

WELLS-FARGO HELD LIABLE FOR TAXES

Separate Assessment of Big Building and Barn Upheld by McGinn.

COMPANY TO APPEAL CASE

Contention That Levy by County is Double Taxation Not Upheld by Court—\$14,000 of Multnomah Taxes Involved.

Tax receipts of Multnomah county will be increased approximately \$4,000 by a decision of Justice McGinn yesterday morning.

Notwithstanding the fact that the State Tax Commission assessed the Wells-Fargo Company for all its property in this county only \$288,915, the company insisted that included in that assessment was the big Wells-Fargo building at Sixth and Oak streets, on which the company has placed a valuation of \$376,742.22 and the company's barn in this city, which the county assessed at \$58,000.

The company questioned the assessment of its property in this county by the State Tax Commission, and asked for a review of the Commission's proceedings. This contention also was argued before Judge McGinn, who decided yesterday morning against the company, as well as its contention suit against the county.

Building Separate, is Contention. County Assessor Sifer maintained that as the office building and barn used by the company were not a part of the express business of the company, they were not included in the assessment by the State Tax Commission. The State Tax Commission also testified in favor of this contention, but the company insisted that the local assessment was not legal, and long before the case was decided against it, the representatives of the company said they would carry the case into the highest court, if necessary, to determine their rights.

At the hearing before Judge McGinn, State Tax Commissioners Galloway and Eaton testified that they had assessed only such part of the Wells-Fargo building as was actually used by the company for its express business. They also stated that they had carried out the general rule in assessing corporations of this class of allowing local assessors to assess all property not utilized for general public service purposes.

The position taken by the express company was that the Oregon law provides for the assessment of its property by the State Tax Commission, and that it was thus immune from assessment by the County Assessor. To be taxed by the County Assessor, as well as by the State Tax Commission, it was maintained, was double taxation, and not valid.

Double Taxation, Company Says.

Concerning the application for a review of the action of the State Tax Commission, Wallace McCannatt, attorney for the company, contended that the rate of assessment paid by the company in this county is higher in Oregon than in any other state, and it was desired that this be reduced.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who conducted the case for the county and for the Tax Commission, endeavored to prove by the records that the company was not acting in good faith and was trying to escape paying any tax on its big office building and barn. Mr. Fitzgerald declared that while the company was not acting in good faith and was trying to escape paying any tax on its big office building and barn, it made the following report to the State Railroad Commission, June 2, 1908:

ENTHUSIASM IS REVIVED

Development League Organizer Successful in Eastern Oregon.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—James J. Sayre, who is now in the field for the Oregon Development League, is nearly through with visits to all the towns in Union and Walla Walla counties. He has organized a club at North Powder, reorganized the clubs at Wallawa, Enterprise and Joseph, put new life into the Union, Egin and La Grande clubs, and has made great gains towards cementing more firmly the clubs of Union and Walla Walla counties.

"I am surprised at the resources of these two counties," said Sayre, "and it is regrettable that the outside is not better informed on this district, especially Wallawa. That little empire by itself is scarcely known outside of its own boundaries."

Mr. Sayre will leave Union County this week and gradually work into the interior. His plans, as outlined by the Portland Commercial Club, are to visit every city, town and hamlet in the territory east of the Cascades.

DOCTOR CATCHES SPEEDER

Chauffeur Arrested for Protection of Automobile Roads.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith testified in Justice Court yesterday that he had run his automobile up to 35 miles an hour in an effort to overtake and stop a speeding chauffeur on the Idinston road. He succeeded in doing so and caused the arrest of the offender, who was Harvey Ward. The physician said that Ward was going at least 45 miles an hour. He said that his motive in prosecuting the case was to protect the automobile roads, which were being ruined by the action developed by cars running at excessive speed.

Suspect Caught at Pendleton.

