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Edward Scribner Stevens, Ph. D., the "great Bible scholar and chronologist," as he himself claims, now of Washington, D. C., but formerly of Lebanon, Pa., predicts some horrible calamities for this world of ours and says the end of the world will come in 1982, but as this gives us 76 years more, most of us will not worry to any great extent. The learned Ph. D., explains his predictions in this way:

"The earth is out of her place or upright position. It is gradually returning to its normal position. It is an accelerated or faster motion, in that period earthquakes occur. We are now in one of those periods, from Mount Pelee, 1900 to 1915, again from 1925 to 1940, again from 1950 to 1970. In 1982 the earthquake is to be of such extent that all the cities of all nations will fall. From 2035 to 3144, A. D., the earth is in continual perturbation and in the latter year settles to its upright position. This brings in the new heaven and new earth."

Stevens says, after the Biblical flood the earth slipped a quarter way round on its axis, and declares that it is now regaining its normal position. He points with glee to the fact that when explorers go searching for the North Pole, up above Iceland, they are really on the trail of the actual equator, and that it would not be the North Pole, even, if they found it out. Stevens says that every once in a while some cause sends the earth about more rapidly than usual, and earthquakes result. In his own words:

"The exterior principle is that whenever the velocity of the tectonic oblate spheroid which we inhabit becomes excessively accelerated in its paracentric deviation from its accustomed orbit and the momentum of its revolutions through the atmosphere increases in corresponding ratio, the extraordinary conditions combine to produce tremendous subterranean convulsions, which necessarily execute much destruction on the surface."

Mrs. Moses H. McCoy, wife of a well-known farmer on Gales Creek, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 39 years, leaving a husband and two children and many friends.

There is a feeling throughout the country that Roosevelt has not finished his work of purifying the morals of business. He is the first man to make the trusts obey the law and as that is only begun the people will demand another term of his honest and fearless administration. His administration has brought a degree of prosperity hitherto never enjoyed by this country. The people will say give us four years more. —Columbia Register.

A public wedding was held last Sunday in the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church at the close of the service, Rev. A. Robinson, the pastor, solemnized the marriage of Oliver Bowman, of Portland and Miss Lulu Warren. The church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the ceremony the young couple returned to the home of W. E. Smith where a splendid wedding breakfast had been laid. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman left for their new home in Portland on the 4:30 train. They carry with them the congratulations of many friends.

Said a gentleman in our office today: "Times are too good. You can't get a man to do a stroke of work for love or money. Prosperity has thrown plenty the way of some of these men and a few dollars in their pockets and the majority of them, who could make money are content to be idle. Especially is this true in the larger cities. But these men must remember that their 'outing' will not last always. Winter will soon be here; the demand for out-of-doors work will let up, and then the usual howl of 'nothing to do' will be heard, and it should pass unheeded. These men who are loafing around the parks of Portland while the cry for laborers can be heard all over Oregon should be given a chance to go hungry. They may have a perfect right to loaf, and they should also be given the right to earn their bread."

Twenty boys who want an opportunity to work in the hop yards and earn money will be given a chance by the juvenile association, of Portland under the direction of the juvenile court. These boys will be taken next Monday to the hop yards of Colonel Haines, near Forest Grove, where a camp will be established. They will remain during the hop picking season. Cooking utensils and a building to camp in will be furnished by Colonel Haines. The juvenile improvement association will see that the boys get to the hop yard and that a competent cook is provided for them. Each boy will take his own blankets. They will be under the direct charge of one of the officers of the juvenile court, probably Truant Officer S. D. White. The expenses of maintaining the camp will be determined at the end of the season and each boy will pay his share. The officers of the juvenile court believe that the expense of each boy will not exceed 25 cents a day for the entire trip. The average earnings of boys in hop yards is said to be about \$1.50 per day, thus leaving them a nice little profit.

A Salem special of last night says: Salem hopdealers have flatly refused to go into a pool with Portland dealers for the purpose of bringing suits to enforce contracts on this year's crop. This determination was reached after an informal discussion among dealers. It seems that a firm of Portland dealers

holds a number of contracts at 8 to 10 cents with growers who are renters and who, not being financially responsible, are threatening to violate their contracts. The situation was presented to Salem dealers as one in which the buyers have a common interest and it was proposed that Salem and Portland buyers combine in employing lawyers and paying the cost of enforcing all contracts. After considering the matter the Salem dealers concluded that they have no contracts that are likely to be violated and hence they have no interest in the proposed litigation. Only one deal in hops was made here today, that by Lachmund & Pincus, who bought the Clifford & Brown crop of about 20,000 pounds at 20 cents.

