

GRAFT WRAITHS STIR TIMBERMEN

Serious Charges Are Filed Against County Commissioners.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., June 30.—Five suits were filed in the superior court yesterday, involving the legality of the increased assessment made by the Lewis county commissioners on the timber land holdings as a result of a partial cruise of the timber in the county last year.

The corporations which have begun the proceedings are the Salzer Valley Lumber company, the Eastern Railway & Lumber company, the Doty Lumber company of Doty, the Coal Creek Lumber company, Chehalis, Forney & Ellis, the Centralia Lumber company, the County Attorney U. E. Harmon will represent the interests of the county. Judge Reid of Pierce county has been asked by Judge Rice, before whom the proceedings were brought, to hear the case.

Taxes Are Raised.
In 1906 the companies paid taxes on their timber holdings and it is proposed to increase these as follows: Doty Lumber & Shingle company, from \$17.70 for 1906 to \$2,001.76 in 1907; Eastern Railway & Lumber company, from \$187 to \$5,337.33; Coal Creek Lumber company, from \$192.50 to \$5,543.33; Salzer Valley Lumber company, from \$187 to \$5,543.33; Chehalis-Pennell Lumber company, from \$1,016.16 to \$2,323.07. The companies allege that the 1906 tax was fair and have made offers which the county treasurer has refused.

An order is asked enjoining the county from selling the lands of the plaintiffs because of their failure to pay what they consider an unjust, unfair and exorbitant tax.

Hold Secret Meeting.
The complaints in the cases are voluminous documents and make startling accusations against the county commissioners. Messrs. C. D. Young, Henry Rayton and H. H. Tilly, who are alleged to have gone into a conspiracy to advance the valuations in order to raise added taxes to fill the gap made in the county treasury owing to their having previously plunked the county deeply into debt. It is alleged that prior to the regular meeting of the equalization board last year the three commissioners met secretly and agreed to increase timber land valuations, etc. The complainants allege that the action of the board constituted an unjust discrimination against them in that they are deprived of their rights to uniformity of taxation as guaranteed by the constitution and laws of the state of Washington.

A pair for boys' calf shoes; also misses' shoes and Oxford and women's shoes, worth up to \$2.50, on sale now at \$1. Sample Shoe Store company, First and Madison. Also Morrison street, between Front and First.

PLANS OF WORLD'S HIGHEST BUILDING

Architects Perfecting Details of the Equitable's 62-Story House.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, June 30.—Details of construction of the loftiest building in the world are being arranged today by the architects acting for the Equitable Life Assurance society. The new structure, plans of which have already been filed with the building superintendent here, will have, including the tower, 62 stories and will cost \$10,000,000.

The new home of the Equitable will be erected at the site of the present office on the block bounded by Broadway, Nassau, Pine and Cedar streets. The building will be 90 feet above the Metropolitan tower with its 48 stories. According to the plans, the main building will have 34 stories, 433 feet high, which will be more than twice as high as the Metropolitan main building. Above the main building the tower will run up 420 feet.

PORTLANDER OPENS EYES OF PARISIANS

L. H. Maxwell, deputy county assessor, has received a letter from his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Thompson, containing a clipping from the Paris Le Figaro telling of the great success of the test conducted by Mr. Thompson for instantaneous sight-testing before the Paris university. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reside in Berlin, but are visiting in Paris at present. Both are well known to many Portlanders. Mr. Thompson having been engaged in the optical business in the Y. M. C. A. building. Translation of the clipping from the Paris newspaper follows:
"R. A. Thompson, an American optician, astounded the medical world last evening with his wonderful discovery for instantaneous sight-testing. In a practical demonstration before professors of the faculty he successfully declared it a great aid to science. Mr. Thompson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is only 34 years of age."

Removal Notice.

Tomorrow morning the Butte Boys Consolidated Mining company will remove their offices from 517 Lumber Exchange to 326 Chamber of Commerce building. Phone Main 5514.

