

BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT to authorize the Judges of the several County Courts in Oregon Territory to divide their respective Counties into Road Districts, and appoint Supervisors.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory,

Sec. 1. That the Judges of the several County Courts shall have the care and superintendence of the highways and bridges therein, and it shall be their duty—

1st. To give directions for the laying out, opening, and repairing of highways, and the building and repairing of bridges within their respective counties.

2d. To regulate the highways already laid out, and to alter such of them as they shall deem expedient.

3d. To cause such of the roads used as highways as shall have been used five years, but not recorded, to be ascertained, described, and entered of record.

4th. To divide their respective counties into convenient highway districts, and the same to change at pleasure.

5th. To assign to each of said districts, such of the inhabitants liable to work on highways as they should see proper, having regard to proximity of residence as much as may be.

6. For the better improvement of any road or bridge, the court may unite two or more districts, or parts of districts, interested therein, and direct the application of the district labor and tax to such improvement.

7. And on petition of a majority of the citizens interested in any such improvement, they may impose an additional tax, in work on the districts, or parts of districts aforesaid, and apply the same on such improvement.

8. In aid of the same objects, they may appropriate such sums as they may deem expedient, out of the county treasury.

9. When there shall be a failure to elect a supervisor for any district, and as often as vacancies shall occur the county court shall appoint the necessary supervisors as soon as they may be notified of such failure or vacancy occurring.

10. When an appointment of supervisor is made by the county court, they shall make out a notice thereof, and deliver the same to the sheriff of the county, within three days after such appointment, and said sheriff shall deliver the same to the person appointed, and make return thereof to the county clerk within seven days thereafter.

11. No person shall be liable to serve as supervisor of highways oftener than once in four years.

12. Any person may discharge himself from such obligation to serve, by paying into the county treasury, for the use of the proper district, the sum of six dollars.

13. Any person liable to work on highways, refusing to accept the appointment of supervisor within his district, and to qualify and serve as such when duly elected or appointed, or to pay the sum in the next preceding section, specified as a commutation therefor, within twenty days after his appointment or election, shall be liable to be indicted therefor, and, on conviction, to be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars.

14. It shall be the duty of the supervisor of highways—

1st. To take an oath, faithfully to discharge their duties.

2nd. To carry into effect all orders of the county court for the opening and improving roads within their respective districts.

3rd. To repair and keep in order the public highways within their respective districts.

4th. To call out the hands assigned to their districts at the time best suited for the improvement of roads, to see that the labor be faithfully performed, to collect all fines and commutation money due to their districts and to expend the same for the use of the roads and bridges within their districts.

5th. To receive from the county treasurer, the road tax by him collected, and to expend the same upon the roads and bridges within their districts.

15. When the labor and road tax assessed on the inhabitants and property of any district shall be insufficient to keep the highways within the same in repair, the supervisor shall make another assessment of labor on the inhabitants of his district in proportion to the regular amount of labor and tax assessed upon each, not to exceed twice the amount of such regular tax and labor for the current year, except as in the next succeeding section is provided.

12. When any highway shall become impassable by reason of any casual interruption from the falling of timber, or the washing away or injury of banks or bridges the supervisor of the district, shall call out a sufficient number of hands to place such highway in passable repair.

13. When such extra labor shall not require all the hands of the district, or shall not require an equal amount of labour from each, the supervisor may assess the same upon such number of hands as he may deem sufficient, and for the amount of such extra labor performed by any one above the average amount performed by all, he shall receive a certificate, which shall be a good credit to the holder thereof whoever he may be on account of any subsequent labor to be performed on the highway of such district.

14. The supervisor, or any other person by his order, may enter upon any land adjoining or near to any highway in his district, and thereupon to construct such ditches, drains or dams, to dig or remove any gravel, earth, sand or stone, or to cut and remove any wood or trees, that shall be necessary for the construction and repair, or preservation of such highway.

15. In all suits brought by the supervisor, by virtue of the authority given to him by law, he shall be a competent witness, and shall not be liable for costs.

16. The supervisor shall cause all the hands in his district to work at least ten days on the highway in his district previous to the first day of July in each year, and also within the year to work out the whole amount of tax charged to each person for road purposes.

17. He shall keep an account of the work done by each person and of the amount collected and expended and make returns thereof to the county clerk, on the first Monday in May, after his appointment, and pay over to his successor all moneys, not expended, which account he shall verify by his oath.

