#### A LEGAL OPINION.

Judge McArthur Holds That the Lease of the 34-Foot Strip Around the Court House Square is Not Legal.

# ALSO THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT SELL ANY OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

It will be remembesed that the County Commissioners Court of Lane county, Ore-gon, several months since, employed Judge L. L. McArthur, of Portland, to prepare a L. L. McArthur, of Portato, whership and legal opinion upon the ownership and status of the 34 feet abatting upon the pub-server attempted or supposed to have lic square attempted or supposed to have been leased to the property holders abutt-ing the same on May 8, 1878. Also his opinion upon the power of the court to dis pose of the vacant squares now used as parks.

The County Clerk Tuesday received the opionion delivered by Judge McArthur. It is quite exhaustive of the subject, and would fill, if published entire, many col-umns of the GUAND. We herewith give a

synopsis of the opinion: "It is settled law that all highways and streets belonging to the public are sub-ject to legislative control. Therefore when the county dedicated the 100 foot strip to the public as a highway it became subject to the control of the legislature. The Legislature authority is not however supreme islature authority is not however supreme. It may regulate the use; it may delegate the regulation of the use of the city, but it can not divet or subject it to misuse clearly in-consistent with the purpose of its dedication or authorize the city to do so. The state has not attempted to delegate supreme au-thority to the city." "If a tenant is permitt-ed to enter upon the land without any term prescribed or rent resumed, and as a mere commit he is atticity a tenant at will. In occupier, he is strictly a tenant at will. In view of the nature and character of the original entry and subsequent occupance by the said property holders of the premises in question, I am of the opinion that they cannot successfully invoke the aid of the statute of limitations."

"A word as to the remedy. The city has a complete remedy and can cause the removal of all obstructions upon the thirty-four foot strip. The county also has a remedy. For the use contemplated the county dedicated the entire hundred test as a public high way. It used inconsistent with the purpose of the dedication it can and doubtless will be rededication it can and nononicom will be re-strained by a court of equity. Nothing can be clearer than that if a grant is made for a specific limited and defined purpose, the subject of the grant cannot be used for another and that the grantor still retains such an interest therein as entitles him in a court of caulty is logist monther the retaining court of equity to insist upon the execution of the trust as originally declared and accepted. This is a general fundamental principal of equity jurisprudence and ap-plying this principle to the facts in the matter I am led to express the opinion that equity affords a remedy to the county, the original dedicator, against the use of any part of the 100 foot strip for any other pur

poses than as a public highway." The next question upon which my opinion is sought, is whether the county can at this time sell any part of the smaller squares for the purpose of establishing a fund to be used in constructing necessary public buildings, such as a court house, jail, etc. "There is no doubt but that the smaller squares shown on the plat were dedicated to the use of the inhabitants of Eugene, by the County of Lane, as early at least as May 5, 1856, the county having at the time the proprietory interest in the land. I think too that under the the land. I think too that under the authorities this dedication was irrevoe-able. The case of Carter, et al, vs the city of Portland, 4 Oregon 339, is decis-ive of this question. In my judgment the county cannot now revoke the dedication and sell any part of the smaller squares. In relation to these squares it may be well enough for me at this point to state that I believe them to be under the control of the them to be under the control of the county subject to the dedication. Neither the charter of 1864, which repealed that of 1862, nor the charter of 1889, which repealed that of 1804, nor the charter of 1891 which repealed that one in it rity to

### Probate Court.

Met at the Court House, Feb. 1, 1892, Present-Judge Scott, Sheriff Noland and llerk Walker.

The following business was transacted: Estate of C. O. Huribert; Monday, March 1892, set for hearing final settlement. Estate of J. C. Yates; Monday, March 7,

Estate of a C Tates, Monday, Marol 7, 1892, set for hearing final settlement. Estate of A. H. Goon; final settlement heard shd administrator, T. G. Hendricks, discharged, and his bondsmen exonerated. Estate of Sarah Maxwell; H. C. Humph-

rey appointed executor. Estate of Geo. H. Park; sale made dissi-lowed, as affidavits were filed that at a subsequent sale more than ten per cent in exess could be obtained.

