

THE LINCOLN TAX MATTER

To be Settled by a Committee,
Each County to Appoint
One Member

With the birth of Lincoln county a difficulty arose, between the infant and old Benton, regarding the amount of taxes that were supposed to rightfully belong to the new county. The law creating the new county was lame in many particulars because it was less explicit than it ought to have been. It provided that the clerk of Benton county should make out a complete list or roll of all the taxes assessed upon persons and property within the boundaries of Lincoln county, that remained unpaid upon the day the act creating the new county went into effect. In so far as the clerk was able this provision was carried out; but he found it was impossible to follow the letter and spirit of the law. In making the assessment, property owned in the various precincts was entered on the roll under the precinct in which the property owner lived. Through this method much of the property lying on the way was assessed to residents of Corvallis together with their land in this precinct. From the gross valuation of this property was then deducted the value of the property in Benton county precincts; and even if he could segregate the land, he could not segregate the proportion of such taxpayer's indebtedness should be deducted from the gross valuation of property situated in Lincoln county. In this way Lincolnites have been deprived of the taxes on property whose assessed valuation is estimated at \$200,000. These taxes have been collected by the sheriff of this county and the \$200,000 due us on state taxes have been retained by Lincoln county as a sort of a retaliatory measure. This difficulty has been very aggravating to residents of both counties. Each has threatened the other with a suit, but outside of the spleen vented by the newspapers, nothing was done toward a settlement of the dispute until recently, when a stipulation was signed by members of the two county courts, referring the matter to a committee for arbitration. In this way the differences will be satisfactorily adjudicated without the necessity of expensive litigation.

The conditions of these stipulations are in a condensed form as follows: In order to segregate the assessments of the tax rolls and determine what proportion thereof is due each of the two counties, a competent person will be appointed—one from each county—whose duty it shall be to investigate carefully the various tax rolls and segregate and apportion the taxes of each. In cases where property in both counties has been assessed in a lump sum, the committee are to have access to original assessment blanks for the purpose of determining the value of each piece of property from the value placed upon adjoining property. Should the two arbitrators be unable, in any case, to agree a disinterested third party may be called to assist them in reaching a decision, in which event the decision of two will be considered final and binding on both parties. When this work has been completed the clerk of Benton county shall make out and deliver to Lincoln county a supplemental tax roll which shall contain a list of all property found lying within the boundaries of Lincoln county. A warrant will be drawn by Benton county to reimburse Lincoln county for all taxes collected by one sheriff upon property situated in the county of Lincoln. From this warrant, however, will be deducted the amount of state taxes upon such property paid by Benton county. Lincoln county is to pay the clerk of Benton for making the supplemental roll. Each county is to pay for the services of her representative upon the board or committee of arbitration and in case a third person is called in, the cost of his services is to be borne equally by the two counties.

This is certainly the proper way of settling this vexed question and it seems strange that such a long period has elapsed before the two county courts could agree upon some definite plan of action that would be fair to all concerned.

Patent Car Pusher.

E. W. Beeman, an old Oregon Pacific conductor and a railroad man of many years experience, left Wednesday for Denver, Col., where he expects to organize a company to engage in the manufacture of a car pusher, a device invented by Mr. Beeman and upon which he recently secured a patent. The affair is quite a simple contrivance, being a piece of steel so constructed as to fit the flange of a car wheel and is attached to a lever that affords great power. Unlike the pincher, whose use in starting a car requires the strength of a Samson and which evidences a tendency to lift the car rather than turn the wheel, the Beeman car pusher causes the wheel to turn without much outlay of strength to the operator. At each stroke of the lever the flange slips backward on the revolving wheel thus affording a new leverage and increasing the momentum as the car advances. It has a capacity sufficient to move from five to ten ordinary cars and is designed especially for use on sidings where no locomotive is at hand. Railroad men in this city who have seen the invention say that there has been nothing similar to it ever placed on the market. It fills a long felt want and the company that undertakes its manufacture ought to meet with success.

Killed by a Falling Limb.