18. If any supervisor shall fail to compel the hands of his district, to work the full time required, by law, or shall fail to collect, expend, or pay over the fines and penalties and taxes in this article assessed, or to make return of the work done and money collected as above required, he shall for each offence pay not less than two nor more than five dollars to be recovered by action of debt in the name of his successor or by indictment in the proper court, and shall also be liable to be sued by his successor, for any money remaining in his hands unexpended.

19. The successor of any supervisor shall collect and receive all delinquencies accruing during the term of his predecessor, and all judgments that may have been obtained in the name of his predecessor remaining uncollected.

20. Whenever any supervisor shall fail or neglect to keep the highways and bridges in his district in as good repair as available labor or other means will enable him, he shall for such failure or neglect forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by his successor in an action of debt before any justice of the peace, or by presentment as indictments in the circuit court.

21. If any supervisor knowing of any forfeiture accruing under the provisions of this act, shall fail to prosecute for the same, as in this act required, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a like sum to that for which he should have prosecuted, the same to be recovered as in the next preceding section is provided.

22. The county court at the first term after the supervisor's annual accounts are filed with the county clerk, shall determine the amount of compensation to be allowed to each supervisor for services rendered during the preceding year.

23. Such compensation shall be rated at one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, for so many days as shall be sufficient to superintend the business and work of the district, if promptly and efficiently attended to.

24. For the amount thereof the county clerk shall give to the supervisor a certificate which shall entitle the supervisor to a credit on his personal, or property highway tax, for the same or any future year.

25. Any person conceiving himself aggrieved in consequence of any decision made, or not done by any supervisor, or by the refusal of such supervisor to do any act or perform any duty required by law, may complain to the county court, whose decision thereon, after a hearing of the parties shall be final.

26. If any person shall sue for or on account of any act done, decision made, or refusal to do any act, or perform any duty by any supervisor, for which he might have made complaint as the next preceding section is provided, such person shall not be allowed to recover any costs in such action.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Pursuant to public notice, the citizens of Clatsop county, met at the house of Antoine Gregoire on Wednesday, Jan. 12th, for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of raising an additional company of Volunteers, to march against the Cayuse Indians.

The call was promptly met by an assemblage of near one hundred and fifty persons at an early hour.

Robert Newell, Esqr. was chosen to preside, and M. Porteus appointed secretary. The chairman stating the object of the meeting, in a brief and appropriate address, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

"Whereas it is believed that several of the Indian tribes East of the Cascade mountains have formed an alliance for the purpose of carrying on hostilities against this colony, and whereas the exigency of the times calls for prompt and energetic action on the part of the People of this Territory, in enlisting and mustering into the service, the number of volunteers required by the Executive. Therefore

1st. Resolved, That we deem it highly expedient to raise, arm and equip one company of Riflemen to proceed immediately, to join the Regiment at Portland.

2nd. Resolved, that we the Canadian Citizens of Clatsop county, feel it our duty to assist our adopted country in the prosecution of the existing war against the Cayuse Indians, for the horrible massacre, committed by them upon American citizens at Waiilatpu.

After which, a call was made for volunteers, when thirty came forward and enrolled their names.

On motion of Mr. Newell, Thos. Mc Kay, was chosen by a unanimous vote, captain of said Company.

On motion of W. H. Rees, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and forwarded to the Editor of the Oregon Spectator, with a request that he publish the same.

On motion of F. X. Mathews, the meeting adjourned. ROBERT NEWELL, Chair'n. M. PORTEUS, Sec'y.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

I HEREBY give notice that I have this day taken out letters of Administration on the estate of Miles Eye, deceased. All persons having any demands against the said estate are accordingly notified to come forward on or before the 20th day of Sept. 1847, and establish the same.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Adm'r. Champoeg Co., Dec. 30, 1847.

LOST.

ABOUT four weeks since, between my residence and that of Henry Cooper, in Yamhill County I lost my pocket-book, the contents of which, as near as I can remember were as follows:

One note, made by Henry Cooper, dated the 13th or 22d of June 1847, for \$250 and some odd cents, payable to me in orders on solvent merchants one year after date, with six per cent. interest.

One note by the same maker, of the same date and amount, and drawing the same interest, payable to John McLoughlin or bearer in McKinley funds.

One note made by E. White, for \$100, and made payable two years after date to T. G. Robinson, W. G. Tyvatt and others, in orders on solvent merchants.

One note made by A. Loutain, for \$300, payable in September, 1846.

One note made by Baptiste Deguire, for 10 bushels of wheat.

An order on Mr. Ish from A. E. Waite for an American grey mare, besides sundry orders and other papers not now remembered.

