DOINGS AT THE COURT HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Taxpayers of Josephine County From the Various County Officials.

Proceed Under Old Law.

It would seem as though the last state legislature was bent upon causing both the tax collectors and the taxpayers more or less confusion, judging by the complaint being made over the interpretation of the new law governing the sale of land for delinquent taxes. Being somewht puzzled as to just what he should do in the matter, Sheriff Russell wrote Attorney-General A. M. Crawford for his opinion on the matter and Mr. Crawford, who had been receiving just such requests from all over the state, sent a voluminous reply, which it would take an attorney to understand, but which did impart the information that the sheriff should proceed under the old law just as though the last legislature had never bungled its work. Before another time of year for selling taxes rolls around, it is hoped that some adequate legislation may be enacted that will cover the inefficiencies.

County Official Who Preaches.

In many a locality it is said that "good men" are not to be found in politics and that only the professional politician has any business to attend to such matter. But the voters of Josephine county evidently do not take to such ideas, for at the last election they selected a man for one of their public positions who has been for a period of 30 years, or more, an ordained minister of the gospel. That person is County Judge Stephen Jewell. Mr. Jewell was called upon Sunday, to fill the pulpit of the Methodist church, South, in absence of the pastor, Rev. G. M. Gardner, who has been attendinga meeting of conference and it is reported that he delivered a very able and intructive discourse, much to the edification of his hearers.

Much Land Changes Hands.

Many transfers of real estate were recorded as follows:

Wm Bishop et ux to W W Walker, part sec 10 tp 36 s, r 5, 80 acres, $800.

Arthur Conklin et ux to Wm T Perry, pt sec 16, tp 36 s, r 5, 40 acres, $1200.

Wm A Leonard et ux to Jefferson D Wimer pt sec 27, tp 36 s, r 7, $6000.

Frank W Allen to O S Blanchard, pt sec 4, tp 6 s, r 6, $1650.

Herbert Smith, trustee of estate of E. L. Cass, in bankruptcy, pt sec 20, tp 36 s, r 5, $4000.

Grants Pass Lodge No. 84, A. F. and A. M, to H L Gilkey, lot 6 block 22, Masonic cemetery, $3.

C A Markle et ux to Goe B McClellen, pt sec 4, tp 55 s, r 5 $ 1.

B W Nugent, by Sheriff W J Russell, to August Fisch, pt sec 19, tp 36 s, r 5, 12.6 acres, $156.95.

C G Ament et ux to M A Sims, pt sec 12, tp 36 s, r 5, $6631.

Arthur Conklin et ux to Henry F Schoenfeld, pt sec 16, tp 36 s, r 5, $1.

E R Cole et ux to R G Scott, pt sec 5, tp 36 s, r 5, 40 acres, $600.

F W Smith et ux to C S Montgomery, pt sec, 5 tp 35 s, r 6, 80 acres, $2000.

Mary J Leach to Minnie Bumgardener, lots 7 and 8, block 51, of Grants Pass, $1650.

James Devony to C G Chamberlain, pt sec 6, tp 35 s, r 6, $4000.

Arthur Conklin et ux to E R Cole, pt sec 8, tp 36 s, r 5, $1200.

G W Reeser to S L Burrow pt sec 23, tp 37 s, r 6, $40.

Arthur Conklin et ux to Wm T Perry pt sec 16 tp 36 s, r 5 40 acres, $1200.

Wm Bishop et ux to W W Walker, pt sec 10, tp 6 s, r 5, 80 acres, $800.

Some Probate Matters.

Probate matters have been before the county court as follows:

J S Hoare, as administrator of the estate of Benjamin Healey, deceased, makes his first semi-annual report of said estate, showing the sum of $76 paid out and $821 received. The outstanding accounts, which are approved by the probate court foot up $1665.65.

Order approving the sales made and discharging the administrator and settling the estate of John Snyder, deceased, has been made.

The second order of distribution of the estate of J. T. Tuffs, deceased has been made and the $2400 was distributed as follows: $1200 to Margaret Tuffs, the widow; $200 each to Minnie L. Tuffs, J. T. Tuffs, Mrs. L. M. Kane and $10 each to Opal Hollowroth and Willie White.

Cupid Still at Work.

