

SIEMER IS IN JAIL

Was Brought in Last Sunday Evening.

Got \$1500 From Shute's Bank

He Did Not Try to Get Away—Very Peculiar Case.

Nothing recently has been so productive of gossip in business circles as the forgery committed in February by John Siemer by which he drew from Shute's bank \$1500 in gold. After getting the money he paid nearly \$1200 to Mr. Roy for his farm and a lot of personal property. This land is near Greenville, in Dairy precinct. He had already paid to Roy \$200 or more. He bought Roy's interest in the farm and its stock, paying \$1500. Siemer took the property subject to a mortgage, which he assumed.

Siemer came here in November or December, and made his home with his uncle, Bernard Osterman, his mother's brother. Mr. Osterman has known his nephew, John, from boyhood. John came from Mappan, Colton county, Illinois, on the Mississippi river, a few miles above St. Louis. There he has, or claims to have, 40 acres of land. He liked Oregon so well that he determined to sell this Illinois tract and reinvest here. The Roy tract suited him, and, having a prospective buyer for the old tract, he closed the deal for this piece, paying all the money he had brought with him. Roy wanted the remainder of his money. To get this Siemer had to get temporary accommodations. The bank suggested itself and the needy man conceived the idea that he could get the money, apply to present needs, sell his Eastern property and replace in the bank without any one being the wiser. The first part of the scheme worked. It is of the same piece of cloth as that cut into by some of the officials having the care of trust funds. They use them expecting to replace, never looking at the word that spells "embezzlement." Siemer never thought of forgery. He only had in mind his fertile Oregon acres, his beautiful young wife and the opportunity for work at his favorite occupation. Siemer has been a farmer all his life and is not versed in the intricacies of banking. He is in truth not acquainted with the larger things in business matters. A few days after borrowing the money, depositing a note signed by himself and bearing what purported to be the signatures of Jacob Mauss, his father-in-law, and Bernard Osterman, his uncle, he started East to complete the sale of his land there and get money to meet, within 60 days, his Oregon obligations. Two days before he reached Mappan, the wife of the man who was to buy his place died and he did not want any land. The cup had slipped and John put his land again on the market. He stopped there but three days. He hastened his return, arriving here last Saturday. He hurried to his home and found his hearthstone cold. His wife had gone to her father. He, when John called, refused to admit him or allow him to see or converse with her. Instead he was branded as a forger. The man was stunned. On Sunday Sheriff Sewell found him sitting by the roadside plunged in deep despair. Passively he came to town and was lodged in jail. There, wringing his hands and with great tear drops in his eyes, he speaks the desire of his heart. "I want to get out of here and go to work on the farm. I want to be at work." His wife came down last Monday to see him, and declares that she will not desert her husband.

Siemer says it will be only a few weeks till he can realize on his Illinois property, when he will pay the forged note. But that will be no defense against the charge of forgery. Indeed he has no defense of any kind, and there seems nothing to do but submit the case to the jury.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Are you looking for a home? Do you wish to make an investment in a small or large farm, timber land or city property? Do you wish to loan your money? Do you want to borrow some money? Do you wish to sell your property? Then come and list it with me; I make sales if any one can.

F. M. Heidel, Hillsboro, Oregon.

A baseball league of four teams has been formed to play on the West Side. Each team, during the summer, will play twenty-four games. The teams listed are the Monogram and Ephraim, of Portland, the Oregon City team and the Diamond W, Hillsboro. At the beginning of the season, the Monograms have the reputation of being the best club in the state. At the end of the season the Diamond W's propose to carry the eagle.

Schulmerich Bros. have a large stock of burkap potato sacks which they sell at 4 cents.

Land plaster at Schulmerich Bros. Ladies' silk waists at Schulmerich Bros.

Buy your campaign cigars at H. A. Palmer's.

Highest market price for Potatoes at Schulmerich Bros.

To loan, \$600 on farm lands. Enquire of M. B. Bump, Hillsboro.

For sale, thoroughbred Jersey ball calf, one year old. John Moreland.

