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On the evening of December 16 occurs the annual meeting of the Oregon Historical society in the Taylor Street Methodist church in Portland, at which time officers will be elected and the annual reports of the secretary and retiring officers received. President W. D. Fenton will deliver the annual address, his subject being "The Past, Present and Future of the Society." A determined movement will be inaugurated to secure the \$100,000 memorial building provided by an act of the state legislature. The society was to receive \$50,000 from the Lewis and Clark exposition commission providing an additional \$50,000 should be raised by private subscriptions. It is expected that the attendance at this meeting will be the largest in the history of the association. Mr. Himes, the secretary of the Historical society, is never so happy as when showing visitors about the rooms, and he has gathered about him relics of great value and deep interest to every resident of Oregon, and no one should visit Portland without spending a few hours in the historical rooms. It is time pleasantly and profitably spent.

S. A. Mallory, an ex-motorman of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Lennie R. Willis, a former resident of the warm town of Heppner, pleaded not guilty last Friday before Judge McBride to the charge of loving each other exceedingly well but not wisely. The trial of Mallory is set for the 22nd and Mrs. Willis on the 23rd, at which time they will be given an opportunity to explain to the court why it was necessary for the two to occupy the same room in a hotel at Sherwood and then putting the sheriff to the trouble and Washington county to the expense of following them to the far away and hardly known town of Helix to effect their capture. Mrs. Willis is a good looking, well built woman with a pleasant face, and when she said "not guilty" she looked as if she really meant it. Mallory is a big husky fellow, has splendid taste, and when he denied the soft impeachment, didn't look a bit sorry. But they say they are not guilty, and until it is proven that they are, they are innocent.

In the circuit court last Friday morning young Sydney Lester Bruggner, who on the evening of September 30th, shot down and killed W. W. Booth in an attempt to rob the old man, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and his trial was set for December 20. At the coroner's inquest and while gazing upon the body of the murdered man, young Bruggner told his story, and he was the coolest and most unconcerned person in the room. He said that he ran away from home at an early hour on the morning of the tragedy and came to Hillsboro, where he loafed about town all day. He became hungry and concluded to hold-up somebody to procure money to buy something to eat. He singled old man Booth out because he heard him jingling coin in his pocket. Then he followed him to a dark place on Main street, shoved a cocked revolver in the old man's face and demanded his money. Booth showed fight and Bruggner said, struck him on the hand with his cane, which exploded the revolver and the old man fell like a log, dying that night at his home where he had been conveyed. The murderer fled without rifling the body, but was captured the next day. Bruggner shows the effects of his confinement and is hollow-eyed, pale and his cheeks are sunken in. Hon. S. B. Huston has been retained as his attorney, and the defense will be, it is said, that the boy, who is under 16, was not mentally responsible for the terrible deed. An attempt was made some time ago to have the boy tried by a juvenile court, but Judge McBride held that the provisions of the juvenile statute did not apply in counties other than those having a population of 100,000 or over.

In the death of Hon. John H. Mitchell the state of Oregon loses the best friend it ever had and a man who devoted the best years of his life to its best interests. Had his death occurred two years ago nearly every newspaper would have been dressed in mourning and every flag would have dropped to half mast. But in an evil hour his trials began. He was selected as a victim and well did his enemies do their work—he was hounded to the brink of the grave and mud and spite flung after him before his body had been placed in its tomb. As to his guilt or innocence in the fraud cases in which he figured and was pronounced guilty, it is not for us to say. He said he was not, and appealed his case to a higher court. Had John H. Mitchell chose to have been a thief, he could have left an estate worth millions, whereas he died and left scarcely money enough to pay for his burial. But he is dead and his passing away will be regretted by many. What he has done for Oregon—and no man has or could do more—should make his memory sacred to every resident of

