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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY

Word has been received from congressman M. C. George to the effect that a bill has passed congress which reimburses the State of Oregon for expenses incurred in the Modoc war to the extent of \$70,000.

Recent news from the clerk of the board of state school land commissioners on the subject of reducing the amount of security for the loan of school funds, informs us that they find no reason for modifying the rule as they have recently had to refuse several good loans for lack of funds and that they are entirely out of funds.

POINTS DECIDED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF OREGON.

The Supreme court of this state has decided: That a will of any person can not be admitted in evidence to support title to land founded upon it until after such will has been admitted to probate in the county court and there proven to be the last will of deceased in the manner provided by law for wills to be proven.

Where a title is derived through a deed which is not recorded or exhibited to the purchaser, the title is defective, and he is not compelled to accept it.

A contract to make a good and sufficient warranty deed of conveyance is not performed by the vendors tendering a deed which is not intended to be a deed of conveyance.

The Supreme Court of this state has decided: That an offer in writing to pay a debt when not accepted is a sufficient tender of money under the code, and such tender will discharge a lien held by the party to whom the tender was made on personal property, created by a chattel mortgage.

Where a conveyance is taken by a husband in his own name, without the wife's consent, of land purchased with the wife's money, and with the understanding on her part that the conveyance is to be made to her, she is in equity the owner of the land, and the husband is her trustee.

An agreement for the sale of personal property at a price not less than fifty dollars, is void, under our statute of frauds, unless the same or some note or memorandum thereof expressing a consideration be in writing and subscribed by the party to be charged.

The supreme court of Indiana has furnished to the sellers of toy pistols the names of persons who will purchase them, and it will please society. Two little Indiana boys, aged ten and twelve years, had a toy pistol, and bought some ball cartridges for it of a dealer; the latter instructed the boys how to use them. They were used with such effect that one of the boys was killed by the other. The father brought action for damages against the dealer, got judgment and was sustained, as to the law of the case, by the highest court of the State.

San Francisco Democrats Reform.

The Chicago Times says: "The democrats of San Francisco propose to exclude women from employment in the municipal offices, where at present the petticoats are numerous. The fair officeholders are greatly disturbed thereat, and one of them writes an indignant and energetic protest. Up to this time women have been tolerated in office through a sort of political gallantry, but the democrats have recently of me

into power, desire to fill the places with persons who will not only vote themselves, but influence the votes of others. Women can do neither: they are lamentably ignorant of the great art of "setting 'em up for the boys," and getting "solid with the gang," and they must step down and out to make room for the lords of creation proficient in this necessary business. Women will never be a great success in politics, at least until the millennium is fully established and politics is no longer a question of beer and whiskey."

NEW YORK GOVERNOR IN TROUBLE.

A recent dispatch says: The Times, Tribune and Herald lecture Governor Cleveland on his first appointments. The Times says: The troubles of Cleveland have begun before he has taken possession of the governor's chair. The removal of a pardon clerk of 12 years' experience, whom Cornell, the most chary of governors in the matter of pardons, pronounced exceptionally well fitted for the position, has led to an unfavorable comparison between the professions of the governor and his course as foreshadowed in this early exercise of power. The appointee is said to have no special fitness for the place and to be known chiefly as a protege of Cleveland.

The Tribune says: Governor-elect Cleveland made his first serious error in the appointing of officers yesterday. Some of the persons whom he appointed as members of his staff are not above criticism, but the appointment of Godman Brown is palpably one that cannot be defended.

The Herald utters characteristic warning against heeding the advice of party managers: "That sort of advice only wastes their time. Let them serve the people. That is the main thing. Parties just now are of little account. That is the reason why Cleveland and Pattison were elected. The grand old democratic party is, if anything, a little dearer than the old republican party."

LIQUOR BILL.

It is confidently stated by parties who are said to know that there are a great deal of misrepresentation of facts by the distillers in their appeal for relief by the Sherman bill through the two years extension of time for payment of the tax on goods in warehouse. The talk about the eighty or ninety millions of gallons, which must be taken out soon if the bill should not pass, thereby bankrupting the trade and affecting financial circles generally, is untrue. There is no danger of a panic during the coming year on account of whisky, and there are no eighty or ninety millions, nor even half that, of liquor in bond upon which tax must be paid during the coming season.

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CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

A severe snow storm occurred in San Francisco on the 31st of last month, which afforded a scene for youngsters who had never witnessed anything of the kind before. Ford brothers, the slayers of Jesse James, while playing on the stage in Boston drew their revolvers and flourished them in the air and sprang from the stage into the crowd to gain vengeance on some one in the crowd who shouted that they were "no good." A panic ensued. Officers

crowded in and placed the belligerent under arrest.

Labor troubles are anticipated soon about Chicago.

Amongst the mail destroyed Dec. 21st in the New York Central Railroad accident there was 40 sacks for Oregon.

It is said that the starving condition of Irish people in the west of Ireland is so miserable and wretched that human language is inadequate to picture their terrible condition.