Messrs. Schulmerich Bros. are paying \$1 for first-class shipping potatoes.

For sale, Wilson strawberry plants. P. H. Baughman, Hillsboro.

Fine farms for sale dirt cheap by Thos. Withycombe, Scholls, Oregon.

Schulmerich Bros. are receiving their spring stock of dry goods, clothing, hats and shoes.

Entertainment and supper by the Epworth League on the 1st day of April. Don't miss it—'twill be good.

You can buy machinery cheaper at Schulmerich Bros. than at any other place in Washington county. Come and get their prices.

The Portland Evening Journal is talking in favor of the Portland-Hillsboro electric road. It now begins to look like the citizens of the big city will help to get the franchise.

Chicken thieves are again about. On Saturday evening last the hens of Mrs. Mary Humphreys and her neighbor, Mr. Hains, were entered and their best fowls taken.

Prof. Withycombe, Kent and Kusely of O. A. C. met the farmers of Gales Creek last week in a farmer's convention. The exchange of thought was free and it is thought the results will be valuable.

The graduating class of the Hillsboro school has chosen the following officers for the 1902 class: President, Lena Johnson, vice-president, Eva Cornelius; secretary, Wm. Vickers, treasurer, Willis Galloway.

If you want to sell or buy, rent or lease, any kind of property, country or city, come and see us. We will treat you just as we would wish to be treated. Hoyt & Barnes, next door to the Argus, over Delta Drug Store.

Wm. Mohr makes boots at his shop on Second street, Hillsboro, for \$5.00 per pair, sewed shoes for \$5 and gives special attention to repairing. He uses only first-grade stock which enables him to guarantee his work.

W. H. Merrick, of the Fidelity Abstract Company, Portland, visited in Hillsboro yesterday. He is a far-seeing Vermont Yankee, and when asked what could be shown to him, said he was looking for a site for a maple sugar boiler.

The precinct nominations in South Hillsboro are, road supervisor, F. M. Kelsoy; justice of the peace, Frank Paul; constable, C. W. Redmond. In North Hillsboro, supervisor, P. H. Baughman; justice of the peace, H. T. Bagley; constable, H. E. McKinney.

A new postoffice has been established in this county at Albion, postmaster George M. Holt. Albion is in Sec. 1 T. 3 N. R. 5 W., and is one of the eleven sections claimed by both Columbia and Washington counties. The petition was worked through by Congressman Tongue.

The bicycle on exhibition at the Anticipate Shaving Parlor is to be given to the most popular young lady of Hillsboro, determined by popular vote. The nominations for candidates are now open. The bicycle was purchased at McCormick's Bicycle Store, Imperial, 1902, model 215, price \$35. Voting opens April 1, 1902.

E. L. McCormick has received his new stock of matting, carpets and wall paper. His prices are the lowest in town. He can save you from 10 to 20 per cent. Prices on wall paper are 4c per roll and up, matting 12c; carpets 35c. The stock is right from the mill and is first-class. You will miss it if you do not call and get prices and quality of goods. Second street, three doors south of postoffice, Hillsboro.

W. L. Davis, proprietor of the well known Black Percheron horse, Oregon, will, after March 15th, during the season, be at John Kamms's, Farmington, from Monday morning to Tuesday noon; at Arthur Flint's, Scholls, from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday morning; at Lystrop's, Reedsville, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Thursday; at Forest Grove, Friday, and at home barn, Hillsboro, Saturday.

Decorate your homes. Spring is the season chosen for house cleaning. In addition to scrubbing the floors and wood work, the walls will be improved in appearance by spreading on them fresh paper. W. O. Donelson, corner Main and Third streets, is showing the finest lines of paper ever brought to Hillsboro. He also has a new and fresh line of rockers and, in fact, anything in house furnishings found in the metropolis, and at Portland prices.

PRIMARIES ARE HELD

Delegates Elected to the County Convention.

FOREST GROVE BANNER PRECINCT

Results as far as obtainable, are published this week.

As far as heard from the following named gentlemen have been elected delegates to the county republican convention which meets in Hillsboro next Thursday, March 27.

