

THE ARGUS . . . CALENDAR

Calendar table with columns for Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat and rows for dates 13 through 27.

Daily Mail Arrivals table with columns for location (Forest Grove, Portland, etc.), time, and arrival date.

—W. H. Wehrung and E. J. Lyons made a business trip to Portland today.

—A new sewing machine for sale very cheap at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

—J. I. Knight is confined to his room with an attack of rheumatism which is giving him considerable trouble.

—See Gaines & Bailey before you sell your wool. They are paying 12 cents per lb. for first quality.

—W. H. Burns, who is now running out of Tacoma on the N. P., the other day sent to W. V. Wiley a fine thoroughbred Scotch setter.

—Those wishing Xmas cards for school or Sunday school classes will find excellent values at the Bazaar.

—E. M. Foudray returned Tuesday morning from his trip to Cal. will remain here indefinitely.

—Brook's add on another property interest.

—A party having 40 acres of land with a neat little dwelling thereon wants to borrow \$150 on same at once. Apply at this office for particulars.

—Don't use rough and obnoxious odors that are objectionable to your friends. Ave Marie at the Delta.

—The grand jury turned in its report Tuesday and was discharged.

—One Thos. Connolly, who was in the city during the Steeves' trial attempted Monday evening to depart without extending the glad hand of payment to mine host Northrop of the Hillsboro. The auditor caught him at the train and made the would-be escape surrender an overcoat as security.

—Please read and heed the following: All persons indebted to the firm of H. Wehrung & Sons are requested to call and settle their notes and accounts at once. This is the last call. Please take notice. H. Wehrung & Sons.

—Greenoe Lodge, K. of P., at its last regular meeting elected officers as follows for the term commencing Jan. 1st: C. C. W. E. Eays; V. C. A. P. Luther; M. of W. P. Cornelius; Prelate, W. T. Andrews; M. of E. J. Joos; M. of W. P. Freeman; K. of R. and S., W. Gooding; J. G. A. Gordon; G. and Trustee for three years, P. Cornelius. This lodge is one of the oldest and strongest in the northwest.

—The artistic and delicate appearance of the Xmas goods at the Delta is a wonderful exhibition of that beauty and elegance at the present day can be secured for a mere trifle—thanks to the discoveries of the Century.

—It is reported that the Grand Jury has made a special report to the Commissioners' Court, relative to the bond of the county Treasurer. They recommend, so it is said, the bond be raised to \$50,000, and that sureties on same be required to "justify before the county court as bail on arrest," as required by the statute. The present bond is not in accordance with law.

—Closing out sale of capes, jackets and Mackintoshes. See our store's all wool suits for \$2. We have reduced our all wool suits to \$7.50. Bryan-Laidlaw Co.—Cash Store.

—Tuesday night shortly after the midnight hour a funeral tolling of the fire bell and five successive shots from a revolver brought out a few members of the company to the scene of a fire on 32nd and Mulholland street where the Traveler's Rest Hotel is located. The guests were chiefly with the exception of the fire department.

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—Mrs. Sarah J. Williams and family desire to in this way thank their many friends who have assisted during the illness and demise of the husband and father, L. L. Williams. The kindly services of the L. O. O. F. receive the especial gratitude of family and relatives.

—Eighteen or twenty school mates gave Miss Maggie Northrop a surprise Monday evening in honor of her 15th birthday. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, the more so because the surprise was complete, the hostess having no idea of the visit.

—The Hillsboro Bazaar has a Christmas "ad" in another column. The Bazaar has a fine stock and wants to dispose of it.

—The Buxton Machete says: "Bill Sykes, of the quadrant, came into town yesterday morning, and hearing the government had won the land case, proceeded to fill up on mountain dew. He then sold his claim for \$3.00 net cash and started for Havana to challenge Weyer for a four round bout, drinking contraband whiskey."

—E. R. Miller, the Second Street Barber, still continues to give the best shave in the city for only ten cents. When you want a good haircut or a shave give him a call.

