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COUNTY COURT ON STATE TAXES

Takes the Bull By the Horns, Orders Treasurer Not to Pay Over Money. TREASURER TO BE PROTECTED

Official Report of the Last Session of the Court--Various Tax Matters Taken Up and Discussed.

Official Report. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Clatsop--Tuesday, March 23, 1897--Fourth day March term.

Present--Hon. J. H. D. Gray, Judge; C. Peterson and Howell Lewis, Commissioners; F. I. Dunbar, Clerk; and James W. Hare, Sheriff.

Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m. Clerk presents statement of jurors and witnesses in attendance before the Circuit Court, and witnesses in attendance before grand jury, February term, from February 15 to March 12, and same was allowed and warrants issued in favor of persons entitled thereto.

In the matter of the tax purchase of the west half of the southwest quarter, southwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 37, township 3 north of range 6 west, sold for taxes for year 1895, assessed to H. O. Spear; ordered that interest from date of purchase be remitted and deed issued to Daniel McInnis upon payment of tax, costs and penalties.

Petition from Wm. L. Deeds to cancel tax purchase of northeast quarter of southwest quarter, north half of southeast quarter section 21, north half of southwest quarter section 22, township 5 north of range 4 west, purchased for delinquent taxes for year 1896, same being government land at date of assessment; ordered granted.

Petition of P. O'Hara to remit penalties and interest from tax purchase of east half of northeast quarter section 14, township 7 north of range 3 west, as the taxation is very much out of proportion to the value and income received from the property, and ability to pay; ordered not granted.

Ordered that court do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, March 24, 1897--Fifth day of term--Same present as yesterday.

Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m. In the matter of state taxes. Whereas, the failure of the legislature of this state to organize or pass an appropriation bill, as required by the constitution of Oregon, makes it unlawful for the state treasurer to pay out or disburse any moneys coming into his hands, unless he is authorized by such act, and

Whereas, the time indicated by law for the treasurer of Clatsop County to remit this county's share of the state tax to the state treasurer is near at hand, and

Whereas, the large amount of money thus locked up in the state treasury will take from the people of Clatsop County nearly \$14,000 that should, under the present conditions, most of it be held by the County Treasurer, and used to pay outstanding warrants;

Therefore, it is ordered that the County Treasurer is hereby instructed not to pay to the State Treasurer any money collected for taxes in this county, until the further order of this court, and that the County Judge and District Attorney are hereby authorized to draw up and prepare all papers necessary to legally protect, or defend the treasurer of Clatsop county in this matter.

Upon roll call Judge J. H. D. Gray and Commissioner H. Lewis voted aye, and in favor of the adoption of the above order. Commissioner Peterson voted no, and against the adoption of the above order.

Ordered that Court do now adjourn sine die. J. H. D. Gray, Judge. C. PETERSON, H. LEWIS, Commissioners. F. I. DUNBAR, County Clerk.

WILL MR. CORBETT NOW BE SEATED

From the Briefs Submitted to the Committee It Appears That He Will.

THE DEBATE ON THE TARIFF Sensational Speeches of Grosvener and McMillan--Hermann's Appointment Confirmed--The Blythe Case.

Washington, March 24--The senate committee on privileges and elections has received the brief in the claim of Henry W. Corbett, of Oregon, to a seat in the senate. It argues that equality of representation of the several states in the federal senate was an essential feature in the scheme of government provided by the framers of the constitution, and that this equality is destroyed when any state has but one senator.

THE RUSH TO ALASKA. Seattle, March 24--The steamship Mexico will sail for Dyea, Alaska, tomorrow, with men, women and children outfit for a long stay in the Yukon valley. Altogether, from the ticket offices in Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Port Townsend, Victoria and San Francisco there have been 462 tickets sold.

MUST SLAVE. Reading, Penn., March 24--Superintendent Passmore, of the Reading & Eastern Shore Street Railway Co., has issued orders to all employees that after April 1 they must dispense with their mustaches and beards. The order has caused much dissatisfaction.

HEIMANN CONFIRMED. Washington, March 24--The senate confirmed Ringer Hermann, of Oregon, to be commissioner of the general land office.

