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DOINGS AT THE COURT HOUSE

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

More Connubi Infelicity

Ellen Masters has brought divorce proceedings against her husband, Peter H. Masters, alleging that they were intermarried here in Josephine county, April 14, 1902 but that he deserted her March 17, 1905 and has lived separate and apart from her ever since, without any just cause and against her will and consent, during this period he has wholly failed to provide for his wife and their minor child, Velma Masters, aged three years. She therefore asks the court for an absolute decree of divorce, giving her the custody of the said child and for such other and further relief as the court may deem fit and proper.

Another case of connubial infelicity comes to light in the court, when Mae Loar seeks to have the bonds dissolved which make her the lawful wife of Charles O. Lear. In her complaint she sets forth the fact that they were made man and wife at Hamburg, Siskiyou county, Cal., on Christmas day, December 25, 1901, but that he left her, October 1, 1906, without just cause and continues to stay away from her. There are no children and she wants to be released and given her maiden name again.

Very Little Dirt Moving.

There are comparatively few deeds being filed with the county clerk these days, indicating all too plainly that there is not much doing in the real estate market. The following transfers of realty have been placed of record the past week:

Arthur A. Wilcox to Esther A. Williams, 5 acres in sec. 19, tp 36 s, r 5, \$800.

Joseph Moss et ux to Andrew Gigger, lot 18, block 41, O T S of Grants Pass, \$800.

Margaretta A. Scovill et mar to E E Foster, one acre in sec 8, tp 36 s, r 5, \$450.

J W York et ux to J B Kerrich, 25x 100 feet in lot 7, block 84, O T S of Grants Pass, \$300.

United States to R A Booth and R A Booth as Trustees for Elizabeth R. Mangum, mineral patent for "Granite Hill No. 2, Consolidated Placer and Quartz Mining Claim," located in sec 34, tp 35 s, r 7, containing 88.180 acres.

D W Daniels to E M Cockerline, right of way for irrigation ditch across land in sec 36 tp 38, s, r 6, \$1.

Frank M. South to Three Pines Timber Co., part of sec 36, tp 34, r 6, \$1.

Stephen L. Benson to H M White, 153.76 acres in sec 20, tp 36 s, r 6, \$4000.

Edwin Smith et ux to D William Edwards, part sec 5, tp 36, r 5, \$1000.

W R Dickison to Jesse Mash, 6 acres in sec 13, tp 36 s, r 6, \$1000.

George Hansen et ux to Charles Hansen, lot 7, block 50, O T S of Grants Pass, \$400.

Frank B. Hicks of Washington & Oregon Timber Co., part sec 2, tp 39 s, r 6, \$1600.

Ethel M. Hicks of Washington & Oregon Timber Co., part of sec 2, tp 39 s, r 6, \$1600.

Registration Books Open.

That there is going to be considerable interest taken in the approaching primaries is evident from the way voters are calling at the office of County Clerk Cheshire to register. The books were opened last Monday and now they will remain open until April 7, when they close for primary election, which occurs April 17. Registration reopens April 21 and closes again May 15, for the county general election, which comes off June 1. Then the books will open again for registration September 20 and close October 20 for the presidential election, which occurs November 3. All of which ads materially to the duties of the County Clerk, but he and his deputy, E. S. Veatch are fully equal to the situation and are keeping the work up in excellent shape.

Not Much Inheritance Tax.

The county clerk is required at the end of each quarter to make out and send to both Secretary of State, Frank W. Benson and to State Treasurer, Geo. A. Steek a detailed report of all estates of persons filed during that period, upon which an inheritance tax can be claimed. Clerk Cheshire finds that there were only three such cases filed during the three months ending with December 3, 1907, as follows: Vina A. Sargent, estate valued at \$600; James Deveney \$4500 and Johanna McDaniel, \$7200.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Already the hunters of Josephine county are having the customary permit issued to them, and the follow-

ing have taken out licenses to pursue the chase in this county, during the year 1908: A L. Lovelace, of Merlin, H. M. Wood, W. J. Lively, W. J. Cavin, Ira Savage, Ira Mallory and C. E. Ryckman of Grants Pass and Edwin Mell, of Selma.

Upon the complaint of R. J. Minney, John Doe, has been arrested, charge with having purloined a lot of carpenter tools May 5, 1907, belonging to said Minney.

"Have you registered?" is the big sign which now greets the frequenters of the courthouse. These are to be found around the building and remind the voter of his duties in this important matter.