—D. M. C. Gault, publisher of the Independent departed last week for Fresno, Cal. whether he went to visit with a daughter. His visit will be of short duration.

—A handsome and complete stock of jewelry at L. V. Berckness.

—The Steeves' trial is about over. The evidence is all in and Wednesday the state opened its argument before the jury. The case has been a closely contested one by counsel on both sides and the closing addresses to the twelve men who are to give their verdict are listened to with bated interest. District Attorney Cleaton made the argument for the state and he was followed by Jas. McCain and M. L. Pipes for the defense. This morning McCain finished and then Mr. Lord will close the case. The jury will very likely get the case by night.

—Here is a change for all. Those who make a 50 cent purchase will be given any 5 cent article they choose at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

—The K. of P. and Rathbone Sisters of Hillsboro talk of having public installation.

—The KOTM elected officers last Thursday evening. With but one or two exceptions the same were re-elected.

—Our prices are lower than the lowest in Colquhoun Toilet cases, Autograph Albums, Mirrors and etc. W. E. Brock.

—Pat Powers, well known in this county, having at one time lived in Cornelius, was in the city from Portland the first of the week.

—J. W. Corey came in yesterday from Greenville to report to day as a juror. He says Greenville is still the same thriving little place.

—The roadway next to the west side of the Bryan-Laidlaw store is being planked for the convenience of customers with teams.

—When you are looking for something nice for Christmas go to Greens.

—An old gentleman from near Scholls was last week brought before the county court on a charge of insanity. He will be kept under medical treatment for a few days to await developments.

—The largest stock of Perfumes in the city at Brock's.

—The social and entertainment given by the Eastern Star in the Mason's Hall last evening was well attended and an excellent program was furnished.

—H. Farhanham of the Meek Plain, has been very ill for some time and is not expected to recover.

—Bob Greer always has been and is now the cheapest on Xmas candies and nuts.

—"Shorty" Carroll, one of the state's best judges in the Steeves' trial, has been in the city for several days and has been a satisfactory demeanor for some time. There was something lacking. Carroll now has that want satisfied. He is in the cooler for attempting to defraud a hotel man out of his board bill.

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GOVERNMENT WINS THE QUADRANT CASE EVERYBODY HAPPY

THE GRAND JURY MAKES A REPORT

The South Tualatin Creamery Burns With Two Thousand Dollars Loss Will Rebuild at Once—A Hale Old Kentuckian, Henry Tucker.

The wheels of litigation move slowly and Justice sometimes goes astray, but more than one quadrant settler believes that life is worth living since Monday's decision of the U. S. Supreme Court has been made public. Chief Justice Fuller, at Washington, D. C., Monday of this week made public the Court's decision that the O and C and Ore. Central railroads had no claim or title to the quadrant lands a large part of which are in this county. These lands were settled in good faith by homesteaders before the land went into litigation and a few years after the railroad companies commenced to perfect a title under the protection of land grant. The case hung fire for several years, once being by the U. S. Circuit Court at Portland decided in favor of the government. The railroad took the case to the Circuit court of appeals and this decision was reversed. The government took the case to the U. S. Supreme Court with the result that Uncle Sam holds the title to over 200,000 acres. In this county and adjacent there are some four or five hundred settlers on these lands, who are made happy that they can now exercise their right of homestead. Those who have paid the railroad for lands will get their money refunded. This is welcome news for them.

—Last Thursday evening, about midnight, the South Tualatin Creamery was burned, entailing a loss in the neighborhood of \$2000 to the owners. The fire was the result of a defective flue, which that day had set the wall on fire. This was extinguished, or was thought to have been, and the flue repaired. Some live coal must have been slumbering in the sill, or wall, finally breaking into a blaze with the loss of the building. The creamery was daily making about 200 lbs. of butter and while the owners are rebuilding, which is now under way, the patrons will take their milk to the Farmington institution. In about three weeks the new building will be ready for business. Messrs. Ed. Schulmerich, Julius A. Sahr and others owned the business and it was located on the Schulmerich farm south of town. These gentlemen are thorough business men and their success of the past is a guaranty that even a \$2000 loss will not deter them from a future enterprise.