South Hillsboro—Julius Ashahr, E. B. Tongue, H. D. Schmeitzler, Benton Bowman, E. J. Lyons, D. M. C. Gault, John Milne, C. E. Beckwith, W. McQuillan, A. M. Carlie.

North Hillsboro—A. C. Shute, C. L. Johnson, S. B. Huston, H. V. Gates, R. B. Collins, J. A. Imbrie, Wm. Smith, W. N. Barrett, R. P. Simon, W. D. Wood.

South Forest Grove—J. S. Clark, F. S. Barnes, A. B. Todd, J. A. Thornburgh, J. H. McNameer, C. O. Roe, S. G. Hughes, E. W. Haines, D. C. Stewart, M. P. Markham, Chas. Bines, P. T. Kane, Ben Scholfield.

North Forest Grove—A. T. Buxton, J. T. Boos, John Adams, — Dugan, J. P. Wagner, H. T. Gordon, R. V. Lyman, D. H. Thomas, J. C. Clark, O. Dolstrom, R. M. Taylor.

Cornelius—Geo. Hancock, S. B. Acock, C. W. Pfluh, A. Neukirch, F. Schoen, G. W. Marsh, J. C. Galeschek.

Buchanan—J. W. McRobert, Bice Wilson, H. Baker, John McClaren, C. S. Bateman, Chas. Tarks, F. Clapshaw.

Dairy—John Carstens, John Ireland, Wm. Moore, John Becker, Lewis Carstens, Geo. McGraw, Chas. Herb, S. P. Reeder.

Diley—Albert DeHoffe, C. O. Dell, J. W. Hughes, E. J. Hubbert, G. Briggs.

Columbia—M. Hahn, S. A. D. Meek, Jas. Corey, J. Luther, E. Schiefelin, W. Bagley.

Washington—M. C. Lincoln, John Joss, Henry Kuralt, Wm. Ross, Wm. Bostedor, A. Garber, John Goodin.

Gaston—C. W. Hudson, Harry Ball, C. C. Hoopes, D. C. Newman, E. X. Harding, Geo. Meisler, R. Matteson.

W. Butte—Chris Hesse, B. S. Robinson, A. B. Flint, A. N. Davies, Thos. Paulson, Ole Olsson, J. Caldwell.

East Butte—G. A. Plieth, John Barrows, Wm. J. Bloomer, John Vogt, E. J. Goodman, F. L. Gault, J. M. Overholzer, C. F. Tigard.

Reedsville—M. Dilagoy, Jas. Rasmussen, Olf Nordlund, A. Jack, J. Borwick, J. B. Inlay, A. Saxton.

Beaverton—M. S. Barnes, John Johnson, J. N. Fisher, W. J. Butler, F. W. Cady, G. W. Stitt, F. A. Howell, F. K. Nelson, Chas. Bernard, Chas. E. Deichman.

COURT HOUSE.

COUNTY COURT—LAW.

Hubert A. Hubbard and Frederick A. Hohman were admitted to citizenship.

PROBATE.

Estate S. S. Ritchey, deceased. The receipts heretofore required to be filed having been put on record, the estate is closed.

Estate Chris Stoller, insane. The final account allowed and the guardian discharged.

Estate Egnatia and May Showers, minors. Chris Carstens appointed guardian with bonds fixed at \$500.

Estate Wm. F. Owens, deceased. Mary Owens administratrix. Appraisers, Geo. Reeves, Clinton Barton and Wm. B. Butler.

Estate Sarah E. Patterson, deceased. The receipts for disbursements having been filed, the estate is closed of record.

Estate Ellen Porter, deceased. Report of sale of personal property confirmed.

Estate Alex McDonald, deceased. Annual report filed.

Estate M. P. Smith, deceased. Will of deceased set aside.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

License to wed was issued, March 12, Peter Reichen, 64, and Elsie Ryser, 46; March 15, John Zybach, 28, and Anna Johanness, 19; March 19, Edward P. Kerr, 29, and Ida E. Thompson, 18.

