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THE LEGISLATURE

Grinding Away On Various Measures of More or Less Interest at Salem.

Senator Miller Will Press His Normal School Consolidation Bill Wednesday.

Representative Cooper has introduced a bill for a charter for Independence.

Representative Fawk will introduce a bill regulating the warehouse business and providing for an inspector. It will have opposition.

A hard fight is being made to have the state buy the Patton Home, carpets, pictures, barn, cellar and well, for a governors mansion.

The Normal school question will be up before the ways and means committee next Wednesday evening. Senator Miller will present argument for his bill favoring consolidation of all the schools into one.

Brownell's bill for a constitutional convention has been acted favorably on by the judiciary committee to which it was referred.

Sichel's bill establishing a whipping post for wife beaters has been amended so as to meet the approval of the judiciary committee and may yet become a law.

The senate has adopted a resolution to appoint a special committee to investigate charges of L. H. McMahan against the superintendent and warden of the penitentiary. McMahan charges that the "betterment" fund is being misappropriated to purchase luxuries for the superintendent and warden.

Kay flat salary bill for state officers passed the House with but two dissenting votes.

Senator Loughary has in charge a new charter for Dallas. He is between two fires, the council wanting the proposed charter enacted and there is a strong petition in by the citizens against it.

Building Prospects

The carpenter work has been completed on the residence property of Tom Fennell and the painters and paper hangers are now putting on the finishing touches. It is an elegant two-story nine-room dwelling and adds much to the appearance of that part of town.

The new Purvine residence on the motor line is also completed. F. A. Patterson has moved into his new cottage on C. street and S. B. Walker is domiciled in his large new dwelling on Railroad street. The foundation is being laid for the two new residences on C. A. Matteson's place. One will be a cottage and the other a large dwelling. One will be the property of Grover Mattison.

Chas. Brown yesterday purchased through Hurley & Taylor, two lots on Sixth street and will build two residences thereon. There is prospects of a number of buildings yet during the year 1905.

Real Estate Transfers

Plum Valley Lodge No. 60, I O O F to B F and L M Miller; lots in McCoy; \$350.

L L and E H Brisco to S M Brisco; lots in West Salem; \$300. Jacob B Buhler and wife to Peter P Buhler; 15.18 acres in Frederick D L C; \$800.

F W Rex and wife to Edward Rex; 232 acres in S-4; \$7000.

Geo. M Tice and wife to Hattie J. Tice; lots in Falls City; \$2600.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Thos. Stockwell to Viola Shultz.

False Alarm.

A report has been circulated to the effect that Dallas children were entering school here and that this week there was a child from Dallas taken with scarlet fever at the school. Such reports have been proven absolutely false. The public may rest assured that every precaution will be taken by those in authority to prevent the disease from entering the school. Furthermore the patrons of the school may feel assured that the good people of Dallas have the interest of the school here in mind as well as their own and would not even think of doing such a thing.

Plaintiff Wins Case.

In the suit of Geo. A. La Vie vs F. P. Humke and the S. P. Railroad Co. in the state circuit court at Portland last week, a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff. This was a suit to enforce a hop contract requiring defendant Humke to deliver to plaintiff La Vie, through his attorneys in fact, the Krebs Bros. 5000 pounds of hops at 15 cents for one year and the same amount at 12 cents for four years. The court held that the contract was binding.

Oregon Apples In Boston.

The following from the columns of the Youub's Companion, is good advertising for Oregon: "Oregon apples sell in the Boston market for sixty and seventy-five cents a dozen—a higher price than is asked for good oranges in the same market. The reason is that they are carefully selected and carefully packed. The fact and the reason are commended, to whom it may concern."

MAXIMUM FREIGHT RATE.

Forest Grove Commercial Club is Sending Out Resolutions For Legislature.

This paper is in receipt of a copy of resolutions adopted by the Cottage Grove Commercial Club favoring a maximum freight law.

The resolutions follow: Whereas: The state of Oregon is laboring under great disadvantages at the present time by the excessive local freight rates imposed by the Harriman lines, and by their refusal to furnish cars and equipment during the year 1903, for the transportation of all classes of freight throughout the state, and especially Western Oregon, and

Whereas: The lumber industries have suffered from the arbitrary measure adopted by the Southern Pacific Railway Company, in increasing the freight rate to California has resulted in closing down nearly all the mills and piling camps, which had that state for their principal market,

Whereas: The Harriman System, running to Missouri river points, has refused to concede to the lumber industries of the state the benefit of a 40 cent rate to that point, which rate, had it been allowed, would have afforded an outlet for the product of the mills, and

Whereas: The local freight rates, as established at the present time, are so high as to make the cost of living out of proportion to the earning capacity of the laboring classes, and others dependent upon the aforesaid industries, now therefore be it

Resolved, that we request the members of the Oregon legislature about to assemble, to pass a maximum freight rate law, covering local shipments. Also a law compelling railroad companies to provide cars and equipment to serve the demands of traffic at all times of the year, and also bespeak their good offices to urge upon the Harriman System the necessity of granting the 40-cent rate to the Missouri river common points.

