

# INTERESTING AFFIDAVIT

Letter From J. H. Booth, Receiver of Roseburg Land Office.

Investigation Confirms the Statement of the Guard Regarding Binger Hermann's Term as Receiver in Roseburg.

The Guard published the other day that Binger Hermann had illegally acquired lands while Receiver of the Roseburg office. Following is a copy of an affidavit by Mr. Booth, present receiver. It shows that the claim of the democrats are not founded on wind. It shows what kind of an ideal the Republican papers like the Register, who follows in a whipped line whatever corruption is heaped upon the party. This is the letter:

"Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Ore., May 3, 1903.  
"I, J. H. Booth, Receiver of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, do hereby certify that I am a Receiver of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, and as Receiver have charge of the records of this office, and that said records show that on March 1, 1872, Binger Hermann made cash entry No. 3404 for the s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, n<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, e<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 20, s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 21, and s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 22, s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 23, s<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 27, e<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of e<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, of Sec. 29, e<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 32, ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 33, all in Tp. 36, s. r 2 e.

That on Feb 14, 1872, that Binger Hermann entered by Agricultural College Script, No. 226, the sw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 21, Tp. 36 s, r 2 e. That on the 19th day of February, 1872, the said Binger Hermann purchased by Agricultural Script No. 227, the sw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 20, and by the same script, Entry No. 228, the se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 27, and by entry No. 229, the sw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 27 and by entry No. 230 the ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 28, and by entry No. 231, the se<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 28, and by entry No. 232 the sw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 28, and by entry No. 133 the nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 28, and by entry No. 234 the nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 27, and by entry No. 235, nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 33 and entry 236 ne<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 33, and by entry No. 237 the nw<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 34. All being in T. 36, s. of r 2 e, W. M., in the district of lands subject to sale at Roseburg, Oregon, that said lands by the records are shown to have been patented by the said Binger Hermann.

"J. H. BOOTH, Receiver."  
If Mr. Hermann was removed from the Roseburg Land Office for acquiring public lands, contrary to the Statutes of the United States is it not fair to presume that when the President asked for his resignation as Commissioner of the General Land Office, and removed him from office in January last, it was because of the continuation of the same methods employed by him while Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office?

When his organ and mouth-piece, "The Eugene Register," of April 2, 1903, said that Mr. Hermann was not wanted in the General Land Office for the reason that he had refused to stand in with Hitchcock and the railroads in their efforts to steal the public lands of the United States, this was a direct charge that the President of the United States had stood in with the railroads in their efforts to steal the public lands, and that he turned an honest man, (Binger Hermann) out of office because HE refused to stand in.

Voters, do you think it is to the best interests of the people of this state that Binger Hermann should be returned to congress under this statement of facts? Mr. Hermann is at outs with the administration of President Roosevelt and thereby can be of no aid or benefit to Oregon as one of its representatives.

## An Attempt at Suicide.

Mrs. Lawrence Brown of Grant's Pass made an attempt to commit suicide on Sunday by taking carbolic acid. She did not succeed in swallowing enough of the deadly drug to cause immediate death and prompt medical assistance warded off the calamity and it is thought that she will recover. She is said to be determined on self-destruction and is credited with the statement that if she survives this attempt she will try it again. Mrs. Brown is quite young and her unfortunate condition is one that should be sincerely deplored.—Grant's Pass Courier.

# AN INTERESTING STUDY OF ROCK

Strata Penetrated by the Drill in the Well Being Bored at the University.

The engineering department of the University is engaged in sinking a well at the University to get a greater supply of good water for use at the college. The depth reached is 365 feet. The strata through which the drill has passed forms an interesting study for geologists. The construction absolutely proves the venerable Dr. Thos. Condon's opinion published in his book, "The Two Islands," where it is set forth that this region was for thousands of years the bed of a sound. Sea water has formed the immense substratum of sandstone which forms the chief deposit.

The following diagram shows the various depths of the strata:

decomposed shale.	60 feet.
quartz sandstone, 10 feet.	
fine blue sandstone.	145 feet.
conglomerate, 5 feet.	
coarse blue sandstone.	120 feet.

