

### LAW PROVIDES A WAY

RECENTLY ENACTED MEASURE GIVES COURT MORE POWER.

#### County Commissioners May Levy Road Tax Not to Exceed Ten Mills for Improvements.

A law passed by the last legislature which went into effect on May 22, provides county courts with a way to secure considerable sums for road improvement to be used anywhere in the county. The law, which amends Section 6320 of Lord's Oregon Laws, is as follows:

"The county court or commissioners' court of each county in this state may levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar on all taxable property of said county, at the time of making the annual tax levy upon the previous year's assessment, which shall be set apart as a general road fund, to be used in the building and improving the public or county roads or bridges or county roads of the county in which the property is located. Said tax shall be paid in money and collected in the same manner as other county taxes are collected and when so collected shall be used for road purposes only as provided in this act and 70 per cent thereof, shall be apportioned to the several road districts, including districts composed of incorporated cities and towns in such proportion as the amount of the taxable property. In each district shall bear to the whole amount of taxable property in the county and the remaining 30 per cent shall be applied to roads in such locality in the county as the court may direct."

Another section of the same act, which amends Section 6313 of Lord's Oregon Laws as amended by Chapter 123 of the General Laws of 1913, reads:

"The county court of the several counties of this state shall, as often as they may deem necessary, but no oftener than once each year, divide their respective counties, or any part thereof, into suitable and convenient road districts, each of which shall be numbered and cause a brief description of the same to be entered upon the county records. Each county court, at the October term thereof, 1915, shall so arrange the road districts of the county as may be deemed necessary; provided, that all road districts formed under the provisions of this act shall be formed of contiguous territory; provided further, that every incorporated city and town shall constitute a separate road district and the county court shall not have authority to divide such territory, or include any of it in any other road district."

#### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Prof. Hugg of Eugene has been elected to the principalship of the McMinnville schools. He is an educator of prominence in the state.

On Sunday afternoon next the veterans of the Civil war will assemble at the armory in the afternoon and listen to an address by the Rev. Tapscott, pastor of the Baptist church. In the forenoon the veterans, and the school children will decorate the graves of departed soldiers and sailors. On Monday members of the local post will go to Monmouth to participate in the exercises there.

Mr. Claude Ellison of Falls City spent Sunday with Dallas friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Martin are in Corvallis today. Mr. Martin going thither on business.

On Thursday last a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elkins of Falls City. And the best that Otto can now do is to smile.

Frank K. Hubbard, ex-mayor of Falls City, was in Dallas on business yesterday.

Rev. A. Martin, a former resident of Dallas, and Rev. Mr. Taylor, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marion, were Dallas visitors yesterday.

J. L. Mount of Portland is in Dallas for a week.

New line of boys' caps, all new patterns, at 25c. and 40c. The Bee Hive store.

Wm. Elliott, a nephew of James Elliott, was a visitor here from Walla Walla, Washington, during the week.

Cleve Burch is among those taking the bar examination at Salem this week.

John Cerney, machinist at the Southern Pacific shops, was transferred during the week to the shops at Roseburg, and he left immediately to fill the position.

A. B. Muir was at Salem last Sunday for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cosper were visiting Salem friends last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Fuller, and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Loughary attended the picnic at Buell Friday afternoon.

tonight, taking the war as his subject. He will use 200 colored slides, many of which pictures were taken by himself.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Tracy Staats this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. P. Miller Friday afternoon.

H. W. Smith of Spencer, Iowa, formerly of Dallas, and a brother-in-law of Eugene Foster, a former editor of The Observer, died at his home on May 13. Mr. Smith was here last August to attend the funeral of Mrs. Foster.

#### SOCIETY

Enjoy Refreshments—Mrs. Fleming's class of the Falls City M. E. church had a class meeting at the Fleming confectionery parlor there the other evening. The room was decorated with ferns and roses. Mr. Fleming treated the class to cake and ice cream. Those present were: Mrs. A. C. Fleming, teacher; Olive Stam, Deal; Lucile Finley, Mabel Teal, Lo Vita Howell, Ethel Lampson, Mabel Shepherd, Mercie Shepherd, Mabel Otte, Lurena Treat, Clara Wisner, Della Reece, Mildred Grant. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming.

