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OLD LADY RUNS FROM SANITARIUM

Is Caught and Returned; Raises Lots of Smoke

ERRATIC WOMAN STIRS 2 COUNTIES

Has Estate Worth About Twenty Thousand Dollars

Mrs. Hannah Purser, the aged Beaverton woman who created a sensation last week by running away from the Crystal Springs Sanitarium, East Portland, is the wife of the late David Purser, at one time known as the onion king of Beaverton.

Mrs. Purser, while in the Portland Sanitarium, under date of June 19, wrote Dr. W. D. Wood, state senator, of this city, asking him to come to Portland, as she wished to talk to him about the care of her property. As the physician knew at once that the letter was not in Mrs. Purser's handwriting, he replied and sent a slip asking who the writer was. The reply came back that the writer was a nurse. Miss Nettie Free, and that she had written at the request of Mrs. Purser. Dr. Wood then went to Portland, after the passage of two or three letters, and Attorney W. N. Barrett, joint senator for this district, went with him, and, at Mrs. Purser's request, drew a petition, asking the Probate Judge of Washington County to nominate Dr. Wood as her guardian, and that he execute a bond in the sum of \$20,000. The appointment was made and the bond approved by the county court. Dr. Wood was given the keys to the Purser home, and the order for her private keys at a bank, containing her money and private papers. The doctor secured the box and found in it several hundred dollars more money than Mrs. Purser had represented. Mrs. Purser remained at the Sanitarium until July 12 when she asked to be taken away. She was brought to Hillsboro and remained at the doctor's home two nights, and was then sent to the home of Mrs. A. H. Lincoln, Hillsboro, for care. She remained there a month, and became unmanageable, and was then sent to the Crystal Springs Sanitarium, where she could receive the medical care and attention her condition demanded. Mrs. Purser was only taken to the Crystal Springs establishment after the Patton Home had refused to care for her, and after she had been refused admittance to the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged.

Dr. Wood states that he was drawn into the matter through Mrs. Purser's request, and that after the nomination as guardian was made, she appeared much pleased. He stated that the estate was worth \$20,000, twelve thousand of this being real estate and personal property, and the balance being money and bonds. He said that his bond was a sufficient guaranty that he would perform the duties of his charge faithfully, and that he feared nothing, but very much disliked the cheap notoriety circumstances had brought about.

As a matter of fact, at one time C. H. Fry, a real estate man, of Beaverton, had sworn to a complaint charging Mrs. Purser with insanity, but the paper was never filed. Mrs. Purser has been erratic for some years, and has made several wills, making people other than her nephew, Chas. Johnson, legatees.

BAGLEY WINS OUT

Attorney H. T. Bagley sued out habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Brown, Monday, and the case was heard Tuesday morning. The court held that the Sanitarium had no right to hold Mrs. Purser at the request of the guardian where no court order had been entered invoking a restraint. From Judge Brown's decision, and from his statement on the bench, he also leaned to the opinion that as Mrs. Purser's action in requesting a guardian was voluntary it would be questionable whether or not the guardianship would hold law. Mrs. Purser went to Beaverton, Tuesday, in company with Mrs. M. Robinson, and future developments in the case will be watched with interest.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at his farm one mile due east of Farmington, on main Portland road, and 6 miles southeast of Hillsboro, at ten a. m., on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Bay horse, 9 yrs, 1100; bay horse, 1200, good work horse; Jersey-Durham cow, giving milk; Jersey heifer, fresh in February; two yearling Jersey heifers; 1 1/2 dozen hens; Hickory wagon, 1 1/2 inch axle; double work harness; buggy harness, surrey in fairly good repair, 52 spike tooth harrow, good as new; Oliver chilled plow, 14 inch, hayrack in good condition, Home Comfort range, good as new, Square piano, in good condition, other household furniture and numerous other articles.

Terms of sale: \$10 and under, cash; over \$10 one year's time, bankable note at 8 per cent.

Sol. Jack, Owner.

B. P. Cornelius, Auctioneer.

R. P. Wirtz, deputy game warden, was down from Forest Grove, Tuesday, on business at the court house.

Wanted—Party to grub 30 acres, and burn, ready for plow. Can furnish cabin—A. L. Grebe, six miles south of Hillsboro, Oregon, Route 2. 29 31

Emil Kurati and wife were in St. Louis the last of the week, and expected to leave there for Denver, where they were to remain a few days. They will be home in Hillsboro in a few days.

HILLSBORO CAPITALIST IN A BIG WATER SUIT

H. V. Gates Engineering a Seven Million Dollar

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Litigation Affects Entire Water Power of Pitt River

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OREGON HOPS

Portland, Ore., Oct. 12.—(Special)—Hop growers are having their tunings, with the prevailing quotation for the Oregon crop at 25 cents per pound. The average price last year was 7 cents; in 1907, 7 on a and in 1906, 12 cents. The last high priced year was 1904, when the Oregon hop went to 45c and away back in 1882 there were sales as high as \$1.25 per pound. In some respects, the market this year resembles that of 1882.

Light crops all over the world are responsible for the prevailing high prices. The Oregon crop is the lightest since 1896. The estimate of 70,000 bales for the year's yield in this state is considered about right, with Washington's crop 15,000 bales, compared with 17,000 bales last year, and California has about 60,000 bales this year compared to 68,000 bales last season.

