

Dried and evaporated fruits—J. A. Kromis.

Fresh fruits and vegetables—J. A. Kromis.

More business houses are needed in Hillsboro. Who is preparing to build?

Dr. F. J. Bailey has rented the Ford cottage on Third street and will be at home there after this week.

The new roof to the Dekum building in Portland was finished in time to protect the interior during the storm of this week.

The supply of smelt fish from the Columbia is ample. The season has been longer than usual, from Dec 1, to now with the close to be later.

The matter in controversy between the heirs of the Robert Imbric estate has been settled out of court, wherefore further consideration is dismissed.

Messrs Cornelius & Lyons have fitted up a real estate office in the Jackson building on Main street opposite the Tullitt Hotel. They have land bargains listed.

The changeable weather of the past week has been the cause of quite a number of new cases of la grippe. Miss Gertrude Donelson is reported to be quite ill with that malady.

The change in the county road entering the Southeastern part of Hillsboro from Reseville, passing through H. Wehrung's land has been abandoned, at least for the present.

Mr. Wm. Nelson has sold his farm of 70 acres receiving about \$80 per acre. The place was a part of the Isaac Butler donation. It is well improved and as handsome a tract as there is in the county. It is six miles from Hillsboro and twelve from Portland.

Some Portland people are becoming quite as much aroused as we of Hillsboro because the Hillsboro-Portland trolley line is held up. A special meeting of the Portland council is to be held today, to consider the matter and it is understood that a Hillsboro delegation is to be present. What can they do? Look on and see how not to do what is wanted.

The Southern Pacific Company has withdrawn its school tickets from the Hillsboro office, and at present is not selling commutation transportation to Hillsboro students attending college at Forest Grove. No reason is given for this and it is not known whether or not the company declines this business, or whether transportation under some other form will be offered to the public.

Sheriff Sewell, as tax collector, received the tax roll last Tuesday, wherein he is charged with: State, county, school tax, \$81,558 89 Special school tax, 9,228 89 Road tax, 14,171 85 City tax, 3,581 47 Poll tax, 1,650 00

Total \$110,190 40 Of this sum 7000 was collected the first day.

Tuesday was an unfortunate day for Portland, the high winds of the early morning tangled electric light and telephone wires, producing short circuits. These were the origins of several destructive fires. A little later an incendiary set fire to one of Portland's largest docks and warehouses on the east side of the river. This with its contents of wheat and salt was burned causing a loss of \$600,000. The supposed fire was seen but escaped arrest. The need of a fire boat was felt. Had such an engine been in commission, it would have paid for itself at that one fire.

After the dry weather of the past month, the storm of Tuesday seemed wet. But wet as it was it is to be preferred before snow. Had the same amount of water fallen in the shape of snow, streets would have been blocked, roads would have been blocked and trains would have remained idle in the depots. As it was everyone was able to get out. The mails were on time, and business progressed as usual. Of course umbrellas were in evidence, but under their shelter and within the protecting folds of an oil skin coat one compelled to be out, was both dry and warm.

Mr. Patton, manager of the Base Line Lumber Co., was in town on Tuesday last, but in a hurry to get away and up Scoggin creek so as to take advantage of the high water which the heavy rain of that day assured. His Company has 700,000 feet of logs in Scoggin and Gates creeks which must be floated into the Tullitt at this flood and taken to their mill at Cornelius. This mill is now about ready to make lumber. It is located on the bank of the Tullitt just south of Cornelius. It is the intention of the company to run a sidetrack at Cornelius to the mill. This will be about a half mile long, and will furnish room for piling lumber by the side of the track. A large sum of money has already been spent at the new mill, and there is more to follow.

A member of the street committee who has carefully estimated the cost of planking the streets, finds that \$110 for material and labor will build a roadway past a block of 400 feet. Property owners, therefore, would be assessed \$13.75 per lot of 100 feet. We can afford it. Last year we spent \$200 for compiling and printing "literature" descriptive of our resources and prosperity. Immigrants thus induced to come here claim for prosperity, for if we were prosperous we would have better streets. But not having the streets our prosperity is not apparent, and if we are not prosperous our resources are not what we, in that pamphlet, said we had. The independent hours that several investors departed from our midst and shook the mud from their feet after inspecting our slack methods of street maintenance.

