

RICH ALLUVIAL DEPOSIT IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Over Twenty Six Acres Had Top Reduced to Ashes Last Summer

SUIT FOR BIG MONEY FILED

Some of the Top Burned to Depth of Two Feet Complaint Says

Harriett B. Killen, widow of the late Benton Killen, has filed suit against the Gales Creek & Willamette River Railway, Porter & Conley, contractors, and others, engaged in clearing right of way for the new railroad, asking for \$150 damages sustained to 26.9 acres of beaverdam land near Greenville. The plaintiff alleges that she owns a tract on their right of way, and that last summer while they were clearing the land for grading their fire went beyond control and that the top of 7.2 acres was burned to a depth of from two to three feet, and that 19.7 acres were burned from a depth of from four inches to two feet.

The fire was said to have been set on August 8, and the blaze raged for several days. The porous quality of the alluvial deposit was such, it being dry, that all efforts to quench the blaze were of no avail.

The case will doubtless be tried in the near future.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

List of unclaimed letters week ending Dec. 15, 1917, Hillsboro, Ore.:
 J. C. Sturgill, Co. School Supt., R. H. Taylor.
 J. C. LAMKIN, Postmaster.

DRAFT NEWS

Registration cards for men are in possession of the local board (the first two of whom more than likely will be called in the next selection) with their serial order numbers, are:

- Order No. 129A, serial No. 1913, Harvey M. Jones, Gaston.
- Order No. 782A, serial No. 1906, Clifford L. Brown, Banks.
- Order No. 1504A, serial No. 1912, Theodore E. Lawton, Forest Grove.
- Order No. 1906, serial No. 1910, Chas. Bowers, Hillsboro Route 1.
- Order No. 1907, serial No. 1909, Cecil H. Kyle, Gales Creek.
- Order No. 1908, serial No. 1908, Nicholas C. Lilly, Gales Creek.
- Order No. 1909, serial No. 1907, Richard L. Smith, Hillsboro.
- Order No. 1910, serial 1911, Jesse J. Buell, Central Butte, N. D.

The Portland district board has exempted Harry F. Eliander, overruling the local board. It also certified Alfred Greenberg, of Beaverton, into the army, sustaining the local board.

The cases of Harry Hanson, Bethany, and Wm. Huntemann, Oak Park, sent to Camp Lewis some weeks ago, have been appealed to the President.

Mrs. W. R. Frentzel and her daughter left Boise, Idaho, on Thursday, for Chicago, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Frentzel's mother, returning in the spring.

On Saturday, Dec. 22, the county court will hold its annual budget meeting. The session will begin in the county court room at 10 A. M., and there is promise of a big attendance. In all likelihood the meeting will be compelled to adjourn to larger quarters, as several hundred will roll into the county seat. Each year sees a bigger interest in these meetings, and as all neighborhoods are interested it means quite a congregation. The total tax to be raised, according to the budget estimate, reaches \$429,705.67, and this is reduced by contemplative fees and interest in the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

Wanted: Hogs, shoats, sheep, beef, etc. We buy in Washington county and pay telephone charges of prospective sellers if they mean business. Will call in response to telephones or letters. Address C. K. Rogers, Portland, R. 1, Box 392, or telephone Woodlawn 5358. Will also do general hauling and long distance moving. 35tf

Mary Melvin, who married Forrest Melvin, at Seattle, in 1916, has sued for divorce, alleging a series of cruel and inhuman treatment, calling of vile names, etc., on the part of defendant. A few months after marriage, she says, he called her a "fool" in the presence of acquaintances. In October of this year, when the weather was getting "pinchy," she asked him for money to get a suit of underwear. He told her he would buy her nothing, took a revolver and left the house.

Frank J. Miller, Chairman of the Oregon Public Service Commission, was in town Monday. He was at Camp Mills in October, where he had a son in the Third Oregon. He says the reason the Oregon boys were not sent across last month and were detained at Camp Mills was because the number of boats to the Italian front to get men to the Italian front to check the big German-Austrian drive, and this left them short of vessels to transport overseas.

P. C. Anderson, formerly of Reedville, returned the first of week from the Alberta, entraining at Calgary. He has sold out his grain lands in the Alberta and says he will farm no more until the Wobblies [I. W. W.] are disposed of. He says they are making a great deal of trouble up in Canada since Uncle Sam started a crusade against them, as they naturally turn to other climes.

Frank Willers has joined the U. S. Navy as a baker, and leaves this week out of Portland to his assignment. He has sold his bakery to A. R. Bradley, of Hood River, who has taken possession. Frank already has a brother, Walter, in the Navy. The newly enlisted man left here Friday, but was unable to get transportation until some time this week.

Jasper Keffer and Thos. Williams are getting out ship knees over in the South Tualatin country. There is a big demand for these timbers, as each vessel takes all the way from 125 to 600 or 600, and there is pretty good money in cutting. There are several camps in the county getting out this essential to ship building.

A Washington County man has invented an apparatus which can be connected with a postoffice or any other safe, and which will give a man a knock-out shock as soon as he tries to monkey with the combination knob. If he will just improve on it so it will tie the fellow up until some one arrives he will have a first-class seller.