Cupid is still at work, although the applications for the permits have not been so many as County Clerk Cheshire might wish for. Those who have just secured the document which will enable them to hereafter run in double harness are as follows:

John H. Miller and Ella Osbourn, both residents of Placer; Isaac Ward and Minnie H. Bucher, both of Leland; James B. Moore and Hettie Jolly, both of Leland; Frank D. Bacheler of Glendale and Estella M. Powers, of Williams Creek.

Miscellaneous Matters.

The witness fees and jurors fees alone, for the recent term of the circuit court footed up $300.50.

Ella S. Buell, by her attorney H. D. Norton seeks to have the court grant her a divorce from Wellington H. Buell.

County Clerk Cheshire's fees collected during the month of September footed up the neat sum of $290, as against $268 for August.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed J. H. Austin, of Kerby, a notary public, and has notified the county clerk of the appointment.

Taxes became delinquent Monday and there was big rush made by those who managed to wait until the "eleventh hour."

H. G. wetherel and wife have given a power of attorney to H. L. Gilkey, permitting him to dispose of some land they own in sec. 5, tp. 36 s, r 5, providing he does not take less than $40 per acre for it.

Superintendent Savage and Surveyor Perkins this week moved their offices into the new quarters in the brick building, just across the street from the courthouse. Treasruer Taylor will move in as soon as a safe for his use arrives.

John Valen, a native of Sweden has taken out papers, declaring it as his intention to renounce all allegiance to Oscar King of Sweden, and become one of Uncle Sam's loyal subjects. In two years from now he will be able to take out his final papers and then he can cast the ballot like any American born citizen.

The county court has, upon the complaint of T. G. Burrow made an order committing Mary Syphers, a 10-year-old little girl, whose parents are dead and who is dependent upon the public, to the Boys & Girls' Aid Society, of Portland, which organization is to act as her guardian, helping her secure a home with some good family, etc.

Geo. R. Riddle by his attorney, H. D. Norton, brings an attachment proceedings againt George O. Guild, alleging that the defendant bought goods an wares to the value of $181.32 which he has not paid for and that an additional $100 loss was sustained by the plaintiff on account of the defendant's failure to carry out an agreement he had to deliver wood to school district No. 7, here in Grants Pass.

Notice of claim of lien for the amount of $1779.05 has been given by the Williams Bros Lumber & Door Co., against the Grants Pass Box Factory and Frank W. Warren, the complaint setting forth that the material was used in constructing the new factory and that 30 days have not elapsed since the last of it was delivered.

Articles of incorporation of the Grants Pass Box Co., have been placed on record. Frank W. Warren and M K. Lauden, of San Francisco and G. D. Horner, of Chico, Cal., are the incorporators and each holds 15 shares of the capital stock. The corporation is to last 50 years and San Francisco is named as the principal place of business. The capital stock is placed at $50,000, divided into 5000 share of the par value of $10 each and of this only $450 is subscribed and paid up.

His Dear Old Mother

"My dear old mother, who is now 83 years old, thrives on Electric Bitters," writes W. B. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. "She has taken them for about two years and enjoys an excellent appetite, feels strong and sleeps well." That's the way Electric Bitters affect the aged and the same happy results follow in all cases of female weakness and general debility. Weak, puny children too, are greatly strengthened by them. Guaranteed also for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, by all druggists 50c.

Legal blanks at the Courier office.

Napoleon Bonaparte

showed at the battle of Austerlitz, he was the greatest leader in the world. Ballard's Snow Liniment has shown the public it is the best liniment in the world. A quick cure for rheumatism, sprains, burns, cuts, etc., A. C. Pitts, Rodessa, La., says: "I use Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family and find it unexcelled for sore chest, headache, corns, in fact for anything that can be reached by a liniment." For sale by National Drug Co. and by Demaray.

Y. P. C. T. U. GOOD MEETING.

Friday evening the Grants Pass Y. P. C. T. U. held a very interesting and profitable meeting in the First Christian church. Miss Ella Savage was chosen as a delegate to the convention which is soon to be held at Eugene An excellent address on "Anti-Narcotics," was delivered by Rev. Hollingsworth, which was very good and showed the deep interest he has in uplifting humanity. The social part of the evening was fine and greatly enjoyed by one and all.