The Executive committee of the Washington county Sunday School Association met last Tuesday in the M. E. church of this place and planned the program for the annual meeting, June 4th, next. Owing to its being a stormy day the attendance was not large, there being present, Rev. E. Curran of Forest Grove, Pres, Mr. E. N. Harding of Gaston, Vice Pres, Mrs. Eliza Imbric, corresponding secretary. Mr. E. N. Harding was delegate to attend the State S. S. Convention which meets in May. The outlook for the county meeting is splendid and the entire S. S. work is very promising.

Comfortable dwelling houses are not to be had in Hillsboro, and there must be some building done this summer. There are many desirable building lots, and it only requires enterprise to cover them with residences that will at once be filled. Business blocks are also in demand. The Hillsboro market on Main street has to find new quarters. A brick building is desired but in its absence Messrs Tilbury & Whitlaw have to content themselves with the wooden structure on Main street opposite the Delta drugstore.

The street committee reported to the council that bids for street lumber 2 by 12 inches 16 feet long, had been received from the following mills: Johnson Brothers \$7.75, Boge & Eonis \$9.00, Reed & Nelson \$8.75, Hollenbeck \$9.00, Thomas Lumber company \$8.25. These bids are for lumber delivered on the streets of the city. When the hauling is considered, the bids are very near together. The council directed the committee to contract with Johnson Bros. at \$7.75 per thousand feet.

Perry and John Abbott, sons of our townsman, E. L. Abbott, who held for the past three years have held positions in Portland, are now in San Francisco, Cal. Perry has a splendid situation as salesman and collector in a wholesale harness establishment, and John is working in the drapery department of a large department store. They write their father that they are well pleased with their situations and expect to remain permanently in Frisco.

Ira Campbell, of Eugene, cousin of our Ed Luce, has severed his connection with the Eugene Guard which he founded about twenty years ago, because of an illness which overtook him about a year ago. Mr. Campbell is somewhat improved in health since the first attack but he is yet far from being a well man. Mr. Campbell learned his trade in this office and is considered one of our boys.

The Coffee Club met Saturday, March 7th, at the Commercial Club rooms, and held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. A. Lumbie; Vice President, Mrs. J. A. Imbric; Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Redmond; Treasurer, Mrs. U. G. Gardner.

A letter received yesterday from W. L. Davis stated that he intended to start home on the 8th, instant. He brings with him two percheron horses, one a dark grey and the other a dappled grey. They weigh 1800 and 1550 respectively. Mr. Davis is due to arrive home next week.

Two inches of snow is what Portland people wrestled with in Portland on Wednesday morning. It did not stop street car traffic, but seriously interfered. We had no snow here.

A. J. Kromis, the Second street grocer received two chests of tea this week direct from Japan. He had the satisfaction of opening the original chests here.

Lu Grrippie is about, Hon. S. B. Huston has been confined to his room two days. James Cave has a worse attack and has not yet out.

Mr. Charles Purdin returned last Saturday from a tour through Washington and Idaho as advance man for a theatrical company. Short-hand student's wanted, lessons given by mail at students home, address G. B. Hardin, Forest Grove Oregon.

Walker's sweet-pea seed. J. A. Kromis.

Field and garden seeds—J. A. Kromis.

Mr. Elwood Wildes and wife visited friends in Hillsboro last Sunday.

Found: Artisan lodge pin. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

E. L. McCormick has at his store a skilled machinist who will take care of all crippled bicycles that are brought to him.

Wedding invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Bernice Latham and John Dobbins, on Wednesday March 25th.

Wednesday morning there was a very thin coating of snow slush on the sidewalks. On the hills surrounding Tullitt Plains the white appeared in its undisturbed beauty. This will disappear without delay, for the season is so far advanced that winter cannot find a resting place in the lap of spring.

COURT HOUSE.

State v H P Trowell, charged with killing deer out of season. The examination was in the county court, before Judge Rood. The court heard the evidence and the argument of counsel. The court held that the evidence was not sufficient to hold the defendant, wherefore he was discharged.

PROBATE.

Ed Ben E Jones, deed, administrator's sale of real estate confirmed.

