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RIGHT PAGES.

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One of our Wisconsin exchanges says that a white woman in Milwaukee gave birth to a colored baby last week, and now her husband is going around after the stork that made such an awful mistake.

The Pacific University basket ball team defeated the Oregon City Athletic club's team last Saturday by a score of 29 to 15. Captain White of the Oregon City team was seriously hurt during the play. Witham for Pacific and Bollinger for the Athletic club were the stars.

The legislature adjourned last Saturday at noon, after setting the clock back a couple of hours. It is said that the desks and capstans are still at the capitol, and the reason given is that the desks are screwed to the floor and no one seemed willing to tackle the long depositories. It is also a fact that the lawmakers had to put up the dough for their transportation home, which must have given them that tired feeling after they had voted to force the railroad company to give them passes, and afterwards changed their minds. But laying all jokes aside, the 1907 session passed a few good bills and saddled something like \$4,000,000 on the taxpayers, which is going some.

Hon. W. N. Barrett returned last Saturday from Salem and for several days was very sick with the grip, but is now able to be down to his office daily. Mr. Barrett is not altogether pleased with everything done during the 1907 session of the legislature, and freely admits that there were some things done which ought not to have been done, and some things which ought to have been done that were not done. He returned with the conviction that his best efforts were put forth for the interest of his district, and no measure received his vote that he considered bad, either for this county or the state at large. His record is clean and honorable, but he was only one in a large body of lawmakers, many of whom were grinding axes while others turned the grindstone.

The commissioners will put an experienced cruiser in the field in a short time and all the timber land in the county will be cruised and assessed at its true value. The last year of paying taxes on timber land assessed at from \$15 to \$25 per acre, and every year selling hundreds of dollars worth of wood off the same land, is played out in Washington county. Other counties are getting in line and soon timber land in Oregon will either be put on the market and sold in smaller tracts or the owners will pay in to the treasury something like fair taxes. The Bulletin says of Coville county: "Someone has suggested the wisdom of Coville county employing a timber cruiser to cruise all the timber lands in the county in order to more accurately fix the value of the lands for taxation. It would not doubt be a paying proposition for the county, as it is an easy matter to make a mistake of a few thousand dollars in fixing the value of a quarter section of timber land, if the land has not been cruised. The assessor has not the time to cruise timber in order to find the true value of the land, and can therefore only guess at the valuation to place upon it. It is only right and fair that the land that carries the most timber should pay the heaviest taxes. The valuation of timber lands was increased a good deal by Mr. Downing when he was assessor, but the valuation on the large tracts of timber in the eastern part of the county must necessarily be estimated in a sort of wholesale manner unless the timber is cruised. No doubt money could be made for the county by having a cruiser go over the timber lands of the county every five or ten years and fix valuations for the assessor and the board of equalization."

The present congress has added to its record of important legislation by passing an act to pension any soldier over 62 years of age who served ninety days in the Mexican war, in the United States army. This law will apply at once to all Mexican soldiers, and nearly all the surviving Union soldiers, for a man of 20 when the civil war closed is now 62. Age alone in these cases gives a claim to a pension of \$12 a month at 62 years of age, \$15 a month at 70 years, and \$20 a month at 75 years and over. Pensioners now receiving less than this allowance can get it increased on application. Those who are receiving more are not affected by the new law. Claims for special disabilities may be presented as before. This act sweeps an immense amount of red tape and delay, often running into years, to which applicants for pensions have been subjected. It can be taken for granted that a veteran past the age of 62 is unfit for manual labor, and many of the most examinations carried on have long been superfluous. Pensioners dying at the rate of more than 40,000 a year, and the mortality in their ranks is increasing. Only a few thousand survivors remain of the Mexican war, which closed nine years ago. It is doubtful if the pension payments next year exceed those of 1906. Service pensions for the soldiers named have not come a day too soon. May it be long before the last brave men to whom this justice has been awarded are mustered out.—E.A.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Beaverton

Rev. Will Meyer, of Clackamas, preached in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening to good sized audiences.

