

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.) and time.

—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. Foudry 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, that 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 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. Farham 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" Carrol, 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. Carrol now has that want satisfied. He is in the cooler for attempting to defraud a hotel man out of his board bill.

—Rev. E. C. Cline spent Wednesday in the metropolis on business.

—Finest stock of Bibles and gift books in the city at Brock's.

—The members of the Hillsboro Reed & Cornet Band made their regular practice on Tuesday evening at their meeting.

—Photographs will be made at the opera house at night as well as by day. \$1 per dozen. Come see our new samples. Hours, 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.

—Mrs. G. W. Phillips, of Salem, was in the city the first of the week to attend at the funeral of her son, Charles Phillips.

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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.

Cremeries Burned.

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. Schumacher, Julius A. Sahr and others owned the business and it was located on the Schumacher 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.

Grand Jury Report.

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for Washington county, To Hon. Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the above entitled Court:—

We, your undersigned Grand Jury for the Nov. 1896 term of said court, beg leave to present this our final report, and respectfully represent that we have carefully investigated all charges of crime presented to us or within the knowledge of either of us and have returned into this court 18 true bills and 5 not true bills.

We visited the county poor farm and found it well kept in good condition. But would recommend that the dining room of said poor farm be not used for a sitting and smoking room by the inmates thereof. And we would further recommend that the greases upon said poor farm be in some manner fenced for their protection.

We have visited the county jail and the same does not in any manner meet our approval, and we would respectfully recommend that a new jail be built at this time, for the reason that building material and labor are cheap, and a new jail building would not at this time, cost nearly as much as the same building would have cost two or three years ago. But we find said present jail well kept, and in as good condition at the present time as the facilities there will permit.

That we called to our assistance, as experts, N. Macrum and William Moore to examine accounts of the different county officials, who have made report to us that they have found them correct and with balance on hand as per statement made to us by them, which statement is annexed to this report, and made a part thereof.

We have visited the offices of the County Clerk, Sheriff, Recorder of Conveyances, Treasurer, Assessor and Surveyor, and found the books of all the said officials neatly and properly kept, with the exception of the County Treasurer, and we recommend that the County Treasurer start all of his accounts anew, from Jan. 1st, and that thereafter he balance all of his accounts the first of every month, and be more careful in regard to errors of charging sums to the wrong accounts and charging accounts with wrong amounts.

We found all of the county officials courteous and kind, and also find new systems and methods are in use in the different offices, which improve and aid officers to expedite business of the county.

And now, having completed our labor after a session of 13 days, we most respectfully ask your Honor to be discharged. Dated this 13th day of Dec., 1896.

J. R. Bailey, Foreman, and D. B. Roe, C. L. Rosander, W. H. Pardin, Frank Bell, W. S. Ingles and J. W. Palmer.

The experts report of the Treasurer's office is not very exhaustive and the debits and credits, when balanced, do not correspond with the amount of cash on hand. According to these, the Treasurer has on hand \$1034 more than there is demand. The cash on hand, however, corresponds with the cash book and is, viz: \$2915.48 in the bank and \$432.20 in warrants the equivalent of cash. In a few words, at the time of expiring, the Treasurer had on hand, cash, \$2915.48, the same balancing with his cash book, but the amounts to the credit of the several funds show only \$2313.68. This leaves a discrepancy of \$1034 so far as the total of the funds is concerned. The figure balance which is not there was not found by the experts as they simply struck off a copy of the Treasurer's receipts and disbursements.

The public will remember that the County Treasurer has accounted for every dollar of his keeping. The trouble is, the balances to the credit of all funds, footed, show \$1034 less than the actual cash on hand, so, if the charges and credits made by the experts be correct, Mr. Cady would have a drawdown of that amount. But as his cash book balances with cash on hand the trouble is not proper credit to account or accounts. The experts should

have found out to which particular fund this \$1034 should be credited. The books of the Treasurer's office badly need systematizing and there would be no trouble.

An Annoter reporter yesterday spent several hours on the Treasurer's cash book and general fund account, checking each dollar received and paid out. Deducting from the credit side of the ledger, such amounts as are not cash or check payments, the balance of general fund corresponds with the amount of cash on hand within a very few cents which could be found by close analysis. By this balancing the county fund will be swelled to about double the amount the experts have charged against the Treasurer in their report. The Treasurer is now remodeling his books and will take his balances as left by the former county treasurer and make a set of entirely new accounts. Mr. Cady seemed very willing to help THE ARGUS and produced vouchers and stubs for all checks and receipts, which tally with the various other offices and his own accounts. The only trouble was in the general fund and the errors made could easily have been made by those who claim to be good business men. Of course he feels the censure given him by the grand jury, as would any one. The experts, the Treasurer thinks, did not treat him exactly right, and he seems to think that they did not understand their business quite as well as they should, or they would have told to which fund the \$1034 should have been credited. Mr. Cady says his books are open to any reputable citizen and he invites inspection. He at least has the satisfaction of having kept his cash account in excellent order.