M. Gambetta, the celebrated French orator and statesman died on last Monday morning. His death was not expected but for only a short time before he died.

Inauguration ceremonies took place in Albany, New York, on the morning of January 1st.

At the incoming of the New Year a heavy shock of earthquake at Halifax was felt, lasting about thirty seconds. Several crowded churches who were watching the new year in, were almost panic stricken.

At the conclusion of the reception at the White House in the city of Washington, D. C., Aon. Elisha Allen, minister from the Hawaiian islands, dropped dead of heart disease.

The total value of imports of merchandise of the United States from China and Hong Kong for the year 1887, amounted to \$22,638,434. The value of exports to the same places amounted to \$9,213,880.

Severe storms in San Francisco have recently done great damage to ships, bumping them against the wharfs. Piles along the wharfs were snapped in two like pipe stems.

The scare of the Russia-German war has passed away without hardly realizing, so sudden was the disappearance of it.

The shock of an earthquake was felt throughout the city of Rockland and vicinity on New Years eve, followed by a storm of thunder and lightning.

The Russian consul general of San Francisco has issued orders prohibiting foreign vessels, under pain of confiscation, from trading, hunting, or fishing on the Russian coast or island in Okhotsk and Behring seas, without special permit from the governor general of eastern Siberia. It is thought the intention of the Russian government is to prevent any traffic with the islands, other than through its own subjects.

Something unprecedented in the annals of the fraternity in Matoon, Ill., occurred in the practice of Dr. D. M. McFall last Saturday night, being nothing less than the birth of two male children with two well formed bodies, united from the sternum, with one neck, one well formed head, the chin resting on the right and left shoulders of the bodies, and the face looking to the side. Physicians here say it is one of the finest specimens that ever come under their observation.

Seventy-six deaths from small-pox the past week occurred in Baltimore. To-day a case occurred in the city jail. Over 300 prisoners, confined for minor offenses, were discharged.

A syndicate has recently offered to buy from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 acres of the Northern Pacific lands east of the Missouri river.

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manufacture of cigarettes or smoking tobacco, without payment of tax.

Representative George at Washington recently said that some apprehension exists regarding the character of the reports made by the engineer officers on the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river. George said: "The report of the majority of the board is good, and Mendel's report is still better. While he thinks the jettes should be higher, he thinks they need not be so long as recommended by the majority, and therefore need not cost, even if stone is used instead of wood much more than \$1,100,000. The majority estimated the cost at over \$8,500,000. All the members of the board are agreed that wood work at the mouth of the Columbia will be free from the attacks of the tredo.

As Col. Gillespie believes the cost will be greatly lessened, there is entire unanimity as to the general plan to be pursued and certainty of a great and permanent increase of depth over the bar. All the members of the board are united upon Col. Gillespie's plan to protect the wall on Clatsop spit. I have given the subject of this improvement much study, and am gratified with the report of the board. Nothing but an ignorant and unfounded clamor against the river and harbor bill can retard the early beginning of this work.

Patents were this week awarded to the following name Pacific slope inventors: Wm. Adams, Salem, Or., car coupling; Adolph V. Anderson, Virginia City, stock car; Geo. Redburg, Portland, car coupling; John L. Gladney, Antelope, Cal., faucet; Daniel Best, Albany, Or., grain separator; Chas. Bridges, San Fernando, pumping machinery and ladder; John M. Hailow, Brighton, Cal., fruit dryer.

The public debt reduction for December will be \$3,000,000.

Commissioner Raum has gone to Illinois to prosecute the senatorial fight.

Capt Wm. Hooper, formerly a Mormon delegate in congress, died on the 1st.

It is officially stated that the British army of occupation in Egypt will be reduced one-half.

Advices from Idaho territory state that the recent trouble there is at an end and the troops have been withdrawn.

The vessels which arrived in New York from foreign ports during 1887, numbered 6,476, including 1,942 steamers.

East bound freight shipments during the past week from Chicago were nearly 20,000 tons greater than any previous week.

Tobacco men petition congress for the immediate repeal of the internal revenue tax on tobacco and to maintain the duty on imported cigars.

The mint demand for the "dollars of our daddies" at New Orleans has been nearly \$2,000,000 more than the coinage. That does not indicate that the silver dollar is a burden.

The southernmost of the chain of west-side counties is also the largest, says the Oregonian. It extends north and south about 50 miles and east and west about 60, occupying a span between the Willamette river and the ocean, east and west. It is less thickly settled than any other of the west-side counties, but is perhaps richer than any in natural resources. Its eastern third is level alternate prairie and light black land, and the remainder is timbered hill land, admirably adapted for pastures. The level land of Benton is almost exactly like the level lands of the other west-side counties. It is well watered and timbered, rich in soil—in short, a farmer's paradise. It is thickly settled and has been for many years, and its principal product is wheat. Stock, vegetables, fruit, etc., are grown here as in Yamhill and Polk, but not as an independent and special crop.

