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BRIDGE MEETING.

To Provide Ways and Means to Construct a Bridge Across Floras Creek.

Notices are posted calling a meeting at the north side school house to take into consideration the practicability of the early construction of a bridge across Floras creek. The meeting will convene next Saturday at 1 o'clock. Let there be a full attendance of the people interested in so important a move, and it would be difficult to conceive of any one in the precinct who will be indifferent to it. Mr. Averill has secured an appropriation of \$300 from the county to aid in the undertaking. The people will see to it, we are sure, that the balance of the necessary cost of the structure is forthcoming to push the work to completion yet this Fall. The worst and most dangerous of the three streams between Port Orford and the county line is Floras creek, yet the county ought, and doubtless will, make a liberal allowance to aid in the construction of bridges across Sixes and Elk rivers when the people most directly concerned mean business. Mr. Averill tried to work appropriations through at the late term for these rivers. Let the people below here see to it that interest in the matter is not lacking, and the appropriations will follow.

BREVITIES.

The late rains give the grass a vigorous boom!

Mrs. Langlois of New Lake, is reported quite ill.

Mr. Jesse Carey of Mussel creek was in this section Saturday.

Mrs. Shoemaker has been visiting in this section during the week.

Floras creek has risen something like a foot since the rains began.

Obituary poetry will be inserted in the RECORDER at the rate of ten cents per line.

There is a sick cat over at Mr. Averill's, and the children call it "Ben Butler."

It is stated that Joseph L. Nay's mill will close down during the present week.

Commissioner W. Averill returned home from attendance at County Court, Saturday.

Mr. D. E. Stitt was so ill yesterday as to be unable to take charge of his school at Denmark.

Caterpillars have attacked sunflowers, making havoc of the foliage in very short order.

Mr. Isham Cox has the thanks of this household for the contribution of a nice piece of venison.

A thick growth of elder sprouts follow burrs on our spruce flats, but cattle and sheep keep them pretty well browsed down.

WE GIVE IT UP.—All our weather predictions have failed this year. We, in common with many others, had predicted that, since so much rain had fallen during July, we would have a late Fall, but not so. During the past week this section has been visited by a very copious rain-fall, sufficient indeed to swell the streams quite perceptibly. These latest showers will have the effect to revive pasturage on the flats where the grass, though in some places fed down short, was yet green, but on the higher levels where feed had, in due course, dried up, but was still available for stock, pasturage will be damaged to a considerable degree. It is not usual for so considerable a rain-fall to strike us here so early in September.

A BEAR CHASE.—Isham Cox, having been informed that a bear had been hovering about Capt. Lorentzen's sheep, went forth with his and Mr. Haft's dog and soon had Bruin at bay in Beaver creek marsh just west of Lorentzen's place. He dispatched the bear, but not until it had severely bitten Mr. Haft's dog which seemed too anxious for the fray.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A Short Session But Several Important Bills Passed.

The petition of P. Hughes for a road of public easement was granted, and Robt. McKenzie, John Deadmond and Joel Bond were appointed viewers.

License to retail liquors were granted to Asa Carman and Frank Smith of Port Orford and Walker & Veil of Ellensburg.

Ordered that the Clerk procure a copy of the tenth Oregon Reports, for the use of the Clerk's office.

The official bonds of George Fitzhugh, County surveyor were approved.

Ordered that J. Huntely be employed to make a map of all the surveyed land of Curry county, the said map to be drawn on the scale of one inch to the mile, and all deeded land to be marked off in a neat and legible manner, and that he receive the sum of \$30 therefor.

The report of the viewers and surveyor of the proposed road from Chetco 17 miles northward was accepted. Cost of viewing said road, \$149 55, allowed. Said road was declared a public highway, and Supervisors of road districts No. 1 and 13 were ordered to open said road without unnecessary delay.

Walter Sutton was awarded the contract for doing all the printing for the county for one year for \$27 50.

The following tax levy was made for the year 1884: For County purposes fifteen and four-tenths mills; State, five and one-half mills; School, four mills. University, one-tenth mill.

The fund known as the County Contingent Fund was ordered discontinued.

Bill of J. M. Fry, \$411, for assessing county was laid over.

Ordered that \$300 be appropriated to build a bridge across Floras creek, to be paid to the order of the contractor when the bridge is completed.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Wm. Bailey, for moving jail, \$50.

Expenses of Coroner's inquest on body of Milton Huntley, \$54 81.

Costs, State vs. R. E. Cain, \$23 40.

A. M. Gillespie, supper furnished to jurors, Circuit Court, \$4 87.

Wm. H. Averill, County Commissioner, \$18.

RECORDER Publishing Co., \$5.

Wm. Bailey, Sheriff's fees, \$25.