10 Suits \$1.95.
Tomorrow, the first day of the big sale of the I X L clothing store, Men's suits, regular \$10 values, will be sold for \$1.95, all sizes. See ad on page 11 of this issue.

DEATH BLOW TO BUCKET SHOPS

Nutmeg State Law in Force Tomorrow—Proprietors Packing Up.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hartford, Conn., June 30.—Proprietors of the 100 or more bucket shops throughout Connecticut are today engaged in winding up their affairs preparatory to quitting business. Tomorrow the anti-bucket law passed by the last session of the legislature comes into effect and henceforth it will be unlawful for such establishments to operate in this state. Severe penalties are provided for violations of the law, including a heavy fine and a jail sentence of from 60 days to one year for a second offense. The Connecticut law is modeled after the Indiana law, and defines a bucket shop so comprehensively that there seems no loophole in it. It provides that any broker must on demand furnish a customer with a written statement of the name of the person from whom a purchase or to whom a sale was made, together with the time, place and price at which the transaction took place. Refusal or failure to do this is prima facie evidence that he is not doing a legitimate brokerage business, but is running a bucket shop.

New Summer Book Just Out.

Send to William McKinstry, general passenger agent, or to the city ticket agent, Third and Washington streets, or to any local agent in Oregon for a copy of the new summer vacation book which has just been issued by the passenger department of the O. R. & N. and S. P. company. It is a very complete review of the numerous pleasure haunts of Oregon, elaborately illustrated and beautifully printed. You will read it through before you stop and be anxious to visit all of the places described.

79c for boys' \$1.25 and \$1.50 leather-canvas shoes, all sizes, now 79c; \$1.49 for women's \$2.50 and \$2.75 black and tan shoes and Oxfords, all sizes, now \$1.49; 50c for women's \$1.50 white canvas Oxfords; 90c for women's black, tan and white Oxfords, all sizes, now 80c. Sample Shoe Store company, First and Madison. Also Morrison street, between Front and First.

Excursion to the Beach.

For the convenience of holiday travelers the O. R. & N. excursion steamer T. J. Potter will leave Portland Saturday morning, July 4, at 8:30 o'clock, instead of 9 p. m., for North Beach. This will enable passengers to arrive on the beach early in the afternoon. Saturday to Monday round trip excursion tickets \$3.00. On sale at Third and Washington streets.

In the public schools of Strassburg, Germany, men teachers get \$247.73 to \$597.72 per annum, according to the years of service, and women teachers get from \$232.20 to \$565.40.

MYSTERY THEFT ON THE SHERMAN

Thief Got Past Door and Bars, Left Them Locked and Without a Mark.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, June 30.—Five government secret service men today are investigating one of the most mysterious robberies that has yet occurred on government property. The beautiful wedding gown of Mrs. Shorb-White Buck, wife of Captain Carroll D. Buck, together with a tray of valuable jewels, was stolen from Mrs. Buck's trunk on board the army transport Sherman. The trunk was double padlocked and in the strong box and was under guard most of the time.

The theft was not discovered until the trunk was delivered to the home of Mrs. John A. Murtigh, Mrs. Buck's sister, here last night, and every effort has been made by the army men to keep the theft a secret. Mrs. Murtigh brought the trunk with its treasures to this country for Mrs. Buck, who is staying in the Philippine Islands with her husband.

The lock of the trunk bears absolute evidence of having been tampered with and the whole affair seems to rival a Conan Doyle mystery. The soldier on guard over the trunk is said to be above suspicion by the officers of the Sherman.

