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HOME FROM TOUR OF BIG STOCK SHOWS

Ira Conner returned home Saturday evening from Scappoose, Columbia county, the home of Mr. West, the well known breeder of registered Jersey cattle. Mr. Conner assisted Mr. West, in carrying for and exhibiting his herd of fine Jerseys at the state fair, Salem, thence at the Portland Live-stock exhibition, from which place they went to Seattle and remained during the stock exhibit at the exposition. On their return home they stopped over at the Puyallup, Washington, fair where Mr. West succeeded in carrying off many valuable premiums and prizes as he did at each of the other big stock shows mentioned. Ira informs the Leader that the best managed stock show and the best all-round exhibit was that of our own Oregon state fair, which he praises very highly and where he says the exhibitors were all treated most courteously, fairly and squarely by the management, which could not be said of some of the other shows mentioned. Mr. Conner gained much valuable information concerning many breeds of cattle and especially the Jersey stock, in his tour of these big fairs. He was also a close observer of the various poultry exhibits and comes home with a new store of poultry knowledge, which will be of value to him in breeding up his Nesmith strains of Buff Orpingtons and Buff Leghorns.

If you want a diamond to give for Christmas present call at Madsen's next week \$50 diamond \$35 and \$40 for \$25.

Railroad Commissioners Good Work.

Reductions in grain rates of about 12 1/2 per cent from the interior to tidewater will go into effect on the railroads of the Northwest on November 1 and will effect a very large saving to the wheat growers of the Inland Empire. The reduction was ordered on the O. R. & N. Lines by the Oregon Railroad Commission and on the Washington railroads by the commission of that state. On the present year's crop it is believed a saving of about \$300,000 will be realized to growers by the lessened freight rates.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

Dale McCoy Seriously
Wounded by Little
Brother Carl.

A very unfortunate accidental shooting occurred Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will McCoy who reside a few miles west of Cottage Grove. It seems that an old 22 caliber rifle has been used as a plaything by the two little boys, Carl aged 8 years and Dale aged 4 years, for some months it having become worthless as a fire-arm. However, recently an older brother brought home some 22 calibre cartridges for his revolver, when the two youngsters in some way came in possession of a few of them and on Sunday took the old rifle out about one hundred yards from the family home "to see if it would shoot." A cartridge was placed in the barrel by Carl, the older boy, and was in some way accidentally discharged the ball striking his four-year-old brother, Dale, in the left eye-brow ranging downward, splitting the upper eye-lid, penetrating the cheek, passing through the mouth, extracting an upper jaw tooth and passing out through the right cheek. The little fellow was brought to town and taken to Dr. Schieff's hospital where he is receiving treatment and while the wound is a serious one, it is not necessarily fatal. The extent of the injury to the left eye has not yet been fully ascertained, but it is thought the sight has been destroyed. This is another demonstration of the danger of old fire-arms as toys for children unless they have entirely been put out of commission so far as their shooting possibilities are concerned.

This accident is deeply deplored by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy who have the sympathy of all.

Great preparations are being made for the annual Hood River apple fair, Oct. 28, 29 and 30. The display of prize fruit will be bigger and better than ever and the attendance from outside points promised to be exceptionally large.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Curriu Footbridge Open
To Public---Revise
City Charter.

The city council met in adjourned session Saturday evening all of the councilmen being present except Bartels and Hogate.

The report of state health officer R. C. Kenney regarding the purity of the city's well sent to him for analysis by Dr. Oglesby was read and filed, being considered very unfavorable.

Application of W. J. Roberts for superintendency of the new water system was read and filed.

The street committee reported that the Curriu footbridge had been repaired and was again open to travel.

A new street light was reported put in at the corner of J. M. Durham's residence property by the light committee.

The vote of the recent special election was canvassed and recorded. Total vote cast 160. For water bonds, 132. Against 28.

Councilman Lawson was authorized to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of draining the tract east of the S. P. railroad track.

A committee of two, Councilmen Lawson and Elledge, was appointed to revise the present city charter and secure estimates on printing 150 copies of the same.