The plaintiff has filed a petition, asking the court to call upon Justice of the Peace J. C. McCann, of Slate Creek precinct for a review of the proceedings in the case of E. H. White vs. O. S. Brown. It seems that a judgment for \$20, with \$3.55 costs was given plaintiff in that court.

The bond of Elizabeth Nickerson, as administratrix of the estate of Thomas Nickerson, deceased, in the sum of \$2500, with L. O. Hyde and S. I. Tetherow as sureties, has been filed of record and approved.

The defendants in the case of E. G. Young & Co. of Oakland, Douglas county, vs. School District No. 3, and E. F. Meissner, clerk of same, have made answer to the mandamus proceedings brought by plaintiff and an order of the court, dismissing the matter is asked, along with defendant's costs.

County Clerk Cheshire, in spite of the fact that during much of the month of December the "lid" was on and his office was unable to transact business, took in the sum of \$220.95 fees during that month, as against \$302.70 for the month previous.

T. P. Judson's familiar face is again to be seen in the clerk's office where he is engaged in the very important undertaking of extending the new taxrolls.

This has indeed been a decidedly busy week for the various county officials and one of them, Clerk Cheshire, has had his hands very full, looking after the plans for circuit court, as well as caring for the county commissioners, both of which bodies have been causing him much extra labor. But again was he and Deputy Veatch equal to the emergency and everything moved along with clock-like precision.

County Superintendent Savage still has the library books for a few districts and he would like to have them called for by members of the board of those particular districts, at an early date.

Lively Time Over Licenses.

There was a pretty lively tilt between attorneys C. H. Clement and Oliver S. Brown, in the matter of the application of Garrote & Eusted, of Merlin, Clements appearing on behalf of the saloon keeper while Brown represented the people of Merlin who were opposed to the granting of the liquor license. The matter took much of the time of the board, Friday, Saturday and Monday, the decision finally being in favor of granting the license. As the attorneys were leaving the courthouse grounds and were standing on the sidewalk in front of the grounds, Brown questioned Clement's veracity and called him a liar, whereupon the other limb of the law proceeded to land the offender upon the ground parties interfered and there the bout ended, but not before it had created considerable excitement.

TRAIN AND TRACK.

The first locomotive west of the Mississippi was put upon the track at St. Louis in 1832.

The railroads of Holland are so well managed that the deaths by accident on them average but one a year.

The motive power of the first railway built in Greece and put into operation in 1829, running from Athens to Piraeus, a little over six miles, was changed from steam to electricity about two years ago.

The first railroad in Missouri was a track five miles in length laid from Richmond to a point on the Missouri river opposite Lexington some time between 1840 and 1851. It was made of timber, the rails being of sawed oak and the ties of hewed oak, and was operated by horsepower.

Worthy of Emulation.

In an eastern town the Village Improvement association has adopted a plan for street improvement that should prove successful. The association has offered a cash prize to the residents of any one block in the town who shall have done the best work from July to August in clearing away weeds and maintaining a neat appearance about his premises. The idea contains a happy suggestion.

MAIL ORDER FAKES.

Some of the Familiar Advertising Tricks Shown Up.

BAIT FOR HOOKING SUCKERS.

Beware of the "Song Poems Wanted." Don't Bite at the "Bona Fide Business Secret"—Steer Clear of the Prize For Selling Goods.

The "mail order magazine" is identified at once by the inflated, but the average reader does not know it under this designation. Many little magazines, published at a very low subscription rate, have no other purpose than to carry mail order advertisements. They are able to work up an enormous circulation because of the low rate for subscriptions. The circulation brings them large prices for advertising. The mail order people, not only the large houses which do a general business, but also the cheap skate fake concerns and individuals, patrol the advertising columns. They set enticing hooks for suckers. They catch many suckers. It behooves the reader of these publications to do a little thinking before biting. In this connection the following article from the New York Herald is timely and helpful:

In these days of bunco and graft a man should look before he buys. That he does not is clearly shown by the thousands of fakes which we hear of and read of daily.

The cleverness of the mail order man is wonderful. There is always a way to avoid the law. As soon as one fake is exposed and a law made to cover it fifty fakes suggested by that law spring up.

For instance, it would take a more elastic clause than the famous one in our constitution to cover this latest bit of mail order wit.