EUGENE MAN ONE OF DISTINGUISHED FOUR

Sole Survivors of Class '57 at Oberlin Hold Reunion at Chicago.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, June 30.—Four men who were graduated from Oberlin college in the same class 55 years ago—A. B. Johnson of Cincinnati, Professor G. H. Collier of Eugene, Or.; Dr. A. K. Warren of Charlotte, Mich., and Rev. D. J. Jones of Chicago—held their first reunion yesterday at the Union League club. Mr. Johnson, who is 82 years old, was a teacher in Cincinnati for many years. Professor Collier, who is 81 years old, is emeritus professor in Oregon university, and has been for

30 years a professor in Pacific, Williamette and Oregon universities, and for 10 years after his graduation from Oberlin taught mathematics in Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill. Dr. Warren, 75 years old, studied medicine at the University of Michigan and retired after 48 years of practice at Olivet, Mich. Rev. Mr. Jones, 78 years old, was for many years pastor of churches in Iowa and Nebraska, and now resides at 184 Forty-second street. After luncheon the four took a ride in an automobile. They said they enjoyed their reunion immensely and the only cloud over their happiness was the fact that Charles P. Farnsworth of Talmadge, Ohio, the only other surviving member of the class of 1852, was not able to be with them. President Ben Johnson of the American Baseball league, a son of the oldest member of the quartet, acted as host to the party and had his share in the pleasures of the occasion.

Funeral of J. W. Wagner.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Wilsonville, Or., June 30.—The body

of the late J. W. Wagner, who died Monday, was buried in the Stafford cemetery Thursday afternoon. The deceased was a native of Germany. He had been in Oregon several years. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Charles and Fritz and five daughters. He was 78 years of age. Paralysis was the cause of death.

JUDGE GALLOWAY TO BRYAN-DENVER TALK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., June 30.—Judge William Galloway, circuit judge in the Third judicial district, will leave his home

in McMinnville Saturday, July 4, for Denver where he will attend the Democratic national convention. Judge Galloway will first deliver the Fourth of July oration at McMinnville before taking the train for the Colorado city. The judge's trip is not political and is only in the way of a short vacation. He will return after a short tour of the eastern states.

\$5.95 for men's \$10 and \$12.50 sample suits, all sizes and colors; 75c for men's \$1.00 dress shirts, Cluett brand; 25c for men's 50c and 75c work shirts; 50 pair for men's 10c and 15c black and tan socks; 5c for any style Arrow brand 15c collars. Sample Shoe Store company, Morrison street, between Front and First.

No Celebration at Brownsville.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Brownsville, Or., June 30.—There will be no celebration at this city July 4. It is expected that the majority of the citizens will attend the celebration in Albany.

When we decided to publish these three stories we felt confident we had a winning trio



Our confidence in this trio has been more than justified by their reception everywhere

FOR SALE WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD

READ WHAT GREAT PAPERS SAY ABOUT GREAT NOVELS



A. C. McClurg & Co. Publishers Chicago

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
"The Silver Blade," without being cheaply sensational, is about the most compelling detective story of recent years. And, despite the fact that the figure of such stories is more or less prescribed, this one has an individuality of its own."

THE NEW YORK TIMES SATURDAY REVIEW
"Randall Parrish's former stories proved him to be of the stuff of which good novelists are made; but 'Prisoners of Chance' is in every respect a notable advance upon his previous work. 'Prisoners of Chance' is like a breath from the wilderness blowing down a city street."

THE BOSTON HERALD
"Into the Primitive" carries the reader along a course of human development where the struggle for bare existence brings to the surface animating motives in three souls. This is one of the most exciting adventure stories of the year."

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF THE ANNEX

Four More Days July 1-2-3-4

Doors Open at 8 Tomorrow

Crowds Pack the Store From End to End—The Big Sale Is at Its Height—Bargains Are Greatest Now

Doors Open at 8 Tomorrow

4 More Days Only

The monster closing out sale continues with unabated fury. Each day bigger crowds, as the fame of the unparalleled bargain giving spreads far and wide. Landlord is clamoring for his building—It's a case of compulsion to sell now. A clean sweep to be made, regardless of cost. OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN. LET NOTHING KEEP YOU AWAY.

\$1.00 Buys \$2, \$3 and \$4 Worth—Our Entire Stock Must Be Sold Regardless of Value

Sacrificing thousands of dollars—Merciless reductions. No loss too great to clear the stocks out quick.