Raleigh Scott, Commissioner, \$25.

W. Gauntlet, County Clerk, \$228 25.

M. Riley, County Judge, \$75.

ENLARGEMENT AND NEW PRICE.—We have been the recipients of sundry substantial compliments on the new form and increased size of the RECORDER. A subscriber at Ellensburg writes: "There are few papers in the State any way nearly equal to the RECORDER which are afforded at the low price of \$2 50." With an advance of only 50 cents per year we propose to make this paper worth twice the amount of any paper now or hitherto published in Curry county.

TO KILL SORREL.—If you want every vestige of sorrel killed out of your potato field, turn on a band of sheep for a day or two. We've tried it with satisfactory results. It will not be advisable to prolong the experiment, as, in the absence of sorrel, sheep will graze on the potatoe vines.

BOAT LOST.—Mr. Robert Burnham, of Burnham's mill has lost a 14-foot white yawl boat from Port Blacklock. The finder will be suitably rewarded by notifying Mr. Burnham at Denmark, Or.

WILL BUILD.—Mr. Chris Long has been hauling lumber during the past two weeks from Burnham's mill, to be used in the construction of a residence on his place across Floras creek.

Quite a number of strangers have visited this part of Curry during the past week prospecting for locations.

A COMPARATIVE EXHIBIT

Of Assessment and Equalization of the Taxable Property of Curry County for the Years 1883-4.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	1883	1884	1883	1884
Acres of land.....	68,526	73,382	\$242,806	\$246,553
Town lots.....	18,970	17,920	18,970	17,920
Improvements.....	22,610	35,218	51,574	65,507
Merchandise and implements.....	47,807	87,791	13,223	14,388
Money, notes and accounts.....	660	668	23,705	23,381
Household furniture, carriages, watches, jewelry, etc.....	3,462	3,879	59,080	81,615
Horses and mules.....	23,880	23,289	35,903	34,922
Cattle.....	1,202	1,421	2,854	3,134
Swine.....				
Gross value of all property.....			\$518,432	\$608,429
Indebtedness.....			\$ 92,155	\$107,156
Exemptions.....			48,843	49,684
Total deductions.....			\$141,008	\$156,860
Assessed taxable valuation as equalized by the Board.....			\$384,281	\$432,121

SUMMARY.—It will be seen, by digesting the above comparative table, that the total of increase of taxables in the county amounts to forty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty dollars; that there is an increase in the assessable valuation of land to the amount of only a fraction over four thousand dollars; that, though there is shown an increase in the number of horned cattle of only 417 head, the sum of the valuation of this class of property has been increased twenty-two thousand five hundred and thirty five dollars; that in the matter of town lots a material falling off in values is disclosed. This needs explanation. Speculators in corner lots should not be exempted and the struggling, toiling cattle raiser charged with an undue proportion of the State and county burdens. A falling off in the number and value of sheep and goats is reported; this is curious. A very slight increase of indebtedness is shown, while "exemptions" are increased by less than one thousand dollars. There appears an increase of "money, notes and accounts" of forty thousand dollars, and of "merchandise and implements," of nine thousand dollars. An increase in gross value of all property of something over eighty-nine thousand dollars is shown. From all this it is apparent that lands and town lots have been made the subjects of concessions, while horned cattle have been laid under contribution to the full extent of their marketable value. This, we repeat, is not fair or just. It requires care, and labor, and industry, to raise cattle, while the speculator in lands and town lots can "lay to" and await his opportunity.

GENERAL NEWS.

Justice Stephen J. Field, of the U. S. Supreme Court, is in Portland.

Two steamers make regular trips between Yaquina Bay and Portland. Elizabeth Cady Stanton cast her first vote on the 1st inst., at Johnston, N. Y.

The Franco-Chinese disturbance has raised the price of black teas five cents per pound in New York and London.

Reductions in the wages of the employees of the O. R. & N. Co's lines have been made, and employees at Portland and on the river steamers have struck.

The Pope conferred the degree of Master of Theology on Father Higgins, of St. Joseph's College, Somerset O., the first person in this country thus honored.

Baron deMantoufel, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has promulgated a law which is intended to prevent an increase of French families in those countries, and obliging adult sons to become naturalized Germans or quit the country. Unmarried men of French nationality, under the law, are allowed to remain until married, when, if they refuse to become Germans, they will be notified that their sons will be liable to conscription or expulsion.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

Hon. M. Riley is having his old store building fixed up in good shape.

P. G. Egan, Esq., of Hunter's Cove is spending a few days in Ellensburg.

Work is progressing quite rapidly on the new warehouse of the Ellensburg Business Association.

School commenced in this district on the 1st, with Miss Belle Gray in charge. There will be a full attendance, and we expect an interesting school.

