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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Official Report Compiled by F. I. Dunbar, County Clerk, by Order of the Court.

ROAD AND TAX MATTERS

A Large Number of Bills Audited—Report on the H. A. Smith Matter—Notice of Sale in the Matter of the Estate of Michael Thompson.

In the county court, of the state of Oregon, in and for the county of Clatsop, Monday, March 2, 1896, first day, present—Hon. J. H. D. Gray, judge; R. M. Wooden and Chris Peterson, commissioners; F. I. Dunbar, clerk, and James W. Hare, sheriff.

Court met and was duly opened at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Application of Mary E. Biles to cancel tax sale of lots 7 and 8, block 7, Ocean Grove, sold for delinquent taxes for year 1891, same being a double assessment; granted and so ordered.

Application of Mary E. Biles to cancel sale of one-quarter acre of land in section 16, Tp 6 N, R 10 W, sold for delinquent taxes for year 1892, same being a double assessment; granted and so ordered.

Application of N. C. Merges to cancel tax sale of SE one-quarter section 5, Tp 6 N, R 6 W, sold for delinquent taxes for 1892, same being a double assessment; granted and so ordered.

Petition of E. Banks, supervisor of road district No. 10, for 80 pieces of lumber to rebuild bridge in said district; allowed.

Petition of Aaron Pearson to cancel tax sale of morigage assessed to Edward Belknap for N ½ of SW ¼ of section 16, Tp 5 N, R 6 W, for delinquent taxes for year 1892, same being erroneously assessed; granted and so ordered.

Petition of C. R. Shields to cancel tax sale of lot 20, block 9, in Gearheart Park, sold for delinquent taxes for year 1893, on account of tax having been paid; taken under advisement.

Reports of road supervisors of districts Nos. 2, 5 and 6, read and examined; ordered approved and placed on file.

Ordered that an alias warrant be issued for the collection of the delinquent taxes assessed to H. C. Stratton, trustee, for year 1884, and I. Bergman and M. J. Kinney for year 1883.

Ordered that court do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Tueday, March 3, 1896, second day; same present as yesterday.

Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

Application of John Stephenson to cancel tax sale of and ½ of lot 6, block 3, Shively's Astoria, assessed to Abraham Jackson, and sold for delinquent tax for year 1891; allowed upon payment of taxes on $125, and balance of tax and costs will be remitted.

In the matter of the bridge across Stanley's lake; ordered that supervisor have same repaired by contract, not to exceed $30.

In the matter of the county road from bridge across Necanicum to Ocean Beach; referred to J. E. Eakin to examine and report whether said lot is legally established or not.

Communication from Hattie A. Johnson, requesting a reduction for year 1895, read, and ordered that the clerk inform her that no changes in the assessment can be made under the law.

Application of W. C. Cassell to cancel tax sale of property assessed to the estate of Mary E. Fonner, and sold for delinquent taxes for year 1894; ordered referred to J. E. Eakin to examine and report.

Application of George Gardner to cancel tax sale of block 11, Rosedale addition to Astoria, for delinquent taxes for year 1891, same being a double assessment and tax paid; granted and so ordered.

In the matter of the allowance of $10 per month to Mrs. Pise; ordered that said allowance be continued for March, April and May.

In the matter of the allowance of $5 per month to William Koch; same as above.

In the matter of the building of bridges between Olney and Jewell; now comes Messrs. Gray and Bottom and report that they have completed the seven bridges on county road between Olney and Jewell in accordance with the contract heretofore made; ordered that this matter be referred to Commissioner Wooden and O. A. Cole, to examine and report if said contract has been fully complied with, and upon their favorable report the clerk be instructed to draw a warrant for $160.62 in favor of Messrs. Gray and Bottom.

Application of Mrs. Grube, an indigent person, for relief, recommended by F. J. Taylor; granted and allowed provisions to the amount of $8 per month for March and April.

Application of Alex. Holden to cancel tax sale of E ½ of NE ¼, E ½ of SE ¼ section 35, Tp 6 N, R 10 W, and assessed to C. L. Dennis, and sold for delinquent taxes for year 1893, same being government land and patented to Alex. Holman; allowed.