The following bills were allowed:
J. K. Barrett, election.....\$ 3.00
Thos. Allen, election.....4.50
Howard Beagle, election.....3.00
D. G. McFarland, election.....3.00
J. S. Milne, election.....1.50
H. C. Schieff, election.....3.00
R. M. Veatch, election.....3.00
J. C. Wallace, election.....1.50
J. M. Durham, election.....3.00
N. H. Martin, election.....3.00
C. E. Walker, election.....3.00
J. E. Ostrander, election.....1.50
W. C. Monroe.....15.00
Dudley Shields.....11.25
H. C. Hart, sewers.....500.00
Brown Lumber Co.....2.55

Sold Farm For \$10,000.

J. W. Stone of Creswell was in the city yesterday, fixing up the papers for the sale of his fine 240 acre farm near that city to G. L. Guyer of South Dakota, the consideration being \$10,000.—Register.

COUNTY JUDGE CHRISMAN'S RECOMMENDATION TO COURT

Wants a Large Palatial Addition to the New Court
House and a Macadamized Automobile
Road from Eugene to Springfield

When the Nesmith county division committee made the statement before the legislative committee on counties at Salem last winter that the Lane county court manifested a disposition to take good care of public improvements and other county interests in and about Eugene at the expense of the rural tax-payers of the county, while thickly settled and heavy tax paying communities of the county like that about Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence and Junction were neglected, this statement was stoutly denied by the Eugene contingent, who alleged that we were only trying to prejudice the legislative committee by such statements.

However, County Judge Chrisman, in tendering his resignation to the commissioners court last week, stated, "I had hoped to continue a member of the court long enough to assist in completing two important improvements and I trust the court will make provisions at the January term in making up the tax levy for 1909 for funds to construct an addition to the court house and also that provisions be made for funds to improve the county road between Eugene and Springfield by macadamizing or in some permanent way."

This Eugene-Springfield road covers a distance of three miles between the two towns, but is little less than a Eugene suburban street but we cannot see that it is of much more importance as a public thoroughfare than the road between Cottage Grove and the Bohemia mines, or the Calapooia Springs and Blackbutte, or between Cottage Grove and Creswell, or Junction and Irving, on which a few loads of crushed rock would be a great improvement.

When the Nesmith boosters contended last winter that the county court had in contemplation the construction of a large, expensive addition to the already practically new court house, and the macadamizing of the Eugene-Springfield wagon road, this was vigorously denied, but the admission, or recommendation of Judge Chrisman proves that the claim was well founded and authentic.

A small portion of the fund required to macadamize the three miles of Eugene-Springfield road for the benefit of the Eugene-Springfield automobilists, would build a county bridge across Row river at the Nelson farm on the newly opened county road and thereby greatly shorten the distance between Cottage Grove and the Row river valley farms and the Bohemia gold mines.

A small portion of the fund required to build a palatial addition to the court house and a macadamized Eugene-Springfield road would also, if properly applied, make passable the county road out from Florence, whereas it is now impassable six months of the year.

Verily, Eugene's interests are well conserved and taken care of by the county court at the expense of the farmer and other county tax-payers.

South Lane never has and never will get even a meager return for the immense sum contributed to the county annually in taxes by her people, until Nesmith county becomes a reality—November 1910.

JUDGE CHRISMAN'S LETTER.

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 20, 1909.
H. D. Edwards and H. M. Price,
Commissioners.

Gentlemen:—It is with regret that circumstances are such that it will be necessary for me to resign my office of county judge, and in doing so I wish to thank you for many courtesies shown me during our association as county officers. I had hoped to continue a member of the court long enough to assist in completing two important improvements, and I trust the court will make provisions at the January term in making up the tax levy for 1909 for funds to construct an addition to the court-house, and also that provisions be made for funds to improve the county road between Eugene and Springfield by macadamizing or in some permanent way under the direction of the court as the court in their better judgment may deem best, in order that a first class thoroughfare may be had between the two places, and owing to the great number of strangers arriving in our county, I would most especially recommend that the court this winter prepare at least one hundred suitable signboards to be placed where in the opinion of the court they would give the most information to the public, the funds for this work to be taken from the general fund, and that the signboards be uniform, as this would be a great convenience to the traveling public, and that they should be placed as early as possible in the spring. I trust that my successor may enjoy the pleasure of your association as much as I have, and with my best wishes for your success, I remain,

Yours very truly

G. R. CHRISMAN,
County Judge.

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