A very lamentable but unforeseen accident at Gates, Marion county, on the North-Santiam, took place on Wednesday. Mr. Albert Smith, son of Mr. Don Smith of that place, was engaged in cutting down a tree. A limb caught and was broken off and in the rebound caught the young man, striking him on the head and crushing the skull instantly. He was about 25 years of age, had been married about two or more and has one child, and was an estimable and a most highly respected man, in fact, a universal favorite. His young wife and parents have the sympathy of the entire community.—Herald.

To Organize a Stringed Quartette.

Ruthy Turner arrived here this week from Seaside to meet Mr. A. Hattrem, an experienced concert manager, who was engaged to act in the capacity of advance agent for the Amold Concert company. Mr. Hattrem left Wednesday for Vancouver, Wash., where the company begin their tour in about ten days. From this point they will be billed along the Southern Pacific to San Francisco, which city they expect to reach about the first of October. Then they go to Humboldt county, the old home of Mr. Turner, where they have been guaranteed a large house. From here they go to Seattle and after playing the Sound circuit, the troupe will take in Eastern Washington and play down the Columbia to Portland, and may perhaps favor us with a concert sometime during December. Before the first of the year the company will leave over the Northern Pacific and during the remainder of the season will play in the East. At St. Paul it is expected that a stringed quartette will be organized to consist of 1st and 2nd violin, viola and cello. Herr Amold will accompany the quartette as leader and violin soloist and Mr. Turner, of whom such favorable mention has been made regarding his ability as a performer upon the cello, will do the East with the company as cellist. When this contemplated organization is once perfected, it will be second to no concert company in America. Being under the efficient leadership of Professor Amold, who has already attained a national reputation as perhaps the best violinist in the world, it gives the quartette a prestige seldom enjoyed, even by older organizations, and assures its management abundant success.

Grain Small and Shriveled.

Within the past week we have made many enquiries among the farmers regarding their grain yield and find from conversation with them that the wheat crop is about twenty per cent less than was anticipated, still the yield was fair. The shortage is accounted for in numerous ways. Many claim it is due to ravages of the aphid which sucked the sap from the stalk and, as a result, less grains have formed in the meshes than common. Others say the shortage is due to cold rains that fell while the fall wheat was in bloom. While it is probable that the fall wheat suffered some from these cold rains, this loss was fully made up by the beneficial results these storms had on the spring sown grain, which is turning out unusually well. Warehousemen say the grain hauled to market this season is of an excellent quality and very heavy. The berry is unusually small, though, and accounts largely for the shortage.

What Might Have Happened.

At first a dim mist hovered over the earth, making objects scarcely discernable. Then old Sol strode in and under the glare of his mighty searchlight everything became distinctly visible. A broad landscape was shifted into view by hands that toy with worlds; a beautiful spot with, wrapped in nature's emerald blanket and kissed by heaven's sunny smiles. Numberless fountains of sparkling water laughed and played with the dancing sunbeams, and little songbirds—glittering fragments of the rainbow—caroled a greeting to the god of light. A delicate fragrance filled the air, soothing the senses into a gentle sleep. There is no telling what else might have happened if Spencer hadn't woke him up to make room for another customer. You see he was in Spencer & Case's barber shop, and he had fallen asleep while Jesse was shaving him.

Bad Outlook for Wool.

Ex Governor Moody, one of the most extensive dealers in wool in the state says: "The average annual output of Oregon is about 20,000,000 pounds. The Dallas handling about one quarter. The market price there at this time is from seven to nine cents, the lowest ever known. Ever since the advent of the democratic administration, however, free trade prices have prevailed, and the producer in consequence has suffered severely. This uncertainty has now developed into a painful reality, and it seems easy to predict the future of what has been one of Oregon's greatest industries, and pointed to with pride by every resident of the state."