The first stratum is composed of 60 feet of decomposed yellow shale, all sea deposit. It is of the same structure as the north end of the campus where the bank is cut away. Following this was 10 feet of hard quartz sandstone, showing a change of the characteristics of deposits which were dropped from the waters of the ocean. Then a depth of 145 feet of fine blue sandstone, seemed frequently with pure sand. This sandstone is of the same quality and kind as the foundation stone used in Eugene. The rock abounds in fossil remains of shell fish.

Following this a thin, five foot stratum of hard conglomerate, a mixture of deposits and calcareous formations. Beyond to the further depth of 120 feet the drill went through a solid continuation of the same blue sandstone, a little coarser in texture, perhaps.

**SOME EXCITEMENT.**  
There was some excitement when at the depth of 340 feet, the rope parted and let the drill down to the bottom. When sounded the digger declared that the drill was 23 feet further down than the digging warranted. Various theories were propounded as to the existence of a subterranean cavity or river. The water was measured to be within 26 feet of the surface within a few hours. The geologists of the University, however, were skeptical of the existence of a cavity on account of the sea formation of the rock. It was formed by gradual deposit and not by volcanic or lavial floods and no cavity at that depth was possible. It turned out today that there was a slight mistake in the measurement and the drill was recovered from the bottom of the well.

**GOOD SUPPLY.**  
The new water supply will be ample for all uses at the University. It will be the best water in this vicinity, coming from that depth.

## The Davis Land.

Harrisburg Bulletin: Hon. I. T. Harris, of Eugene, went to Albany Monday and raised the bid of J. R. Cartwright for the Davis land, comprising 454 acres, 10 per cent. The latter's bid was \$18,700, which makes the present bid, including costs, \$20,000. Mr. Harris deposited a check for \$10,000 with the court as an earnest bid. The next sale of the land will take place on Monday, June 8.

## Broke His Arm.

Herbert Beadle, an employe of the Hills logging camp on the upper river, was unfortunate to have his left arm broken yesterday while working on a dam across Lost Creek. The accident was caused by the man falling upon the rocks a distance of 14 feet. He is now receiving attention at the Eugene hospital.

# Personals

(Daily Guard, May 8.)  
C. B. Clement is on a trip to the Bohemia mines.  
J. M. Williams is home from a visit to Junction City.  
W. W. Haines went to his timber claim on the Santiam today.  
Miss Edith Hoffman returned today from her business trip to Portland.  
R. McMurphy went to Portland this afternoon for a few days' stay in the city.

Claude Gaby, who has been living with his parents at Portland, came up today.  
Judge J. J. Walton was a passenger to Cottage Grove this afternoon on business.  
Mrs. J. C. Welch, of Portland, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Wallis, in Eugene.

Dr. J. O. Watts, the optician, arrived home today and will be here till further notice.  
C. Stuart was down from the Mohawk today. He says the recent frost did no damage to his hops.

Otto Olston, mining promoter, has been in Seattle during the past few weeks. He returned today.  
Rev. I. C. Knotts came up from Albany last night and left for the Mohawk country this morning.

Clarence Foss, who enlisted in the navy from Eugene, is now in Chinese waters on the battleship Oregon.  
Rev. C. P. Bailey, of Oakland, arrived in Eugene this afternoon and will spend a few days here with relatives.

Secretary J. E. Lathrop and Candidate A. E. Reames are in Philomath where they conduct a campaign meeting this evening.

Mrs. A. G. Atwood left this afternoon for Minneapolis to visit with her parents and other relatives. She will be gone several weeks.

(Daily Guard, May 9.)

J. E. Noland was in from Creswell today.

J. E. Lathrop is back from a trip below.

Roy Lakin is visiting here from Portland.

Miss Ona Markley went to Cottage Grove this afternoon.

Horace G. McKinley arrived up from Portland this afternoon.

Clay Owen has gone to Eastern Oregon on a timber cruising trip.