Bills on general fund examined and allowed as follows:

J. W. Hare, sheriff, board of prisoners for February, $135.21; J. W. Hare, sheriff, summoning jury and election notices and postage, $42.95; W. H. Twilight, serving jury notices, $2; N. E. Foster, serving jury notices, $4; F. Wickman, posting election notices, $6; John Hahn & Co., pair shoe for prisoners, $1.50; Astoria Gas Light Company, gas for January and February, $40.80; Astoria Street Railway Company, electric light for January and February, $6.50; Charles Heilborn & Son, repairs to window shades, $1.85; telephone for March, $3; P. E. Hickman, drafting plats recorder's office, $6; Astoria Transfer Company, horse hire, sheriff serving papers, $9.25; Irwin Hodson Co., tax collection register $11; Glass & Prudhomme, blanks for sheriff's office, $2.50; J. W. Suprenant, repairs to court house, $31.20; H. R. Kincaid, certified copy of Hill's Code, $2.75; F. W. Ferguson, printing election notices, $3.50; Griffin & Reed, stationery for January and February sundry offices, $41.95; R. Strauss, stationery, $2.45; W. W. Parker, rent of office for school superintendent four months, $10; M. C. Crosby, plumbing courthouse, $6.40; J. S. Dellinger, legal blanks, $13.90; Astoria wood and coal yard, wood for Mrs. Seideck, $4.25; J. C. Jones, experting county books, $35; Foard & Stokes, candles and matches for jail, $5.25; Herald Publishing Company, printing court proceedings, $8.75; Clatsop Mill Company, lumber Olney bridge, $1.25; E. Estoos, labor, repairing Olney bridge, $42.75; Astoria Iron Works, castings and iron works Olney bridge, $44.25; C. Peterson, labor Olney bridge, $12; Mrs. C. A. Gearhart, $12; R. N. Wright $12, H. S. Lyman $12, teachers' examination; A. V. Allen, provisions Messrs. Bakka, Westberg, Sedeck, Peterson and Saikka, $29.79; Scoffield & Hauke, provisions Watson and Davidson, $13.90; Foard & Stokes, Mrs. Miller, provisions January and February, $20; Mrs. A. Knapp, care of O'Donnell three months, $22.50; Mrs. Schroder $10, Mrs. Sandy $10, Mrs. Pise $10, Wm. Koch $5, allowance for February; C. Nordstrom, care of Sorglund, $10; Charles Ward, care of Osburn, $10; State vs. Nick Lemon, costs $5; State vs. Carl Neindorf, costs $11.55; State vs. J. P. Merrifield, costs $27.35; State vs. W. McDonald, costs $13.95; State vs. Harry Manser, costs $14.65; State vs. Nels Recterson, costs $13.05; State vs. John McClay, costs $23.70; State vs. James Higley, costs $46.

Bills on special road fund examined and allowed as follows:

J. H. Johanson, l ax, $1.50; Carl Johnson, labor, E, road district No. 3; J. N. Heckard, labor road district No. 5, $8; Chas. Iverson, labor road district No. 6, $5.50.

Wednesday, March 4, 1896, third day; same present as yesterday.

Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

Application of Jos. Sinnott to cancel tax sale of mortgage on lot 12, block 12, Shively's Astoria, sold for delinquent taxes for 1890, on account of having paid taxes on the lot. The same was not allowed, and so ordered.

In th matter of the costs of H. A. Smith, former sheriff, collected by the county clerk and paid to the treasurer; now at this time is read the report of J. Q. A. Bowlby and John H. Smith stating that in their opinion no more than $3 can be charged by a sheriff for making a return of delinquent taxes as provided by sections 2810 and 2811, Hill's Code; ordered placed on file.

Communication from I. N. Foster read, requesting a reduction in assessment for year 1895, being assessed higher than neighboring property; ordered that the clerk notify said I. N. Foster that the law will not permit any change to be made in his assessment at this time.

Application of B. S. Worsley to pay the tax, cost and penalty for an assignment of the tax sale certificate of property assessed to the Oregon Land Company for the year 1893; ordered that the clerk notify the Oregon Land Company

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FIGHT WITH THUGS

Officers Thompson and Seafeldt Participate in Desperate Encounter.