Estate of William Paine, deceased; administrator ordered to sell real estate belonging to said estate, 80 acres in T 22 S, R 3

W Guardianship of Geo. C. Taylor, au idiot. sale of real property ordered approved.

Adjourned. R. R. COMPLAINTS -- In the matter of Donal McLeod against the Southern cific railroad, alleging an overcharge for the transportation of certain goods from aumsransportation of certain goods from a dums ville to Springfield, Lane county, the com-pany has filed an answer with the of railroad commissioners. Mc Leod complained to the board that the company had charged him \$5 in exce s of the regu-tation of the start of the second th had charged him \$5 in exce s of the regu-ular rates and the company has replied that such is not the ease, re-ferring to its regular tariff, it claims the shipping agent gave him at \$24, instead of \$32, the regular tariff. The matter will be acted upon by the board next Monday. The Rogue River Valley Railway Co. has ap-plied to the board for an advance of freight rates and they have field way too? rates, and they have filed a new tariff sheet for approval. This road runs between Jacksonville and Medford and is four and three-quarter miles in length, standard gauge. The president's letter, claiming gauge. The president's letter, claiming that the company is not making expenses has been filed and will be acted upon Mon-day at the regular meeting of the board.

COUNTY WARRANTS. - County Treasurer Arrington informs us that there are now \$35,000 in county war rants held by residents of Douglas county who have bought them at par for the sake of the interest they draw He nearly always has money on hand to take up the script as fast as it is is-sued, which is of great advantage to the county as it enables the officials to purchase everything at cash price. also benefits people people who have warrants to be always able to get the money on them. Mr. Arrington is certainly entitled to much praise for his successful efforts in keeping up the credit of the county .-- Roseburg Re-

GAME BIRDS .- Horn & Paine, Monday, received two pair of sharp tail grouse, or "fool hens" as they are commonly called, from A. C. Brown, who is in Idaho. They are some smaller than our grouse, but the general color is about the same. They will probably be turned out in some section of the county, where hunters do not generally frequent.

view.

SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS.-Some men were about town Monday solie-iting subscriptions for Jesse Holbrook, whose house and all of its contents burned a week or two ago at Fall Creek. Quite a nice amount was con-tributed by our liberal hearted citizens. OPERA HOUSE IMPROVEMENT.-Manager Rhinehart has just put in a number of fold-ing seats in the loges of the opera house thus adding considerably to the seating ca-

The new county printing law is a good one in its effects. It spreads before the people the smalls st details of county business and Railroad lands, 1480 acres... not place these smaller squares beyond the control of the county in all respects. It can use them for any purposes not inconsistent with the original grant to it or with the dedication. It is is not into the county can now assert the right of physical structures will be removed as one of the dedication by selling any part of these smaller squares."
Fall Creek Flashes.
Fubruary 4.
T. B. Young was down to Springfield this week.
Chester Edwards, of Eugene, was here over Sunday.
H. F. Hunsicutt went to Eogene the first of the week.
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## SAGE-BRUSH PAPER

### A New Use to be Made of this Aro-

Bonss Cirr, Idaho, Feb. 1.-Robert Laug, a resident of Boise City, has made ing, a resident of Boise City, has made a discovery which may be of great value to the sage-brush districts of Idabo, Utah, Nevada and other states. Some time ago he became imbaed with the idea that sage-broah might be converted into coarser grades of paper. He secured a wagon load of the supposed useless stuff and began to experiment. By using a lime process and treating the limbs of the brush to protract-ed builting he secured a pulp that more ed boiling, he secured a pulp that more than satisfied his expectation. It was equal to the very best wood pulp, and the pre-sence of a long and strong fibre was plainly demonstrated Mr. Laing states that he Estate of Edward F. Stiles; administrator can manufacture sage-brush paper at a ordered to sell the real estate belonging to small cost, and that he can make a profit said estate, consisting of 33.58 acres ou the by selling it at 4% cects a pound. He will start East on Mouday, his idea being to interest capitalists to aid him in developing his discovery.

