

SUIT TEST OREGON TAX LAW

Yamhill County Contends Present System Is Inequitable.

CASE WILL BE RUSHED

Attorney-General Hopes to Secure Supreme Court Decision Before Next Session of Legislature.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Cramer today received a copy of the papers in the suit recently brought in Yamhill County to enjoin the County Treasurer from paying to the State Treasurer the amount of state taxes due according to the apportionment made in January of this year.

The contention of Yamhill County is that the system is inequitable, because the burden of taxes from year to year does not vary with the assessed valuation. The law was enacted in order to put a stop to the practice of making low assessments for the purpose of evading a portion of the tax burden.

NEEDS MORE SCHOOLROOM

Burns District Will Vote on Bond Issue of \$32,000.

BURNS, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the voters of Burns school district, Mrs. Mary E. Foley was elected director for three years and Walter E. Huston was re-elected clerk.

The most important matter before the meeting was the question of building a new schoolhouse. The present building is a two-story frame with five rooms, and the demands of the district call for better accommodations.

PASS LANDS FOR PATENTS

Deschutes Farmers Comply With Irrigation Laws.

LADLAW, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—State Engineer John H. Lewis has just been in this part of the state on an inspection tour of the various irrigation projects, visiting the Deschutes Irrigation and Reclamation project, the D. I. & P. and the C. S. I. irrigation.

Mr. Lewis will certify the lands of the Deschutes Irrigation and Reclamation Company for patent, this company having fully complied with the law and the requirements of the State Land Board.

DRY ORDER IN CLACKAMAS

Saloons in 16 Precincts Must Close as Result of Prohibition.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—There will be no saloons and no vinous liquors sold in the precincts of Beaver Creek, Bull Run, Boring, Canby, Canemah, Damascus, Eagle Creek, Eastacada, Highland, Molalla, Marquam, Maple Lane, Milk Creek, Oregon City No. 3, Springfield and Viola, after 12 o'clock on July 1.

M'MILLIN WINS HIS SUIT

Judge Hanford Decides Control of Roche Harbor Company.

SEATTLE, June 20.—Federal Judge C. H. Hanford today filed a memorandum decision dismissing a suit brought by Ernest V. Cowell, of San Francisco, against John S. McMillin and the Tacoma and Roche Harbor Lime Company, to compel McMillin to make restitution of moneys and stock alleged to have been fraudulently absorbed by him.

LADLAW WILL CELEBRATE

Picnic Dinner on Island of Deschutes—Address by B. F. Nichols.

LADLAW, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Picnic Island Grange, of Ladlaw, has planned for a roasting Fourth of July celebration and Grange picnic here this year. Action to that effect was taken at

the last meeting of the Grange and committees were appointed to look after the details of the celebration. The finances have been pledged and invitations have been extended to the neighboring Granges to join in this celebration and make it one of the biggest things of the year, as it will be the only celebration held in this section of the county.

The grounds selected are the beautiful islands of the Deschutes River, and no prettier location could be found in the county. There will be the usual races, ball game, tennis, trap shoot, etc. One of the features will be a mammoth trout fry, and champion teams of fishermen have been selected to catch and prepare the fish for the multitudes expected to be in attendance.

There will be a literary programme and music. The address of the day will be rendered by Hon. B. F. Nichols, of Ladlaw, one of the pioneers of 1844. Mr. Nichols is now 64 years old, but hale and hearty and with a mind as vigorous as in his younger days.

YOUTHFUL DEBATERS OF GARFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL



ALICE E. GWINN, GARFIELD, WASH. and EDWARD AVERILL, GARFIELD, WASH.

GARFIELD, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Probably the youngest debaters in Eastern Washington are Earl McCroskey, Alice E. Gwinn, Edward Averill and Claire Johnson, each 11 years old and members of the sixth grade of the Garfield grammar school.

FACULTY IS INCREASED

McMINNVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES TAKE ACTION.

Contract Let for New Music Hall and Preparations Begun for Erection of Science Hall.

McMINNVILLE, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The Board of Trustees of McMinnville College in annual session conferred the several degrees upon the recent graduates. They also authorized the letting of a contract for the erection of a new music hall and took favorable action looking to the building of a new science hall before the end of the present summer.

The college faculty has been strengthened and enlarged for the coming year. In the college department Professor Isabel Grover was transferred from the chair of Latin and history to that of history. To the chair of Latin was elected Professor George W. Payne, a. m., of West Lafayette, O. Professor Nelson B. Thomas, a. b., of Hillsboro, O., was elected to the chair of Greek and German.

The conservatory was reorganized in view of the erection of the new music hall, which will afford ample accommodations. Mrs. C. C. Potter was made dean of the conservatory and head of the voice department. Miss Wilma Waggoner, of Hillsboro, was elected head of the piano department. Miss F. Jane Lawless, of Pocatello, Idaho, was elected a full-time teacher in the conservatory. Mrs. Dorothy Dielschneider will continue to teach violin in the new music hall. Howard H. Hanson will also have a large room there for his art department.

To the principalship of the commercial department was elected Rev. Curtis P. Cox, recently from Wood Island, Alaska. Miss May Pope will continue as teacher of stenography and typewriting. These, together with the former members of the faculty that have been retained will direct the several departments during the coming year.

LINCOLN TEACHERS MEET

Institute at Toledo Largely Attended—Address by L. R. Alderman.

TOLEDO, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The most successful county teachers' institute ever held in Lincoln County closed last night with a lecture to parents delivered by L. R. Alderman, city superintendent of the Eugene school system. The lecture was enjoyed by a large audience of teachers from every section of the county.