President J. M. Bloss leaves tomorrow for Baker City where he is to assist in a district teachers' institute that convenes next Monday. He will also attend sessions of a county institute that meets at Pendleton, September 3. Speaking of the college interests for the coming scholastic year, the president said, that indications are favorable for a large increase in attendance. Added interest in the college is manifested by the unusual number of inquiries for catalogues and other information that are being received from all parts of the state. Residents of Clatsop and Josephine counties seem particularly anxious for information and promise a number of new students. This is especially gratifying to the president because in the past neither of these counties has evidenced much interest in the work here and scholars from these localities have been exceedingly rare. Owing to the hard times and the depressed condition of the market for farm products, the attendance will not be increased as largely as it might be expected to under more favorable circumstances, still there is everything to indicate that a very favorable showing will be made when the school opens in September.

Brace the Nerves.

Sedatives and opiates won't do it. These nerves do not make the nerves strong, and failing to do this fall short of producing the essential of their quietude—vigor. And while in extreme cases—and these only of nervous irritation such drugs may be advisable, their frequent use is highly prejudicial to the delicate organism upon which they act, and in order to renew their quieting effect increased and dangerous doses eventually become necessary. Hostetters Stomach Bitters is an efficient substitute for such pernicious drugs. It quiets the nerves by bracing, toning, strengthening them. The connection between weakness of the nervous system and that of the organs of digestion is a strong and sympathetic link. The Bitters, by imparting a healthful impulse to the digestive and assimilating functions, promotes throughout the whole system a vigor in which the nerves come in for a large share. Use the Bitters in malaria, constipation, biliousness and kidney trouble.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

The News of the Week as
Found by Our Reporter.

For rent, sale or trade, a new seven-room house in Corvallis.

For Sale—One lot in Job's addition. Enquire at this office.

Miss Eunice Alexander, of Toledo, is the guest of the Misses Mackay.

J. M. Nolan is at Yaquina with his family enjoying a much needed rest.

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There will be preaching at the college chapel next Sunday by the pastor at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

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J. P. Irvine and family, of Independence, passed through town yesterday on their way home from a several weeks' sojourn at Newport.

Oregon Pacific employees were paid last week in full for services performed during the month of July. The payroll amounted to \$5,186.

G. Herbert Ray returned to Portland Wednesday after spending his vacation with his parents in Corvallis and also with relatives near Newport.

The Corvallis Ice works are prepared to deliver ice in any quantity to all parts of the city between the hours of 7 and 12 a. m. John Zeis, proprietor.

Will S. Stock, a former Corvallis boy and now a prominent pharmacist of Colfax, Wash., visited with relatives in this city during the early part of the week.

Two of the successful contestants for certificates at the last teachers' examination in Lincoln county, were Misses Anna Barclay and Louise Luenberger, of this county.

Recorder Waters and family are rusticating at Seal-Rock resort for a few days. During his absence the duties of the office are in charge of his son, E. E. Wilson.

Prof. Moses Craig and G. W. Shaw were at Ashland in attendance upon a session of the Chautauque assembly that convened Tuesday and remains in session until September 1.

Miss Mollie Bergin and Miss Francis Harris returned from Newport yesterday. The latter will visit with friends in this city for a few days before leaving for her home in Portland.

The steam saw "Gazette," built last spring by Charles McCullough for use in conveying wood to Corvallis from up-river points, is now doing duty at Albion as a pile driver.

Tried and true is the verdict of people who take Hood's Sarsaparilla. The good effects of this medicine are soon felt in nerve strength restored, appetite created and health given.

Messrs. Newhouse and Sheagreen, proprietors of the Central Pleading mills, are kept busy filling orders for fruit drier fixtures which they are furnishing to growers all over the valley.

A party of capitalists consisting of: Col. H. B. Burgh and J. E. Robinson, of Rock Island, Ill., and A. E. Lyford and Wm. Uhlman, of Moline, Ill., are in town and will remain several days.

Miss Lulu Sargeant, of Salem, Or., Mrs. Bach, has been elected professor of music and elocution at Pacific college, Newberg, Or. Miss Sargeant's friends wish her abundant success in her new field.