#### g His Father Was Naturalized.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.-The United States supreme court today decided in favor of Boyd in the Nebraska governorship case. All the justices except Field concurred in the conclusion of the court that Boyd was a citizen of the United States and entitled to the office of Governor of Nebraska. Jus-tices Harlan, Gray and Brown concurred in that part of the opinion which held that Boyd was a citizen because, from the record in the case, it must be considered as established that Boyd's father had exercised all the rights of a citizen, and had in fact, in 1854, taken out his final naturalization papers, notwithstanding that he did not have a record of such final naturalization papers. The court also held there was such a thing as collective naturalization; that the enabling act of the Nebraska constitution naturalized all inhabitants of Nebraska at the time of its admission except such as desired to retain their foreign rights, and that Boyd's exercise of various offices showed his intention of becoming a The court reversed the judg ment of the supreme court of Nebraska and ordered it to take further proceed-ings in conformity with the decision that Boyd is a citizen. The opinion is by Chief Justice Fuller. citizen.

#### Mrs. Dunniway Sells Out.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.-Mrs. A. S. Danni-way has sold her entire business interest in the Coming Centary Publishing Company. consisting of sevenily six shares of paid-up massessable stock to George P. Wheeler, John H. Wheeler and Balph E. Hanna The board of directors of the company nov are Ralph E. Hanna, president, John Grat ka, vice president and treasurer, and Geo. P. Wheeler, secretary. Mrs. Dunniway retains her position as editor of the Coming Century, but has no connection with the business affairs of the corporation.

### The State Tax on Corporations.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 1.- The secretary of the state board of equalization has completed abstracts showing the corporation in Oregon upon which it is proposed by th board to recommend the legislature to pass a law providing for the taxing of such corporations for state purposes. The abatrac shows that express companies doing basi-ness in this state pay no license or tax to the state except in a few counties, where the office furniture is assessed. The following are some figures taken from the abstract: 
 Rsifroad lands
 \$1,18%,651

 Wagon-road lands
 1,844,281

 Railroad tracks
 5,955,258
 Rolling stocks . ..... 643.023

Telegraph lines 249,970 Figures are also given for premiums, and risks written on fire, fire and ma-rine, life, and life and accident insurance companies.

The secretary has also prepared an assessment blank, which the board will submit to the secretary of state. The abstract shows the following figures for Multnomah county:

Value.

### NOTES ABOUT WEATHER VANES. Carred Wooden Vanes Went Out with

Figureheads in Ships. When the Phosnician sailor stuck a

needle through the stem of a feather and held it out in the wind, he invented the first weather vane, or feather vane. He was nearly equaled by the Indian boy, who was taught to moisten his finger in his mouth and to hold that finger aloft in the air. When that finger grew cold on a certain side the Indian child knew that the wind came from that particular direction. The Phœnicians, however, were probably the first of all civilized peoples to put the vane of feather into

practical use. Since those early days weather vane have been used in every form and by all races. Modern vanes in their pres shapes were first made of wood by traveling carvers and later of copper

by tinkers and smiths. They were used on poles, churches, public buildings, ships and were placed on rocky points of land along the seashore. They are now made in every conceivable design and pattern. Horses, cows, deer, eagles, ships, roosters and even pigs are hammered out in copper and used to register the direction of the wind.

The newer vanes have rain cups attached for catching water during a storm. The amount of water that falls is measured by the square inch in a tube under the vane. Wind gauges also are attached. These indicate the speed of the wind. The gauges are small cups hung sideways to the vane. The wind blows them around in a circle and the revolutions are registered by electricity. Nearly all the large weather vanes in town are connected with dials in the buildings below.