TIMES ARE BETTER. There is no surer indication of the return of prosperous times than the highly interesting detailed account in the last issue of the Railway Age of new railroad building under contract for this year. If one-fifth of the work contracted is completed in '97, it will be one of the biggest year's work done by the railroads in recent times.

ILLEGAL MARRIAGES. Tacoma, March 24--Superior Judge Keen today handed down a decision in that the state law making illegal the marriage of divorced persons within six months after a decree was granted remained in effect, though the people concerned were married outside the state. This will affect several people who have been married in Portland and Victoria immediately after securing divorces in Washington.

THE ASTORIA ROAD. From the Daily Astorian, Jan. 26, 1897. "Perhaps one of the best indications of the power which is behind Mr. Hammond, and the foundation upon which the future Astoria is to be built is furnished in that portion of the ninety-nine year contract between the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad and the Northern Pacific for the use of the latter's track between Goble and Portland. It appears that one of the conditions is that the Northern Pacific shall immediately relay that portion of its system with steel rails of the heaviest manufacture, and it is further provided that the Astoria road shall have and enjoy the same terminal facilities, union depot and otherwise, now owned by the Northern Pacific in Portland."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: E. P. Thompson to Jans Hanson, lot 3, block 7, Warrenton addition to Astoria, \$1,985.00

THE BLYTHE CASE. Washington, March 24--The way for the famous Blythe case to reach the United States Supreme Court was opened today by the action of Justice Field in allowing a writ of error, directed to the Supreme Court of California, bringing the case to this court. The case involves the estate of Thomas

THE RAILROADS HAVE WITHDRAWN

And the Big Freight and Passenger Associations Have Gone to Pieces. SANTA FE SYSTEM LED OFF

Burlington Was a Close Second and the Others Will Follow--Steps to Reorganize on a New Basis.

Chicago, March 24--As a further result of the supreme court decision in the trans-Mississippi freight case, the entire Burlington system today gave formal notice of its withdrawal from both the Western Freight and Western Passenger associations. Notice of withdrawal from all subordinate bureaus of those associations was also given.

It is regarded as almost certain that this action by the Burlington road, coming after the withdrawal yesterday of the Santa Fe system, will be followed by nearly all Western roads. The Rock Island and the Milwaukee & St. Paul roads are expected to withdraw. This, of course, means the destruction of the association, but will necessarily result in a demoralization of rates. In fact, the Burlington has appointed Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Passenger Association, to handle its mileage tickets and to issue clergymen's permits, which is regarded as the first step toward the reorganization of the Passenger Association, although necessarily on different lines.

EXCITEMENT IN KENTUCKY. A Fight to a Finish for the Senatorial Plum About to Begin. Frankfort, Ky., March 24--Several of the forces in Kentucky's senatorial struggle are lined up like armies ready to do battle. The two ballots already taken were but strength-trying skirmishes, and no one knows which side will make the first real attack.

Tonight it is whispered that the anti-Hunter republicans are ready to act and are urging the democrats, who are in the Bradley coalition scheme to make the dash intended for tomorrow. Hunter, with six bolting republicans, has secured three democratic votes, and is putting forth very effort to secure the two additional votes necessary to his election. The anti-Hunter coalition proposes to hurry up matters to prevent his securing these votes.

When the break shall come, and more than six bolting republicans go to voting with the democrats for Bradley, it is believed some of the free silver democrats will turn to Hunter and make the finish fight one of the closest and most exciting on record.

THE MACCABEES. Portland, Or., March 24--The first state convention of the Knights of the Order of Maccabees convened today. The chief interest centered in the election of a supreme representative. The lucky man was J. W. Sherwood, Portland. The following state officers were elected: Past commander, J. A. Burlingame, Enterprise; commander, J. S. Van Winkle, Albany; lieutenant commander, F. R. Robinson, Eugene; record keeper, I. M. Hunter, Corvallis; finance keeper, G. G. Mayer, Mayger's Landing; chaplain, Rev. H. Harris, Cove; physician, J. P. Tape, Portland; sergeant, E. A. Hildreth, Ashland; master-at-arms, A. J. Price, Seio; first master of guard, M. Hunter, Dallas; second master of guard, George B. Ideman, Union; sentinel, C. P. Huston, Junction; picket, W. T. Rigdon, Salem. Tonight there was a competitive drill between the Albany and Portland teams.