The District Union Y. P. S. C. E., in which are the Y. P. S. C. E. Societies of the Evangelical church, the Tualatin Plain Presbyterian church and the Congregational church, occurs next Sunday evening at the Evangelical church. The leader is Mr. B. W. Barnes. The subject is, "Growing in Grace."

The taxpayer occupying the most space on the tax roll of the county is Wm. Heidt, of Portland. Twenty-seven pages of the roll is required to describe his 783 parcels of property. But, contrary to what one might suppose, his taxes will hardly come up to \$60. The trouble is his holdings are very largely composed of town lots surveyed in the woods during the boom times of 1890-1.

Milton Morgan, of Corvallis, is in Hillsboro visiting friends.

Ex. Co. Treasurer A. B. Cady, of Beaverton, visited Hillsboro on Wednesday.

Elder Brown will preach at the Christian church, Sunday, morning and evening.

The first invoice of farm machinery for the new firm of J. C. & W. G. Haro was received on Wednesday.

Supt. Bell will hold a district teachers' institute at Beaverton, on Saturday, March 29. Prof. A. P. Armstrong, of the Portland Business College, will be one of the main conductors.

The United States Separator is no experiment, but is a prize winner. The T. S. Townsend Creamery Co., of Portland, will sell you one on easy terms and take cream at highest market price.

Mr. Frank Dalby has occupied his second hand store on Main street one door east of H. Wehrung & Sons, where he is to be found during business hours, ready to repair a bicycle or sell a nouse keeping outfit.

Before purchasing a wheel, take a look at Donelson's. He can sell you a wheel as cheap as any one. Also rockers and wall paper, in fact, he will save you money on anything you wish in his line. Corner Third and Main streets, Hillsboro.

A gentleman in town on Wednesday last, stated that he had lost \$100 this year on fruit, because the roads were so bad during the winter that he could not get it to market. Good roads or motor lines would make our farmers, rich men.

Supervisor Wismer, of Beaverton road district, is doing a lot of good work this spring. He really has the worst roads in the county to take care of and but little money to expend. He is crosslaying the worst places this side of Cedar Mill and will, to the extent of his funds, ditch.

Treasurer Crandall finds by examining his books that the indebtedness of the county does not exceed \$11,000. As soon as the sheriff has time to turn over the money now in his hands, the treasurer will call for every enclosed warrant that is unpaid.

The county clerk's office will be relieved this year of the labor of drawing warrants to pay for road labor. The county clerk has taken bonds from the supervisors, and the treasurer will pay to such supervisor the money that is to be used in his district. It will then be disbursed directly to the laborer.

The Hillsboro Board of Trade is publishing an illustrated booklet that will advertise Washington county and Hillsboro. The copy and photographs are in the hands of the printers and next week will see them in circulation. The work has been entrusted to the Hillsboro Publishing Company.

A circumstance which ought to make the California hen droop her head in shame was the shipment of twelve refrigerator cars loaded with 2,000,000 eggs from St. Louis to San Francisco one day last week. At the prevailing price 2,000,000 eggs are worth \$86,666.66 in the California market. But why could not Oregon have sent that shipment of eggs? We are nearer to the consumers than those Pikes. At the time those eggs were gathering and packing the price here was about \$40,000. And in their handling they bring money to the pockets of railroad officers and employes, wholesale and retail dealers, clerks, buyers, shippers as well. Everyone got something tangible out of the transaction. We lose that much only because we did not have the product to sell.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

E. M. McPherson to Lottie Hoffman 23.46 a R S Tupper d l c 568

Lottie Hoffman to E. M. McPherson 1 a R S Tupper d l c 4

A Hinman assigns to Chas. Hoffman its 1, 2, 3, 4 blk 8 South Park ad Forest Grove 50