Clearing the Suit Department

Lot After Lot Go at Less Than Cost of Materials

WOMEN'S SILK AND LINGERIE DRESSES—Beautiful French lingerie dresses of handsome design in all lace or all embroidery, front panels covered with lace and insertions and skirts come in all colors white, blue, green and beige. worth \$12—choice at \$6.95

Another lot of silk taffeta two-piece and jumper suits, all colors, with a host of novelties, hundreds of late season samples, all worth \$18 to \$25—choice at \$9.95

Complete lot of the extra finest and choicest of suits in fancy striped taffetas, in every new color; best of novelties in dainty shades and colors, fancy trimmings in handsome designs. Everything that's new and tasty; values up to \$30 and \$40—choice \$12.95

10 Suits \$1.95.
Tomorrow, the first day of the big sale of the I X L clothing store, Men's suits, regular \$10 values, will be sold for \$1.95, all sizes. See ad on page 11 of this issue.

SILK UNDERSKIRTS—Fine black and blue silk petticoats, row necks, 13-inch flounce, bias and double-stitched. \$2.95
Handsome black and colors in high-grade taffeta, extra full skirts, 15-inch flounce, silk dust ruffle, very nice and stylish, \$10 and \$12.50 values. Closing out sale \$4.95

LINGERIE DRESSES—Lace trimmings, \$15 to \$25 sample silk petticoats; all \$6.95 go at the low price of \$3.95

all colors, \$12 and \$15 values go at \$3.95

WOMEN'S \$3.50 SUITS—Black, white and fancy, well made. One big lot \$1.49

\$15 SILK DRESSES, JUMPERS AND PIERCE SUITS—All colors, regular \$15 value, choice \$7.95

10 Suits \$1.95.
Tomorrow, the first day of the big sale of the I X L clothing store, Men's suits, regular \$10 values, will be sold for \$1.95, all sizes. See ad on page 11 of this issue.

1.50 WHITE WAISTS—Fancy styles, embroidered and fancy trimmed, all \$1.50 value—choice \$39c

BIG BARGAINS IN WOMEN'S WAISTS—Less than material cost. Immense lot of dainty laces in white and printed novelties; lace and insertions to match all models, and the kind you have been paying \$3.50 for elsewhere. Closing-out price \$98c

LAWN, LINGERIE AND NET JAP SILK WAISTS—Embroidered, frons, lace and net patterns, short sleeves, and a host of other good points. The greatest lot of bargains ever put on a table; regular \$7.50. \$1.49

Exceptional showing of fine taffetas, messelines and all kinds and colors of net waists; new models, new patterns, many novelties just unpacked; unheard of values up to \$2.98 \$1—closing-out price

Monster and Terrific Men's Clothing Sacrifice

The Most Famous and Renowned Makers—The Well-Known Hart, Schaffner & Marx—J. System, Fleischer Bros. and All Other Brands That Swell Dressers' Demands

All Our Men's \$12.50 and \$15 Suits

All Our Men's \$17.50 and \$20 Suits

All Our Men's \$22.50 and \$25 Suits

Big range of fabrics in Worsted, Cheviots, Cassimeras, Tweeds, etc.; latest shades, colors and effects. The late browns, tans, grays, also blue serges, black Tibets and unfinished worsteds; all of our best \$12.50 and \$15.00 values; must be sold. All sizes, choice.

These Suits are the very best values ever offered by any house in America. The latest extreme or conservative styles of the season. Fine imported and domestic fabrics; every garment handtailored throughout; handsome, elegant garments that we sold at \$17.50 and \$20.00; all are included at the one price—choice.

Suits of highest standard of excellence; all the distinctive features discernible in the highest-priced tailors' products easily noted in these high-grade Suits. They are the finest products of the country; every garment is hand-tailored; only the best foreign and domestic fabrics; all sizes, regulars, stouts and slim. These Suits will appeal to good dressers, men who demand style; \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits—choice.