It is expected this year will mark the first of a series of high-priced crops. This year, the next and possibly one or two more, will mean large profits to growers. After that, because of high prices having stimulated production, more hops will be grown than are needed and the price will drop again.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will offer at public sale, 3 miles southwest of Laurel, at 10 o'clock a. m., on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Black mare, 5 yrs, 1600; sorrel mare, 1200; bay horse, 1200; graded Jersey cow, 2 Duroc-Jersey brood sows, between 30 and 40 sheep, 2 dozen chickens, good 3/4 Stoughton wagon, new top buggy, set double work harness, buggy harness, 8 tons mixed hay, 50 bushels wheat, 150 bushels oats, hayrack, cook stove, household articles, No. 12 double barrel shotgun and other articles too numerous to mention. Lunch at Noon.

Terms of Sale—Sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; sums over \$10 8 months' time at 8 per cent, bankable note. 2 per cent off for cash on sums over \$10.

Francis Cota, Owner.

J. C. Kurati, Auctioneer.

Ed Shute, Clerk.

ROBINSON—THOMAS

A very attractive wedding ceremony occurred when Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thomas, of Cornelius, gave their daughter, Maud, in marriage to Ernest H. Robinson, of Portland. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rev. A. Robinson, formerly of Hillsboro, and after the ceremony a sumptuous banquet was served to the large number present.

The bride is one of the popular ladies of Cornelius, and is well known by all. The groom has a position in the city engineering department of Portland Civil Engineers. They will reside in East Portland.

Mrs. Laurine Buford, wife of the state organizer, is in the city in the interests of the order of Fraternal Brotherhood, and will remain several days. The Portland drill team will be out to confer the team work on a new class, which will be written by Mrs. Buford. This order is one that pays an accident benefit as well as life insurance, and several of our best citizens are members.

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COUNTY CLERK LEADS IN FEES

Parties Ask County for Terrific Damage

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Josephine Smith, of Yamhill County, asks Washington County to pay her \$2000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by her horse, the pacer "Starlight," while crossing a bridge across Cedar Creek, in the east end of the county. The petition is now on file.

Claude Meeks was given \$12 for damages sustained on the Stark Bridge, in road district No. 2.

Ordered that all special road district 32 be transferred to Otto Nicholson.

Road petitions referred to the district attorney's office:—petition F. Lepchat et al; I. R. Thomas et al; J. R. Hornung et al.

Pacific States Tel Co, telephone... \$9.25

Geo G Hancock, ex sheriff office... 32.85

" " " board prisoners... 114.00

" " " salary... 225.00

Effie Godman, assessor's office... 78.00

Max Crandall, salary... 100.00

Otto Nicholson, special tax road... 334.99

Glass & Prudhomme, supplies... 62.27

Martin Vandehy, relief... 22.50

Germo Mfg Co, county jail... 7.00

J. E. Price, court house... 7.00

Hugh Rogers, sheriff's office... 7.00

Emrick & Corwin, court house... 7.95

Gordon & Adkins, livery... 4.50

Cap Gules, court house... 2.25

Schmidt & Kulisch, relief... 4.95

Willis Ireland, sal and exp... 179.70

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F. H. Hartman, county farm... 11.50

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J. W. Goddin, sal and exp... 170.30

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W. H. Tongue, dist aty office... 20.00

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M. C. Case, sal and office exp... 102.85

M. C. Case, traveling exp... 6.60

J. W. Bailey, sal and exp... 230.50

Hillsboro Livery Co, county court... 2.00

Delta Drug Store, relief... 6.50

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Witness District Attorney—Charles Roberts \$6, Julius Skag 6.40, Lon Werth 6.30.

Roads and highways—John Beyer \$702.53, J. C. Hazzard 47.1, Raymond 17.50, A. B. Todd 22, H. Smith 30, B. Oatman 5, J. N. Munkers 7.50, Henry Shorb 5, A. B. Todd 11.60, J. W. Sewell 10, I. G. McCormick 4, W. H. McCormick 4, J. A. Hult 4, McFarlane Bros 5.18, Henry Daines 50, David Wenger 100.45, James Deulin 5, Banks Lbr Co 13.77, C. H. Hinman 1, Jno Borwick 150 and 19, Peter Heifman 11.30, J. B. Merrill 1, Scott Wolf 1, O. Gardner 2.50.

Refund—F. M. Heide 2.68, Nels Secho 35c, E. C. Hulbert 1.14, Louis Eudres 5.48, E. A. Hyde 2.24, Jas Hasking 1, J. A. Thornburg 12.76.

Bridges—J. Wismer \$4, John Olson 10, Donald Lbr Co 8.58, Jas Churchill 51.95, Thos Murphy 28.35, J. E. Dickson 6, A. B. McCumsey 73.72, J. Loring 69.14, R. M. Kyle 8.46, Spiering & Sohler 76, N. S. Prickett 35.

A Word to the Wise is Sufficient

It has come to our notice that some of our housekeepers have been induced to purchase an inferior baking powder retailing at 25 cents per pound, which is made of Alum, Phosphate and Albumen (called egg).

Alum is regarded as highly injurious. Phosphate is made from burned bones mixed with oil of vitriol. Albumen is usually made from blood, a slaughter-house product. This Albumen is worthless as an ingredient in baking powder, and is only used to make a misleading demonstration when stirred in water.

All of the above ingredients are highly objectionable when used in any article of food.

The only safe and really economical baking powder is made from pure Cream of Tartar (obtained only from grapes), Soda, and just enough starch to give strength-keeping qualities. See that the label reads: "Cream of Tartar, Bi-Carbonate of Soda and Starch."

There is some talk of the United Railway going to the North of its present survey and making the Cedar Canyon route over into Tillamook. This story is gaining ground since the road has gone into the hands of people supposed to be controlled by J. J. Hill, the railway magnate.

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