Washington's birthday was observed with appropriate exercises in the public school last Thursday.

The rural carriers had a chance to observe Washington's birthday as this is one of the regular holidays allowed each year by the postoffice department. By the strange looks on a number of faces on the following day it would seem as though it would be well for patrons of rural routes to watch the calendars closer.

Last Thursday while driving a load of furniture through town a man fell off the seat, behind the horses and was so severely injured that he could not continue on his way but was compelled to engage a room at the hotel for the night. He arose the following morning but a little later in the day he died. It is understood that he came from Cornelius.

Gus Rossi and G. N. Hughson were Hillsboro visitors last Tuesday.

Beaverton will hold city election next Tuesday. The People's Progressive ticket is as follows: Mayor, E. E. Fisher; councilmen, W. E. Squires and Robt. Hocken; recorder, A. B. Clement; treasurer, F. W. Cady; marshal, C. O. De Vere. The Citizens Equal Rights Ticket with the platform of "Equal Rights to All and Special Privileges to None" is as follows: Mayor, F. M. Robinson; councilmen, M. B. Hoard and C. E. Hedge; recorder, no nomination; treasurer, F. W. Cady; marshal, Wm. Hunter.

Aunt Sally.

Sherwood.

Steve Pool, formerly a partner in the general store at Middleton has accepted a position on the county assessor's staff and will soon make the acquaintance of all taxpayers in his jurisdiction.

J. H. Morback traded in his town residence here last week on a land deal with Jack Hess and will hereafter with the grangers stand on the farming proposition.

Ira Smock returned home Sunday from the city on a vacation. He is now an employee of Wells, Fargo & Company and is well pleased with his new avocation.

John McConnell, whose wife died at St. Vincent hospital last week had accepted a position with a government surveying party and will leave for Southern Oregon in a few days.

"Scotty," a Portland fireman on a visit to Mr. Murphy on the Hellman ranch, near the Tualatin river, had the misfortune to meet with a fall Saturday afternoon which produced a dislocation of the shoulder joint. About two years ago he was thrown from a fire engine while driving, on account of a defective strap attached to the driver's seat, and was seriously injured, a paralysis of the left side following the injury.

Frank D. Vincent, the sawmill man, succeeding in selling \$1,000 worth of lumber on Saturday which is to be delivered at the Middleton depot. The next question is to secure cars for shipment, delay necessarily preventing him realizing on the sale.

Louis Pulsky, a former resident of French prairie in Marion county, was the purchaser of the Stewart Vaughan place above Middleton and with his family have taken possession. The purchase price it is understood was \$7,000 including stock and farming utensils. The G. O. P. will surely miss "Stewart" when election times are the order of the day.

A new brand of "Dock," one of those fellows that will do manual labor by the day and administer to your physical system per "presto change" passes after working hours, has been in town recently and "some" do say it is far superior to the therapeutics of regularly licensed physicians. Probably an improvement over "Dr." Chung Lung's pulverized unmentionables.

Rowland's Minstrel's, an aggregation of Newberg's local song and dance artists, have been billed to appear here Friday night and no doubt will meet with a crowded house. That our neighboring town has enterprise enough among her young men to organize and maintain a show sufficiently attractive to go upon the road speaks well of the place.

The "dago" outfit that recently supplanted American laborers on the Southern Pacific section here, silently folded their tents on Saturday and hied away for pastures new. The cause of their sudden vanishing the place has not been revealed, however, it is a satisfaction to many of the residents that it is so. May it remain thus.

SCHOLLS.

The grange at this place gave a night-school Saturday evening. A good programme was rendered after which the caps were sold. Something over \$27 was taken in. Another attraction of the evening was a fishing pond. All kinds of fish were caught from minnows to huge founders and suckers. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The house was filled and standing room was at a premium. Many visitors attended from surrounding granges, which show how much interest is taken in the work.

Mrs. Snow, who has been very ill, is slowly recovering.

Fred Prosser struck a peevie in his foot one day last week while logging, making him lay off for some time.

Miss Beane had exercises at school on Washington's birthday.