the state. Senator Thurston, who defended Mr. Mitchell in the land fraud case, said of the senator when he heard of his death: "I am profoundly grieved to hear of the death of my dear old friend, Senator Mitchell. I have known him for a quarter of a century and during all that time I never knew him to be guilty of a dishonest act. I believe that Senator Mitchell in all of his official career has been animated by the highest and most patriotic motives, and the fact that he now passes away leaving behind him scarcely enough of worldly effects to pay his funeral expenses, is the best possible evidence that he has lived clean and honestly. I cannot consistently speak of the late trouble which he has passed through and in which I had the honor of being his attorney. He was charged with a purely technical violation of the statutes of the United States and I presume it was not brought to the personal knowledge of one member of congress in a hundred prior to the late tidal wave of investigation, prosecution and persecution which has recently been upon us. I have no criticism to pass upon those who have pursued him, but I am satisfied that if the senator had lived and his case had been decided by the supreme court of the United States that the decision would have resulted in his vindication of the act involving dishonesty or moral turpitude. In my judgment it will be long, long years before Oregon will ever have so faithful, so able or so successful a representative in the senate of the United States."

Dr. Withcombe has a number of sound planks in the platform upon which he proposes to stand as a candidate for governor of the state of Oregon. One of these is a law to regulate state banks. Such a law is demanded by every instinct of financial self-preservation, to the end that the tragedies scheduled under the head of "bank failures" in 1893-4, of which the failure of the Portland Savings Bank in this city was the most dire, can never again be enacted in the state. This failure was written in the blood and tears of many of our most deserving citizens. The selfishness and greed of a few men were responsible for it. Callous, unmoved amid the wreck of homes and of small fortunes—even of lives—they went coldly on their way, careful only to entrench themselves further in the wealth that they had, through unregulated banking methods, accumulated. Things like this should not be forgotten.—Oregonian.

Death of Ethel Fisher.
Ethel, the 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. D. C. Fisher of Beaverton, died December 1st at the family residence after a lingering illness. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. W. H. Cady of Aberdeen, Wash., Mae, Effie, Dora and Earl, at home, and Lloyd, of Hoquiam, Wash. G. W. Stitt had charge of the funeral arrangements, and Rev. Barber preached the funeral sermon Sunday morning, December 3.

Peaceful in thy grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our sorrows know.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
And in Heaven with joy to greet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Notice To School District Clerks.
The following, which is of interest to school district clerks, is taken from the General Laws of Oregon for 1905, and should be closely followed by them as their tax levy is liable to be returned for correction if the law is not strictly complied with.

"All counties, cities, school districts and other corporations which are vested with the power of levying taxes, shall make their total levy terminate with even mill or mills, or in fractions of one-tenth of one mill."

PROBATE COURT.
Inventory and appraisement in the estate of Geo. A. Gore, deceased, were filed, examined and approved. The total valuation is placed at \$14,970.00.

In the matter of the estate of Patrick Cain, deceased, a petition was filed asking for order to sell real estate. Ordered that citation be issued and served by publication, requiring all persons interested to appear at the court house on Monday, January 16, 1906, to show cause why said order shall not be granted.

Estate of Sarah Mull, deceased; administrator files receipts; and administrator discharged and bondsmen released and estate closed of record.

Estate of Martha A. Starrett, deceased; account and report filed and approved, and administrator and bondsmen released and estate closed of record.

Estate of Chas. A. Ross, deceased; Geo. R. Bagley appointed guardian ad litem for Elmer Ross, a minor.

Estate of Hannah Olson, deceased; ordered that Monday, January 8, 1906, at 10 o'clock, is the time for hearing objections to said account and report and final settlement thereof.

A petition of the administratrix was granted to pay over to Merritt E. Hotchkiss, Jr., the sum of \$20 out of any fund now in her possession belonging to said estate.

Letters of guardianship was ordered issued to W. D. Haro as guardian of Elizabeth Schmidt, insane, and that W. D. Smith, Geo. H. Wilcox and H. T. Bagley be appointed as appraisers.

A petition to sign to Mary E. Colby, a certain promissory note secured by mortgage, in the matter of the estate of Hattie C. Norman was granted.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.
Harry Allison, a resident of Tillamook City, arrived here Saturday evening on a visit to relatives residing east of town.