Ed Daniel Patton, deed, final account filed and April 6th set for examination.

Est Martin Manning, deed, final account filed, and Monday, April 13th set for examination.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Extra Deputy Sheriff. Ordered that J W Sewell, sheriff, be allowed one extra deputy for the period of two months during tax collecting time. Compensation to be \$2 per day.

County road: C Hemblid et al. Ordered that Benj. Schofield, A A Phillips and John Neep appointed viewers, who will meet county surveyor at Blooming, March 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. to view and survey the proposed road.

County road: John Campbell et al. Viewers, Arthur Flint, Ferd Groner and Chris Hesse. They are directed to meet surveyor at Sherwood, Mar. 26, to view and survey proposed road.

County road: J Ellerson et al. Viewers, Thos. Hyland, Arch Pike and James Smith. Viewers are directed to meet surveyor at RS Perkins' place to view and survey proposed road.

Delinquent taxes: Ordered that the sheriff as tax collector be credited with the delinquent taxes on lands bought by Washington county at tax sale, also for delinquent taxes on personal property of tax payers who have died or removed from the county.

Deed: Ordered that a quit claim deed to lot 35, blk 17, West Portland Heights be executed by the county.

Correction: Ordered that the sheriff be authorized to correct the assessment of L. Hadler so as to show that there is 75 acres of tillable land on his place instead of 100, and collect taxes accordingly.

Application to refund taxes: W. E. McCormick was referred to the District Attorney for his opinion.

Confirmed: The appointment of L. C. Walker and Erwin Ritter deputy assessors was confirmed.

E. I. Kurath reported \$186.55 as the receipts of the Recorder's office for February. Report approved.

County road No. 399 established and an order to open will issue.

Collection of taxes: Ordered that the County Clerk issue and attach a warrant on tax roll for the collection of taxes assessed for the year 1902.

Sheriff's bond: The sheriff's bond in the sum of \$15,000 as tax collector is approved.

Road: Ordered that M. M. Henderson, A. A. Phillips and John Neep meet A. A. Morrill, surveyor, March 18, at beginning point of road as petitioned for by J. P. Wagner and others, and view and survey such proposed road.

Extra help: Ordered that G. A. Morgan be authorized to hire an extra deputy during the term of the Circuit Court at a salary of \$2 per day to be paid by the county.

Table listing names and amounts, including A J Roy, H A Ball, E X Harding, etc.

Total 2357 80

REAL ESTATE.

Table listing real estate transactions, including LS Foster et ux to O M Briggs, Walker and wife, etc.

THE BENEFIT OF A CHANGE.

We are like house plants: We need a change of soil now and then to be replanted. New scenes, new experiences, new surroundings, a change of climate, dry air instead of moisture, sunshine in place of cloud. This is sometimes essential to health.

You can make this trip at very little expense, and enjoy a ride over the scenic Systikon and Shasta mountains, which, at this time of the year with their snow-covered peaks, are surpassed for their grandeur.

General Passenger Agent, S. P. Portland, Oregon.

W. H. RUCKER.

W. H. Rucker, well known here, died very suddenly of heart disease, last Saturday, at Portland, where he has resided for some three years past. He became sick while over on the West Side, and was taken to the office of Dr. Nichols, at the Imperial Hotel, where he expired in a few minutes. He had been in usual health and had made the observation to some of his friends that he felt quite well that morning.



and upright in business affairs, was a lifelong member of the Christian church, and led a faithful, consistent christian life. Meeting with financial reverses here during the business depression, he closed his office and removed to East Portland where he engaged in the same business and was doing quite well again. He was a native of Kentucky, and was about 74 years of age, and was never married, his only known relative on this coast being a sister residing in the state of California.

PIONEER DEAD.

Saturday, March 7, Whelock Simmons, one of the two oldest residents of Hillsboro, the other being Michael Moore, died in the 83rd year of his age. The old man's heart that had sent a never failing stream of blood through his body for so many years failed and the end was.