Scholls' central has been moved from Rowell Bros. store to a building of the phone company near Adams' store, with Miss McCormick as operator.

Miss Genevieve Schmetzer and aunt were visitors at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Rural Route One, Beaverton.

J. D. Wilmut has torn down his big chicken nursery, which he built a few years ago, with the intention of supplying the Portland market with broilers, and also to some extent supply the ever increasing demand for fresh eggs, and which has stood idle for several years past. Thus one by one the poultry plants are built up with great expectations and visions of a fortune in chickens only to flourish for a year or two and then be torn down and consigned to the rubbish heap, leaving the poultry business to be conducted in the same old way by every good farmer's wife raising a few and selling a few eggs to help out with the family expenses, and as "many a little makes a big," when they are all put together the sum total mounts up pretty high.

George McFarland, by taking time by the forelock, has got his grain all in, and is now helping his neighbor, John Haslage, who has more land than he can put in alone.

Mrs. Emil Heilman and daughter, Katie, were Beaverton visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Al. Zwiener, who has been on the sick list for a couple of weeks, is improving very slowly.

Mrs. C. M. Nichols is having a tussel with the grip for the second time this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe and son of Portland visited their mother in Beaverton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and daughters of Portland, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cooper.

John Sargent and U. S. Scott and son Edward, of Portsmouth, Ohio, are visiting with Mr. Scott's sister, Mrs. J. Cooper. They expect to make Oregon their future home, Mr. Scott having lived in Oregon before, knows how to appreciate Oregon's glorious climate.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. John Barry gave them a surprise party Saturday evening. After a few hours spent in games and music, the guests departed, wishing them many returns of the happy event.

Mrs. Carrie Paitt visited Sunday with Mrs. Gassner, of Cooper Mountain.

The M. E. church of Beaverton held their second quarterly conference meeting Sunday at Ames' chapel. All the charges are reported to be in a good condition financially.

Mrs. David Pursler, who has been in poor health for some time, is again able to be about.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church held their meeting at Miss Moulton's Wednesday.

Mrs. Lillian Gaskill of Portland, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stitt, in East Beaverton.

Mrs. Erna Helms, daughter of Frank Lorenz of South Bend road, has gone to Oakland, Cal., to join her husband Robert F. Helms, who has been employed at that place for the last three months.

The big signboard at Tigardville informing the passer-by the way to Tigardville Heights, was blown down by the wind last week. We hope the boom of Tigardville Heights may not fall as flat as the sign board.

No. 1.

Receiving \$150,000 for an investment that did not cost him more than \$20,000, is the stunt which C. E. Hadley of Tillamook, who is at the Imperial hotel, has performed in the past few days. The deal was in timber lands in Tillamook county and the men who purchased from Hadley are said to be wealthy San Francisco capitalists, who gave up the \$150,000 for a one half interest in the Truckee Lumber company of Hobsonville, a small coast town of Oregon. Connected with the Hadley timber transaction is a story that makes his good fortune seem so easy that everybody wants to try his scheme after hearing the yarn. About eight years ago Hadley commenced buying quarter sections of land, for which he paid anywhere from \$500 to \$1,200. These claims, about 20 in all, went into the sale the other day at \$8,000 apiece.—Portland Journal.

Dog Tax.

Notice is hereby given that dog license for the year 1907 is due and payable at the office of the undersigned from March 1st to 6th. All licenses not paid by March 6th will be deemed delinquent and the Marshal will be instructed to take possession of dogs upon which license is delinquent, as provided by ordinance.

By order of City Council.

H. T. BAGLEY, Recorder.

For boys' and men's dress shoes go to J. C. Greer's.