A liberal reward will be paid for the above or any part thereof, and I hereby forbid the payment of any of the said notes to any person excepting the undersigned.

THO'S J. HUBBARD. Yamhill, Dec. 30th, 1847.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

I HEREBY underigned offers for sale his claim, which is situated in West Tuality Plains, Tuality Co. 30 acres of which is under fence, with other good and necessary improvements upon it; an excellent grist mill is in successful operation upon a stream passing through the premises that also affords a superior site for a saw mill. This water course indeed is susceptible of great milling improvements. A considerable lot of logs will likewise be sold with the above named property, all of which will be sold on very liberal terms. It would be to the interest of any one desirous of purchasing an improved claim to examine the above property. For further information apply to

JOSEPH GALE.

TYVATT & FRANKLIN, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, and Notaries in Chancery.

W. G. TYVATT & B. Franklin, HAVE formed a partnership in the practice of the law, and will attend to law business in their own names, in any of the courts established by law in Oregon Territory.

Office: Oregon City, where one of the partners can always be consulted. Oregon City, October 12, 1847.

FOR SALE every farm in Clatsop Co. Plows, Axes, Hacks, Teeth, Saw, &c. &c. &c. Store Hops, &c. &c. &c.

Sept. 20, 1847.

NEW GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED and for sale at the Store of JOHN H. COUCH, Scaled Gun Powder, Rowing Coats, Marmalade, Blue Prisms, Mountain, Mountain Blue and Brown Drills, Cotton, Cartridges, White and Quilted Ball Cotton; Linen, French Handkerchiefs; Gemma Silver Tea and Table Knives; Looking Glasses; Ink; Paper; Needles; Pins; Heavy and Light Beams; Aprons; Apron Bags; Malmsey Coffee Tea; Tobacco; Brandy and White Soap; Shaving Soap; Salt Spoons and Shavers; Spirits Turpentine; Black and White Lead; Putty; Glass; Cocheby and Quince Wares; Pottery; and Brass Clocks.

For sale cheap at Cash at Frisco. Sept. 30th, 1847.

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Female School.

THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE N. E. THORNTON'S SCHOOL, will commence on Monday, January 10th, and will continue eleven weeks. All the branches usually comprised in a thorough English education, are taught in this School, together with Plain and Ornamental Needle Work, Drawing, and Painting in Minerals and in Water Colors.

Strict attention will be given, not only to the intellectual improvement of the pupils, but also to their morals and manners. It is Mrs. Thornton's design to make this a permanent School; and her past success and long experience as a teacher, enable her to hope that she will give general satisfaction.

Pupils will be admitted from the time of opening the School, until the close of the Session. For further particulars, inquire of Mrs. Thornton.

His Excellency, Geo. Abernethy, Hon. A. A. Skinner, Rev. Wm. Roberts.

Oregon City, Jan. 10, 1847.

Oh Yes! Oh Yes! Everybody.

I HEREBY underigned having entered into partnership at Clatsop City, would inform their friends and the public generally, that they will carry on the BLACKSMITHING BUSINESS in all its various branches, as follows:—All kinds of wrought Mill work, and farming utensils. Ironing and repairing old Wagons, Carts, Deacons, &c. Edge Tools of every kind made and repaired, also ornamental Hoisting Augers, Bells, Gun Work, &c. &c. &c. description and many other things too tedious to mention, on as reasonable terms as a little cheaper than any other shop in Oregon.

NORRIS & CUTTING. Clatsop City, July 6, 1847.

MESSRS. BURNETT & LOVREY

herely give notice that they have been appointed agents for Mr. Benjamin Stark Jr. and are authorized to attend to his business during the absence of

Oregon City, Nov. 25, 1847.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.

Residence in the two story building opposite the Drug Store. Oregon City, Dec. 9, 1847.

Notice.

I HEREBY forbid all persons from improving and intruding upon or in any way whatever interfering with any part or parcel of lot No. 2 and lot No. 7, in block No. 1, as found in Hastings' plat of the town of Oregon City.

S. H. L. MEEK. Oregon City, Nov. 18, 1847.

Just Published.

THE second No. of the Main Street House, corner of Main and third cross streets, Oregon City, is now ready for inspection, where the proprietor still continues to furnish the best accommodation in his power to both Man and Beast and charges nothing at all, you know the rest.

There is Stabling attached to it a Establishment sufficient to accommodate 100 Horses. A few No. 1 Saddle Horses on hand at all times and will be let or sold low for cash.

I still continue to buy anything that no one else wants.

S. W. MOSS. Oregon City, Nov. 18, 1847.

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