The dial is round, like the face of clock, lettered like a compass, and a revolving hand shows the action of the wind on the vane overhead. Vanes are no longer set in sockets, as it is nearly impossible to keep them properly oiled. They are hung loosely, like a cap on a pivot, and the hollow stem of the vane hangs over the head of the pivot, covering it from rain and rust.

One of the largest vanes over seen in New York was placed on the postoffice about fifteen years ago. It was so large that it was considered unsafe and was taken down. A good drawing of it is still in existence. The arrow, scroll and banneret seem to be the favorite shapes in vanes at present. The fence jumping horse and the plow are yet found on the grounds where country fairs are held, but they are not in great demand. The tobacco leaf vane is found largely in the south and in Connecticut. The spread eagle and running deer are wind signs in the western states, the deer more particularly in Canada. Malt barrels in copper are placed on breweries throughout the country .- New York Recorder.

#### The History of Tweeds.

I had not been many weeks in Edinburgh before one of my friends in the cloth trade wrote me from London inquiring about a "coarse woolen black and white checked stuff, made in Scotland and expected to be wanted for trousers," and asked me to send some patterns of it. This was easier asked than performed, for at that period shepherds' checks were only made in plaids, or mands with borders and fringes. I, however, contrived to sut a small piece from the seam of my brother's cloak and forwarded it. The postage in those days cost 2s, 8d., as the small pattern constituted my note a double letter.

He replied that the article was just what he wanted, and asked me to forward him half a dozen pieces, but at that time I do not believe there was one piece in all Scotland! I, however, soon got them made, and I believe these were United States legation at Tokie. Japan. the first Scotch tweeds that were sent to The old Unit d States legation there was London in bulk. My friend was in a such a poor structure that it was an object position to introduce them into influential of ridicule among European residents, and quarters, which he did successfully. In- it was through the energy of the late Miniscreased orders followed rapidly, and he ter Switt that an appropriation was made and the firm I am connected with had for the erection of a new legation. The apalmost a monopoly of the trade in London in these goods for a considerable time.-Border Advertiser.

### Cedar Flat. February 1st, 1892.

ED. GUARD: It has been some time since you have had any items from this part of Lane county, I thought perhaps it might not be out of place to send in a few.

Our school, taught by Miss Haden, nded last Wednesday.

There has been some few cases of la them are dangerous.

There is no show here and stock is ooking fine, some of the cattle make he had his prisoner's pretty young wife their living out on the range.

We have a new church organized here. It is the Free Methodist, I believe. Rev. E. C. Putman preached here Sunday, the 31st. He lives here on the flat.

Chapman and Son, of Road District No. 81, have had a crew of men work- that he escaped through that. He could ng on the roads, in District No. 81, last scarcely have done so, however, without bis week. The corduroy east of the old wife's connivance. Dalton was much de-Coggswell house, that was buried last jected, or at least seemed to be when he summer by Mr. Geo. Millican, became reached Jersey City, and yesterday was con-

to man and beast to pass over it. Chap- ance on him. man had some of his crew shoveling the blue clay off again, and took out the broken rails from one end to the other, and replaced them with good new plank 24 inch thick. The corduroy bridge at the high bank opposite the old Barney Wood cabin, over the slide in the bank, gave out while hauling material for the road, and became very dangerous and it also had to be e-covered with new plank. Now we

are prepared to announce to the travelng public if they wish to come up this way they can travel over that piece of road with some comfort. As for us, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the county judge and commissioners for giving us assistance in the repairing of

the Pass creek road not excepted. Now if our supervisor in road district No. 8 would take up the ball and keep t rolling and repair the muddy lane in front of Uncle James Sever's, it would open communication between here and Eugene. If they cannot gravel now they have plenty of old straw in their fields, which if put on one foot thick, would make the road passable, and would not hurt it for graveling in the spring. I for one will vote for a man to send to the legislature next fall who will work for better road laws, no matter what he is, if republican, democrat, farmer's alliance or prohibitionist, for the time has now arrived that Oregon requires good roads. New people are coming in all the time, and there is more people now to travel the roads and of course there are more people to help build our roads. And if we had more people to an are the roads and a the roads the roads the state would gat more good roads this state would get more good solid men with capital to build up our state. But if they once see the condition of our roads in winter, or even in summer, they are apt to say, those people living in Oregon must go, either in boats or on horseback, in either in boats or on horseback, in winter time to get in to their county seat, Respectfully yours, REPUBLICAN.