INTEREST GROWS

County Court Will Call Convention To Discuss Better Roads.

Riggs Must Remove Fence From Public Highway Or Be Arrested.

There is evidence of an awakening to the importance of good roads in Polk county.

The county court has decided to call a good roads convention to meet at the county seat next month. All of the twenty-two supervisors will be asked to be present and a general invitation will be extended to every one interested in good roads. The discussions that will be brought out will necessarily be productive of good results.

Citizens of the Luckiamute district are talking of a meeting to devise ways and means for further improving their roads since the division of the district.

Mr. Brunk was dropped as supervisor of the Eola district at the last term of the county court and A. R. Southwick was appointed in his stead. Supervisor Southwick realizes he has charge of the most traveled road in the county and announces his intention to work the roads of his district as long as there is anything to work with. The county court gives assurance that the highway south of Rickreall bridge, so long neglected by Mr. Brunk shall be worked this year.

The court exhibits an earnestness of purpose to see that the much traveled road in the southern portion of the Eola district is looked after by turning the matter of Riggs' fence being set in the road over to the law department. District Attorney McNary has the matter now in hand and the traveling public can rest assured their rights will be protected. "If Mr. Riggs don't remove his fence from that road by the first of February I shall promptly order his arrest," are the words of the district attorney.

Where the fence encroaches farthest into the road, it is now in a bad condition and without the removal of the fence will soon be dangerous.

It is not generally known that the court at its last session cut off a piece of the south end of the Eola district and added it to the Independence district. There was a petition before the court to change both the voting precincts and road districts by extending the Independence precincts to the Rickreall bridge. The petition was not granted but a portion of the south end of the Eola road district was cut off leaving Commissioner Riggs in the Eola district.

Vitality Sapper

Debt is a great force waster, because very few men or women can be heavily in debt without worrying or being anxious. If you are so deeply involved that it is impossible to extricate yourself without going through bankruptcy, then take your bitter medicine at once, and start again, no matter who criticises or denounces you. Pay your debt in full afterward, when you are able. Get rid of all vitality sappers. If you have taken an unfortunate step, retrace it if you can.

If you have made a mistake, remedy it as far as it is in your power to do so; but when you have done your best, let the thing drop forever. Do not drag its skeleton along with you. Never allow what is dead and should be buried to keep bobbing up and draining off your life capital in worry or vain regrets. Do not do anything or touch anything which will lower your vitality.

Sentence Sermons

Sorrow gives strength.

Flattery makes no friends.

Soft soap washes no hearts.

Looking at sin leads to loving it.

Love is never afraid of overwork.

It doesn't take any grit to grumble.

The angry man always lashes himself.

Religion for reward would be sin for a raise.

A bed of roses soon wears down to the thorns.

The sure sign of a fool is that he forgets his folly.

Nothing enriches the world more than a happy face.

He who dwells on his troubles always dwells in them.

A warm handshake may do more than a cold hand-out.

You never lose any of your sorrow by shedding sour looks.

One realizes the impotence of money when he tries to buy love.

Your conscience must be a light to you, but it cannot be a law to others.

Men who have an evil habit to hide generally cache it away in an incubator.

The man who goes into a thing with a swelled head always comes out with a sore one.

It's no use bragging about your ancestors unless they would feel like returning the compliment.

The United States has seventy-five thousand post offices and five-hundred thousand miles of postal routes, with a yearly travel over them amounting to five hundred million miles. Twenty-two million dollars has been spent in establishing the rural free delivery which now serves one-seventh of the population.

GOOD INDICATIONS OF OIL

Water Analyzed From Engineer Jack Wilson's Place was Found to Contain Petroleum

Jack Wilson, engineer on the I. & M. Motor line has had water from a spring on his place near Sheridan analyzed and it was found to contain petroleum. The Sheridan Sun, speaking of the indications says:

"On the farm leased by Jodie Guttry, owned by Jack Wilson, of Independence, are strong indications of mineral deposits, probably of coal. Over the surface in several places is an oily substance resembling crude oil. It varies in color from a faint yellow to a dark brown, in places almost as thick as treacle.

We believe not only the owner but all in the neighborhood of this farm should be interested, and we hope these few words may energize some one to thoroughly analyze, develop and afford us expert testimony. We will dream dreams and have visions until this is done."

Kirkpatrick Sells Hops.

E. C. Kirkpatrick, it is reported has sold his holding of hops to R. E. Williams. The price is not given. The quantity consisted of about 184 bales in Oregon and 300 in Washington. Shucking & Durbin of Salem have sold all but thirteen bales of their holdings. The only local dealers besides Williams with any considerable quantity of hops on hand are the Krebs Bros. The Krebs have 1700 bales and they are very independent about selling.

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