The steam schooner Sontia left Yaquina last Saturday with a full cargo, consisting of 400 tons of rock from the Pioneer quarry, which is being used in the construction of several new buildings in San Francisco.

Gay E. Laws, of Monroe precinct, is operating the Wooley warehouse in Irish bend this season. While he has not had much experience in this line, he is a wide-awake rustling business man and will no doubt succeed in the new venture.

L. Heitzman, a farmer living in Lane county, who was cutting grain with a self-binder one day last week, unhitched his team at noon and returning after dinner found the binder in ashes. He believes it to be the work of an incendiary.

For a lame back or for a pain in the side or chest, try saturating a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and binding it on the affected parts. This treatment will cure any ordinary case in one or two days. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Graham & Wells.

The apple crop of the United States appears to be so small again this year that it is safe to expect such prices as will justify the shipment of winter apples to the East. All fruit growers who have good winter apples will be able to dispose of them at fair prices.

Another opportunity will be afforded the heat-oppressed and over-worked valley folk to cool off and drive hard away by the sounding sea, next Sunday, August 27th. An excursion train will leave Corvallis at 7:30 a. m. and the wear and tear of a round trip ticket will require an outlay of \$1.50.

A sojourner at Lower Soda, in the Cascades, writes that the springs there were poisoned Saturday and several persons made deadly sick. When the springs were cleaned out Sunday, several pieces of brass, copper and other metals were found therein, having produced poisonous matter. Great indignation is expressed among the campers. Mrs. John Savage, jr., of Salem, is the principal sufferer.

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Ponce de Leon made a mouse colored ass of himself by chasing around in Florida looking for a fountain of youth. Today, men of sense obtain the boon that Ponce was hankering for by going to Nelson Bros. and being infused with new life by indulging in a refreshing bath and a haircut and shave.

Hon. J. D. Daly has been selected by the Lincoln county court to act for Lincoln county in the tax settlement spoken of elsewhere. Should the Benton county court select as fair and capable a man there will be but little likelihood of the third man being called to help them to decide.—Leader.

The clothes do not always determine the man, but every one will admit that neatly fitting, stylish garments are things of beauty and a joy forever. F. G. Cecil, the popular tailor, is a thorough workman, and is now prepared to make pants from \$5 upwards, and suits to order at prices ranging from \$18 upwards.

One of the condensed milk companies will soon ship a train load of 25 cars of condensed milk from Elgin, Ill., to the Pacific coast. Five cars will come to the Pacific Northwest and the balance to San Francisco. The Elgin Dairy Report says that this train load of milk represents 2,000,000 pounds of fluid milk.

Residents of the county west of us do not seem entirely satisfied with some of the acts of their county court. The leader has the following: "There has been \$751.50 drawn on the 'sinking fund' to pay on the present owner books. These warrants are paid in cash, while other warrants are marked 'not paid for want of funds'."

The steamer Homer arrived at Yaquina Tuesday afternoon with twenty passengers and 190 tons of miscellaneous freight for valley merchants. An immense amount of fruit came in by the passenger train next morning which has been retailed at very reasonable rates, during the past two days, yet at prices far in advance of those received for Oregon-grown fruit.

Among the incidents of childhood that stand out in bold relief, as our memory returns to the days when we were young, none are more prominent than severe sickness. The young mother vividly remembers that it was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cured her of cough, and in turn administered it to her own offspring and always with the best results. For sale by Graham & Wells.

The newest thing in the corporation line is reported from Yamhill county by the Graphic, as follows: The Newberg Dog company is the latest. A fine bird dog belonging to L. H. Morgan has been losing about town for several days and seemed to have lost all love for the farm, as a number of the boys formed a joint stock company and bought him. The price paid, and the objects of the company, will be given when the notice of incorporation appears in the state papers.

From the Oregon Courier it is learned that in Highland a disease has broken out among young cattle that has a fatal termination. Green Mayfield, Mr. Sinton, a man named Stewart living near by, Joe Myers and probably others have lost stock. The symptoms are a wild staring of the eyes, discharge from the muzzles, staggering and finally black droppings. The stock at tacked were in good flesh and seemingly healthy. Thus the facts were given by Mr. Sinton. It is believed to be a form of anthrax.