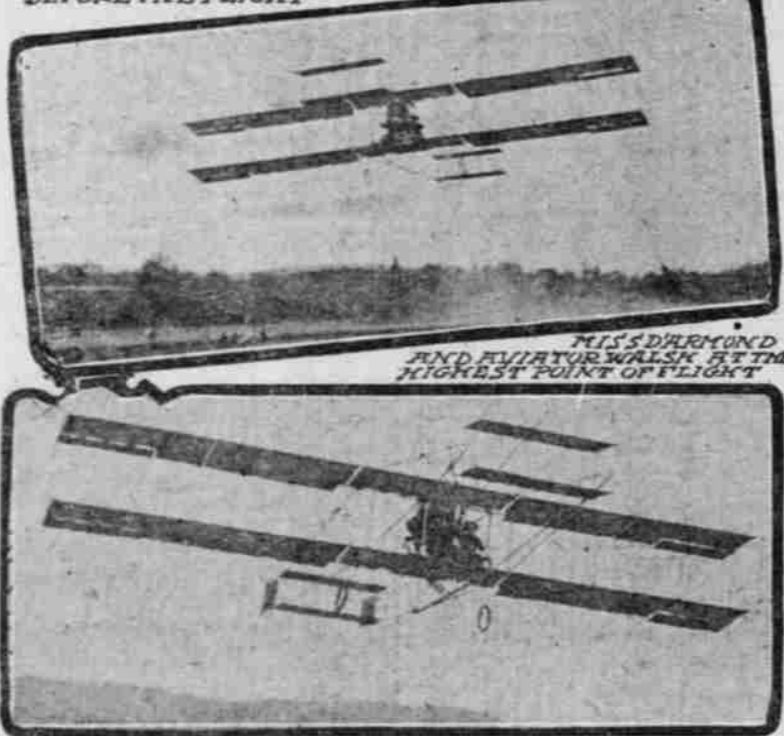
PENDLETON, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—W. E. Fitzgerald, alias McGilligan, wanted in La Grande on a charge of forgery, was arrested here yesterday by Chief of Police Gresham. He was taken to La Grande last evening.

TWO VAUDEVILLE STARS TAKE TRIP TO SKIES

Miss Vida Ferrin and Miss Isabelle D'Armond, of the Orpheum, Are Passengers on Manning Biplane With Walsh on Aviation Field.



MISS ISABELLE D'ARMOND, AVIATOR WALSH AND MISS VIDA FERRIN, POSING BEFORE THE FLIGHT



MISS VIDA FERRIN AND AVIATOR WALSH IN MID AIR

TWO actresses playing in Portland this week—Miss Vida Ferrin and Miss Isabelle D'Armond—won the distinction yesterday of being the first women to fly above Portland in a heavier-than-air machine.

The flights took place yesterday forenoon in the presence of 200 spectators who had been attracted to the grounds by the Oregonian's announcement of the ascent. Miss D'Armond obtained the chance to make the first attempt to fly through the air. The Orpheum's comedienne took her seat in the car at 11:30 o'clock, and straps were adjusted around her waist. A moment later the airplane was lunging along down the runway from which the start is made.

COURT JUDGE OF ART

HUGE PAINTING OF BALDWIN'S FEAT CAUSES LAWSUIT.

Artist Sues for Price of Work Done to Show Horseman in Fight With Indians.

LOS ANGELES, May 25.—It required the combined efforts of several laborers to take into Superior Judge Craig's Court today a six by nine expert oil-painting representing the late Elias J. Baldwin in the act of slaying a large number of Indians that had attacked his outfit while he was crossing the plains on his way to California.

H. R. Cross, a San Francisco artist, is suing the Baldwin estate for a total of \$25,000 alleged to be due on a contract entered into with "Jockey" Baldwin some years ago. Baldwin, he declares, wished to leave to posterity a pictorial record of his romantic career, and engaged him to create a number of works in oil, showing the turban in heroic feats. Among these, in addition to the Indian picture, was one depicting Baldwin riding bareback and subduing a wild bison of the plains.

LINGUIST IS IN LOCKUP

Man Who Speaks Five Languages Awaits Idaho Officers.