H. C. Baughman and wife came down from Cottage Grove this afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Eakin, of Salem, arrived this afternoon on the 2:08 train on a visit.

Dr. M. M. Davis, of Corvallis, returned home today after a business visit in Eugene.

J. H. Orcutt, of Drain, is in the city visiting his daughter, a teacher in the Patterson school.

Attorney N. E. Markley, of Moro, is here, having come down from Cottage Grove this afternoon.

Warren McFarland came down from Cottage Grove this afternoon to catch for the local team in the baseball game.

Mrs. Geo. Shipley, of Oak Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, arrived today and is visiting her nephew, Dr. F. E. Selover.

Klamath Falls Express, May 7: Dr. Striker left Saturday evening for Eugene, where he expects to locate and practice his profession.

A. N. Striker, who has been superintending the construction of a county bridge over the Mohawk near Marcola, is home for a few days.

Geo. H. Stansbury, who has been at Scott River, Cal., in very poor health, is now at Creswell, staying at the home of his son-in-law, J. E. Noland.

Leonard Brown, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is visiting his father, Dr. L. W. Brown. Leonard has succeeded in amassing a considerable fortune by investing in mining properties in Utah.

Ralph Whipple and Bert Wood, of Cottage Grove, have bought a sawmill near Newport. Lee Henry the ex-newspaper man, has been chosen secretary of the LeRoy Mining Company in Mr. Whipple's place.

Mr. and Chas. Fisher, who have been residing at Boise City, Idaho, for several years, passed through Eugene on their way to Roseburg, where they will reside, Mr. Fisher having sold out his interest in the Boise City News to his partner, Mr. Sheridan.

John W. Henderson of Prineville, a former resident of Eugene, accompanied by his wife, arrived here today. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were married in Portland Wednesday, being now on their wedding trip. Mr. Henderson says that the smallpox epidemic which has been raging at Prineville for the past few weeks is now subsiding. He says it is the real thing and not "Manila itch," which has been prevalent here. Several deaths resulted from it.

# THE TEAMS BREAK EVEN

The Valley League Commenced Business Under Auspicious Circumstances— Mayor Threw First Ball.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won	Lost	P. C.
Eugene	1	1	500
Salem	1	1	500
Roseburg	1	1	500
Albany	1	1	500

(Daily Guard, May 9.)

Great enthusiasm attended the opening of the initial game of the Willamette Valley Baseball League this afternoon on the league grounds, at the corner of Lawrence and West Eleventh streets.

At the train the Roseburg team was met by representatives of the local team. The local fans turned out to get a line on the looks of the visitors and immediately saw that they were worthy of the steel of mortal combat on the diamond. The directors of the local team were all decked out in plug hats and ribbon galore—decorated like a holiday crowd.

From the armory shortly after 2:30 the parade formed and marched with attending cheers down Willamette street. The city officials occupied seats of honor in the leading carriages and the officers of the league followed. Mayor Chrisman who pitched the first ball across the plate was conspicuous among the prominent persons.

**EUGENE'S GAME.**  
The game resulted in a score of 15 to 10 in favor of Eugene.

(Daily Guard, May 11.)

Roseburg 8.  
Eugene 5.

A big Sunday crowd was there to cheer the local ball tossers on to victory, but the cheering was of no avail. From the time the first ball was pitched it was evident that it was Eugene's off day, and the home team was out played at nearly every point of the game.

Several bad errors on the part of the locals and the pitching of Bradley, the visiting twirler, were responsible for Roseburg's victory. The way Bradley oozed the locals was a caution. They were unable to find his curves only on rare occasions. Tallafero pitched a steady and conscientious game for Eugene, but as this is the first game of any kind he has played this season, he was somewhat off color. With a little more practice, however, he will pitch rattling good ball, and he and Lorimer will make a team of pitchers that will be hard to beat.