The usual annual observance of Christmas, publically, in this place is under consideration by a committee or committees designated for the purpose.

The double line system of the Oregon telephone extending from Portland to Newberg is now in order with only four intermediate offices connected. The annoyance of long waiting and delay incident to "long distance" is thereby cut out and better, quicker and more satisfactory work awaits the patrons of the line.

There is a rumor that another livery and feed stable will open out for business in the near future in Sherwood. Desirable location for business purposes are limited in the place, which complicates matters to intending investors along these lines.

Wm. Haseliter, one of the butchers here, has decided to suspend business during the winter months, claiming the profits hardly justify the capital invested during the dull season. He will "wait until the clouds roll by" prior to opening again.

A 5 year-old son of Joseph Girrucho, an onion raiser on the swamps, slipped and rolled down a stairway at his home Saturday. Serious injury was feared at the time of the accident, however, on examination a few abrasions across the scalp and face indicated his narrow escape.

The last remnant of a once prosperous, and perhaps the most extensive brick plant in the state was burned here Thursday night. All the machinery, brick, tiling and the greater portion of the buildings have long since been removed, and there remained only the dry house—an old, decayed and dangerous structure, a menace to loose stock seeking shelter under it—and the old engine room to complete the demolition. The name of the freiburg is "Dennis" and his whereabouts unknown and while his gratuitous work is questionable from a legal standpoint, the result is quite satisfactory to the general public, and should be to the owners, as they would have been compelled, legally, or otherwise to have removed the dangerous menace in a very short time. As the buildings were located on the opposite side of the street from the town, and other and more valuable property not endangered, no particular alarm was felt, not even the fire alarm bell was rung and many people slept peacefully on, and was not aware of the fire until the next morning.

Miss Clara Harrington and Mr. Wellington Eby, both residents of Middleton precincts, were married Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's parents at Middleton depot by Rev. McCutcheon.

Carnation.

Regular Correspondent.
E. S. Calander, who has not been well for some time, has gone to Orting, Wash., to visit his son, M. E. Calander.

George Sibley has returned to Portland, but is hardly able to walk on account of a lame leg. He intends to start for California in a few days to spend the holidays.

The safe that played an important part in the recent bank robbery now stands on the north side of the depot awaiting shipment, attracts a good deal of attention, and is really worth one's time to take a look at it and see what terrific force was used to get it open.

W. L. Adkins' house had a very narrow escape from fire one day this week. Mr. Adkins was preparing to move into his new house and had a mattress drying near the stove. While he was out in the yard, the mattress took fire and soon the house was in flames. When he discovered it, the fire had such a headway that the stairs and a large place in the floor was burned, and he had a hard fight to get it out. As it is, the damage

is probably between \$30 and \$40. Mr. Adkin was around the next day looking for a fire extinguisher, so that in the event of another blaze, he can stand off several feet and put the fire out without burning off his eyebrows and lashes, and also save his fingers.

Mr. Peters has been staying at the Colonial the past few days.

The Four Leaf Clover Club gave a supper and dance at the Colonial last Friday. The cut flowers came from Portland and with the red light and decorations, was a very pretty affair and a decided social success.

The house on Mrs. Susan Watt's farm, up Gales' creek, was partly destroyed by fire Monday. Mrs. Watts is over 80 years old, and the excitement from hearing the bad news has made her quite ill.

The S. P. bridge gang have been at work near here and have made Carnation their headquarters for several days.

Miss Carla and Phoebe Hattie are making a visit at the home of Miss Russell.

No danger of losing the noon train as long as the traffic keeps up as well as it now.

The Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co. are now burning oil instead of coal and find it a great labor saving device. They use over a car of oil a week, and a car contains 100,000 gallons.

The special train from Corvallis with the football team, didn't have a word to say when it pulled into this place the other night. Whether it was because of the cold, or the way the boys were treated at Portland, is not stated.

Along Route One.