Forty-nine years ago, last Saturday, the eyes of John Langer, the accommodating driver for Wells, Fargo & Co., first saw the light of day in the city of Hanover, Germany. Remaining in the city of his birth until 1872, he became anxious to court his fortunes in the New World and in the fall of that year came to Eugene, where he resided until 1882, when he moved to Corvallis and ever since has made his home in this city. Mr. Langer has the thanks of the GAZETTE for a liberal contribution of rare old port.

The Sunset Stone Quarry company is the name of a syndicate recently formed in Lincoln county. The quarry is located three miles southwest of Elk City upon the Big Elk and on the ranch of Col. F. J. Parker, of Walla Walla, who has extensive interests in the vicinity of Elk City, and who is connected with the new enterprise. F. C. Hoffman is the firm's manager and has written the Oregon Pacific for car-load rates to San Francisco where they expect to ship several tons of the new quarry's product by the next steamer.

In last week's issue mention was made of some Yellow Transparent apple trees owned by George D. Barton, which it was supposed were the only ones of this choice variety growing in the state. Mr. G. W. Quivey, however, informs us that a friend sent him one of these trees from Germany several years ago which was planted in his yard and this year yielded a bushel of splendid fruit. He confirms the opinion of Mr. Barton regarding its excellence, claiming that it is the earliest, and at the same time the choicest variety of apples he has ever seen.

Willis Vidito, a prosperous farmer of Alsea and present justice of the peace for the precinct, was in town Monday. He reports that grain in his portion of the county is not turning out as well as was expected. While oats will yield finely the wheat crop is unusually light. This result is attributed slightly to the grain aphid but more particularly to the ravages of the wire worm that made its appearance prior to the advent of the aphid. Mr. Vidito says that the new 100-foot span bridge across the Alsea will be completed this week and that the work is well done and ought to give satisfaction.

Mr. J. H. Albright is the sort of a fruit-grower of whom it is a pleasure to speak. He left at this office last Tuesday a heaping quart box of blackberries. As they were exceedingly large, the writer had some curiosity to know how many the box contained, and on counting them, found to his surprise that it took but ninety-one berries to fill the box. They were of the Kitty variety, uniform in size and of splendid flavor. One of the larger ones measured 3 1/2 inches one way and 3 1/4 inches the other. Mr. Albright informs the GAZETTE that he has sold this year from two vines over 100 boxes and before the season is over they will produce as many more.

CAN AN ORDER BE HAD?

More About Mr. Daly's Proposed O. P. Extension.

Hon. John Daly came out from the bay Tuesday and will represent Lincoln county on the board of segregation in the tax matter. In conversation with a GAZETTE reporter relative to his proposed extension of the Oregon Pacific, Mr. Daly expressed himself as being perfectly confident of ultimate success. He says all the necessary funds can be had for completing the work if the parties who advance the money can be secured on the sixteen miles of newly built roadbed and track.

There would probably be no trouble on this score as the company making the extension would be entitled to a statutory lien upon the road built by them. The sticking point seems to be, not so much in securing the necessary funds, as in getting the matter in tangible shape for the organization of a company to complete the work. The roadbed for a distance of four miles is already completed and is part of the mortgage premises now in the hands of the court. This is also true of the right of way over the entire sixteen miles.

The question under these circumstances that confronts Mr. Daly and his co-workers is: Has the court the legal right to make an order in the premises that will not be laden with conditions sufficient to render a consummation of the project impossible. Many claim that the Oregon Pacific company has forfeited its charter and right of way by its failure to complete the line to an eastern connection in the time specified. On this ground the court would have no jurisdiction in the matter as it would be entirely out of his hands. Therefore if the judge is to act in the premises it must be assumed that the company has forfeited none of its rights, and if the plan to extend the road to Independence prairie is to succeed, it must be known for a certainty, that Judge Fullerton has the legal right to turn over to the new organization all the rights, franchises and right of way of the Oregon Pacific, so far as its effects the proposed extension, together with four miles of roadbed, all of which are portions of the mortgage property now in the hands of the court under foreclosure proceedings.