Men's finest \$20.00 to \$35.00 Suits, all Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Fleischer Bros. makes, included. It means the free and unlimited choice of the stock, the finest and best high-art productions, garments equal in every respect to the best made-to-order clothing costing three and four times as much. And remember, there's every size for you and every other man. So begins at 8 sharp tomorrow, and the best go first. Remember that choice of \$11.85 the house for only

5,000 PAIRS OF MEN'S HIGH-GRADE PANTS IN THIS SALE AT ONE-FOURTH AND ONE-HALF PRICE—EVERY PAIR MUST BE SOLD IN FOUR DAYS

\$2.50 Men's Pants, choice \$1.45 \$4.00 Men's Pants, choice \$2.35
\$5.00 Men's Pants, choice \$1.55 \$7.50 to \$10 Men's Trousers, choice \$2.55

Notice to Patrons

This most wonderful sale at these remarkably low prices will cause a jam at this sale from opening time, 3 p. m., until closing time, 10 p. m. TO AVOID DANGER OF CRUSHING, the entrances will be at 125 Fifth street and 125 First street. The exits will be on Alder street. Merchants or parties tendering checks or other than cash must be identified. No goods on approval; no small orders filled for less than a total of \$10.

THOUSANDS OF LADIES' HOSE AT LESS THAN WHOLESALE COST

25c Ladies' Hosiery \$1.00
50c Ladies' Hosiery \$1.95
\$1 Ladies' Hosiery \$3.95

CORSET COVERS DUMPED OUT—WE MUST SELL THEM QUICK

50c Corset Covers for only \$1.50
75c Corset Covers for only \$2.50
1.00 Corset Covers for only \$2.95

MUSLIN DRAWERS LESS THAN COST

50c Muslin Drawers for only \$1.50
75c Muslin Drawers for only \$2.00
1.00 Muslin Drawers for only \$2.50

PRICES CUT DEEPER LATER

PARASOLS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY

\$3.00 values for \$1.95
\$5.00 values for \$2.95
\$8.00 values for \$4.95
\$10.00 values for \$5.95

TRIMMINGS

25c Ribbons for yard \$1.00
50c Ribbons for yard \$1.95
75c Ribbons for yard \$2.95

NECKTIES ALMOST GIVEN AWAY

50c Neckties for only \$1.50
75c Neckties for only \$2.00
1.00 Neckties for only \$2.50

CLOSED OUT QUICK

1.50 Ladies' Sailors \$4.95
2.50 Ladies' Sailors \$7.95
3.50 Ladies' Sailors \$9.95
4.50 Ladies' Sailors \$11.95

Special Clearing of Women's Skirts

55.00 PANAMA SKIRTS—Black and colors and novelties; pick'em out \$1.98

25.00 WASH SKIRTS—Well made, white and colors, choice \$98c

12.50 white serge Skirts for only \$6.95
12.50 white serge Skirts for only \$4.95
10.00 white Panama Skirts for only \$4.95
15.00 silk net Waists for only \$4.95
25.00 Covert Jackets for only \$9.95
15.00 Shetland Suits for only \$9.95
\$5.00 heatherloom Petticoats for only \$3.95
Handsome lot of colors, light blue, tan, ecru and other shades, values up to \$6.00—\$1.98 choice

Fine black and white, blue and white Wash Skirts, plain, plaited and trimmed in braid, all sizes. A regular \$2.50 value, for \$98c only

Panama and novelty Skirts, black, blue and brown, grays and light colors, all handsome models, the kind you want. Don't fail to see them early. Regular \$10 and \$12.50 \$2.98 values, for only \$1.98

A large lot of white and Panama Skirts, in black and colors, coming in dozens of styles, some remarkably fine values for the first to pick from. Regular value \$13.50 \$4.95 up now

ANNEX

Entire Corner 5th and Alder

THE STORE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY EVENING UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.

FIXTURES FOR SALE