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DOINGS AT THE COURT HOUSE

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

And There Was "Nothing Doing"

Last week the various offices at the courthouse presented not a very lively aspect. This was due wholly to the famous five days' holidays proclamation of Governor Chamberlain, on account of the financial flurry. It was a question as to just what business could be transacted and in order to obviate any tangles, nothing was done for the five days. This week matters are some better, although the Governor has decided to prolong the proclamation and have more legal holidays, until the banks get relief from the eastern correspondents. However, Clerk Cheshire is not issuing any marriage licenses or attachments of any kind. Nothing of a judicial nature will be attended to, but the filing of deeds, mortgages, leases, mining locations and the like will proceed, as of yore. In the office of Sheriff Russell, quiet reigns supreme and only Deputy Smith is busy, taking in the people's money for the payment of delinquent taxes. No summons or other paper of the kind can be served and so the Sheriff is having a good, easy time of it. Just how long this state of affairs will continue to exist seems to be problematical and it is cutting quite a bit into the volume of business which is being done by the various officials of Josephine county, as with all the counties in Oregon.

Officials Need Some Cash

Although the different county officials are unable to transact any business in their offices, yet they, like all mortals have to exist and they are finding it rather hard to pay their bills without the necessary salary, which is minus this time, because the warrants could not be legally drawn. But they are having to stand off their creditors and do as the average resident of the county is doing. They realize that it will only be a question of a short time until they will be receiving their wages and so they do not seem to be losing much sleep over the matter.

Reporting to State Officials

County Clerk Cheshire is just now busily engaged in making out his annual report to the Secretary of State, showing the condition of the tax rolls of Josephine county and he has a very nice increase in the total assessable valuation to make to Secretary Frank W. Benson, of Salem over the returns made last year. At that time he sent in the total assessable valuation for Josephine county, as \$4,710,820, and this year he reports it as \$5,054,270, which is a very material increase. The report shows that last year the county board of equalization reduced Assessor Fallin's figures by \$1290, while this year they made a cut down of \$12,235. But this big reduction was due almost entirely to some mining properties, where they had been abandoned and the machinery, which was held for a large assessment, had mostly been shipped out of the county and sold. Secretary of State Benson will now figure out what the total running expenses of the state will be and then he will proceed to apportion to each county the per cent. which the law of 1907 fixes for each county. This will be prepared in time for the county commissioners to include the state tax in the making of the levy in this county at their January meeting.

Timber Man Has Troubles

James T. Burns is a timber cruiser and like other people he has troubles of his own. Just now he is having to resort to the courts in order to collect the fee which he claims is due him for locating a party on a choice piece of government timber land. By his attorney G. W. Colvig he has brought an action against Louise Ayer charging that last August he made an agreement with her promising to locate her on a fine strip of timber land in payment for which service he was to receive the sum of \$400. Accordingly he found her the southeast quarter of section 30 township 37 south range 7 and she presented her filing at the Roseburg land office and it was accepted and she received the customary receipt for the money paid for such filing but he avers that she has failed to pay the \$400 or any part thereof and that she persists in said refusal. He therefore invokes the aid of the law and his attorney has sued out an attachment against her property until the court shall have a chance to pass upon his claim.

Some Dirt Changing Hands

There have not been nearly so many deeds placed on file, many persons evidently feeling that it would be more

or less of a risk to record the instruments during the holiday season which Governor Chamberlain has declared. A few transfers of realty have been placed on file as follows:

Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co., to H B Miller, quit claim deed to a lot of acreage in sections 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 33, 34, in township 35 south, range 6; and in sections 3, 4, 9, 10, township 36 s, r 5; and sections 26 and 34, township 35 s, r 6; section 6, tp 6 s, r 5; sec 7, t 63 s, r 5; sec 7, tp 36 s, r 5; sec 18, t 35 s, r 6, \$1.

August Fetsch et ux to Abbot of Saint Benedict, 4.09 acres in sec 18, tp 36 s, r 5, \$150.

Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Oregon to Abbot of St. Benedicts Abbey, north half of block 19, Grants Pass, \$1.

Merlin Townsite & Development Co., to Jacob Fliessch et al., lot 3, block 20, Center add to Merlio, \$75.

Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co. to Sherman Fields, lot 8, block 6, of H B Miller & Co's add to Grants Pass, \$235.

J P Murray et ux to C H French 5, acres in sec 29 tp 36 s, r 6. Deed in escrow, \$500 to bear 8 per cent interest from October 8, 1907.

L B Hall et ux to G A Savage, lots and 8, block 52, Grants Pass, \$400.

Charles M Holmes et ux to J O Booth, part of block 33, Grants Pass, \$2100.

R E Reed et ux to E E Wiseman et al, lot 60x180 ft and the saloon located on the same, \$10 and other considerations

Nancy I Hyde et mar to Jos Hill, lot 10, and west half of lot 11, block 14, H B Miller & Co's add to Grants Pass, \$1.

G A Savage et ux to Edward S Van Dorn and W W Walker, 80 acres in sec 24, tp 6 s, r 5, \$700.

Frances Neil, of Nevada to J E Hodgdon, part sec 14, tp 39, r 5, etc, \$300.

Selden L Simon et al to Wm H Sullivan, 129.5 acres, in sec 16, tp 41 s, r 9, \$10.

J P Kenney agrees to sell to W D French et al, lots 1 and 2, Railroad add to Grants Pass for \$300.

Some Minor Matters

The fees in the county clerk's office for October amounted to \$291.70, as against \$290.35 for the month of September.

Another week has passed without a single marriage license being issued. Clerk Cheshire thinks that probably Cupid is withholding the orders until Thanksgiving season arrives.

