more to Oregon as an advertisement than all the money that has been expended on the State Fair for ten years, and this fact was made possible only through the influence of the annual fair. The beneficial effects of these exhibitions are not only noticeable in the greater number and the quality of each year's showing by exhibitors, but can be also seen on every farm in Oregon, and in the state. Every poultry yard, every sheep paddock, every pigpen, every horse corral, in every branch of agriculture, shows evidence of that spirit of improvement which is the result of displays at our State Fair.

With these facts before us, the State Fair ceases to be a local gathering, but is once again a source of interest and pride to every citizen of Oregon, and the question of its permanent location is a matter of serious and admitt of argument. The amount which it costs each year goes back into the pockets of the people of Oregon, who are doing most to make Oregon famous and prosperous. Premiums are paid the money goes back to those who are constantly stimulating the efforts at improvement and perfection.

You are, therefore, earnestly invited to think of the State Fair as a worthy and most important state institution, and most important to encourage it accordingly.

CHANCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

Examination for English University Commences Next Month.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A memorandum giving the conditions under which the second Cecil Rhodes scholarships examination is to be held has been received by President P. C. Campbell, and notification will be mailed to all the recognized degree-granting colleges in Oregon. According to the circular, the qualifying examinations will be held January 16 and 17, and the competitive quiz will be held before the end of March. Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, Latin and Greek are the subjects to be considered.

Aside from an examination in these subjects recognition will be given to the applicants' natural aptitude in the letters, power of expression, strength of character and scholastic attainments. All scholars must be between 19 and 25 years of age and must be citizens of the United States. Harvey B. Denmore, a university graduate, won the scholarship last year and he urges every student to make an effort to come in touch with English ideals at university life.

MEMBER OF FAMOUS SEVENTH

W. H. Davenport, Soldier and Vaudeville Artist, is Dead.

MISSEVILLE, Mont., Dec. 18.—Will H. Davenport, an old-time vaudeville artist and ex-Lieutenant in the regular United States Army, died suddenly today of apoplexy. Davenport was attached to the famous Seventh Cavalry as an enlisted man, and was with Reno at the site of the Custer massacre. On account of bravery in that campaign, he was appointed a Lieutenant, but resigned after holding his commission for ten years, to take up a musical profession.

He was a partner of ex-Chief of Police Guerin, of Great Falls and Seattle, Wash., and was widely known throughout the Northwest. He was born in Iowa, and was in Wallace, Idaho, and was on the Northwest Circuit.

WANTS PAY FOR LOST TOE.

Spokane Man Says He Also Caught Smallpox at Hot Lake.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Henry H. Dufford of Spokane, who brought suit against the Hot Lake Sanitarium Company, of this county, for \$24,000. The complaint recites that the plaintiff contracted smallpox at Hot Lake in December, 1902, for treatment for a sore toe and that while there he contracted smallpox through the neglect and carelessness of officials and employees of the sanitarium. He underwent two operations on the toe, finally losing it altogether.

STAGE COACHES FOR FAIR.

Easterners May Be Given Idea of Old-Time Transportation.

WEISER, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Thomas Hanahan, of this city, who was a stage driver during the days of the Lewis and Clark expedition, is negotiating with the director of concessions of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and will probably succeed, at Portland, in putting on the stage coaches which have been in America since the utmost confidence in President Roosevelt. They had this confidence before they met the President during his hurried visit to St. Louis. Those who could speak pidgin English emphasized their love for the President while here; others spoke in a similar vein through interpreters. There was not a person in the five tribes who did not go home convinced that America would aid the Islanders and that American government meant most to them.

DRILL STUCK IN THE SAFE.

Burglars Unable to Obtain Booty in Oregon City Saloon.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The saloon of E. Mathies was burglarized last night. The burglars entered a window and made an unsuccessful attempt to drill the safe, leaving one drill imbedded in the safe door, and using another to pry open the safe. The instrument, two bottles of whiskey and some small change from the register comprised the aggregate booty that was secured. The job is believed to have been the work of amateur cracksmen.

Break From Clatsop Jail.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A successful break for liberty was made at the County Jail last night, and two prisoners, who were being held for trial in the Circuit Court, made their escape. The men who got away were Fred Stanz, who was accused of stealing a quantity of freight from the O. R. & N. Co. while employed by the company as a shipping clerk, and H. C. Lowe, who robbed a freight car at the depot. Both men had confessed their guilt, and were expected to plead guilty in the Circuit Court tomorrow.

Break From Clatsop Jail.

The escape was made between 9 and 10 o'clock last night, but was not discovered until some hours later. Northwestern mill interests feel that

To Get The Century for Christmas & Cyclopedia & Atlas for Christmas

whether for city delivery or for transportation to a distance, you should place your order at once. Last year thousands of holiday gifts could not be delivered by the transportation companies until after Christmas day had passed. Remembering this, people have already begun to forward their holiday greetings and the carriers report that the pressure is already apparent. Don't let your gift reach its destination after the joyous 25th of December. A belated Christmas remembrance has lost much of its potency to please.