TOLL ROAD DECISION.

Justice H. T. Bagley Finds for the Defendant.

Justice H. T. Bagley yesterday handed in his written decision in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Fred Huford, charged with unlawfully breaking down the toll gate on the Washington county end of the Wilson river road. The trial was held last week Thursday before Mr. Bagley. Following is his written opinion in the defendant's favor.

This is a preliminary investigation into the charge against the defendant of willfully and unlawfully breaking down and removing a toll gate on what is commonly known as the "Wilson River Road" in Washington county, alleged to have been committed on August 17. The act charged is made punishable by statute. The facts in the case are few and undisputed. On the day named the defendant in company with others approached the gate on the Washington county end of the toll road named, having crossed from Tillamook. No toll was charged on the Tillamook side, as the gate had previously been destroyed. When toll was demanded, defendant offered to pay 25 cents, the sum chargeable under the laws held by McNamara, and which was entered into with the county court of Washington county. Mrs. Lee, in charge of the gate, demanded \$1.50, the amount covering the entire distance. Defendant offered to pay but demanded a receipt. He was informed by the gate keeper that he had no authority or orders to issue receipts but consented to sign one if the defendant would write it. The defendant then claimed that a receipt written or signed without authority would be of no value and he declined to sign. He removed a wire link from the chain which bound the gate, passed through, replaced the link and again offered to pay the 25 cents toll authorized by the laws aforesaid. While both Mrs. Lee and defendant acted under a mistaken idea as to the receipt controversy I am satisfied they acted in good faith.

The evidence does not disclose any intention on the part of the defendant to avoid paying the toll to pass through the gate fraudulently. There was no disposition to be arbitrary but he had an erroneous idea as to the value of a receipt signed by the gate keeper and in this, he was not alone.

The legal questions involved are not so easy of adjustment. The statute confers on the county court authority to lease public roads on certain conditions and grant the right to exact tolls. It is contended by counsel for the defendant that the proceedings of the county court in granting the lease to McNamara are void for want of a sufficient description in the petition and notice. I have examined this contention thoroughly and find it without merit. The authorities cited have to do with the laying out and establishing of public roads. In such cases the court is required to give notice to the owners of the land and the statutory requirements must be strictly followed. In the leasing of a road, however, once already located, it is sufficient to designate the road, or portion thereof to be leased, in the notice, in any manner calculated to bring the matter to the attention of intending bidders. There are, however, some serious questions presented by the proceedings of the county court disclosed by a thorough examination made since this case was submitted.

The statute provides that when it becomes expedient to lease a public road the court shall make an order to that effect, specifying the terminal thereof in the order, and direct the clerk to set out in the bids, the manner being fully set out in the act. Section 4949 further provides, among other things, that the order of the court shall specify the number of gates to be placed on the road and the period for which it is to be let.

The order of the court under consideration simply directs the publishing of notice for bids. None of the other requirements were complied with. No undertaking accompanied the bid, but this alone would not invalidate the lease as the contract was entered into in accordance with the bid, but one bid was submitted and the undertaking would under the circumstances, have served no purpose.

Somewhere in the record of the court's proceedings is an order that the record shall be sealed, as required by law; the record omits the description entirely also the number of gates to be placed on the road and the period for which it is to be let.

In early cases before the Oregon Supreme court and county courts entered into a contract of leasing with the county court, where the county's road traversed in part a county road, and the statute required that the lease or agreement be entered in the journal of the court and this material, the court held that, "the lease shows that the court acted, did something, concluded some matter, to the advantage or injury of somebody." (6 Or. 300) In that case as also in Or. 406, the court held that the agreement could be entered in the journal nunc pro tunc.

In the above cases there was no entry. In the case of the lease to McNamara there is a record, but not in compliance with the law governing. The lease nevertheless, drawn by attorney R. B. Tongue is in proper form and contains the requirements of the statute and by it we are informed that the court acted, did something, concluded some matter, to the advantage or injury of somebody. It is not in compliance with the law governing. The lease nevertheless, drawn by attorney R. B. Tongue is in proper form and contains the requirements of the statute and by it we are informed that the court acted, did something, concluded some matter, to the advantage or injury of somebody. It is not in compliance with the law governing.