### Thinks She Should Be Repaid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-Mrs. Swift, wife of the deceased minister to Japan is in the nity, and has a claim of \$12,000 before con gross for money expended from her private which his house is situated was surroundincome for improvement made on the new United States legation at Tokio, Japan. propriation was not sufficient to complete the structure, and Mrs. Swift used \$12,000 of her private funds, to finish it. If the minister had lived to complete his term of The first iron ship has more reputed office, thereby enabling the family to en-birthplaces than Homer. Both the Clyde joy the benefits of the improvements made. joy the benefits of the improvements made, no claim of \$12,000 would have been made, but as the minister died and the family was

#### A FOOLISH DETEUTIVE.

#### Allows His Prisoner to Escape When Near His Destination.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 2 .- Governor Abbett has ordered that Detective Dalton, who allowed embezzler Hyer to escape from his custody at Pittsburg, Saturday night, be suspended, pending an investigation into the escape. The Jetsey police have received no ti-lings of the young bookkeeper who was arrested in San Francisco, charged grippe in the mountains. None of with having embezzled \$6000 from William Harney, his employer and cousin. When Dalton arrived at Jersey City Sunday night with him. Her father, Superintendent Marsh of the Adams' express company. took her to her home. She was received here with many manifestations of joy. She is believed to have been s party to her husband's escape. Dalton permitted her to oc cupy the same berth with the prisoner, and the marks of his shoes on the window show almost impassable and was dangerous fined to his house with physician - in attend-

#### The Vote 7 to 3 in the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.-The demo-cratic majority of the ways and means committee, by formal action, this morning adopted Springer's policy, and decided to attack the McKinley high tariff by various separate bills. Upon this policy the democratic mem-bers of the committee decided to act as a unit.

This conclusion was reached this morning by the democratic members of the ways and means committe after a conference lasting several hours. When the vote was taken, it resulted, by 7 to 3, in favor of separate bills. The three dissenting members of the com-mittee gave their adhesion to the policy of the majority of their associates on the committee and will act with them, one of the worst roads in Lane county, the Pass creek road not excepted. the ways and means committee a unit on the policy which it was decided to adopt. Nothing was said about which particular feature of the present law will be first attacked and this is left to future determination. After a lengthy discussion, Bryan, of Nebraska, offered a resolution declaring it the sense of the democratic members of the committee that its policy with regard to tariff legislation in the fifty-second congress should be one of revision by separate measures, instead of a general revision of the whole system. This motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 3. Those voting in favor of it were Mont-gomery, Whiting, Shively, Cochrane, Stevens, Bryan and Springer, the new members of the committee. The nega-tive votes were cast by McMillin, Turner and Wilson, members of the committee in the previous congress. The general policy having been de-termined upon, all the members pres-ent agreed to abide by the conclusion reached.

#### Searching for Concealed Arms.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 2 .- A sensation was created yesterday in Mantamoras by the searching by the military authorities of the residence of Don Inrique Vizzaya, a prominent merchant doing business at Mjor, Mexico. His family realds in Matamorus. The military received information from some source that Vizzaya bad arms and ammunition for the revolutio nist concealed in his house. The square in ed by troops, and the premises searched from cellar to roof, but nothing was found Mr. Vizzaya is an American citizen, and United States consular agent at Mier.

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who have been visiting relatives here, returned to their home Sunday. We are informed that they will soon leave for Mexico, their future home.

A snit was instituted last Saturday before H. F. Hunnicutt, J. P. by R. C. Edwards for money due on a settlement with James Howard. The jury gave the plaintiff a judgment for \$5.50.