To Get The Century for Christmas for a member of your family is to select something that will be more highly appreciated as each day passes, and not suffer the fate of many trivial presents, which are forgotten soon after the holidays. It is to place within reach of the entire household the most valuable work in English. It is to put within daily reach a fund of information that is absolutely invaluable, that meets the requirements of every member of the family—the father, interested in some question of business remaining open after the day's work, or in something encountered in his home reading; the mother, whose daily routine presents numerous problems of household economy which this great work clearly solves; both parents, constantly confronted with inquiries of the child who is eager for knowledge which it is the first duty of the parent to provide; and finally the child himself, who turns to The Century, after he has been shown the ease with which facts are found, with greater interest than to a new story-book. Can any Christmas gift measure up to this value, or give a whole family greater pleasure or profit?

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TRIBESMEN FOR FAIR

DR. HUNT WILL BRING OVER THE UNTUTORED SAVAGE.

Filipino Going Home Convinced That American Government Is the Best Thing for Them.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Just as happened at St. Louis, two lessons will be taught by the coming of 500 Filipinos from five villages to the Lewis and Clark Exposition next year. One could not be among the members of the five tribes that have just sailed for the Philippines from Seattle without appreciating this fact.

The Filipinos themselves learned from their St. Louis experience that they were not ready for self-government. Those visitors who talked with them and studied the tribesmen disabused themselves of any impression that the natives could take care of themselves. The intelligent Filipinos. But the majority are comparatively helpless. They are children; some tribesmen even taking fright at the sight of white men or strangers of any kind. Burdened with a problem of government, they would be hopelessly lost.

If the plans of Dr. T. K. Hunt do not miscarry, he will bring back a colony of tribesmen to the United States, and nothing of this country. Very few of those who were exhibited at St. Louis will be in Portland in some ways this is a good thing for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The Filipinos who have been here have learned some of the sharp practices of white men and have spoiled the native exhibitions which attracted the curious by attempting to use their knowledge.

The educational feature, however, will be the most important gain made in the change. The visitors in the Lewis and Clark Exposition will see natives that represent the various tribes and not a people slightly spoiled by contact with a foreign people. It is remarkable the way the Filipinos who have been in America receive the utmost confidence in President Roosevelt. They had this confidence before they met the President during his hurried visit to St. Louis. Those who could speak pidgin English emphasized their love for the President while here; others spoke in a similar vein through interpreters. There was not a person in the five tribes who did not go home convinced that America would aid the Islanders and that American government meant most to them.

LUMBERMEN BACK FOSTER.

Fear is Felt Lest Tariff Revision May Affect Lumber Schedules.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—An editorial paragraph in the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal, of which Victor H. Beckman, secretary of the Lumbermen's Association, is editor, indorses Senator A. G. Foster's fight for re-election in the five tribes. While the Journal does not attempt to speak for the Lumbermen's Association, the editorial indorsement reflects a movement that has been made among mill interests in Foster's behalf. The senior Senator is himself a lumberman, and through his mill connections is attempting to induce the lumbermen to make his fight for him.

Killed by Cedar Log.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Collin Murray, aged about 50 years, was instantly killed yesterday at Matt Elliott's logging camp, near Elma, on Little North River. While trying to extricate a large cedar log the free end swung around, planing the unfortunate man and driving a snag into his side. One other man was knocked down, but not injured.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"A Chinese Honeycomb" Tomorrow. Tomorrow and Wednesday nights, December 20 and 21, the big Oriental musical comedy, "A Chinese Honeycomb," will be the attraction at the Marquand Grand Theater. "A Chinese Honeycomb" has undoubtedly the best story and wittiest lines of any musical play which has been produced in America in several decades. Musically it has not been equaled since "The Mikado." But in addition to this, Sam S. Shubert has given the play a production so lavishly rich in equipment that they have set a new standard for other play producers to follow, and they have provided a cast which has never been equaled on either side of the broad Atlantic. The scenery and costumes are so elegant in make and texture and so beautifully bright and correct that they are a delight to the senses.

BRAKEMAN LOSES A FOOT.

Steps Had Been Torn From Passenger Coach.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Early this morning "Cad" Harmon, a Southern Pacific Railroad passenger brakeman, fell beneath the wheels of northbound overland train No. 16, at Riddle, and one of his legs was so badly mangled at the ankle that the foot had to be amputated. He was preparing to alight from the train as it entered the station, and in the darkness did not notice that the car steps had been torn off by some obstruction alongside the track, and this caused him to fall in front of the still moving wheels.

Piles Banquet to Be Given.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Piles business men's committee, which has been raising funds to make his fight ever since he entered the Senatorial contest, has decided upon a curious method of advancing his interest. A group of business men met last night at luncheon to discuss the Senatorial fight decided to continue the work of raising money, and then, as what is regarded by them as an important move, determined upon a Piles banquet to be held at the Washington Hotel next Wednesday evening.