Again, I am not satisfied that where a county road has been located, opened and established that the county court has authority to lease except where a road under construction by a road company traverses in part a county road. The act under which the McNamara lease was entered into provides that "whenever a public road in any county in this state is or may hereafter be located that there is little or no local labor along the line of said road, the county court of the county, where such road, or any portion thereof is or may hereafter be located, is authorized to lease such road or any portion of the same to any person or corporation for the purpose of improving and keeping the same in repair, etc. The proceeding sections provide that the road so leased shall be cleared of standing timber and have a track for traveling and shall be made of such grade and such materials as the contract shall specify. The order providing for the lease shall also specify the grade of the road, the materials for the construction thereof, etc., so that a road located under the circumstances, and that it does not grant authority to lease a road already constructed, located, opened and established.

This point, however, is not essential to the disposition of this case. The law requires me to be guided by the conclusion that the crime charged was not proved by reason of the condition of the records, even though the court had power in the first instance to enter into such a lease, I am without authority to hold the defendant. The facts as cited also justify a discharge and so I ordered.

H. T. BAGLEY, Justice of Peace.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Beaverton

Regular Correspondent.
J. Gillespie has accepted work with the new Tillamook railroad as foreman of a grading gang.

Mrs. G. W. Tefft, Miss Cora Tefft and Miss Myrtle Gaskill spent a few days on the lower Columbia river near where Mr. Tefft is employed.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Morelock, Miss Reva and Carl Morelock, Mrs. W. H. Boyd, Miss Alma Olson and J. L. Dillard are camping at Garabaldi, Tillamook county.

Ed Fuller is in charge of a section on the Northern Pacific near Kelo, Wash. Miss Emily Gillespie while enjoying a ride on the giant whirl at the Oaks last week fainted and also fainted several times after being removed from the swing. Several days elapsed after her removal to her home before she was able to be around.

Wm. Tucker and family will start in a few days for Coos Bay where they will spend the winter.

Bert Marten has joined the Southern Pacific Concrete gang and will go with them to Southern Oregon.

Aunt Sally.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.
Miss Grace Sontherland has gone to Walla Walla for an indefinite period.

Bad Taylor and Ernest Hanson who have been off on a hunting trip, have returned. They report a good time.

Mr. Hanson has a visitor in the shape of a felon. He went to Hillsboro to have it treated by Dr. Linklater.

The addition that the Odd Fellows are putting on their hall is all enclosed. I understand the upper room is to be used for a kitchen and dining hall and the lower floor will be used for a store room.

Mr. Adams and his daughter Nellie have been off to get a breath of the ocean breeze. Mr. Adams reports that he met Mr. VanAkin while there.

Mr. Hichcox had a bad finger and he went to Dr. Tichnell to have it dressed.

Mr. Jaquith visited the metropolis one day last week.

Mountainside is being threshed out this week. Herman Kreger and brothers are doing the job.

Miss Lena Wohlschlegel is still stopping with her sister, Mrs. Finegan.

Rollie Brooks went to town Saturday and brought out Mrs. and Miss Van Akin who will go to the coast with them right after threshing. Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff will keep house for Mrs. Brooks while they are gone.

Frank Miller and wife went to town and took in the show while there.

The Haynes boys had a little mishap the other day while painting a building near Laurel. The block which held the rope over the roof slipped and let their scaffold down. Somehow one of the boys got caught in the rope and hung there while the other fell to the ground. Tom was hurt quite badly.

Hettie.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.
Mrs. J. C. Smock left for Colorado Springs last week on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fitch, and will remain for some time.

Miss Helen Gardner, of Portland, has been in town for the past week visiting Miss Laura Cowman and other old schoolmates of former days.

Dust has never been more abundant than the present summer, says the oldest inhabitant, and more recent arrivals believe he is telling the truth.

Mrs. Jessie Ritch, of Portland, is visiting here at the home of her parents, Mrs. and Major Ballard of the southside.

Horace Welch, of Sherwood, a member of a Portland military company, returned home from the camp at American Lake, Washington, a few days ago.

Van Meeks, it is reported has rented the meat market building in the rear of the hotel and will open up business there during the week.

Mrs. Lou Saylor, of Portland, sister-in-law of Dr. Saylor of this place, came out on a visit Saturday evening, returning Sunday.

