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OREGON NEWS.

Divided the Costs.

An Alsea jury has evolved a new rule of procedure for the protection of taxpayers from unnecessary costs in justice courts, says the Corvallis Times. Ed Kiger and S. W. Childs live on adjoining farms in Alsea, and recently they quarreled over a division fence. The fence was Kiger's, and it lay 10 feet inside his line. Childs wanted to join his fence onto it, but Kiger objected. Childs did it anyway and a prosecution for trespass speedily followed. It soon developed that the complaint was defective, in that it failed to specify trespass, and the loss of the case by the prosecution and the taxing up of the costs to the county seemed imminent. The costs were \$55, and the question of who was to pay them finally became the chief issue in the case. A \$55 expense to the county as a consequence of the disagreement of two citizens did not impress the jurors as even handed justice, and they rose to the occasion. When the smoke of legal battle had cleared away, they returned a verdict prohibiting Childs from hitching on to the Kiger fence, and dividing the costs equally between the two interested parties. The job may not be clean law, but it is undoubtedly thoroughbred equity.

Ex-Senator Dolph Dead.

Ex Senator Dolph died at his home in Portland last Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock, a. m.

On Monday his leg was amputated in the hope of saving his life, which was threatened by blood poisoning, but the shock was too great and at no time since the operation has there been a probability of his recovery.

Joseph N. Dolph was born at Watkins, N. Y., in 1835, and came to Oregon in 1862.

He was appointed United States district attorney for Oregon by President Lincoln.

In 1882 he was elected United States senator and served two full terms.

A Railroad to Prineville.

Articles incorporating the Columbia Southern railroad have been filed. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000. The terminal points named are Biggs station, on the O. R. & N., and Prineville, in Crook county, Oregon. The contract specifies that construction commence May 1, and it is expected that the road will be completed through to Wasco, in Sherman county this fall, in time to handle the wheat crop. As the route has been surveyed, this can easily be accomplished.

There are 50 pupils in the Oregon school for the deaf; 23 pupils in the Oregon school for the blind; 1111 patients in the Oregon state insane asylum; 131 boys in the Oregon state reform school; 354 convicts in the Oregon state prison.

The farmers around Long Creek, in Grant county, are almost of one accord in the opinion that the squirrels that have been so destructive to the grain crops in that country will do but little damage this season, says the Blue Mountain Eagle. The mange that was general among the pests last season came near exterminating them, and it is hoped that it will complete the job this season.

The board of directors of Prineville has advertised for bids for the construction of a public hall in that town. The bids must all be in by March 20.

A few cattle are reported to have died in Chewaucan, in Lake county lately, from blackleg, a disease that is greatly feared by the cattlemen. It is thought there will be no further spread of the disease.

Complaints of the unlawful killing of cattle in Long Prairie, on the Upper Deschutes, in Crook county have resulted in warrants being sworn out against John Melgrave and John McMullen, charging them with killing a heifer. Melgrave was arrested in Prineville and McMullen near Antelope, and both are now in jail awaiting a preliminary examination.

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