The will of Christina Conklin, wife of Albert L. Conklin, residing in New York City, has been filed and recorded. It is quite a voluminous document, covering four pages of the deed record, type written. She names her sons Wm. W. Conklin and Arthur Conklin, of this city, as executors and trustees, without bonds. It was dated February 5, 1885 and a codicil was made March 14, 1885, because it had been ascertained that she had only a life lease in certain valuable lands.

County Clerk Cheshire had a request for a hunter's license, this week, by mail, requesting him to forward the document and informing him that the "money was on deposit." But he failed to state where it was deposited or to whose credit.

E. Laughbridge, falling into the procession, has placed his cattle brand on file, with the county clerk.

W. B. Sherman has made a bill of sale to P. P. Proctor, of the job printing plant, located in Room No. 11, Masonic Block, the consideration being \$1000.

This week Judge H. K. Hanna signed an order, extending the time 30 days of plaintiff to carry the case of Rolla S. Knapp vs. Edgar T. Wallace, the Althouse Mining Co., and James Camp, to the supreme court.

Williams Bros. Door & Lumber Co., has placed a material man's lien on lot 1, block 11, Railroad addition to Grants Pass, for the sum of \$17,60, alleged to be due it for material furnished Maggie Smith.

County Superintendent of School Lincoln Savage was requested by some of the school mar'ns to have them excused from attending the sessions of the annual Josephine County Teacher's Institute, which is now in session in this city, but the obliging superintendent had to decline to comply with the request, inasmuch as the Oregon state law expressly provides that no teacher shall be excused, except in case of sickness or some equally as good reason. Mr. Savage therefore expects to see every teacher in the county here to participate in the interesting sessions.

The County Commissioners met Wednesday, in regular session, but, owing to Governor Chamberlain's holidays, they decided to adjourn until next Wednesday, after having passed upon some bills.

THE LYCEUM COURSE

One Way to Make Winter a Joy In the Smaller Towns.

VARIETY OF ENTERTAINERS.

Growth of the "Lecture Bureau" Business in Recent Years—Fine Chance to Entertain Citizens and Attract Outsiders In This Way.

Now that the Chautauqua season is closing towns throughout the United States are beginning to look forward to the winter lecture course. During the past few years the lyceum bureaus have been the means of giving much amusement and edification to many small towns and cities which in other days were devoid of such enterprises. Many towns now have summer Chautauqua assemblies lasting for a few days, or in some cases for a few weeks, which bring thousands of outsiders and furnish entertainment to the residents as well. The outsiders, of course, spend considerable money in a Chautauqua town. As a rule they are city people or those from neighboring towns and from the country who are out on their summer vacations. They want to have a good time and get some benefit out of the lectures and other entertainments. No town with a Chautauqua assembly ever regrets it, because the enterprise helps local trade in practically all branches.

The winter lyceum or lecture course is distinct from the Chautauqua, because it is spread over a much longer period. It is chiefly for the home people, though many persons from neighboring towns without a lyceum course are attracted to the entertainments.

One of the finest things about a winter lecture course is that it enlivens the town. Winter has dull days and nights, and when the people are presented with an opportunity to attend a musical entertainment, hear a celebrated lecturer or see a high class variety performance it does not require an overmastering advertising genius to make a success out of such a course.

Usually the agents of the lyceum bureaus begin the work of establishing a course, but any citizen can do this. There are excellent lyceum bureaus in cities like Chicago, Boston, Memphis, Kansas City, Los Angeles and Atlanta which supply complete courses of entertainment. The average course comprises about half a dozen numbers, with two or three weeks between dates. There are many talented persons doing this platform work. There are humorous lecturers, musical troupes, individual singers or instrumental nonclassical, lecturers with stereotyped adjuncts and a vast variety of entertainers from whom to choose the "talent." In the language of the lyceum these people are called talent. Some of them are more talented than others, but that is not the point.

Any person in any town may organize a lyceum course if he or she has the requisite enterprise to stay with the proposition until it is a go. The public school principal frequently starts the ball to rolling. He gets the Methodist preacher and the Baptist preacher and the Presbyterian preacher interested. He lays his plans before the persons literarily or artistically inclined or those who like a solid lecture on a solid topic now and then, and between them all they hit upon a series of performances which suits all tastes. The lecture bureaus supply talent at the prevailing rate. For some towns it

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is a lower rate than for others, according to the transportation conditions and the like. Sometimes a person of note on the platform may be engaged at a cut rate because he happens to have an open date and is in the particular neighborhood which wants him. The local managers of the course soon learn to look out for such snags.

The fact that a town has a winter lyceum course is a mighty good thing for the place in the eyes of outsiders. In a town where everything is stagnant throughout the long winter, where there is nothing doing, where the opera house or public hall is shut tight from month to month and the cobwebs cluster about the windows and doors, the visiting stranger is not likely to be attracted to make a return visit. But when he finds that he can while away an evening at the hall listening to some well known lecturer, funny man, musical expert or other entertainer, he is pretty sure to go away speaking a good word for that town.

Lyceum courses, as a rule, are self supporting. It all depends upon the vigor with which the manager works and upon the temper of the population. In some towns a lyceum manager makes good money out of a course, while elsewhere he finds it only an even break. But even in the event of a deficit at the close of the season there is no town that cannot afford to have a lyceum course, for the deficit may be made up by contributions from enterprising citizens. If properly pushed there will be no deficit the second year.

The number of entertainments and their class depends upon the size of the town and the character of the people. Some small towns have so many citizens who fancy things of that sort that the lyceum manager can afford higher priced entertainers than in towns of greater size where the people do not care for such things.

For keeping up local pride and making your town attractive to outsiders the winter lyceum course is one of the latest and greatest things on the market.

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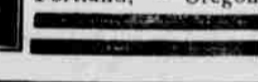
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