Policemen Were Severely Beaten, but Managed to Effect the Arrest of Four Thieves—Trial in Court.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Thompson, while patrolling his beat in East Astoria, saw several men force an entrance to the Globe saloon. The officer instantly recognized them as a gang of tough characters, and, not wishing to attempt to arrest them alone, he waited until Officer Seafeldt came home from his night beat in Paradise alley.

When the men broke into the building, Mr. Thompson contrived to reach the window and make out the identity of the men. They soon emerged from the saloon, carrying several bottles and a quantity of cigars. The officer followed them to their lodging house, and outside it awaited the arrival of Officer Seafeldt from his beat. When the latter came along, Mr. Thompson acquainted him with the conditions, and together they entered the building. When they made their mission known to the desperadoes they were pounced upon by the four men and about fifteen companions, and the battle royal began.

The officers drew their clubs and wielded them freely, but, owing to the number of their opponents, it was a hard fight. Several of the ruffians drew knives, and used their best and most earnest endeavors to exterminate the policemen. One was nearly successful, having made a lunge at Officer Seafeldt, cutting a severe gash in his head.

Messrs. Thompson and Seafeldt are two husky men, and it takes a cast-iron constitution—and head—to withstand the operations of a club in the hands of either. Though the law-breakers fought desperately, the police finally got the advantage, and following it up, soon had the crowd pleading for mercy. Three of the four who broke into the saloon were taken in charge, the fourth not being in the melee, lodging some distance from the scene of the encounter. The guilty men were taken to the city jail, without further trouble, and locked up. The other man, Chris. Knutsen, was arrested later in the day by Captain Hallock, without difficulty. The three men gave the names of Louis Rohne, Martin Dahl, and Chas. Greene.

The policemen were pretty badly beaten, but not injured sufficiently to prevent them attending to their duties. Of the other parties to the fight, nothing is known, but it may be safely said there are a number of very painful heads.

The four men were up before Judge Nelson yesterday afternoon on the simple charges of resisting an officer and disorderly conduct, the former charge being against the man Greene, who has caused the police much trouble in the past. After listening to the evidence, that of the defendants being they found the saloon open, and, not having any money, proceeded to help themselves, which was contradicted by Officer Thompson, Judge Nelson did the best he could and fined Greene $40 and the others $20 each. Greene paid his fine, but it is not known whether or not the others did.

There is no doubt but that the men should be tried on a charge of burglary, but the charges made against them were minor ones, rendering Judge Nelson powerless to give them their just deserts. It is thought a charge of burglary will be made against them by the state.

CAPT. HOWES' DEPOT.

Captain Howes, of the tug Escort, it was said yesterday, had a new suggestion for a depot site. According to his idea, Coxcombe Hill is the place of all others for the railroad station. Here the incoming passenger would obtain his first glimpse of Astoria under the most favorable circumstances. At his feet he would see the city and all its surroundings, while in the distance the great Columbia river and the picturesque shores of Washington would frame a most attractive picture and have a tendency to favorably impress a new comer on first setting foot in the city.

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POLITE, BUT TO THE POINT

Authentic Statement as to the Policy of Spain Toward Cuba and the United States.

SITUATION VERY DELICATE

According to the Prime Minister, Spain Will Make Every Effort to Preserve Amicable Relations With United States, but if the Worst Comes—

New York, March 6.—The World will print tomorrow an authentic statement of the policy of Spain as to Cuba and congress, from Prime Minister Canovas. It is accompanied by a personal message to Joseph Pulitzer, from the president of the council of state at Madrid. The statement is dated at Madrid and says:

"We have as yet no official notification of the intentions of the American government, and cannot, therefore, take cognizance of, or protest by note against any of the proceedings of the senate and house of representatives of the United States. We have taken no official notice whatever of the proceedings and speeches in Washington during the past week.