Corvallis Girls Win the Game.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A basket-ball game was played here last evening by the girls' team of the Oregon Agricultural College of Corvallis, and the Roseburg High School. The former won by a score of 42 to 5. The O. A. C. girls' team is said to be the best in the state at present, yet there was an interesting contest here. A banquet was afterwards enjoyed.

Funeral of Mrs. Clark.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Andrews Clark, mother of United States Senator W. A. Clark and J. Ross Clark, who died in this city Saturday night after a brief illness, will take place on Tuesday afternoon. The grandsons will bear the casket to their last resting place in Rose-dale Cemetery, in this city, interment being private.

Britt-Nelson Returns.

On the opening night of the Britt-Nelson Troupe at the Empire Theater, Tuesday night, December 20, Manager Baker has arranged with the telegraph company for a special wire to be placed on the stage of his theater, from which the returns will be read, round by round, of the Britt-Nelson championship contest, which takes place at San Francisco.

Farewell Concert.

Many friends and admirers of Mrs. Fletcher Linn will be glad to hear that she is to appear at the farewell concert of Arthur L. Alexander, who leaves for Paris the first of the year. Mrs. Linn, who is deservedly one of Portland's most prominent singers, possesses a pure, sympathetic soprano voice, which she uses with rare taste and judgment. A grand

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Arrival of Black Patti.

A special train containing the entire Black Patti Company of 40 people arrived from Hingham this morning. They rest here two days prior to their opening at the Empire. This company has created a furore in New York, St. Louis, Seattle and all cities it has visited this season. This is the ninth season on the road of this meritorious attraction, and their last visit to Portland, at the Marquand Grand, was welcomed by packed and enthusiastic audiences. Black Patti (Sissieretta Jones) is said to be singing better this year than she has for the past three. This is due perhaps to an operation performed on her throat by Dr. Curtis, of New York, three years ago. Her rendition of "Swanee River" is a masterpiece of vocal perfection. Like all great singers, she has her favorite in the "Swanee River." Manager Baker, of the Empire, assures his patrons that they never heard the song sung until they hear Black Patti sing it. Besides the splendid singing, this company carries a host of comedians, the principal being John Rucker, the Alabama Blossom. His facial expression is said to out rival the one that swallowed Jonah.

Advance Sale Tomorrow Morning.

The advance sale of seats will open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for the operatic musical comedy success, "The Princess Chic," which comes to the Marquand Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, December 22, 23 and 24, with a special matinee Saturday.

The Star's Great Bill.

Acts that startle, acts that amuse are the Star's weekly vaudeville offerings; acts that come from the four quarters of the globe and are fresh and full of power to interest the American public.

Unrivaled Act at Bijou.

No act in modern vaudeville touches the sharp-shooting performance of Colonel Charles Ardell with a new illustrated ballad, and the American Bioscope complete the record-breaking bill.

Arrested for Assault.

F. A. Phillips, the negro who cut his wife and her sister with a razor early yesterday morning, was taken to the jail after arrested several hours later by Officer Hamersley, who was detailed on the case. He found his man in the Hawk saloon, at Ninth and Gilliam.

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Whitman debate.

Resolved, That the United States should adopt the Canadian banking system. The successful contestants were: W. B. Rasmussen, '06; W. B. Shively, '05; J. W. Philbrook, '06; R. F. Peters, '02; A. J. Pringle, '06, and H. E. Thomas, '05. It has not been decided how the money will be divided in composing the two teams.

Buchanan's Cowardice.

Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, wife of the Confederate General of that name, tells in her "Reminiscences of Peace and War" how the news of South Carolina's secession from the Union came to Washington on December 30, 1860. Mrs. Pryor was present at a memorable wedding. President Buchanan being one of the guests. "I observed that he had aged much since the summer," she writes. "He had had much to bear. Unable to please either party, he had been accused of cowardice, imbecility, and even insanity, by both parties. 'The President is pale with fear,' said General Cass." On this occasion Mrs. Pryor stood behind President Buchanan's chair as one and another came forward to greet him. "Presently he looked over his shoulder and said: 'Madam, do you suppose the telegram has arrived? I hear an unusual commotion in the hall.' 'I will inquire the cause, Mr. President,' I said. 'I went out at the rear-door, and there in the entrance hall I found Mr. Lawrence Keitt, a member from South Carolina, leaning in the air, shaking a paper over his head and exclaiming: 'Thank God! Oh, thank God! I took hold of him and said, 'Mr. Keitt, are you crazy? The President hears you, and wants to know what the matter.' 'Oh!' he said, 'South Carolina has seceded. Here's the telegram. I feel like a boy let out from school.' I returned, and bending over Mr. Buchanan's chair, said, in a low voice, 'It appears, Mr. President, that South Carolina has seceded.' He looked at me, stunned for a moment. Falling back and grasping the arms of his chair, he whispered: 'Madam, might I beg you to have my carriage called?'

Foster Cannot Get Bill.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Leonard Foster, who was tried last week for murdering his mother-in-law, is in the County Jail. The jury called to assist and Judge Eakin fixed his bail at \$8000, which up to the present time he is unable to give.

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