—Henry B. Tucker, father of Councilman Thos. Tucker and a resident of his homestead, celebrated his 92nd birthday Saturday, Dec. 12th. The aged gentleman enjoys very good health and gets around quite sprightly. He reads the newspapers clearly with the aid of glasses and takes great interest in national and public affairs. He is a strong partisan on the McKinley side of the question and was immensely pleased when the returns came in in November.

—Mr. Tucker is a native of Adair county, Kentucky, and comes from a family noted for longevity. One of his brothers lived to the mellow age of 100 and Mr. Tucker hopes to have three figures carved on his head stone. As he is in good health and is not declining at all, his hope will doubtless be realized. He came to Oregon in 1852 and was one time the crack shot at turkey shoots in this section, even outclassing Thomas, his son.

—Hartford, Wash., Sept. 25, 1896. Mr. L. Wilbur, Snuhamish City, Dear Sir: We wish to add a testimonial in favor of your Wilbur Blood Purifier. Two years ago this summer our son Ernest, aged 15 years, became affected with chronic eczema caused by impure blood. We secured the services of the best physicians, and all agreed, that his case was hopeless. After spending a large amount of money, this way, we concluded to try your Purifier, of which, five bottles completely cured him, and eradicated every taint of the dreadful disease. When he commenced taking your medicine his body and limbs were literally covered with large ugly sores and the muscles of his legs had become contracted to such an extent that the poor boy was almost bed-ridden. Last year scrofula symptoms appeared again. We immediately ordered a few bottles and gave him. Now he is perfectly sound and well. We cheerfully recommend the Wilbur's Blood Purifier as being the best blood medicine on the market. It should be kept in every home. Respectfully yours,

Dr. A. H. Eddy, Charlotte G. Eddy.

Note—Dr. Eddy is a retired physician, well and favorably known throughout this section. A testimonial coming from such a source speaks volumes for the efficiency of Wilbur's Blood Purifier.

—Rubber boots and oil clothing at Schulmerich & Son.

COMMISSIONERS AUDIT CLAIMS COUNTY'S STANDING AN ESTIMATE IN ROUND NUMBERS

County Paying Interest on a Goodly Sum—Large Amount of Delinquent Taxes Which are Non-Collectible—Circuit Court Expenses Yet to Come.

CLAIMS ALLOWED. ASSESSING AND COLLECTING. G. H. Wilcox, 69.00

SALARIES. J. A. Indrie, 253.30; A. B. Cady, 50.00; E. L. McCormick, 128.50; W. D. Bradford, 276.50

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STATIONERY. Glass and Prudhomme, 15.75; Hillsboro Pub. Co., 18.35; W. E. Brock, 7.05; The Argus, 5.00

C. H. & J. ACCOUNT. Wm. Pointer, 1.20; R. Cave, .75

PUEL, LIGHTS AND JANITOR. N. A. Barrett, 30.00; Hillsboro L. & W. Co., 36.14

PRISONERS AND PAUPERS. W. E. Brock, 11.25; J. C. Clearwater, 1.00; John M. Miller, 2.00; E. B. Sappington, 22.10; Caples & Thomas, 2.25; Bryan Laidlaw Co., 34.00; W. D. Hare, 2.50; Ed. Hall, agt., 60.00; A. Olsen, 5.00; Rosa Frost, 5.00; Mrs. Reiter, 5.00; John Northrop, 10.00

INDIGENT. Geo. W. Patterson, 38.50; Wiley & Dennis, 1.00; W. S. Hudson, 30.00; Caples & Thomas, 10.85

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—The present warrant and bid fees is arrived at by the following figures and they are comparatively correct: Warrants outstanding Oct. 1st, \$25,171.95; October Warrants, \$1933.56; November, \$2708.29; Dec. warrants, drawn and ordered up to the 14th, \$1633.81. Warrants redeemed, \$874.35; Cash in county fund to apply on above 1200.00. \$2074.35

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