Whelock Simmons, or as we best knew him "Dad" Simmons was born May 4th, 1820, at Bradford, Pennsylvania. At the age of 21 he went to Illinois where as a farm laborer he worked for a time, then returned to his old home. He stayed two years, when with his earnings he again sought the fertile prairies of Illinois. He bought 40 acres of land and established his bachelor home. Here he labored until 1848, when his health failed. A change of climate was advised. The rumors of the California gold fields floated back and so filled young Simmons that in the spring of 1849 he left himself equal to an emigration across the continent to the Eldorado. When he saw the banks of Feather river he became enamored of the prospect of turning the waters of that stream to one side and working in the bed for the gold supposed to have lodged there. He was one of the company of nine who undertook the enterprise. After working a while he was offered \$2000 for his interest. He wanted more, but took less, for the scheme was an utter failure. Disgusted with mining he started for Oregon and reached Portland in September 1850, \$10 worse off than nothing. He soon paid this, however, and then drifted to Hillsboro, which then was the metropolis of this part of the world. He found employment with Mrs. Lucinda Hill, widow, who had settled her husband then living on a tract of land just south of the town of Hillsboro in 1845. Cupid made a tour of the country that fall and sent a dart into the hearts of both these worthy people, and they were united in wedlock Dec. 6, 1850.

Hill had died before the enactment of the donation land law, but in 1850 congress passed the bill so that when the Hill claim came to be officially listed at Oregon City it was Whelock Simmons and Lucinda Simmons who were recognized. There seems to have been no Hill heirs, at least none out here.

Simmons was a farmer and as such he was successful. He built the "best house" in the county, on "Oregon City road." It was the envy of all good house wives for many years. The structure was erected about 1861 and still stands, though further from the road, Baseline street, than it did in the beginning. The road has been changed a few yards to the north of the original track. Hillsboro at the first was a townsite pre-emption under the provisions of a law of congress that allowed 40 acres of government land to be taken by a county for a county seat town. But about 1873 or perhaps it was 1874, Simmons surveyed Simmons' addition to Hillsboro, and began to sell lots. The addition is that part of town south of Baseline street.

Mrs. Simmons, Lucinda, died in 1879. In 1880, Simmons wedded widow Lucy Ellen Bergan. To them two children were born, Herbert P., a thrifty, industrious young man, now a resident of Hillsboro, and Orvil M., who is with his mother at Victor, Colorado. In 1889, Simmons went to McMinville. As a farmer he was fairly successful, though he never worked too hard. At the Yamhill town he began branching out into speculations. At this he was not a success. He sold Simmons' addition lots in Hillsboro and invested in McMinville, not always wisely. He lost money, houses, wife, family. After the divorce he again wedded. This third woman he outlived, though it is understood that during the last years they were estranged. A few years ago, Simmons returned to Hillsboro, and here he remained until overtaken by death. His last years were passed in penury, though the county never allowed him to go hungry.

In politics Simmons was a democrat, though after the Great Rebellion he frequently voted a split ticket. He served the county as treasurer for a term or two, and was faithful to his trust.

If you buy it at THE DELTA DRUG STORE IT'S ALL RIGHT WE SELL ONLY GOOD GOODS AND STRIVE TO PLEASE

Bicycle Hospital advertisement featuring an image of a bicycle and text: 'If your wheel is out of repair bring it around and I will fix it. That is my sole business. I also carry a full line of bicycle sundries. Call And See My New Wheels. F. R. DAILEY, PROP.'

Henry Sears & Son advertisement featuring an image of a pocket knife and text: 'HENRY SEARS & SON MAKE THE FINEST POCKET KNIFE IN THE WORLD. E. L. MCGORMICK, has the finest razors and pocket knives in the county, fully warranted.'

Doing Things advertisement with text: 'Bring Business And Make Money. The Independent Job Dept. does Business and Commercial printing that will bring business and make money for YOU. Hillsboro, Oregon. PHONE MAIN 108.'

Royal Baking Powder advertisement featuring an image of a tin and text: 'THE OLD RELIABLE ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE. PRICE NOW ONE DOLLAR. There has never been a remedy that actually cured piles—until this one was discovered by Dr. Perrin. There is not a person who suffers from this distressing disease who is not willing to pay \$1 to have the same removed permanently. Immediate results—and you take it, that's all. PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC. For Sale. One light driving team well matched, dark grey seven years old, will weigh 1,000 pounds each. \$125.00 will take the team. Enquire of A. M. Peterson, Hillsboro, Oregon.'