Why Not Live
Washington County, The Banner County of Oregon.
F. M. HEIDEL,
Is the Pioneer Real Estate Man in the county. He knows every foot of land and has many desirable Farms for Sale, Rent or Exchange. If you are looking for a Home, see him. If are looking for an investment, he can show you just what you want. He has houses and lots in all the principal towns in Washington County for sale, rent or exchange, but as all eyes are now turned to HILLSBORO, his choicest bargains are to be found here, both in city property and adjoining farm lands.
Don't Miss this Golden Opportunity
Write or Call and See Him. Two Doors East Tualatin Hotel. F. M. HEIDEL, Hillsboro

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the taxrolls for Washington county, Oregon, will be open for collection and payment of taxes on Wednesday, February 20, 1907, and all who make full payment of their tax before March 15, 1907, will receive a rebate of three per cent. Half payments of taxes can be made prior to the first Monday in April without interest charge, or penalty, and the remaining half can then be paid at any time prior to the first Monday in October, 1907. Where no tax is paid by the first Monday in April, 1907, said tax will become delinquent, and the statute requires, from that date, a charge of ten per cent penalty and an interest charge of one per cent per month on the tax until it shall be paid.

J. W. CONNELL, Sheriff and ex-officio tax collector of Washington county, Ore. Dated at Hillsboro, this 15th day of February, 1907.

Reduced Round Trip Excursion Rates to Pacific Coast in 1907.

During the summer season of 1907, reduced round trip excursion rates will be in effect from the East to the Pacific Coast, Montana, British Columbia and Arizona points.

Rates from Chicago via direct lines to North Pacific Coast points will be \$75, and from Missouri river common points (Council Bluffs to Kansas City inclusive) also St. Paul and Minneapolis, rates will be \$60. St. Louis \$50 and Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo \$50. Rates to Spokane and points effected will be \$5 less than to the coast. Rates one way via California will be \$13.50 higher than those above mentioned. Tickets will be on sale daily, June 1st to September 15, 1907, with final return limit of October 31, 1907.

Account of Twenty-third International Christian Endeavor Convention at Seattle, Wash., July 10th to 15th, 1907; Convention of Baptist Young People's Union, Spokane, Wash., July 4th to 7th, 1907; Grand Lodge Independent Order of Good Templars, Seattle, Wash., July 10th to 22nd, 1907, rate of one lowest normal first class limited fare for round trip by direct routing with \$12.50 additional one way through California, has been named to North Pacific Coast points and Spokane from Chicago, St. Louis, Missouri River and Colorado points. Sale dates east of Colorado points, June 20th to July 12th, 1907, west, June 21st to July 13th, 1907, final return limit September 15th, 1907.

Account of Mystic Shrine Convention, Los Angeles, May 9th to 11th, 1907, and Conference of German Baptist Brethren, Los Angeles or Long Beach, Calif., May 10th to 23rd, 1907, and National Eclectic Medical Association, Long Beach, Calif., June 18th to 23rd, 1907, one lowest first class fare for the round trip has been authorized to Los Angeles and San Francisco with \$2.50 additional for tickets routed one way via Portland. Sale dates, Mystic Shrine and German Baptists, April 25th to May 19th, 1907; final return limit July 31st, 1907, and for the M. E. M. association, sales dates June 8th to 15th, with final return limit August 21st, 1907.

Wm. McMURRAY, G. P. A., O. R. & N. and S. P. Rys.

Portland and Return, 85c.

From now until further notice round trip tickets from Hillsboro to Portland and return, will be sold at 85 cents, good on any Saturday train, and returning on any Saturday, Sunday or Monday train. Wm. McMURRAY, G. P. A. L. S. NELSON, Station agent.

Have R. Lee Sears fix that broken umbrella.

At the Cyclery.

The Kansas Senate yesterday

passed the amendment to the 2-cent fare bill, which provides that the roads must sell 500 mile books. Wisconsin will have a 2 cent per mile law and 500 mile books must be sold for \$10, good for any member of the family.

Druggists are preparing to fight a bill in the assembly prohibiting refilling a prescription, once filled and on file at a drug store. It would be a hardship to compel people to get a new prescription every time they wanted it duplicated.

In the near future the Department of Agriculture will locate a pure food laboratory in some northwestern city and make it headquarters for the examination of all food products imported into that section from abroad. Investigations are now being made to determine whether it shall be located in Portland or Seattle.