PORTLAND TO BUILD 10 MORE STEEL SHIPS

State Tax Levy Runs Nearly Three Millions

NEW MILLS OVER STATE

Activity of State's Industries Is Never Equalled Heretofore

State tax levy for 1918 is \$2,856,205. State to spend \$3,454,232, excess to be met by fees and balances.

Corvallis—Farmers in the vicinity of Hoskins, Philomath and Corvallis have organized a Federal Farm Loan Association.

North Bend—Buchner mill to be enlarged and add 60 hands.

Wallowa—Bear Creek timber and mill site sold. 100,000 foot mill to be erected.

Albany—60,000 lbs. of beans shipped from here by one firm.

Falls City—Sawmill near here is now completed and in operation.

Coquille—Mill belonging to Buehner Co. to be electrified.

Farmers' union of Umatilla county considering the erection of six more grain elevators in county along the line of N. P. and O. W. R. & N.

Portland—Standifer Const. Co. to build ten steel ships for U. S.

Portland—Receipts of interstate bridge past nine months, \$128,984.09.

Dallas—100,000 lbs. prunes harvested from 50 acres near this place.

McMinnville—\$40,000 to be spent on road and bridge work.

Enterprise—Floating mill modeled and up-to-date machinery added.

Portland—Tax levy for 1918 9.84 mills, compared with 9 mills for 1917.

Roseburg—Loganberry juice plant will be established here if the growers will guarantee to furnish the product from 300 acres.

Coos Bay ships 4,632,000 ft. of fir and spruce last two weeks of November.

Astoria—Clatsop Mill Co.'s plant sold for \$500,000. New owners will remodel plant and erect large sash, door and box factories.

Lakeview—Sawmill may be moved here.

Harrisburg—Farmers propose co-operative flour mill.

Gardiner—Work on mill progressing; plant to operate Feb. 1.

Port Orford—Camp on south fork of Coquille cutting cedar logs.

Shipbuilding in Oregon should be given every encouragement for it means development of many other lines of industry.

North Bend—Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. to add two traveling cranes.

Bandon—\$80,000 milk condenser to be located here.

Portland—Additional reservoirs to be built on west side of river.

TIME TABLE

All, except the P. R. & N. trains are electric, and stop at the depot on Main street.

To Portland.

Forest Grove train	6:50 a. m.
McMinnville train	7:36 a. m.
Sheridan train	10:03 a. m.
Forest Grove train	12:50 p. m.
McMinnville train	2:16 p. m.
Forest Grove train	3:55 p. m.
Eugene train	4:45 p. m.
McMinnville train	6:40 p. m.
Forest Grove train	9:50 p. m.

From Portland.

Arrives	
Eugene train	8:15 a. m.
McMinnville train	10:13 a. m.
Forest Grove train	11:59 a. m.
Forest Grove train	3:14 p. m.
Sheridan train	4:33 p. m.
Forest Grove train	6:40 p. m.
McMinnville train	7:15 p. m.
Forest Grove train	9:00 p. m.
McMinnville train	12:15 p. m.

All trains stop on flag at Sixth and Main; at North Range and Fir streets, Sixth and Fir streets, and at Tenth street.

Steam Service From Old Depot at Foot of Second Street.

To Portland.

P. R. & N. train	4:05 p. m.
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From Portland.

P. R. & N. train	10:00 a. m.
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Motor Car Service.

To Buxton	12:25 p. m.
To Timber	4:20 p. m.
From Timber	9:55 a. m.
From Buxton	2:10 p. m.

F. A. Retzel, of Farmington, was in the city Monday.

George Hellere, of Glencoe, was in town Monday, greeting friends.

Money to loan—Low rates of interest; charges reasonable.—E. L. Perkins, Hillsboro. 44tf

W. N. Hathorn, of Laurel, was in town Monday on county affairs.

Jos. Corrieri has rented the Lord place of 50 acres cleared, below Dunzer, for a three-year term.

Wanted: Grade Jersey or Holstein bull; Jersey preferred.—Carl Ashahr, Cornelius, Ore., R. 2. 38-40

M. N. Bonham, the oldtime school teacher, now holding down the chair near Middleton, was in the city Saturday, meeting with former Grant county people.

E. I. Kuratli has his office in the Hillsboro National Bank Bld. Loans your money, insures your buildings, rents your houses, buys and sells your property, makes collections. Notary Public.—Also speaks German and Swiss.

The war tax hits even the Hillsboro Club. A tax of 10 per cent on dues must be paid. This means at present 15 cents per month on each member. Uncle Sam evidently thinks that every little helps.

Wanted—Beef, pork, mutton, veal, etc., and will pay the highest market price for same. Will call any place.—T. A. Miller, Beaverton, Route 4; telephone, Beaverton 3, on line 3. 40-7

A. C. Shute reports fine duck shooting down on the Columbia, Sunday. The sportsmen all got the limit unless their eyes were blameworthy. The local boys, according to Lou Adams, had fine shooting down on the Tualatin.

