

# WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

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FOREST GROVE, WASHINGTON CO., ORE., THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1908.

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## AWARDED ONLY \$1,800!

Sued Oregon Electric For \$18,000  
and Were Offered  
\$3,500.

### ALL SUITS WITHDRAWN

Reghittas, Onion and Asparagus  
Growers of Beaverton Handed  
a Bitter Pill Mon-  
day.

The entire right of way for the Oregon Electric company from Portland to Forest Grove has been secured. All the condemnation suits that held up the company for the past few months are out of the way and it leaves nothing to obstruct the construction work at any point.

The case of the Reghittas of Beaverton was settled in the circuit court Monday when the jury, in whose hands the matter had to be taken to be settled, returned a verdict for damages for \$1800. The defendants sued the company for \$18000, alleging that the land was beaverdam and worth that amount of money including the crops. The company offered to settle the damages by paying them \$3500, which was refused.

The case has attracted more than local interest, and able counsel contested the case on both sides. Reghitto alleged that the land, which was planted to asparagus and onions, had netted him \$6000 a year. To offset this testimony, the attorneys for the Oregon Electric placed local truck-garden farmers on the stand who testified that asparagus would net the grower from \$100 to \$300 an acre a year, and that seed onions would return about \$70 annually. These farmers were D. Carreri and E. J. Thomas.

The \$1800 damages allowed by the jury includes \$1550 for the two acres taken by the right of way, and \$250 to be divided by the tenants for the lease on seven and one-half acres.

The condemnation suit brought by the Bullitts of the same section is said to have been settled out of court. There is, however, a narrow strip of land adjoining the right of way between here and Cornelius which has not been secured, but as the strip will not effect the building of the road, it will probably be taken to court for settlement.

Ever since the Oregon Electric started its line from Garden Home to Forest Grove, it has met with trouble, especially in the Beaverton district, in securing rights of way. This part of the county is utilized by a great many foreigners who are engaged in gardening and have some very valuable land. Being close to Portland and on the line of the Southern Pacific they deem it unnecessary that another road be built into that section, hence the troubles of the company began when it reached that point. But now as all the obstacles of the company are removed the work will be pushed forward until the line is completed.

The timbers for the trestle across Dairy creek west of Hillsboro, are on the ground and a large crew of bridge-men are at work putting up the structure. Almost all the grading on the Forest Grove extension is completed. There are a number of places where it was necessary to make deep cuts and large fills, but the crews have been busy for the past two weeks and the work they have accomplished is phenomenal.

The few buildings on the right of way in the city limits are being removed and by the time the grading crews reach here the right of way will be free.

### The First Cigar.

The News was given the first cigar made by Herman Kennell, who has just opened a factory in this city. Mr. Kennell proposes to make only the best goods and has an abundance of havana and other high grade tobaccos on hand from which he will make several brands of cigars. His factory number is 32 district of Oregon. Monday he expects to begin the manufacture of his goods and in a short time will be able to offer the smoking public with choice cigars.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPT.

Fine Showing of County Schools  
Made by Mr. Case.

In the report made on July 20th by Supt. M. C. Case to the State Superintendent the following figures are given.

Average number of days public school taught during the year.....	141
Whole number of days attendance during the year.....	464012
Whole number days absence during the year.....	43040
Average daily attendance.....	91 1/2
Whole number of organized districts.....	100
Number of school districts reporting.....	100
Number of miles traveled by Superintendent on official duties.....	2500
Average length of time devoted to visit to each school.....	2 hr.
Average monthly salary of male teachers.....	\$62.89
Average monthly salary of female teachers.....	\$48.30

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand at time of making last annual report June 17, 1907.....\$10,868 46

### RECEIPTS

Received from County Treasurer from district tax.....	15,519 25
Received from County Treasurer from county school fund.....	42,753 87
Received from County Treasurer from state school fund.....	9,776 39
Received from rate bills and tuition.....	693 84
Received from sale of bonds and warrants.....	4,891 59
Received for library from other sources (Do not include the library tax).....	50 36
Received from all other sources.....	6,731 58
Total—sum of items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.....	91,285 34

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for teachers' wages.....	55,649 47
Paid for rent of rooms and site.....	211 00
Paid for fuel and school supplies.....	5,070 18
Paid for repairs and improv-	

ing grounds, and janitor work.....	3,081 70
Paid for new houses and sites.....	4,441 72
Paid on principal and interest of bonds and warrants.....	6,001 19
Paid for insurance.....	366 96
Paid for clerk's salary.....	1,269 62
Paid for library books.....	72 26
Paid for all other purposes.....	1,596 36
Total—sum of items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41.....	77,760 45

### Found Dead.

Wm. A. Bolton, a bachelor and aged 57 years, was found dead Sunday morning at his home near Beaverton. Deceased was a woodchopper and had lived in Washington county for ten years.