Dairymilk Decision Goes Over.

THE DALLES, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Alexander Dairymilk, held for the killing of Lee Putnam in this city, June 12, had his hearing today before Justice Douthett. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the defendant's attorney, decision was deferred until Monday next.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends, and especially Rev. Henry Marcotte, Dr. Calvin White, Dr. E. C. Pierce, of the Open Air Sanatorium, and Holman Undertaking Company, for their kindness to our dear daughter and sister through her long illness, and their sympathy for us in her death.

MRS. GRAYSON AND DAUGHTERS. Hannah shoes at Rosenthal's.

USE OF R. & N. TRACK

Hill Line Routing Trains East From Pendleton.

BRIDGES OUT IN MONTANA

Loss From Recent Floods Estimated to Be Fully Million Dollars—Magnitude of Damage to Railroad Only Now Apparent.

PENDLETON, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Regular Northern Pacific passenger train service has been inaugurated through this city over the lines of the

O. R. & N. and will be continued for at least two weeks. There will be one through passenger train each way daily.

This state of affairs is brought about because nearly 20 steel bridges have been washed out along the line of the Northern Pacific in Montana, and it will require that length of time to reassemble through service over the line. It was announced here today by a Northern Pacific official that the magnitude of the washouts in Montana is only now becoming known, and that the loss to that road will be fully \$1,000,000.

The Northern Pacific trains will carry only their own passengers, and will be in charge of O. R. & N. freight crews while on the lines of that company.

THOSE LISTED TO SPEAK

Eugene Commercial Club Prepares Programme for Portland Day.

EUGENE, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The Eugene Commercial Club has arranged the programme of speakers for the dinner to be given the Portland business men at the Commercial Club rooms June 24. The speakers are: C. S. Williams, president Eugene Commercial Club; Tom Richardson, manager Portland Commercial Club; L. L. Whitson, Eugene; J. C. Ainsworth, United States National Bank, of Portland; P. L. Campbell, president University of Oregon; E. E. Beach, Portland; E. O. Potter, Eugene; Rev. Luther R. Doyt, Portland; H. W. Thompson, Eugene; W. D. Wheelwright, Portland; S. H. Hendry, Eugene; A. D. Chariton, assistant general passenger agent, Northern Pacific.

The programmes, printed by the Southern Pacific, contain the complete alarm wires from Railroad to headquarters at the City Hall were tested, box by box, until the trouble was located. It was discovered that difficulty lay between the box at Fremont and the one next south. The electricians could find nothing more serious than a swallow's nest, a few blocks from the Fremont box. Climbing a pole next to the nest, he found several birds, and when he began feeling around the nest the parents attacked him.

Investigation showed that the nest, which stretched from one wire to another, a distance of about eight inches, was built on a hatpin, which touched both wires, and short-circuited the whole system.

TROUBLE IN A HATPIN

Metal in Swallow's Nest Disables Police Alarm System.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—An ordinary hatpin, used by a pair of swallows as the foundation stone, so to speak, for their nest, built between two wires, put the entire police alarm system of the suburb of Ballard out of business today. The police alarm wires from Railroad to headquarters at the City Hall were tested, box by box, until the trouble was located. It was discovered that difficulty lay between the box at Fremont and the one next south. The electricians could find nothing more serious than a swallow's nest, a few blocks from the Fremont box. Climbing a pole next to the nest, he found several birds, and when he began feeling around the nest the parents attacked him.

Vancouver Barracks Notes.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Rudolph G. Ebert, Medical Corps, is announced as Chief Surgeon of the Department of the Columbia. Leave of absence for two months has been granted Second Lieutenant Frederick F. Black, Tenth Infantry. Leave of absence for two months has been granted Captain Charles H. Hilton, Coast Artillery Corps.

Second Lieutenant George W. Ewell, Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary Third Infantry, has been relieved from duty at target range at American Lake, Wash., and will join his proper station, Fort Lawton, Wash.

Second Lieutenant Richard Park, Corps of Engineers, will proceed from Morrison to Portland, for consultation with Major William G. Haan, Coast Artillery Corps, and First Lieutenant Charles R. Pettis, Corps of Engineers, in connection with land defense survey at mouth of the Columbia River.

Second Lieutenant Richard Park, Corps of Engineers, and detachment Rudolph G. Ebert, Medical Corps, will accompany Company B, First Battalion of Engineers, in the field in Artillery District of the Columbia, will, as they finish the work now in hand, carry out the instructions of the Chief Engineer Officer of the

Department in connection with map making in that section.

Second Lieutenant Lewis H. Watkins, Corps of Engineers, and detachment of Company B, First Battalion of Engineers, in the field in Artillery District of Puget Sound, will carry out instructions from the Chief Engineer Officer of the Department in connection with map making in that section.

Second Lieutenant Richard T. Colner, Corps of Engineers, in command of detachment of 14 enlisted men of Company B, First Battalion of Engineers, will proceed from Vancouver Barracks to Moeles, Wash., for work in connection with military map making of the Department.

FRAUD IN COAL LAND DEAL

Judge McBride Sets Aside Deeds of Nehalem Coal Company.

ASTORIA, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—At this morning's session of the Circuit Court Judge McBride rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Charles Robitich vs. The Nehalem Coal Company and Frederick Robitich and Elizabeth Robitich. The two cases were identical and were brought to recover a total of 480 acres of land located in the lower Nehalem

COLLEGE OUTLOOK BRIGHT

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