Bethel Social Club—The Social club of Bethel had a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Shields. After the meeting a very pleasant afternoon was spent playing tennis. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Henry W. Domes, Ernest Rutledge, Otho Shields, Misses Louise Sears, Gladys Turner, Nell Stewart, Gladys Stewart, Messrs Lee McKee, Ezra and Isaac Boyer, John Romig, Leon Turner.

Holds Social Session—The regular monthly session of Marmion lodge, No. 96, K. of P., was held last night, when an interesting program was successfully carried out. The numbers consisted of instrumental and vocal music, readings, etc., and was followed by refreshments. This organization is fast increasing its membership.

Entertains Young Ladies—Mrs. Asa Robinson on Friday afternoon delightfully entertained members of the Young Ladies' Kensington club of Independence, of which club she is a member. The club members and invited guests autoed here early in the afternoon.

Married.—Raphael Skeels and Mrs. Clara L. Emmett, both of Falls City, were married at the parsonage of the First Christian church in Salem last Thursday afternoon, the Rev. F. T. Porter officiating.

Women of Woodcraft—The Falls City circle, Women of Woodcraft, with their friends, will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Singleton of that place tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Hubbard Has Curiosity.—Mr. Frank Hubbard of Falls City has a curiosity in the shape of a plum tree that challenges anything of the kind in the state. Three years ago last spring he set out two trees of this variety, but one year ago last April the wind broke one down within three inches of the ground. He gave it no further attention until he noticed a shoot coming up from the stump, when he protected it. This shoot is now six feet high and has several strong branches on which there is well developed fruit. Some of the limbs are five feet in length. Mr. Hubbard says the tree is unlike anything he has ever before seen, the bark being extremely rough and the wood brittle.

Committee To Erect Building.—Governor Withycombe has appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, State Librarian Cornelia Marvin and R. G. Starkweather or Milwaukee as a committee to have charge of the construction of the new training school building to be erected for the Monmouth Normal school, and for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature. The governor is chairman of the board of regents of the institution, and was authorized by the board at its last meeting to appoint such a committee.

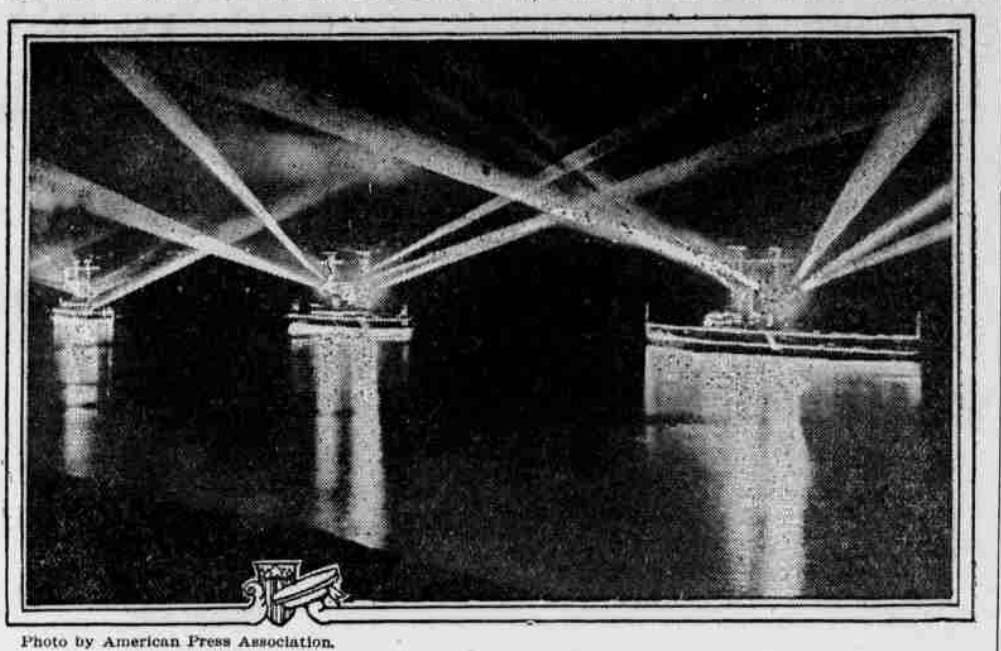
Judge Teal Is Generous.—A report having gained currency that Judge Teal would not permit the use of the court house lawn for band concerts during the coming season, Alderman Miller yesterday interviewed that gentleman on the subject, and found the rumor to be unfounded. The judge gave the band permission to use any part of the grounds for the purpose named.