Judge Geo. R. Bagley and Court Reporter Runyon started for Hillsboro Sunday morning, to attend to business at the Main Street flag station. No train was sent across the river, the slide trouble being augmented by bridge trouble this side.

Probate filed too late for last week—Estate Lewis Beller, who died Nov. 28, filed, value, \$3300. He leaves a widow and a son, Albert, who was named as executor. A. C. Kruger named as administrator of estate Hans D. Koeh, who died at Newberg, on Dec. 4, aged 65, estate valued at \$6000.

The first questionnaire filled out under draft regulations was turned into Sheriff Applegate's office Monday morning. Mason Sullinger, working at the condenser was the principal, and Attorney Benton Rowman assisted in filling it out and then filed it with the war board.

J. H. Williams, who has been working at a camp down on the lower Columbia, returned the last of the week and will remain with his sister, Mrs. Dell, until after the holidays, the mills having closed down until January 1. He reports great activity in the lumber districts on the river.

The war spirit is not on the wane in Washington county. It was amusing to see several fellows over 50, prominent in business, at Portland the other day, making a try to get into active service. Quite a few of them were getting "thin on top," but they were willing to make a try at the big game.

NOTICE

Under the acts of Congress of June 3, 1878, and March 3, 1891, residents of the State of Oregon are permitted to take timber free of charge from the vacant, unreserved, non-mineral public lands of the state, not within the national forests, for their own purposes for building, agricultural, mining or other domestic uses but not for barter or sale, under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. Copies of these rules and regulations may be secured by application to the Chief of Field Division, General Land Office, 310 Custom House, Portland, Ore.

It has been held, however, that the lands embraced within the Oregon & California Railroad Grant, title to which has been reserved in the Government, are not vacant, unreserved, non-mineral public lands within the meaning of the above acts of Congress, and that there is no authority for the granting of permission to cut or remove timber from these lands. Therefore, any person cutting or removing timber from the said Oregon & California Railroad Grant lands must be considered a trespasser, and subject to prosecution under the laws of the United States.

HUNDREDS ENLIST IN PORTLAND LAST WEEK

Corridors of Worcester Building Filled to Overflowing

MANY FROM THIS COUNTY

Stalwarts From All Over Northwest Try to Evade Draft Law

Hundreds of stalwart young fellows went to Portland from all over the Northwest last week, and by Saturday night several hundred had joined the United States army and were sent to Vancouver for training. This county furnished a big number, every train taking a lot of young fellows down to get into the service. Many went to the naval recruiting office but the army appeared to have the larger number. The movement was made to avoid the coming draft, and if the ratio was the same all over the United States the draft will be greatly diminished.

The marines came in for a fair share of enlistments, and hundreds were sent to Mare Island.

The volunteer enlistments were to have closed Saturday at noon, but those who had signed up and were unable to get examined were kept on the waiting list and taken care of later. Twenty army sergeants were busy at Worcester building, and by noon Friday ten of them had become so fatigued that they then worked in the afternoon.

Cowboys from the Klickitat country, horsemen from Idaho, farm boys from Willamette valley, and scores from the towns and farms in this county were there awaiting their turn for the physical test. It was reported that a few of them wanted to join the coast artillery at Fort Stevens, where there were vacancies—probably because they thought they would be kept on the coast.

THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everybody's knittin' now, Makin' socks for fighters—Bound to keep their feet so warm While they lick the blighters!

Ma, she knits,
 An' sister knits,
 Grandma leads them all, sir;
 Pa just sits around an' spits,
 And gets juice on the ball, sir!

No one plays a game of crib,
 Everybody's knittin'
 Even baby, in her bib,
 Knits where she is sittin'.

Auntie knits,
 An' grandpa knits,
 Grandpa says it's duty—
 Pa, he sits around and reads,
 Then cats a big Rome beauty

Then when Ma got gay, one night
 An' hinted Pa was shirkin',
 Pa just sniffed, an' smiled an' said,
 "Guess my money's workin'!"

Ma, you knit,
 The fambly knits,
 An' I don't care a darn, sir—
 Grandpa knits, an' Grandma knits—
 But don't I buy the yarn, sir?"

—The Deacon.

OREGON ELECTRIC TRAINS

To Portland—55 minutes	
6:32	a. m.
7:18	a. m.
8:28	a. m.
9:58	a. m.
12:43	p. m.
3:58	p. m.
5:18	p. m.
7:53	p. m.
From Portland—55 minutes	
7:54	a. m.
9:20	a. m.
11:25	a. m.
2:12	p. m.
4:27	p. m.
6:31	p. m.
7:18	p. m.
8:25	p. m.
12:20	a. m.

The heavy wind of Saturday night prevailed all over the entire Northwest, and shipping out of Astoria was called during the big blow. The hurricane developed 80 miles per hour off the bar, and when it reached inland Hillsboro it was gauged at 50 miles—some wind. Torrents of rain came with it, and the rivers raised several inches Sunday.

Roy Schulmerich was in from South Tualatin, Saturday.

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