In almost any mail order magazine you may pick up you will find advertisements similar to this:

MAIL ORDER MEN ATTENTION!
I have a bona fide business which pays me \$200 per month. Nothing to make, nothing to sell. I guarantee results. You can do it just as well as I. Five dollars is the price of the secret. Money back if you are not satisfied or if this advertisement is a misrepresentation.

If you are of the great once-buncoed-always-buncoed class, you might answer one of the alluring offers. If you did, you would in all probability receive a reply by the first mail. The letter would contain a clipping of the advertisement you had answered, with a statement on this order:

One month from today I will withdraw the enclosed ad. Place your name on it and insert it in your mail order magazine or other advertising medium which you use. I have made \$50 a month from this. You can do as well as I. You can readily see from my success with you what your success will be with others.

During the bicycle rage some years back a bluing concern coined money from an advertisement similar to this, accompanied by a cut of a handsome bicycle:

BOYS AND GIRLS.

THIS BICYCLE FREE.
To every boy or girl selling one gross of our superior bluing we will give absolutely free the bicycle represented in this cut. Send for the bluing today. When you have it all sold, remit the money, and you will receive this beautiful bicycle absolutely free. State whether boy's or girl's bicycle is wanted.

It is safe to say that thousands of children slaved for those free bicycles and turned in their money to the mushroom bluing company. Their work was, however, not without compensation, for each child who sold a gross of the bluing received a miniature bicycle, not two inches high, but a perfect representation of the cut.

This idea of toy fakes is old. A partner in one of the foremost mail order houses in the world owes his start in life to an advertisement which he ran extensively some years ago. His offer was to send furniture enough to completely fit out one room for a dollar. Cuts of the articles were shown, and the offer had the appearance of being legitimate. For every dollar received the "sucker" was sent a complete set of doll furniture.

Recently the law became aware of the fact that there were hundreds of small music publishing companies doing business entirely on their nerve. Their method was to advertise for song poems, showing the enormous profits made from popular songs. As the song manuscripts flowed in they either had music written for them or "borrowed" music already written and sent a letter of acceptance to the person who had sent in the song poem. The letter stated that a preliminary cost of from \$10 to \$30 would be necessary for making the plates. In most instances the money was sent. The plates were made cheaply, the publishing house sent a professional copy to the author, and there the matter dropped. No effort at marketing the production was made. The law is gradually getting after these publishers, but there are many of these wildcat institutions still flourishing.

Another clever and profitable mail order fake is that of reading the character from the handwriting. There are as many possibilities in it as fortune telling, and there are as few chances of being convicted for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Walrus Skin.

Walrus skin is used to cover small boats, to which it is attached with the points of the walrus tusks. These tusks are also used as points for harpoons and for ornaments.

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Attractive Store Fronts.

Since the invention of plate glass the outside appearance of shops and stores has been greatly improved. The first impression is important. Many persons are attracted to a store by the tasteful arrangement of the show windows. Plate glass is now so cheap that it is in general use, and the merchant who tries to draw trade with the old fashioned small pane windows, as some still do, is losing an opportunity. Next to good newspaper advertising, a tasty show window brings business. There's nothing like putting on a good front.

Speak Well of Your Town.

Strangers seeking a location are always greatly influenced in favor of any place where the citizens are enthusiastic in its praise. When away from home, do not neglect to give those with whom you come in contact to understand that you live in a live town, populated by enterprising, go ahead, progressive people, and one that is advancing instead of retrograding. If you can truthfully speak in commendation of the ability of your professional men, the square dealing methods of your merchants, the superiority of your schools, etc., let nothing prevent you from exercising that privilege.

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SPIDER AIRSHIPS.

How the Young Insects Sail Away With the Wind.

In early autumn the spider families separate. Hundreds of thousands of infantile spiders on a warm sunny morning scale the low bushes, cling to the tips of the leaves and project slender silken threads from the spinnerets at the ends of their bodies. Before very long the air near the ground, becoming heated, ascends and carries up the silken threads with it. Still the little creatures hold on and pour out silk till each has some eight or ten feet of line rising almost perpendicularly into the air above it.

At last they let go and rise into the air themselves, each at the extremity of its own thread. In this way they are carried upward, perhaps for many hundreds of feet, till at last they meet a current of air moving slowly along, and by this they are carried often for many miles, while they can always descend at will by the simple expedient of rolling up their supporting threads.

On a warm autumn morning the air is often filled with these baby spiders, each sailing securely on its own little silken airship. When they descend bushes, trees and low plants are frequently covered with their gossamer threads.—London Standard.