"Nor have we sounded the European powers or courts regarding their support, in any form. All we have done is to show to the American government and to Minister Taylor that we have endeavored to enforce respect for the American legation and the consulates, repressing so sternly the disturbances that we have ordered the Madrid, Grenada, Barcelona and Valencia universities closed, and we will close all universities, schools and establishments if the students dare to make demonstrations hostile to the United States. We will send to prison and prompt trial all authors and promoters of such disturbances. We believe they are prompted by advanced Republicans. Nothing will be omitted on our side to show our desire to preserve cordial relations with America. I am convinced that we possess sufficient means to quell any hostile demonstrations. The government of Spain regrets, and has made all amends possible for the manifestation of indignation which the speeches at Washington naturally excited among the ever loyal people of Spain.

"The situation is now one of extreme delicacy. Indeed, I cannot define how far it is possible for the government of Spain to permit the amicable and careful mediation of a foreign power, however honorable and disinterested it may be, without incurring the grave risk of being accused of submitting to outside interference and pressure and dictation in the midst of civil war. The United states is a great power, and until they recognize the object and encourage the aims of the insurrectionists in Cuba, they are friendly to Spain. After the recognition of the belligerents in Cuba by the United States it would be impossible for the government of Spain to accept the good offices of President Cleveland, of to permit any interference whatever.

"I am fully alive to the significance and possible consequences of the vote of the United States congress to recognize the rebels, as well as to Spain in her relations with the United States, and especially in connection with the right of search of the high seas and in the matter of private and filibustering expeditions.

"The only new and seemingly warlike preparations yet made by Spain are made simply with a view to equipping a fleet of war ships and trans-Atlantic steamers to chase filibusterers and to guard the coasts of Cuba. That is the sole object in view."

THAT MOCK MARRIAGE.

Witnesses Arrested, Charged with Perjury in the Matter.

San Francisco, March 6.—William Isaacs was today indicted by the grand jury for perjury, alleged to have been committed while he was on the witness stand during the trial of the matter of the annullment of the marriage of Inez Mercer to R. B. Westcott. At that trial Isaacs testified that he was present when Miss Mercer was married to Westcott in Portland, Oregon, May 24, 1895, and that the marriage was merely a mock one. Upon the strength of his testimony and that of Miss Mercer, Judge Slack, before whom the proceedings were had, granted an annulment. Some time after the proceedings in Slack's court, the statement was given out that at the time Isaacs said he was in Portland, he was in San Francisco. Miss Mercer is also under arrest on a charge of perjury.

AMATEURS TRANSFERRED.

San Francisco, March 6.—R. M. Welch, California representative of the racing board, of the League of American Wheelmen, has issued a bulletin, as follows:

Transferred to the professional class, at their own request, Earl H. Kizer, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. M. Campbell, Spokane, Wash.; M. M. Randall, Rochester, N. Y.; Carl S. Robbins, Ventura, Cal.; Burton D. Parker, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eli Winesett, Portland, Or.; W. J. Edwards, San Jose; W. W. Hatton, Los Angeles; Roma E. Dow, San Jose.; John F. Staver, Portland; E. F. Schefcki, Salt Lake.

No amateur resident in one division will be allowed to complete in another, at a greater distance than 100 miles from his home, except in closed college or association championships, or by special permit of the racing board.

SO VERY JUST!

Weyler's Proclamation Concerning All Arrests Made in Cuba.

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Havana, March 6.—Captain General of Cuba, Vareirano Weyler, has issued another important proclamation, of which the following is a translation:

"My attention has been drawn to the frequency with which civil and military authorities and army officers in the country and towns proceed to arrest citizens, who are afterwards placed at my disposal to be deported from the island, without reasonable cause for such measures; and, having pointed out in my previous circulars the charges pertaining to war, the jurisdiction and formalities for the trials, I have decided to exact, in accordance with said circulars, that arrests must be justified with all reasons and proofs possible, so as to proceed with all justice against prisoners. Therefore, authorities and army officers will so order in every case of every one who is arrested without proofs enough to establish his guilt."

Best Washing Powder on earth. Large size, 20 cents. Soap Foam.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Amendment Adopted Which Abolishes the Fee System.