Some La Grande parties owning a band of Eastern Oregon cayuses are located at the livery yard and are ready for any kind of a speculation wherein a "cheap horse" is concerned.

A gang of railroad carpenters using a car for bunk headquarters have been working in this vicinity for several days and boarding in town.

Onion farmers here are pulling their onions, which are cast upon the ground in rows and allowed to thoroughly dry out before hauling to onion barns for further care.

Those hop farmers in this region that contracted their present season's yield of hops at eight and ten cents per pound, but a short time ago, probably feel like contracting now for "kicking machines" since the raise.

A place can be found for a good likely councilman, ditto marshal, on the force of our town office holders. Previous experience unnecessary, honors only; the requisite in sight, only jump into the band wagon—that's all.

The ranchers living on Salmon river, near the sea coast now have communication with the valley. A home telephone line was put in commission during the summer and will be eventually extended to Siletz Bay.

Fishing for black bass is attracting some attention among local fishermen. Sucker lake at Oswego was stocked with

them several years ago, by means of the canal leading thereto the Tualatin river was reached, and in consequence they are now taken quite plentifully from that stream, at various places.

A new minister of the Congregational denomination has been in this locality recently, and will probably accept the pastorate of both Sherwood and Hoodview churches according to current rumor.

Born, Sunday, August 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Kerr, of Middleton, a daughter.

Herman Pape, who purchased a farm on the swamp some time ago, has leased the same and will return to Moro, Wash. county, and engage in farming again on a larger scale. He has leased an 800 acre wheat farm in that locality for a term of five years, with the necessary accessories for farming the same, and proposes to farm on broader lines than that afforded in the Willamette valley. His brother Louis, a former partner will probably emigrate also for that vicinity and again engage in tilling the soil where nature has designed the land more adaptable for the purpose. They both have fine homes here and are comfortably situated, but after many years residence in Eastern Oregon prefer that climate and the opportunities afforded there for profitable agricultural pursuits.

Just received, new line of figured and flowered Organdies, Silk, Ginghams, etc. At Hoyt's.

Sherbert! Sherbert! Sherbert! Delta! Delta! Delta!

Weather Report.

West of the Cascade mountains the weather during the week was dry and sultry. A few small showers occurred Thursday and Friday along the western slope of the mountains, but they were not sufficient to extinguish the forest fires which were burning in many localities. The winds were light, and the smoke from the forest fires hung like a pall over the valleys and made the weather very oppressive. Rain is badly needed in all sections west of the Cascade mountains to extinguish the forest fires and to clear the atmosphere of smoke.

East of the Cascade Mountains numerous thundershowers occurred and the atmosphere contained but little smoke. The temperatures averaged below normal, and in some of the higher valleys frosts occurred, and in the mountains some snow fell. So damaging winds attended the thundershowers and the rainfall, as a rule, was very light.

The Independent and The Portland Daily Telegram pay for the \$5.

The Regatta at Astoria.

The weather is the only uncertain element that can prevent the regatta at Astoria from being the greatest event in the history of that city.

The water sports will be the principal feature of the regatta and they will excel anything previously attempted, both in point of entries and in general attractiveness.

The officers of the regatta believe the attendance will be a record-breaker this year, should favorable weather prevail.

The bench show which will be held Saturday afternoon and evening in the basement of the new court house will be one of the leading attractions of the regatta. Ed Llewellyn, Max Pohl and Gus Schoenbecker, the committee in charge of this event, are well-known dog fanciers and have spared no efforts to make the affair a creditable one. There are over fifty entries and while the competition is confined to Clatsop county entries, the leading breeds of dogs will be represented. Among the number will be a pair of greyhounds presented to Ed Cummins, a local sportsman, by Eddie Graney, the famous fistic authority and referee.

The marine and land parades will be impressive events. Queen Esther and Admiral Knottner with staff and attendants will both take part. Governor Chamberlain will also be present.

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Following are rates from some of the principal points:

From Chicago, Ill.	\$33.00
" Bloomington, Ill.	31.80
" Peoria, Ill.	31.00
" St. Louis, Mo.	30.00
" Memphis, Tenn.	37.50
" Omaha, Neb.	25.00
" Kansas City, Mo.	25.00
" St. Joseph, Mo.	25.00
" Sioux City, Ia.	25.00
St. Paul except via lower Missouri river gateway	25.00
" Denver, Colo.	25.00

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