Of the five runs made by Eugene, Chapin, center fielder, is given credit for three of them. He is one of the best players in the team, a hard hitter and a fine fielder. Whittaker was in his usual good form at short stop and won the praises of the crowd for his pretty work. Capt. Hartley at first, barring an error in the initial inning, played perfectly. Starr at second is always reliable and is a splendid base runner, but was caught napping while stealing off the base, and by a quick throw by Pitcher Bradley was put out. "Shorty" Russell at third was credited with three errors which probably were responsible for a run or two for the Railroaders. Holland at right field, Hobbs at left and McFarland, catcher, were there with the goods, but their batting was not up to expectations.

For the visitors Baker at short and deserves special mention for his splendid work. Morrow at first, played good ball, and Reizenstein caught a fair game. He threw well to second, putting out several men on that base. The decisions of Empire Vincent at times were at variance with those of the audience and a number of times they expressed their disapproval, but on the whole he was pretty correct and gave satisfaction to the players.

**THE LINEUP.**  
The following are the positions of the players as they lined up yesterday:

Eugene:	Roseburg:
McFarland	c
Tallafero	p
Whittaker	ss
Hartley	1st b
Starr	2nd b
Russell	3rd b
Hobbs	lf
Chapin	cf
Holland	rf

**THE RUNS BY INNINGS.**

Roseburg,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Eugene,	1 2 0 2 0 3 0 0 0—8
	0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 1—5

**AT SALEM NEXT.**  
The Eugene team plays the next series of games with Salem at that city, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17. Albany plays at Roseburg on those dates.

# HIGH SCHOOL BONDS TAKEN

List of Subscribers to the Bonds to be Issued in District No. 4— All Taken

All the High School bonds are taken. There were numerous subscribers who had to go without them. Subscribers are requested to call for their bonds before next Tuesday. The successful bidders for bonds were as follows, and the blocks taken set opposite their names:

Mrs. C. S. Frank	500
C. M. Kissinger	400
Lizzie Frank	500
S. L. Frank	500
Roy Pope	400
Charlie Pope	400
Ivan Pope	400
Rebecca Pope	400
Grace Pope	400
Clara Hager	250
J. M. Horn	500
Louis F. Barr	100
S. S. Spencer	500
P. E. Snodgrass	500
Luke Goodrich	500
L. H. Potter	500
F. N. McAlister	500
Frank Heyer	500
J. C. Snodgrass	500
Mary Sturtevant	500
E. D. Hamlin	500
J. U. Lee	500
George Gross	500
E. D. Matlock	500
A. J. Smith	500
John Wilkinson	500
W. W. Brown	500
Roy Knux	500
H. A. Dunbar	500
Geo. H. Kelly	500
L. G. Roberts	500
L. S. Hill	500
W. Kuykendall	500
L. M. Travis	500
L. R. Edmunson	500
Frank E. Dunn	500
M. O. Warner	500
M. S. Wallis	500
H. S. Brown	500
P. H. Warner	500
D. A. Paine	500
Laura B. Paine	500
Carrie Paine	500
F. W. Osburn	500
O. F. Ford	500
Addie Osburn	500
C. S. Cabel	500
W. E. Brown	500
T. E. Brown	500
E. K. Warner	500
Mrs. A. Harding	500
M. Svarverud	500
J. M. Shelley	500
E. O. Potter	500
Emily B. Potter	500
D. P. Burton	500
Helen H. DeLano	500
W. L. DeLano	500
C. D. Lee	500
Wright B. Lee	500
L. G. Hulin	500
Mrs. L. G. Hulin	500
John Carman	500
Mary J. Carman	200
J. N. B. Fuller	200
Mary E. Fuller	200
Blain H. Hovey	250
Julius Goldsmith	500
Jerry Horn	500
E. Hanson	500
Frank Hampton	500
R. M. Day	500
J. W. Harris	500
G. D. Linn	500

## Died.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, aged 80 years, died May 6, 1903, at the home of her son, Squire Smith, west of Eugene. She leaves a husband, Stephen H. Smith, two children and eight grandchildren. Burial was made today in the Mulkey cemetery.