He went to Portland about ten days ago and indulged in a protracted spree returning the last of the week. He claimed that he had been robbed of watch and money while in Portland, but told a neighbor he still had a few dollars at home, and with which he continued his drinking.

Bolton was found dead in the yard by his neighbor, David Harper. Deceased told his friends that he came from Connecticut, and that he had been crowded out of rights in an estate. He had no relatives here, and there was no correspondence to indicate the residence of Eastern relatives.

### Bright Little Girl Dies.

Ruth Irene, the bright little six year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Baker, of Gaston, died Tuesday afternoon of diphtheria after a short illness.

Little Ruth was born at Florence, Colorado, February 22, 1902, and came to Oregon with her parents two years later. The funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock and interment was made in the Hill cemetery, Rev. C. A. Sias officiating. Deceased was a bright and lovable child and will be sadly missed by her many playmates and all others who knew her. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents.

### Old Soldier Dies.

Silas P. Dickerson, aged 70 years, died at his home in Cornelius Saturday evening. He was born in Athens county, Ohio, and in 1875 he came to Oregon and has lived at Cornelius for the past 13 years. He enlisted in the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry in 1861 and served his country four years. The funeral was held Monday from the M. E. church and interment was at the Cornelius cemetery. Deceased leaves besides his wife, ten children.

## SOUTH HILLSBORO PRECINCT GOES WET

Recount Shows Difference of 32  
Votes.

### BAILEY GAINS 30 VOTES

Clerkship Contest Case Before Judge  
McBride Today and To-morrow.

It was a sort of "Jack in the Box" proposition when the ballot box of South Hillsboro precinct was opened in circuit court Tuesday afternoon in the contest case of the "Wets vs the Drys," and also the contest case of McCormick vs Bailey on the county clerkship.

South Hillsboro precinct went Dry at the June election by 12 votes but when the ballot box was opened and the votes recounted it was discovered that in reality the precinct went Wet by 20 votes; making a difference in the vote of 32 out of a total of 334. This puts the precinct back in the wet column and the saloons will reopen.

There was just as great surprise in the recount of the McCormick-Bailey clerkship in this precinct. Bailey gained just 29 votes in the precinct, or just two less than the Wets gained. With the 14 majority for Bailey which the official count gave him, this raises his vote to 43 majority. The precincts of Dilley, Gaston and Cornelius were counted yesterday and Bailey gained two votes and lost one, leaving a total gain of 30.

The case will probably consume all of today and a part of tomorrow as all of the boxes in the county are to be opened and recounted.

### Eugene Knox Coming.

Eugene Knox, the impersonator and reader, will give an entertainment at the M. E. church Tuesday evening, Aug. 4, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Everyone who has visited Chautauqua remembers this "King of Impersonators," and no one who has heard him once will willingly miss this chance to hear him again.

General admission 25c, children 15c. Reserved seats 35c. Tickets on sale at Allen's confectionery.

### New Store Near Depot.

Times in Forest Grove are growing more promising and more new businesses are being started every day. The latest probability is that a new general merchandise store will likely be started near the depot. Parties are here looking over the field and it is understood that it is practically settled that a new building will be constructed and a large line of merchandise will be installed.

### Big Fires in Portland.

Portland has been visited by several big fires lately the last one occurring Tuesday afternoon which swept four blocks in the North End district with a loss of \$225,000. The fire is thought to have had its origin by incendiaryism, as a large number of large barns in that district have been destroyed by the same motives.

Here is a nut to give those demopocrats to crack. Bryan claimed there was not enough money in the country to do business with which caused the low prices, low wages and reduced values. He shouted for free trade and free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. At that time there were 70,000,000 people in the United States and the average circulation was \$23. Now, only ten years later, in 1908, we have 90,000,000 people and the circulation money is \$46, just double what it was in 1898, and Bryan's free silver delusion has proven a fake and he admits the gold standard has come to stay. Tell them after the third of November Bryan will write another book, entitled "The Third Battle," and get ready to try it again in 1912 with a plank in his platform to move the capital at Washington to Fairview at Lincoln—Written by a man who voted for Bryan in 1896.

We once knew a person who would not take his home paper because it was cheaper to borrow from his neighbor. He sent his boy to borrow the paper in question and in his hurry to get there upset a \$4 stand of bees, and in three minutes he looked like a toad after a storm. His father heard his cries, ran to his assistance, and failing to see a barbed wire fence ran into it, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, besides ruining a pair of \$4 pants. A \$60 cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and foundered by eating \$6 worth of green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran out, upsetting a six gallon churn full of cream into a basket of young chickens behind the kitchen stove, drowning them all; while the baby left alone crawled through the cream and into the parlor spoiling a \$40 carpet, and the dog, during the excitement, broke up 11 setting hens and the daughter ran away with the hired man.