Sam Landucci to G. Mazzei blk 5 Pleasant Home ad Beaverton 175

S. B. Huston to J. M. Owens 160 a sec 30 and 25 t 1 r 5 w 360

Maggie A. Walker to W. Vanderzanden 20 a Robt Walker d l c 400

A. Helebyuech to C. Helebyuech 123 a sec 17 and 20 t 1 r 2 w 1

P. J. Hassler to W. L. Parson 158 a sec 12 t 1 r 5 w 700

W. B. Cromwell to Loyd Ingram 2 1/2 a sec 28 t 1 r 2 w and other lands 700

J. Clark to S. A. Kildier pt blk 11 Forest Grove 200

Thos. Paulsen to C. Lehmann 95 a sec 25 t 1 r 5 w 7000

R. Reygraft to J. L. Washburn 240 a sec 10 and 15 t 2 n r 5 w 675

C. D. Blimberg to J. L. Washburn 160 a sec 28 t 2 n r 5 w 1200

J. C. Maier to J. L. Washburn 160 a sec 7 t 2 n r 5 w 400

MARCH TERM COURT

Conceded in This City Last Monday.

JUDGE M'BRIDE ON THE BENCH

Small List This Term.—Several Divorce Cases.

A term of the circuit court for Washington county was begun last Monday. Present, Judge Thos. A. M'Bride and Harrison Allen, district attorney.

Pauline Hall v S. A. and S. W. Dial. Stricken from the docket.

Mary M. Shepard v Abner Frame. Stricken from the docket.

Bunmel, administrator, v A. N. Davies. Stricken from the docket.

W. J. Vanehuver v Ben R. Patton. Stricken from the docket.

K. Crandall v Wm. J. Bathwell. Settled out of court and dismissed.

Elizabeth Geiger v W. W. Geiger. Benj. Scholfield appointed referee instead of Meiki Johnson, deceased.

F. M. Heidel v Silas Bennett. Settled out of court and dismissed.

W. F. Hollenbeck v James and Mary Burgess. Settled and dismissed.

Geo. F. Naylor v Hattie Naylor. Decree of divorce allowed.

G. W. Patterson v Clay and Mary Ann Freeman. J. A. Imbrie appointed guardian ad litem. Default entered.

State of Oregon v Washington County. Clerk directed to notify the attorney-general that defendant moves to dismiss the case.

Jury excused till Monday, March 25th.

The jurors excused for the term are C. C. Hancock, J. O. Gustin, F. M. Hill, John C. Beach, John McClaran and Ben Dooley.

W. N. Barrett v W. D. Bradford. Sheriff's sale confirmed.

Ferd Langer, jr., appointed bailiff.

Minnie Sprech v C. E. Sprech. Defendant's motion to strike out parts of complaint sustained in part and overruled in part. The plaintiff has five days in which to file amended complaint.

O. B. Gates has gone to Ashland to commence work on the Midway Telephone Company's line. The line starts from Ashland eastward across the Cascade mountains to Klamath Falls. For about 30 miles of this distance the line runs through timber. Instead of felling the trees on the line they will be used for poles. To do this, a pin about ten or twelve inches long will be used. About 1000 of these will be needed. The contract for making these out of fir lumber two inches square and of the proper length has been let to L. W. House, of Hillsboro. He is now putting them through the process of manufacture. Another contract from this company comes to a mechanic here, Wm. Benson will make 4500 iron insulator supports. These supports are out of iron an inch wide, an eighth thick and six inches long, with three holes in each. After the mountains are passed poles will have to be set.

SMALL FRUITS.

The people of Newberg were greatly elated two years ago when it was proposed to build a beet sugar factory, but the enterprise did not materialize. But the Newberg Graphic picks sour grapes into this basket:

"The development of the small fruit industry in this locality will mean more to our land owners than would the establishment of the beet sugar business. This statement wouldn't have been popular when the canvass for beet acreage was being made, but it is a fact nevertheless. The small fruit business attracts a more desirable class of citizens than would the sugar beet enterprise. Small fruits such as strawberries, can be raised with less labor and therefore less cost than sugar beets. More money can be realized on an acre of strawberries or raspberries than from an acre of beets. The market is sure and stable, there being no foreign competition. The beet sugar industry is much at the mercy of our fluctuating government policies, but high tariff, free trade Cuban concessions cuts no figure in the culture of the luscious red strawberry. Still the beet sugar industry is a good thing which we would have liked to have had come this way. But if there is something better for us which we can have with one tenth the effort and expense, let's have it. There is always the danger of underestimating those blessings which come naturally and easily."