Roms, Feb. 2 .- It is reported that Signor E. Catalani, Italian minister to Copenhagan, will be transferred to Washington, the Italian government having determined on a with the United States. Baron Fava, who was withdrawn from Washington during negotiations concerning the New Orleans massacre, will be, it is thought, appointed to fill the vacancy at Copenhagan.

It is said that wolves are quite numerous a northern Idaho and Montans this season there they have committed many depreda-tors against stock. In the Priest river country they recently treed an old prospec-or, and it was some time before he suc-seded in fighting them of. The heavy abw fall has driven them from the forests a range near the astistments.

H. F. Hunsienti went to Engene the first of the week. Beerss and Robert Edwards did business in Engene this week. Miss Sasie Walker, of Succor Hollow, visited friends at Lowell this week. Miss Celia Hyland returned to her home at Lowell, after an extended visit at June tion. The voting place of this precinet has

The voting place of this precinet has been changed to the Big Fall Creek bridge. This place is more centrally located and should be commended by all. Mrs. Blanton and children of Coburg. who have been visiting relatives here, re-turned to their home Sunday. We are in-

band.

Prineville Review: On the 21st Govern-or Prenover parload John A. Floch, sentenced to the peuitentiary from this county a year ago last fall for the killing of George Chamberlain on Monntain creek. Flock was convicted of manslaughter, and was souteneed to the penitentiary for two coate the voters.

For Sale.

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Telegraph lines, 9003 miles..... 17,148

Exchange: A young lady on matri-mony bent wants to know if it would be in accordance with etiquette for her, during leap year, to propose a consoli-dation with the one that, outside of the family, she loves best. Certainly, provided always that she has or can raise the wherewith to support a hus-band. tors by the people. We will have

An Italian Minister Coming. Boars, Feb. 2.-It is reported that Signer Catalani, Italian minister to Copenhag-, will be transferred to Washington, the dian government having determined on a mplete restoraton of diplomatic relations th the United States. Baron Fava, who with grade and governal of the ladies have the state second the second of the ladies have the state second of the ladies have the state second of the ladies have the state second the second t

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500 rails in fair condition for sale inas already sixty-four cases upon it. Apply at this office.

#### The First Iron Ship.

and the Mersey claim pre-eminence in this respect. Sir E. J. Robison, of Edin-burgh, designed an iron vessel in 1816, compelled to return home, Mrs Swift thinks which was not launched till three years the money should be refunded. later; and it is said that an iron boat was worked on the Severn even as far back as 1787. Steel was not used in the construction of merchant ships' hulls until 1859. Old salts were not alone in their belief that wood was meant by Providence to float, but iron to go to the bottom. A naval constructor of some repute once said, "Don't talk to me of iron ships; they are contrary to nature. Now none but small craft are built of wood in this country .-- Chambers' Journal

How Modern Greeks Vote.

In Greece at the present day the bal-lot is a little lead ball. There is a box for each candidate, divided into two compartments. A clerk goes from box to box with the voter, carrying a bowl-ful of these balls. At each box the voter takesone, puts his hand into a funnel, out of sight, and drops his ball into the yes or no compartment, making a vote for or against the candidate. If he wishes to vote for more than one party there is nothing to prevent him .- New York Evening Sun.

#### An Enigma to Man.

way." Perhaps that accounts for his success. The senator does not go hunting ducks with a brass band accompaniment. The sheriff of Marion county is considering the advisability of put-ting up the voting booths for the Most men think that the ways of that

Bently composed after playing a pre-lude on the organ, or while taking his CINCUTT COURT DOCKET.-The Cir-cuit Court docket for the March term ins already sixty-four cases upon it



#### Dr. Spurgeon Dead

The Extention ALL THE A

MENTONE, Eng., Jan. 31.—Mr. Spur-geon, died soon after 11 o'clock to-night. His end was painless. He re-mained unconscious to the last. His wife, Dr. Fitzhenry and Mrs. Thorne were present when he died. The body will be brought to England for burial. Cheaper and Better than Condition Powders.



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