Unless such an order can be had there will be no adequate security to offer for the money necessary in carrying out the plan. With a proper showing from the receiver urging the importance of the completion of this work and the consent of all parties in interest, the court could grant the order and the possibility of future trouble and expensive litigation would be thus avoided.

The best interests of a large portion of the state and the future welfare of the road demand the completion of this proposed extension at an early date. Mr. Daly says that so far as he is able to learn most of the interests involved in the present interminable litigation are favorable to the project. It is authentically stated, however, that Mr. Wm. M. Hoag, while in this city recently, expressed himself as being decidedly opposed to the measure. It is perhaps possible that he has not had the matter explained satisfactorily and upon a more thorough investigation of the merits of the plan he might see the wisdom of favoring it.

Tuesday night the barn of Hiram Wood, who lives in Blodgett's valley, was burned to the ground together with two head of horses and a large amount of farm machinery that was stored in the building. The loss sustained will amount to several hundred dollars with no insurance. The cause of the blaze seems to be wrapped in mystery. Shortly before the fire occurred Mr. Wood had been at the barn and watered his horses. While there it is supposed he lighted a lantern, which it has been his custom to keep in the stable, and dropped the lighted match on the ground which ignited with the loose straw and caused the fire. Mr. Wood, however, dismembers having lighted the lantern, still the loss can be accounted for in no other way, as he returned from the barn only a few minutes before the blaze was discovered.

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Fatal Runaway Accident.

Mrs. Wm. Burns, of Dallas, Polk county, was killed last Sunday in a runaway accident. She and her husband were on their way to church, and while on a prairie, the horse began to kick and run. Fearing that she might be hurt, her husband asked her to jump from the vehicle, and in doing so she struck her head against an oak stump, fracturing the skull which resulted in death three hours later. Mrs. Burns was quite well known in Corvallis where she was married only eight months ago at the residence of her uncle, George Smith. She was a niece of Mrs. J. J. Daly, of Dallas, and the family is prominently connected in Polk county. Mrs. Burns' maiden name was Lulu Mulvaney.

The Yamhill Reporter tells the following, and remarks that the deed goes far toward strengthening the theory of total depravity of humanity: Some unknown person or persons tied weighted cans to the tails of horses belonging to Wm. Gilson, of Bellevue, and to a valuable mare belonging to a gentleman stopping with Mr. Gilson. We understand that all the animals have returned except the mare, of which no trace can be found. Placed in this predicament, most horses would run to death, and it is difficult to conceive of a human being so profoundly ignorant or desperately malicious as to be guilty of such criminal action.

A Duke wheel for sale cheap, has only been in use two months. Enquire at this office.

The appointment of Robert Johnson as postmaster of this city was confirmed in an executive session of the United States senate on the 11th of August. The fact of Bob's confirmation was not telegraphed to the coast papers, so Bob knew nothing of it until J. R. Markley learned of it in the personal column of the Congressional Record. This appointment has laid on the table of the postoffice and postroads committee since the latter part of March last, and in consequence Robert's cherished hopes have been hanging at half mast. He will receive his papers in a few days, no doubt, and "Richard will be himself again."

A most curious display of "fireworks" was witnessed by a number of our people last Sunday evening about 9 p. m. The whole northern sky seemed to have a merry "jig," and its astronomical "torch" aroused the envy of many old worshippers at the shrine of Bacchus. Aurora, the goddess of morning, blushed at this unseemly revelry and strove to hide her pallid face behind a veil of vapory clouds, but old Boreas seemed in a merry mood also, as he persisted in blowing the foam off his beer in the face of the goddess.

E. P. Thorp, editor and publisher of the Cottage Grove Echo-Leader, Sundayed in Corvallis.

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