The western part of Benton county is probably the best stock section in Oregon, though comparatively little stock is raised there. The hills, originally covered with dense forests, have been burned over and are now comparatively open. The debris of the burned forest has enriched the soil to a highly productive state and peculiarly adapted it for the various "fame" grasses. The hills are seamed with creek and river bottoms which yield hay, or in fact, anything planted in great abundance. The climate is a softened ocean climate and the extremes of heat and cold are not known. Snows are rare and never lie on the ground more than two days together. Benton has a fair share of coast country and a natural harbor at Yaquina bay. Its western part, particularly the Yaquina country, is rapidly filling up with immigrants.

Benton is just now the most progressive county in western Oregon. The Oregon Pacific Railroad Co., is building a line from its eastern to its western extremes, terminating at Yaquina bay, and the enterprise has put new life into the county. The company proposes to extend its line across to an eastern connection, and the people of Benton emphatically hope to see Yaquina bay one of the chief foreign shipping points in the state.

The principal towns in Benton county is

Corvallis, the southern terminal point of the west side division of the O. & C. R. R. and on the bank of the Willamette river. It has a population of twelve or fifteen hundred, and is not only a local center, but the distributing point for the whole of Benton county and the western part of Lane. It has banks, fine stores, handsome streets, good residences and wears an air of thrift. The chief office in this state of the O. P. R. R. is located there. The school privileges of Corvallis are particularly fine. The state agricultural college is located there, and the town is also well provided with public schools.

The city council of Salem soon to go on of office as their last official act passed an ordinance reorganizing the fire department which has been approved by the mayor. It is thought that the new council will appeal it.

The Baker city Tribune relates one among the worst attempts at murder we remember hearing of, in which one William Carl who is an old dilapidated building standing upon the high open ground, with no other buildings in sight, looking as deserted and cheerless as one could well imagine. This house was built eight or ten years ago, intended for a hotel, as it was thought the railroad would make its terminus at that point. The building is said to have cost \$3000.

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pressed with orders that it is impossible to load all the vessels.

About 30 men are employed at the Tacoma lime kiln and about 100 barrels of lime are being turned out daily. A new kiln is about to be built.

Between 90 and 100 men are employed at Lister's iron works in Tacoma. The proprietor is negotiating with Salt Lake parties with a view of developing the iron mines in that section and producing pig iron for home use.

White Salmon valley, 20 miles below the Dalles, in Klickitat county, is growing rapidly. Hnum is the commercial center, about five miles from the Columbia river contains a great mill and several business houses, with a fine water power. A saw-mill is needed. Plenty of timber in the vicinity, principally black and yellow pine and fir.

At a distance of about three miles from Whatcombs, near Harris bay, and plainly to be seen from the deck of passing steamboats is an old dilapidated building standing upon the high open ground, with no other buildings in sight, looking as deserted and cheerless as one could well imagine. This house was built eight or ten years ago, intended for a hotel, as it was thought the railroad would make its terminus at that point. The building is said to have cost \$3000.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court, of the state of Oregon, for the county of Benton, on the 6th day of December A. D. 1887, upon a certain judgment rendered, entered and docketed in said court, on the 24th day of September A. D. 1872, and upon which leave to issue execution was granted, and entered and docketed as a judgment in said court on the 1st day of December A. D. 1887, in favor of E. W. Wilson, Plaintiff, and against E. D. Thorn, defendant, the sum of \$532.40 and twenty-one dollars costs, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the first day of December 1882, and the costs upon said execution, to be directed and delivered and commanding me that out of the personal property of said defendant, E. D. Thorn, or if sufficient thereof cannot be found, then out of the real property belonging to said defendant, E. D. Thorn, in said county, to satisfy said sum of money. Not being able to find any personal property of said defendant, E. D. Thorn, subject to satisfy said execution, as aforesaid, and in order to satisfy said sum of money herebefore mentioned, I have levied upon and will sell for cash in hand at the Court-house door, in the city of Corvallis, in Benton county, State of Oregon, on Saturday, THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1888, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, namely at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, all the right, title and interest of said defendant, E. D. Thorn, in or to the following described real property, to-wit: That piece of land known as the west half of the Oysterville claim of 164 98-100 acres, situated on the Yaquina Bay, in the county of Benton, and State of Oregon, more particularly described in Certificate No. 860 of the land office at Oregon City, Oregon, dated Dec. 13, 1870, viz: Commencing at a stake 20.00 rods west of the Oysterville House, formerly owned and occupied by Solomon Dodge, and running due north to a stake in the north line of said land claim, thence west along said line to the corner, thence south to the southwest corner, thence east to the place of beginning, making 82 acres, more or less, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appearing. SOL KING, Sheriff of Benton County, State of Oregon.

Real Estate Agency. I have some very desirable property on the Bay for sale in lots from 10 to 257 acres. Some of this is near the O. P. R. terminus. Persons wishing to invest will find it well worth their attention as reasonable. Address with stamps to pre pay postage. R. A. BENZEL, Corvallis, Oregon.

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