Kentucky's Native.

Henry B. Tucker, father of Councilman Thos. Tucker and a resident of his homestead, celebrated his 92nd birthday anniversary 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.

Saved Their Son.

Hartford, Wash., Sept. 25, 1893. 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 Schumacher & 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.

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INDIGENT.

Table with columns for name and amount, including Geo. W. Patterson, Wiley & Dennis, W. S. Hudson, Caples & Thomas, etc.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Table with columns for name and amount, including Wm. Frazier, John Northrop, R. Waggener, R. W. McNutt, W. M. Jackson, etc.

ELECTIONS.

Table with columns for name and amount, including R. W. McNutt, W. M. Jackson, Albert Dethlefs, etc.

BOUNTY.

Table with columns for name and amount, including Albert Dethlefs, STATE CASES, Constable, Justice and witness fees in J. P. Court, etc.

COUNTY COURT.

Table with columns for name and amount, including D. B. Reasoner, Thos. G. Todd, BRIDGES AND ROADS, S. W. Seelye, R. Cave, W. M. McCleod & Son, etc.

How The County Stands.

It is of interest to all taxpayers to have some idea of the county's standing relative to its debts and credits, and THE ARGUS, having been importuned by some of its subscribers, has made some inquiry into the books of the various offices and finds, barring slight errors and omissions, the following condition: (round numbers) The county had warrants outstanding and ordered drawn, Dec. 14, 1896, in the sum of \$31,500. It owes the state on back tax, \$7,143.08, exclusive of interest. To offset this interest bearing debt, as near as could be ascertained, there was about \$1200 in the hands of the treasurer which could be applied. Besides this, there is about \$4500 back on

the 1896 tax. There is due the county on delinquent taxes up to the year 1896, nearly \$40,000, but only a small portion of this will ever be collected as the greater part came in under the old mortgage tax law. The county holds tax title deeds to several hundred dollars worth of tax lands, probably less than \$500. The greater part of this, especially where the lots or lands are worth more than the taxes and costs against them, will be redeemed before the three years will have expired. The state tax for 1896 could have practically been liquidated but for the application of a remittance of \$6750 to the old back taxes of several years ago. The remittance was made with the intent of applying same to the '96 tax, but no special request was made, the state treasurer passed a relief bill remitting the old indebtedness of the several counties by virtue of the old mortgage tax law, and if it do, this county may be able to get the sum mentioned applied on the 1896 tax. As the matter now stands, State Treasurer Metcalf last spring wrote Mr. Sappington the credit would not be changed.

The present warrant and indebtedness 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 \$31513.61 Warrants redeemed, \$874.35 Cash in county fund to apply on above 1200.00 \$2074.35 Dec. 14 total warrant indebtedness. \$29439.26 To the above will be added the expenses of the present term of Circuit Court, but this will not be very large as Multnomah county will reimburse for the Steeves' trial. Probably the warrants to be issued against this county's individual court expenses, grand jury and all, will run very close to \$2000. The delinquent taxes, the court house and jail and the poor farm constitute the county's assets.

Sixty Dollars Refunded. This paper last week published an account of the employment by the grand jury of two experts to check up the county books and their receipt of double the implied contract price by misapprehension. According to the jurors who spoke to the analytical accountants, \$2.50 per day each was to have been paid. When the bill was audited by the grand jury's foreman, the word "each" was overlooked and as a result the county paid \$120 and mileage for 24 days labor instead of \$60 and mileage. THE ARGUS was subjected to considerable criticism for having made the matter public but it gave both sides a hearing in the article and has nothing to retract. Subsequent to the publication each of the experts refunded \$30.00, if reports are true, and the matter has been satisfactorily settled. The affair caused a great deal of comment as all parties concerned were quite prominent.

The matter of amount per diem for such work has been discussed by many lately and it is hard to find a business man who will say that \$5.00 per day is too much for competent work of this kind. This does not enter into the merits of this case, if, as the grand jurors assert, a specific amount was agreed upon.

—Richard Connell was in the city Tuesday and reports that Connell Bros. have not sold their wheat yet. They have over 5000 bu. stored in the warehouse at the depot and think the cereal will yet go higher in price, and certainly no lower.

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