The Graphic is right and we of Washington county ought to be planting out strawberry beds. If we overstock the market for fresh berries, we can can them and ship to greater distance.

BOBS.

MARSH—March 19, near Centerville, to John Marsh and wife, twin daughters.

FURNITURE REPAIRED

Don't throw away a good piece of furniture because it a little scratched or broken. Take it to Dailey's on Main street and have it repaired and varnished and it will look new

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POPULAR WHEELS POPULAR PRICES



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THE TAX PAYING RUSH

Has Been Great for Last few Weeks.

\$66,398 OF 1901 TAX COLLECTED

This is due to the Rebate of Three Per Cent Allowed.

Since the sheriff has had the tax roll and up to the close of business on the 16th, \$76,398 were collected. The amount on the roll was \$78,740, or about that. From this latter sum the 3 per cent rebate was deducted, about \$2360. That is the amount taxpayers saved under the new law. It is expected that the county treasury will be reimbursed by the penalties and interest that will be received from delinquents.

The Evening Journal has made its appearance in Portland. At present, the candidate for public favor is a standard, 7 column folio, well printed and well edited. There are some defects to be sure, but they are those always met, in starting a new enterprise. The Company has two type setting machines with a capacity to set much more type than can be used. The press is a Goss perfecting machine with a capacity of 25,000 four page or 12,000 eight page papers per hour. Of course a stereotype plant is included. The news service is that of Scripps-McRay and Specials. For the plucky man, this service is preferable to the Associated Press since it is only a brief mention of facts that are happening throughout the world. Business is going to the new paper faster than it can be handled but when all departments are in order, it will be taken care of. The paper is sold on the streets at two cents. By the week, it is ten cents.

The exhibition at the Opera house last Friday evening of the Athletes from Pacific University was very fine. The young men acquitted themselves with dignity and made many friends. The patronage of the public was liberal and the boys were able to take a little money home.

The elder McIntire who was lost to his son for a few weeks last winter, but finally traced to the insane asylum, where he remained for a time, has been returned to that institution. There is little hope for a permanent cure of the unfortunate man.

The West Willamette Association, of Congregational churches will meet with the Hillsboro church on the 8th and 9th of April next. The churches belonging to the association are those in Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties.

Twelve carloads of round lumber was taken from Hillsboro station this week. There is more in the yard.

Prof. Bates, Principal of Tualatin Academy at Forest Grove, spent Saturday last in Hillsboro.

Wm. McFadden has sold his Hillsboro property and will move to Salem next week.

Royal Baking Powder

Most healthful leavener in the world. Goes farther.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Wells, Fargo & Company was organized April 18, 1852 and for 50 years it has been an active factor in the development of the west. In its earlier history it carried letters as well as packages and was patronized by the Argonauts when they had a letter that was to be rushed. The express was certain and expeditions but latterly, the mails beat the express, not only hours but in some instances days. This is due to the fact that the government requires the mails to go first. But the company yet does a business that is an accommodation to the public. The Company this year celebrates the half century of its organization by presenting each of its employees with a silver medal who has worked with it for a year or more. Mr. J. M. Brown, the Hillsboro agent, received his medal on the 17, day before the Anniversary. It is a beautiful thing in silver, about the size of a dollar engraved in relief. On one side appears the express messenger on a running horse attacked by Indians armed with bow and arrow, just above is representation of an advance step where the "box" is carried in a four horse stage. The messenger is firing at the highway men and successfully keeping the treasure. On the other side, progress is illustrated by a train of cars, a telegraph line, steamships and keys, the latter, emblem of banking. Mr. Brown highly appreciates the souvenir.

Mr. Joseph Rector, who has been at the head of the light and water plant since it was owned by the city, has resigned his place as superintendent and accepted a place with the new telephone company that is building from Ashland into South-eastern Oregon. Mr. Rector is to retire April 15. His successor has not yet been selected.