W. A. Forgey of Pistol river was in town this week. Mr. F. raised a fine crop of wool this season, which he has just finished packing to the Ellensburg Business Association.

County Court in session this week. There was no Probate business on the docket, but the Commissioners' Court having quite an amount of business before it this term, remained in session three days.

Lively times in Judge Dewey's Court this week, two warrants being issued for the arrest of parties for violating the game law. One of these parties had his trial and was fined ten dollars and costs, while Sheriff Bailey returned from the mountains on the 5th bringing in his man who will be tried on the 6th.

COOS COUNTY ITEMS.

Marshfield has a brass band.

Threshing has commenced on Coos river.

Circuit Court for Coos was in session last week.

John Fox of North Coos will remove to Lakeport, Cal.

Peel Durgan put a raft in the Bay in which were 140 logs 70 feet long.

The new flat-bottom vessel building at Parkersburg is about ready to launch.

Twelve men are employed on the Government work at the mouth of the Coquille.

On Saturday the 6th, the Marshfieldites were having a grand excursion to Rocky Point.

The saw mill at Coquille City will be shut down indefinitely as soon as the logs on hand are sawed up.

Henry Sengstacken lately purchased twelve tons of chittim bark from various parties on Coos river, paying therefor at the rate of \$70 per ton.

At Rocky Point, thirty-eight men were employed last week, and we are informed, says the News, that it is the intention to increase the number this week to about sixty.

C. C. Barklow of Coquille City, who had his arm badly injured two or three weeks ago by the accidental discharge of his gun while he was hunting in the woods, is improving.

The Herald says that the residence of J. D. Bennett burned on the 1st at Coquille City. Two ladies in the dwelling narrowly escaped with their lives. Several buildings were fired but escaped total destruction.

The steamer Coos will hereafter connect with the Roseburg-Marshfield stage at Coos City. We have marveled that such an arrangement had not always been in vogue. The old plan was for the carrier to pull down and up in a small boat.

The new tug Astoria is said to be the fastest boat ever built on the Bay and capable of showing her name to any other tug on the Coast. In coming up from San Francisco she ran at the rate of 16 miles an hour, without being put to her full speed.—Mail.

HIS COMPLIMENTS.—G. L. Wilson, writing from his place on Mussel creek under date of Sept 4th, says: "A few minutes since I came in from my sheep range with rather a keen appetite and found neatly wrapped, hanging on my door, a nice peice of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McBride's wedding cake."

"I ate with a vim—
Am full to my chin.
May heaven bless their nuptial joys,
And fill their house with girls and boys."

BREAD OR BLOOD.

Ohio Coal Miners Demand a Show to Live—Fearful Times in Hocking Valley.

The latest telegrams give a fearful picture of the doings and distress of the coal miners in the Hocking Valley coal fields in Ohio. The bosses insisted on a further reduction of wages, this time to 65 cents per day. Not seeing how they could possible live at such rates, the miners declined to come down from 75 cents. The bosses imported gangs of degraded Italians and Swedes to take the mines, when the poor miners rebelled in a body, laying seige to the works to the keep the imports out. The bosses implored Governor Hoadly for troops which he refused to order until he had made a personal investigation of affairs in the mining region. Meanwhile the owners employed guards and brought on 110 Pinkerton men from Chicago. A fight ensued in which several lives were lost. At this juncture several companies of militia, were ordered to the scene, with instructions not to interfere except to quell an actual riot. The Governor gave the mining companies to understand that in no event would he allow the troops used to guard their property. At latest dates a bloody battle was imminent. The miners who have toiled for inadequate pay until owners have become rich and haughty swear vengeance upon the imports. They say it is starvation or the poor house for their families, and that they have nothing to lose in resorting to extreme measures to protect their right to work for bread. A week previous to this outbreak a similar tumult was witnessed in the mines near Pittsburgh, and for a like grievance.

The people at large are paying about 60 per cent. more for their iron and steel than they are worth on account of a tariff to "protect" coal miners and iron workers, and this is the outcome: laborers starved into acts of violence to obtain bread. Yet it is claimed by Blaine and his followers that the work people are prosperous and happy. Out upon such shams.

An interesting communication from S. Hudson came too late for insertion in this issue. It will "keep" and will appear next issue.

BORN.

At Denmark, Or., October 31st, to the wife of James Haft, a daughter.

FINAL PROOF NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON, September 2, 1884.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Curry county, Oregon, at Ellensburg, on

Saturday October 18, 1884.

Viz: WALTER D. SHOEMAKER, Pre-emption D. S. No. 4015, for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 30, township 30 south of range 14 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
A. B. Sabine, Joseph Here, Chas. Langlois, and Thos. Langlois, all of Denmark, Curry county, Oregon.
Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.