Special Correspondent.
Jacob Feuerstein has been laid up for four weeks, owing to the accidental discharge of his gopher gun which struck him in the ankle. His stout Russian leather top boots alone saved him from being permanently crippled.

Herman Kamma has a force of men on his farm engaged in putting up a wind mill.

Miss Lena Grossen has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism for the past two months.

Charlie Waibel is going to entertain a large number of his friends and neighbors next Sunday with a menu of ducks, geese, roast and game, incidentally pull off a shooting match, and wind up the day discussing "Bairisch Bier und Leberwurst."

James Sewell, Jr., assisted by G. H. Powers, is engaged in renovating and enlarging the residence occupied by G. H. Powers, west of the Sewell hop-yard.

Mrs. Emma Seagins received the sad news of the sudden death by drowning of her son, who was enlisted in the 7th U. S. Infantry, stationed in the Philippine Islands.

(Continued on Supplement.)

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice of Guardian's Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of, and in pursuance of a license and order of sale duly made and entered by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, on the 17th day of November, 1905, I will from and after the 23d day of January, 1906, sell, at private sale to the highest bidder therefor, for cash in hand on day of sale, an undivided 3/4 of the following described real estate, situate in Washington County, Oregon, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at point 31 rods north of section corner sections 22, 25, 26 and 27, in T. 28 S. 1 W. Will. Mer., and running thence north on section line between said sections 22 and 25, 22 1/2 rods; thence on an angle of 10° north of east 23 rods; thence on an angle 10° south of southwest, 27 rods to the place of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less, said 3/4 being subject to the dower rights of the undersigned. I will also, for a proportionate sum, convey to the purchaser of said 3/4 interest in said real estate, the other 1/4 thereof, and also my dower right therein. Bids will be received at the law office of W. N. Barrett in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 14th day of December, 1905.

KATIE MILLER,
Formerly Katie Niermann, guardian of Sophia J. Niermann and Meroy L. Niermann, minors.

Administratrix' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, appointed administratrix of the estate of Hattie C. Norman, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administratrix.

Now therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers, at the office of the County Clerk of said County, at Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months hereof.

Dated this 13th day of December 1905.

ETHEL NORMAN,
Administratrix of the Estate of Hattie C. Norman, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor has filed in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, his final report and account in the matter of the last will and testament of Hannah Olson, deceased, and that the same has been set for final hearing and settlement before said court on Monday, January 8, 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated this December 7, 1905.

ELIAS OLSON,
Executor of the last will and testament of Hannah Olson, deceased.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Estate.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah.

Alfred Niblin, Plaintiff,

vs.

Samuel Swanson, C. C. Llewellyn, C. A. Fleck, and E. S. Bristol, defendants.

To E. S. Bristol, one of above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 12th day of January, 1906. This summons is ordered to be published for six successive weeks and the first day of publication is December 1st, 1905, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The relief demanded is the foreclosure of a certain mortgage, executed and delivered to plaintiff by Samuel Swanson on or about July 20, 1901, said mortgage being given by said defendant, Swanson to secure payment of a certain promissory note of said Swanson for \$500 with interest at 7 per cent per annum, which said certain real property described as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section 24, Township 11, North range 2 west of the W. M. in Washington County, Oregon, ALSO, the southeast quarter of section 22, Township 11, North range 2 west of the W. M. in Lane County, Oregon, and by said foreclosure, barring you and the other defendants from any and all rights, title or interest in or to said real property and every part and parcel thereof.

This summons is published by order of Hon. Thomas A. Meltride, Judge of the above entitled court, made November 24, 1905.

Date of first insertion, December 1, 1905.

GEO. F. LENT,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Executrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that I, the undersigned, have been, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County duly appointed Executrix of the estate of H. R. O'Neil, deceased, and have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at the Law Office of W. N. Barrett in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this November 15, 1905.

MARY E. O'NEEL,
Executrix of the Estate of H. R. O'Neil, deceased.

W. N. BARRETT, Attorney for Estate.

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