BAKER, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—John Peters, French or Greek contractor and master of five languages, is resting in jail awaiting the arrival here of officers from Idaho on a charge of passing a forged pass on the bank at Council, Idaho, and of attempting to pass one on the Alexander Clothing Company of this place on Monday for the same amount.

Klamath Mayor Serenaded.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Mayor Sanderson was serenaded by the Klamath Falls Military Band for signing the W. F. Boardman 50-year gas franchise. The musicians assembled in front of the Mayor's home the night he signed the grant and played many selections in his honor. Thence they marched to the home of Attorney Crane, who framed the franchise and was instrumental in its success. Work is to be started on the plant soon. The company is to forfeit \$10,000 if its plant is not in operation within eight months. The plant is to be located near the Southern Pacific depot and will cost \$55,000. It is to be sufficient to serve 25,000 consumers.

WORK ON CUT-OFF TO BE SHORTLY OPENED

Opening of New North Coast Line Now Set for Beginning of 1913.

WORK IS BEING RUSHED

Material for Snake River Bridge Expected to Be on Riverbank by End of June Flood Period. Terminals Wait.

Completion of the new line of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. between Spokane and Mayer Junction on the Snake River, which will reduce the distance between Portland and Spokane 54 miles, is set for January 1, 1913, by Robert E. Strahorn, vice-president and general manager of the Second district of the Harriman system in the Northwest, who was in Portland on his way home from California, yesterday.

Mr. Strahorn, who conceived and started construction of the North Coast line, which has become a part of the general Harriman system, had expected that it would require more than two years to complete this project, but the contractors have been progressing with their work to such an extent that the opening of the new road will be accomplished in approximately 18 months.

Several groups of contractors are at work and construction on every part of the line is being rushed.

Line to River Pressed.

The principal activity at present is between the Snake River and Hooper, on theConnell branch of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. When this is completed it will be possible to convey material for the Snake River bridge over the company's own tracks by way of La Crosse.

Mr. Strahorn asserted that his reports justified him in the belief that the line to the edge of the river would be ready for operation early next year. Work on the bridge then can continue uninterrupted and it is expected to have been finished early next year.

In the meantime the contracting firm of Watson, Flag & Standifer of Portland, is continuing its activity in the canyon through the Snake River. Although this stretch is only 18 miles long it will require more than a year to complete.

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Between Cheney and Hooper, 75 miles, 50 miles of grading has been done and the remaining portion of the proposed road. Some of the most difficult portions of construction work lie in this stretch. Work on this part of the line will require more than a year to complete.

Grade Is Progressing.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound route will see the track between Spokane, Wash., and Spokane as well as the depot in Spokane jointly with the North Coast.

Mr. Strahorn has been away from Spokane a week or so, but he asserted that he was pleased with the progress of progress on this work. He declared Mr. Strahorn, "It will be finished somewhat earlier than I had anticipated. I believe about the first of January, 1913."

California Report Denied.

Mr. Strahorn was somewhat disturbed several weeks ago by the reports sent out from Los Angeles in which he was quoted as predicting the construction of the Hill interests of a new road to California from Denver and a connection with that road by an extension of the Oregon Trunk.

The engineer, who was fairly well acquainted with the Hill interests, was published directly contrary to anything I ever said.

California Report Denied.

Portland of the appointment of W. B. Jerome as general western agent of the passenger department of the New York Central system with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Jerome is well known in Portland, having visited here a few months ago.

Sammuel Moody, passenger traffic manager, and C. L. Kimball, assistant general passenger agent for the Pennsylvania lines, will be passengers on the first through train on the Milwaukee road operating out of Chicago arriving on Puget Sound next Wednesday, and in Portland the following day. They will spend several days in Portland.

MILWAUKEE WILL ENTERTAIN Portland Party to Attend "House Warming" of New Equipment.

Several Portland railway officials and newspaper men will be the guests of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road at Seattle today on the occasion of a formal "house warming" preliminary to the opening of through service between the Sound and Chicago on Monday.

The equipment for the all-steel trains that will operate over the new road will be in the yard to be ready for immediate service and will be the scene of the festivities. Lunch will be served in the dining cars and an orchestra will maintain music in one of the observation cars.