Washington, March, 6.—The house today passed the legislative appropriation bill, which has been under consideration for a week. Most of the time, however, was consumed in the consideration of the amendment to abolish the fee system in cases of United States attorneys and marshals. This amendment was perfected and accepted. The house then entered upon the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill, the largest of the regular supply bills, which carries $91,943,757.

The bill was passed to abolish the cash payment of pensions, the purpose of which was to protect old veterans who squandered or were swindled out of pensions on quarterly pay days.

Washington, March 6.—In the house today Hull asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill to relieve General Carlin of liability for $1,180, expended by Capt. J. M. Chyde, in the rescue of the party of students who were snowbound in the Bitter Root mountains in 1893.

Wilson, of Idaho, objected, saying that the party had deserted a citizen of Idaho and left him to die.

TO DESTROY SQUIRRELS.

Spokane, March 6.—Letters were sent by the Spokane county commissioners today to all county boards of Eastern Washington, inviting them to attend an anti-squirrel contest here May 15. The purpose is to secure uniform action and for legislative help in stamping out this pest, which annually destroys grain to the value of several hundred thousand dollars.

HIGH RATES.

New York, March 6.—Trans-Atlantic steamship companies have increased their rates for third-class or steerage prepaid tickets. The German lines have a new rate at $36.50 from Bremen or Hamburg. This is the highest figure ever had, veteran steamship men say.

THE WEEK IN TRADE

Cuban Resolutions in Congress Affect Business Generally.

Receivership of the Baltimore and Ohio Had Not the Bearish Effect Anticipated in the London Market.

New York, March 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say:

The Cuban resolutions and the appointment of receivers for the Baltimore and Ohio were events of sufficient importance to affect almost any genuine market, especially for securities. It, therefore, so augured other remarkable strength of conditions, or entire want of life and genuinness in the market, that the prices of sixty of the most active railroad stocks, which averaged $19.74 per share February 1, have fallen since that date lower than $19.36, nor risen above $50.85 per share. Industries all report a slightly lower range of prices, except for iron and steel products.

The demand for no class of iron products is at this time brisk, but a large structural business is expected in the spring and there is still much hopefulness about railroad orders, as earnings continue to improve.

The failures for the week have been 285 in the United States against 234 last year, and 68 in Canada, against 58 last year.

New York, March 6.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say:

Speculation has been more or less unsettled all week by the action of the executive and the senate on the Cuban resolutions, and the fact that acute complications between our own and the Spanish government might result. This supplemented the effect of the Baltimore and Ohio receivership, though the latter event failed to have the bearish influence upon the London market that was expected by the trading element in Wall street. It is true the collapse of an important trunk line has given a blow to the growth of foreign investment buying on our own securities, but it has not caused active European selling, and, at worst, the London market remains indifferent to Americans.

ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY.

Pendleton, March 6.—The officials at the Umatilla Indian Agency have lodged a complaint against Jack Weetsoot concerning the death of Dick Pond, the Indian ran over by the train Wednesday night. Jack Weetsoo is an Indian whose hair was cut by the Indian court on the reservation, who brought the damage suit securing $300, and caused the decision by the courts that Indians are citizens. The coroner made an examination but found no evidence of Pond having met a violent death, but Weetsoot was arrested, and is now in jail.

ACCIDENT AT BROOKFIELD.

Mr. G. S. Miller, foreman of Fink Bros.' stave factory at Brookfield, yesterday met with a very severe accident. While managing a piece of work, he was unfortunate enough to have his right hand thrown against a 28-inch equalizing saw. The bones of the two middle fingers and all four fingers were badly cut. He took the first boat to Astoria to secure proper treatment for his wounded hand. On arriving here the Drs. Fulton were visited and succeeded in putting him in a fairly comfortable condition. Mr. Miller will be laid up for five or six weeks, so that he cannot perform his customary duties. It was only a miracle which prevented the entire loss of his hand, and he is congratulating himself that the accident was no worse.

The matinee maiden has a penchant for romantic plays.

MINISTER BROWN ON THE STAND

Testified in His Own Behalf Before the Congregational Church Inquiry Council.

LETTERS PRODUCED IN COURT

The Doctor Loaned Mrs. Davidson Money, but Merely Out of the Kindness of His Heart—Gave Miss Overman More Than Half His Salary.