HARRINGTON RESIGNS. Seattle, March 24--President Mark Harrington, of the state university, has resigned.

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MORE CHEERFUL

Is the News From the Big Flood. Though the River Still Rises.

Memphis, March 24--The river bulletin issued by the weather bureau tonight announces a slight fall of the river at Memphis--a tenth of a foot. This has been the record for the past three days, including today. The gauge, therefore, registers 35.8 feet. The bureau predicts that for the next 24 hours the river will remain about stationary. The fact that the river continues to rise at Cairo is sufficient evidence that no considerable fall may be expected in the immediate future.

The situation is practically unchanged since yesterday. The fact that the levees below the city on the Mississippi side remain intact and the good news that they will probably withstand any further rise is calculated to make the outlook more cheering. The dispatches giving good news concerning the condition of the levees below this city may be relied upon as authentic, being received by railroad officials from their agents at the various places. In addition to those there is a confirmatory message from Major Debnay, he himself having completed a personal inspection of the system of levees below Memphis on the Mississippi side.

The work of the relief committee continues without abatement. The committee is kept busy providing for the wants of 2,000 destitute people who are here dependent upon charity, nor has the stream of newcomers ceased. While the relief boats do not make as many trips as they did during the first few days following the overflow, nor do they bring back as many refugees at each trip, they always bring some addition to swell the crowd of refugees. The continued fair weather is most favorable, and each day of sunshine is welcomed as a harbinger of good tidings to the extent that with no untoward rainfalls occur to swell the mighty volume of water, the end may be sooner than expected.

Notice has been received by Engineer Fitch that the levee on the Arkansas side has broken in two places below Memphis, one at Dawson, which is about 128 miles below Memphis, and one not far below Modoc. The report concerning these breaks seems authentic. Engineer Fitch has acted upon them with promptness. He has sent a boat with barges and skiffs to the assistance of the people in the country affected by the breaks.

Details concerning the break at Dawson are meager. The break near Modoc was not unexpected, as the levee there seemed to be weak, several braks having occurred in spite of every effort to prevent it.

BOSTON MAN WINS. New York, March 24--Six thousand people were packed in the Broadway Athletic Club tonight to witness the 25-round bout between George Dixon the champion feather weight, and Frank Erne, of Buffalo. These two matched to meet at 122 pounds, but though Dixon was at the weight, Erne was easily 12 pounds heavier than his adversary.

After the 25 rounds were completed Dixon was declared the winner. He received an ovation. Erne led seldom and Dixon forced the fighting all through. When some of the light weight fighters offered to take Dixon's place, on account of Erne being so much over weight, the Boston boxer said "No, no; not on your life. I don't care if he weighs a ton; I can lick him." Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, asserted before the gloves were donned that there was evidently some job up and he declared all bets off. Dixon never looked better in his life, and his work in the ring was worthy of his best days. Tonight's contest showed plainly that the decision rendered against him in favor of Erne last year was not merited by Erne's nistic prowess.

CHELMSFORD IN TROUBLE. Falmouth, March 24--The British bark Chelmsford, Captain Thompson, from Portland, Oregon, via Astoria, November 16, for Quebec, arrived here today and reports having lost her boats and stanchions. In addition her chain plates worked loose and started her bulwarks.

The staunch ship Chelmsford, and her jolly captain, Thompson, are well remembered in Astoria. She brought the first cargo of steel rails from England for the new railroad, arriving in this port August 12, 1896, and docked at Flavel.

RUBBER FACTORY CLOSED. Bristol, Conn., March 24--The factory of the India Rubber Co., which is controlled by the United States Rubber Co., closed today for two weeks. Fourteen hundred employees are affected.

ABANDONED AT SEA. San Francisco, March 24--The Merchants' Exchange received advice today of the British ship Andros, which left here on October 28 for Liverpool, being abandoned at sea on March 8, three hundred miles west of Falmouth. The crew were landed at Boston.

THE MARKETS. New York, March 24--Hope--Steady. San Francisco, March 24--Hops--9 and 11c. London, March 24--Hops--43 1/2c. Portland, March 24--Wheat--Valley, 75c; Walla Walla, 77 and 78c. Liverpool, March 24--Wheat--Spring, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2d; California, 6s 3 1/2d.

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