J. R. Veltch, district freight agent for the new road in Portland, conducted the Portland party to the Sound city last night. At Seattle they will be joined by railway men and newspaper representatives from various points in the Northwest.

Railroad Personal.

Bert Collins, traveling passenger agent for the Canadian Pacific at Seattle, was in Portland on business yesterday.

H. D. Hennis, traveling passenger agent for the Erie at Seattle, shook hands with local railroad men yesterday morning.

R. V. Veltch, general agent for the Northwestern, has returned from the Northwest, and has returned to Portland to serve 25,000 consumers.

In spite of the jealous wailings of the "roundabout dealers," 19 pianos, among them two Chickering grands, a Kimball grand, and three latest Player-Pianos, were sold in the big sale of the East Side Store stock by Eilers Music House, now going on in the new building at Seventh and Alder streets.

Whether you want a fine Baby Grand, a splendid, latest and most highly improved Player-Piano, or the ordinary used upright, now is the time to get one during this closing-out sale of Eilers Music House. We have determined to sell every one of these instruments before the time of our formal opening, so there is no time to lose. Hence these low prices.

Several have asked us as to what is really meant by the term "roundabout dealer."—"Roundabout dealers" are the fellows who have no means of their own, and manage to get San Francisco, or other piano jobbing houses, or other middlemen, to send them instruments on "memorandum" or "consignment." Whenever they manage to sell an instrument, then the cash or the customer's contract is sent in payment for the piano. In doing business in this manner, it stands to reason that a big middlemen's profit must be added to the cost of each piano. This middlemen's profit, of course, is eventually added to the price which the retail buyer is asked to pay.

Frequently such "roundabout dealers" are permitted to operate under the name of such San Francisco or other jobbing houses. But as a matter of fact, they are an entirely different institution and very rarely, if ever, possess any marked responsibility of themselves.

Eilers Music House eliminates all such middlemen's profits and many other items that otherwise would add to the retail price of a piano.

Eilers Music House instruments are sold direct from the manufacturer to the retail purchaser. In many cases the retail price of a piano at Eilers Music House is the same, and sometimes less, than what "roundabout dealers" have to pay for a piano at wholesale. How, then, can a "roundabout dealer" fairly and openly compete with Eilers Music House? It is impossible, and explains why other than straightforward methods of competition are adopted by such "roundabout dealers" in order to secure the occasional sale of a piano.

Investigate this carefully and see for yourself that these are facts.

For today's selling we offer among others the following:

<p>WAS \$300 NOW \$89 DOWN \$50 PER WEEK</p> <p>OAK</p>	<p>WAS \$500 NOW \$167 DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</p> <p>WABER</p>	<p>WAS \$500 NOW \$167 DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</p> <p>CHICKERING</p>	<p>WAS \$350 NOW \$117 DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</p> <p>WABER</p>
<p>WAS \$350 NOW \$87 DOWN \$50 PER WEEK</p> <p>WABER</p>	<p>WAS \$500 NOW \$133 DOWN \$100 PER WEEK</p> <p>OAK</p>	<p>WAS \$650 NOW \$285 DOWN \$250 PER WEEK</p> <p>WABER</p>	<p>WAS \$350 NOW \$117 DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</p> <p>WABER</p>

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BEND IS JOINT TERMINUS Mother and Son Lynched

OKEMA, Okla., May 25.—Laura Nelson, a negro, and her son were lynched here today. They shot a deputy sheriff who went to search their shanty for stolen goods. The woman and her son, who was 13 years old, were taken from the County Jail today by the mob, whose members had first gagged and bound the jailer, Lawrence Payne. The bodies were found at daylight hanging to the timbers of a bridge across the Canadian River.

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For Women— Egyptian Cotton, 4 pairs, \$2.00 Silk Lisle, 4 pairs, \$3.00

For Children— Egyptian Cotton, Sizes to 7½, \$1.50 Sizes from 8 to 10, 4 pairs, \$2.00

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