A Sparta man is buying pine cones, paying 50 cents per bushel for them. They are shipped to Germany and Russia where the seed are extracted and planted and the cones ground up and strewn over the ground for inoculation purposes. Some of the future forests of Germany and Russia, therefore, will owe their origin to the pine trees of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway says that she thinks that the mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is a moral monster, but the environments which brought her into this condition are not yet known. She declares she does not think it is well for small children to read the details of the trial as published in the daily press, but she stands with Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher when he says that the young should be warned of the pitfalls and hellholes which await their inexperienced feet.

Announcement was made today that the United States Government which has recently shown much interest in aerial navigation, has given an order to a local aeronaut for a huge balloon, which will cost \$12,000. The balloon is to be labeled No. 10, as the War Department has already nine other balloons. It will weigh 100 pounds and have a lifting capacity of a ton. Such an unusual lifting capacity is said to have been required because of the War Department's intention to experiment with bombs and heavy explosives.

The Thaw case has simmered down to a trial of Evelyn Thaw. It does not seem to be a question of whether Thaw was justified or insane when he sent the lead into the body of White, but just how naughty Evelyn Nesbit was previous to her marriage. There are a whole lot of woman in New York who would do well to keep their linen out of the public laundry. Mrs. Thaw is no worse than many

How to Make Block System Safe.

In a secret effort to put to rest the carelessness and efficiency of its engineers and train crews, the North-Western railway last year made a series of "surprise tests," resulting in the main agreeably to the best expectations. It was demonstrated that out of 1,625 tests of faithfulness in obeying the block signals there was not a single instance of failure to comply with the regulations. With respect to 1,621 tests of other descriptions there were only sixteen cases where the rules were not absolutely obeyed, a failure of only one per cent. As a result of these failures ten engineers were discharged and the other offenders were severely reprimanded. They were told in plain language that it was no fault of theirs that an accident had not occurred. This rigorous inspection and the certainty of swift punishment have not failed to bring the employes to an appreciation of their duty.

The point of this demonstration apart from its application to one system, is that what has been accomplished by the Northwestern may be as easily brought about by any railway in the country. It shows that a rigorous and effective discipline is all that is necessary to the elimination of a too frequent cause of peril, and that it lies within the power of railway officials to make the block system a safeguard against terrible disasters such as have so recently shocked the country. The sooner employes learn that rules are made to be observed, and that failure has direct and disagreeable personal consequences, the sooner will come the public assurance that the roads are doing everything in their power to secure the safety of the traveler.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush."

A genuine treat in dramatic offerings will be the appearance of that delightful heart story of "Auld Scotland," "The Bonnie Brier Bush," at the Crescent Theatre, on Saturday, March 16th. It is an acknowledged fact that no play has ever been produced in this country that has got so close to the hearts of the great reading public as this, which is well known to all those who have seen the piece, is as follows: Lachlan Campbell, whose home and life are controlled by the sternest religion, turns his motherless daughter out upon discovering what he thinks is a sinful love for Lord Donald Hay. Remorse follows, and in agony he cries out for his lost "bairn." His great love for her overcomes his bigotted views, and when at last his daughter returns as the acknowledged wife of Lord Hay, he realizes his mistakes of the past and takes her to his heart again. The scenic enframement is the same beautiful representation of Scotch glens and cottages seen here before, and were painted from photographs and sketches of the exact locality from which the stories were taken. The company is composed of players of prominence and will include many who have been identified with the cast ever since the first production. Among them are J. Palmer Collins, Chas. E. Bloomer, Bino Bulow, Marion Macdonald, W. Leonard Howe, Helen Warren, Robert Ireland, late Pipe Major of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, Kenneth McKennie, Annie Davidson and many others of note. The entire original production is carried and the company is fully up to the standard. Orders for tickets will be received by E. L. McCormick,

From this distance it appears that the mistake made by the defense in the trial of Harry Thaw for the killing of Stanford White is the injection of the plea of insanity. Nobody holds that it is a crime to shoot a leper like White and it ought not to make any difference with a jury whether the man that did it was sober, drunk or crazy.—Signal.

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