### A Clue to the Murder of Perdue (?)

(From The Telegram.)

Sheriff Hancock and several deputies of Washington county have under close guard in Portland, without his knowledge, the man suspected of the murder of a logger, supposed to be Elmer Perdue, a few miles from Timber, that county.

Receiving the first clue to the identity of the murdered man, whose brains were beaten out with an ax handle and his body buried in a natural hole near the base of a huge tree, from John J. Fischer, a book dealer of 52 1/2 North Sixth street, Sheriff Hancock within a few days traced the crime to the door of a timber locator of this city. Since that time he has woven a web of circumstantial evidence about the man which is believed to warrant his arrest.

An investigation showed that the murderer had tried to destroy all the evidence which would identify his victim. All his outer clothing had been removed, and a part of it, with the shoes and hat, burned. On the finger was a gold ring which the butcher had overlooked. All the pockets had been turned inside out but one, and in this was found two small aluminum tags bearing the address of a Spokane firm.

Fischer informed Sheriff Hancock a few days ago that he believed Perdue was the missing man. The gold ring the latter wore was found on the finger of the murdered man. The Sheriff went to the United States Land Office and procured the name.

He made other investigations leading to his placing the matter in the hands of the prosecutor at Hillsboro. Fearing that the suspected man might become aware of suspicion falling on him, Sheriff Hancock placed a watch over him and returned to Hillsboro. Perdue's home is said to be in the East.

—We'll buy your wool and mohair. Bring it in. Bailey.

## F. G. COLTS WIN A FAST GAME SUNDAY

Sherwood White Sox, The Under-  
leated, Met Waterloo.

### FINAL SCORE FOUR TO ONE

Big Crowd of Fans Witness Excit-  
ing Game on Local Grounds  
Sunday.

By Pat Sparks.

The Sherwood White Sox famous baseball contingent which had lost but one game this year out of 21 matinees was taken into camp by the Forest Grove Colts Sunday on the local grounds before the largest and best satisfied bunch of fans this year, score 4 to 1.

It was only by a split mouse hair that Sherwood was not shut completely out. Robinson, whose first name is Thomas, and who had been married the night before was on the mountain for the locals and the visitors found his underhanded benders and drops more mysterious than the age of Ann to a kid sucking a bottle. He is the cleverest lad with the spheroid that has been in local territory in many and many a moon, and somehow every body in the crowd took a liking to his style but the opposing batters.

Our boys won out by booting the leather, but Sherwood is chalked up with the fewest fielding errors.

In the first canto everybody soused the ball and as a result Moore, Fleming and Getter scored. Rudy Schultz laid down a bingle in the sixth and added the fourth and concluding run to the local's score sheet on Henderson's two pillow bingle. G. Baker scored the only run for Sherwood in the ninth on J. Panott's drive into right field. Willie Schultz glommed the ball and made a beautiful whip to catch Baker at home and would have gotten him had Robinson allowed Getter to catch the ball. In that event the visitors would not have scored because Croissant, the next batter, flew out to first, returning the side.

Henderson made two classy catches of line drives in left garden and Getter caught great ball for a sick man.

Next Sunday the Colts play the Yamhillers at North Yamhill.

Colts	Position	White Sox
Van Blarcombe	lb	C. Parrott
Kopple	ss	J. Parrott
Moore	cf	F. Parrott
Fleming	3b	G. Baker
Getter	c	Croissant
W. Schultz	rf	D. Baker
Robinson	p	Todd
R. Schultz	2b	Kiser
Henderson	lf	Van Northwick

Umpire—Roy Cook.

### Jolly Camping Party.

A merry camping party spent the latter part of last week in the mountains near Cape Horn, hunting and picking berries. They brought home but few berries but made the deer suffer. Two fine bucks were killed and many more could have been had the weather permitted the meat to keep fresh. Some of the boys are counting on bringing down a couple more next Sunday to provide the residents of Manning and Greenville with venison for some time.

Last week's party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Lot Crawford and Ben Ingles of Manning, Will Hines, Ray Soebrew, Lewis and Ira Crawford of Greenville, and Ida Stewart of South Tualatin.

### Hay and Wagon Burns.

A peculiar accident befell Wayne Porter and George Blake of this place Monday, when the wagon and two tons of hay was mysteriously ignited and destroyed almost before they had time to release the horses from the wagon. They had been hauling hay for Ed. Allen and while delivering a load, the tie of the wagon by rubbing against an iron pole became hot to the extent as above stated.

### Big Dance at Banks.

Geo. McGraw was in town Tuesday and informed The News that he was going to give a big dance at the McGraw hall in Banks on next Saturday night, August 1st, to which everybody is invited to come. Walker's orchestra will furnish the music and a good time is assured.