Accidentally Scalded.—Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw received word yesterday of the dangerous condition of their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hillery, who was accidentally scalded at her home in Port Orchard, Washington. The accident happened while the lady was attending to her household work, a pan of boiling water having been spilled upon her body.

Sawmill Shuts Down.—The Davis & Munson sawmill, one and a half miles west of Falls City, has discontinued operations for the time being. The mill was sawing for the Falls City Lumber company, and was cutting about thirty thousand feet per day. The quiet market is given as the cause.

The best joke to your mind is one on the other fellow.

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### WAVES DELAY WEDDING ITALY DECLARES WAR

#### COUPLE WAITS FOR QUIET BAR TO BE MARRIED AT SEA.

Dr. Roy W. Donohoe of Toledo, and Dashing Divorcee Sail Beyond Limit to Evade Law.

Waiting at the church is no worse than waiting at a breaking bar in the minds of Dr. Roy W. Donohoe, a young dentist of Toledo, and Mrs. Cressy Warnock Hughes of Toledo, a dashing young widow of a few weeks. The couple accompanied by the prospective bride's father, Robert Warnock of Toledo, and the bride's sister, chartered the launch Olive S. to go beyond the three-mile limit off Newport, where Captain Carner was to perform the marriage ceremony, the international law not requiring a license or definite time to elapse after decree of divorce has been granted. Unfortunately the bar became too rough for the launch to cross outside and the bridal party was held in Newport for more clement weather.

At 6 o'clock at night, tempted by the fold of the prospective bridegroom and the tearful entreaties of the bride-elect, the daring skipper, with a figure-head of Dan Cupid nailed to the bowsprit of his staunch little craft, put to sea and with the mermaids for bridesmaids the happy pair will devolve return as one.

Play Is Postponed.—The plays, "How a Woman Keeps a Secret" and "A Girl to Order," which was to have been given at Perrydale last night, have been postponed until next Monday evening on account of the poor condition of the roads.

Office To Be Closed.—The state railroad commission yesterday authorized the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to close its office at Rickreall, as it has been shown that this place is supplied with telephone service and the added service is not needed.

Back Again.—With the latest photographic ideas from the city. Studio open every day. I have some new lines of photos at astonishingly low prices, while times are quiet.

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#### FORMAL NOTIFICATION DELIVERED IN VIENNA ON SUNDAY.

Italians of All Classes Electrified by Rapid Moving of Events—Nation's War Strength.

Italy is at war with Austria Hungary. With the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government on Sunday issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria, which officially began yesterday. Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation, the ministers of war and marine proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

Although drastic action had been looked for momentarily, Italians of all classes were electrified by the swiftly-moving events. Great crowds gathered around the Quirinal to await the ministers, who called on the king for the purpose of discussing the situation and signing decrees. When the first blow will be struck cannot be foretold, but after many months of preparation the army, which has been greatly strengthened, and the navy are ready for a quick blow. Exceedingly strong forces are in position all along the Austro-Italian frontier, on the Austrian side of which feverish preparations have been going on the last few days to make the fortifications as strong as possible and to clear the way for effective artillery action.

The German ambassador, Prince von Buelow, and the Austrian ambassador, Baron von Macchio, are still in Rome, so far as is known. They waited to the last, doubtless in the hope that some way might be found to prevent a clash at arms. They will have safe conduct when they leave.

Italy's present army numbers 515,000 troops, but its maximum strength, including mobile and territorial militia is 3,330,000. Its navy consists of the following:

Four dreadnoughts, each is 656.1 feet long, has 28,000 tons displacement and carries eight 15-inch guns. Five battleships, each is 554.5 feet long, has 22,340 tons displacement and carries 13 12-inch guns. Twelve battle cruisers carrying total of 96 big guns. Ten armored cruisers carrying four 10-inch guns each. Twelve cruisers, carrying four-inch to six-inch guns; three scout cruisers, six torpedo gun-boats, 50 destroyers, 70 torpedo-boats, 25 submarines, 50 merchant cruisers and two old battleships.

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