At Pleasant Hill, May 6, 1903, Mrs. W. C. Renwick, aged 28 years. The cause of death was consumption. The funeral was held Friday with interment in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

At Cottage Grove, May 3, 1903, the 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Woods, from pneumonia. Only a few hours after death came, another little son was born to the mother, to give cheer to the torn hearts of its parents.

Elmer E. Emerson, son of B. W. and D. E. Emerson, of near Cottage Grove, died at Lakeview, April 13, aged 39 years, 6 months and 3 days.

## Springfield Fire Company.

News: The fire company got together Saturday night for the purpose of reorganization, but postponed the election of officers until Monday when the following persons were put in office for the year: Z. T. Kintzley, chief; W. L. Wilmot, asst. chief; E. C. Martin, secretary; Harry Stewart, asst. secretary; Ira Young, E. M. Blackburne, James Laxton, trustees.

# STOLE SISTER'S HUSBAND AWAY

Miss Eva Mellin Captures the Love of John Wickham and the Two Elope North.

An interesting revelation of love has come to light. The principals of the affair are Mr. and Mrs. John Wickham and Miss Eva Mellin, sister of Mrs. Wickham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickham have been married ten years and happiness dwelled in the home while the husband worked for the Booth-Kelly company in the Springfield sawmill. The couple resided at Henderson Station. Life was serene until the notion came into Mrs. Wickham's head to have her sister visit her from Florida. The idea was so strong that she forwarded the money for the sister to make the trip and it was accepted promptly, Miss Mellin arriving at the home about one month ago.

Cupid made a queer match when he made Mr. and Mrs. Wickham. She is about ten years her husband's senior and about fifty years of age. The sister was younger and more buxom. She had the charms of a more youthful nature and Mr. Wickham soon found that life without her could not be considered. In one short month the two were arranging for an elopement. The time arrived last Monday when the two took the early morning train for Portland, leaving the wondering wife at home.

Arriving at Portland, Mr. Wickham wrote to his wife telling her that he did not care for her and that he and her sister were going north together. She immediately started for Portland, leaving Eugene on Thursday's early train. While in the city she was very angry and declared that she would land both the elopers in the penitentiary.

She is now in Portland seeking for the couple. It is thought they have gone further north.

(Daily Guard, May 11.)

Mrs. E. B. Wickham, wife of the man who eloped with her sister, Eva Mellin, stated today to a guard reporter that the letter she received from her husband did not say that he did not love her any more. It was a deceitful letter saying that he would be employed in Portland and would work north into Washington.

Another letter received May 7th in Eugene stated similar conditions and ended saying, "I hope you can trust me as I know I can trust you." Mrs. Wickham is in no way to blame for the outrage done here by her husband and sister. She is just as pretty and buxom as the feminine eloper and enjoys the esteem of her neighbors for miles around. The acts of her sister and husband were culpable and she did not care to be longer associated with them.

She has been to Portland looking for the couple.

# NEW JUDGES AND CLERKS

The county commissioners' court which adjourned Friday evening after a three days' session made several appointments of judges and clerks of election to take the place of those who have moved away from their several precincts.

The judges and clerks who officiated at the last election will do duty at the coming special congressional election.

Following are the appointments made Friday:

Five Rivers precinct—W. L. Rion, judge in place of Thos. Taylor.

Cheshire—G. H. Hale, judge, in place of T. A. Fountain.

Hazel Dell—Gray, clerk, in place of James Laxton.

Lake Creek—G. Steinhaur, judge, in place of W. B. Ramsey; W. F. Potter and Marion Wheeler, clerks, in place of C. A. Potter and S. E. Pardee.

Middle Fork—John V. Crail, judge, in place of C. B. Larimer.

McKenzie Bridge—Wm. J. Yale, judge, in place of A. S. Powers; Wm. King, clerk, in place of L. A. Powers.

## Died.

Mrs. John Debrick died at her home two miles north of Eugene Saturday night at 9 o'clock, of dropsy. She was the wife of John Debrick who survives her, and the mother of two children who are grown. Herman Debrick and Mrs. Weber, the children, are at present living at home.

The funeral took place this afternoon at the residence and burial was made in the Gillespie cemetery.