San Francisco, March 6.—Rev. C. O. Brown resumed his testimony in his own defense before the Congregational council today. He admitted that he had exchanged letters with Miss Overman while the latter was absent in Tacoma. The letters were produced, Dr. Brown explaining that Miss Overman had sent to her home in Tacoma for them. All the letters were prosaic epistles, concerning matters in the church and books which Miss Overman was reading.

"A sweet love letter, is it not?" suggested Dr. Brown, when the first of the dry and colorless epistles was read.

Dr. Brown then referred to his connection with Mrs. Davidson, recounting how she had waited for him after prayer meeting—when Mrs. Brown was absent—and asking him to walk towards home with her. Mrs. Davidson asked him if he did not miss Mattie Overman, and he innocently replied that he had. He said that Mrs. Davidson, on various pretexts, had induced him to accompany her to see many people, and had asked him to show her through the Young Men's Christian Association building. Dr. Brown said these interviews and visits were all a part of Mrs. Davidson's scheme of blackmailing, to which he innocently fell a victim.

Continuing, Dr. Brown said that, in the last week in August, Mrs. Davidson had come to his office in the church and had asked him to lend her a little money. He loaned her at that time $20, and later $60, and again $50. Dr. Brown, much moved, said that he had always believed in not letting his right hand know what his left hand did, but he had no choice now but to explain these matters. He said that since he had been pastor of his present charge, he had given away more than half of his salary. Mrs. Davidson told him how a well known minister had visited a lodging house in company with a young woman, concluding with the statement that he had been identified as the minister and Miss Overman as the woman. He admitted that he was afraid to meet such an accusation at a time when the city was greatly excited over the arrest of several old men for debauching girls. He feared that the accusation would be accepted as guilt when the populace was in such an angry mood. Brown then told how he had paid Mrs. Davidson $500 and had taken her receipt for the money in order to protect himself.

GREAT BRITAIN'S POSITION.

Bluebook Submitted in Evidence in the Venezuelan Question.

London, March 6.—The British bluebook on the Venezuelan boundary dispute was laid on the table of the house of commons today. The position of Great Britain from 1846 is set forth. Great Britain claims neither Spain nor Venezuela, after the latter declared her independence, at any time had dominion over the territory in question. The bluebook says, further, that Great Britain, while maintaining her just rights, has constantly shown a desire to make a fair arrangement with Venezuela in regard to the boundary.

WITH HIS OWN MEDICINE.

Port Townsend, March 6.—Peter Pecarty, who came here from San Francisco to superintend the blowing up of the hull of the old steamer Idaho, which was sunk in Port Townsend bay several years ago, was himself blown up by giant powder. Pecarty dived to a depth of forty feet and placed 76 sticks of giant powder under the steamer and returned to the surface, telling all hands to pull away in a small boat, but he stayed to watch the explosion. Spectators say Pecarty, who was standing on a scow, was blown forty feet into the air, landing in the water. The body was not recovered.

THE ASTORIAN'S GUESTS.

Were Interested in the Working of the New Machinery Last Night.

Early last evening several hundred citizens accepted the general invitation of the Asotrian to visit its new press room. The room was brilliantly lighted with electric lamps, and the new machinery glistened in the bright glare. Both press and folder were run at full speed, and all of the visitors were much interested in the sight.

Pressman Hilton Dunseth was at home and kept the big machine fully supplied with paper, while Pressman Morrison manipulated the folder.

The eight-page weekly was run off and Mr. A. J. Wherry, of Elsie, got the first paper out of the new "mill." The question is now, what will he do with it—one of his friends says he can't read.

The quality of the work done must have been very satisfactory to Agent Boynton, who superintended the erection of the press. The clear and distinct impression fully demonstrated the merits of his machine, and the compliments of the many visitors were not only greatly appreciated by that gentleman, but by the Astorian as well.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 6.—Close—wheat, spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 7½d; No. 1 California, 5s 8½d.

Hops—Pacific Coast, £2.

Portland, March 6.—Wheat, unchanged.

The narrow foot is regarded as the true type of pedal elegance.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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