

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Interesting Items Cleared From the Court Records.

Ernest E. Lang vs. Eva M. Purcell. Foreclosure on mortgage upon certain real property located in the county of Multnomah, to the sum of \$2000 with interest from October 20, 1914.

Anna Swanson vs. Gustav Klatt. Suit for judgment on note of \$100 with interest at 7 per cent from October 31, 1914. Also asks costs of action.

John Lord vs. John Leland Henderson. Mortgage foreclosure with money to the sum of \$500 involved, with interest from Feb. 27, 1916, at 8 per cent. Also costs.

In the case of **Albion S. Moore vs. Edward L. Moore** for divorce is found a variety of allegations. Plaintiff asks divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment and nonsupport. Plaintiff alleges that defendant has a violent temper and has habitually cursed and swore in presence of plaintiff. Plaintiff alleges that, while angry and without cause and provocation, violently and maliciously choked plaintiff and threw her on the bed and threatened to kill her. Plaintiff also alleges that on one occasion the defendant attempted to eject her from the family dwelling, and on another occasion the defendant threw dishes belonging to plaintiff and broke them upon the stove for no other purpose than to annoy plaintiff in the presence of friends of plaintiff. She asks \$30 alimony and one-third of all the real property.

In the affair of the guardianship of **John Liesman et al.** a petition has been filed for the appointment of **H. Liesman** as guardian of the four minor Liesman children.

Petition has been filed for the appointment of **A. H. Birrell** as guardian of **Andreas Christena Christensen**, who is declared to be an incompetent. She is aged 45 years and relatives are petitioning for the appointment.

Fred Townsend, of the Bethany country, was last week landed in the county bastle by the sheriff charged with threatening to take the lives of his children. This is the second time within a year that Townsend has been behind the bars. The first time

was last summer when he was arrested charged with assault with a dangerous weapon after he had slained **Farley Howell** of Beaverton with a razor during an altercation at the dinner table. He was later tried, convicted and paroled subject to good behavior.

A general rumor is abroad that the powers have slipped the word around and the confectionery stores and like institutions will run wide open next Sunday.

J. H. Mulchay Reaches High Appointment on Southern Pacific.

According to a late report **J. H. Mulchay**, a resident of Beaverton and at present assistant general freight agent of Southern Pacific for Oregon, has received a promotion which places him a notch nearer the top of the ladder in railway circles. The promotion follows the resignation of **J. K. Butler**, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines, whose position Mr. Mulchay will fill. For a period of 27 years Mr. Mulchay has been in the service of the Southern Pacific Company, beginning as a messenger boy at the age of 13. After several years of service he began a particular study of rats in which line he soon became very competent, and he has steadily risen and for the past four or five years he has occupied his present position of Assistant General Freight Agent of the S. P. lines in Oregon.

Grangers Meet.

Beaverton Grange met in regular session last Saturday morning with full attendance. The forenoon was taken up in the usual routine work, including the balloting for four candidates.

After a big feed the grange convened in open session during the lecture hour, there being several visitors present, but the main part of the visitors were the children who rendered an interesting program consisting of songs, essays, recitations and instrumental violin and piano recitations. The following is a list of those on the program:

Milton Boring, Edna Hocken, Myron Gray, Ethel Johnson, Nellie Ayres, Cecil Emmops, Nettie Carter, Gensvieve Carter, Crete Gray, Violet Spraner, Adelbert Spraner, Dorothy Davis, Imogene Hocken, Robert Hocken, Ruth Caldwell, Derle Denny, John Gray, Matilda Bowman, Margaret Tucker, Mamie Ayres, Hazel Barnes, Alfreda Austin, Bennie Penners, Matt Walker, Marion Jones, Rex Denny, Kenneth Denny, Elia Exstrom, Lowen Lawrence, Joe Patton.

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Some people think that the newspaper is a commercial proposition similar to our mercantile stores and other institutions for the purpose of the production of profits. Not so in this respect. The newspaper must live from the advertising within its columns it is true, but in nine-tenths of the cases this is nothing more than enough to live on from day to day and keep up the expense of the office. For this support the paper gives in return its support which you must admit, Mr. Reader, cuts considerable ice sometimes in shaping other people's opinions of us.

Why not get together and make this town the biggest town this side of Portland, and a town which will make the traveling public sit up and take notice. We can do it and do it quickly if every one takes hold and helps.

COUNTY BOOSTERS GATHER HERE

Beaverton Scene of Smoker and Glad Hand Affair.

The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce is awakening into a new era never before precedent in the history of any organization on this end of Washington county. This is the natural course of rapidly transpiring events, and gives promise of growing into something which will leave a name chiseled deep into the annals of similar organizations. Let us say candidly that our Chamber of Commerce is second to none in the county when it comes to the initiative.

As an eye opener a smoker was given in Cady hall Thursday evening, and from Hillsboro, Cresco, Scholls, Tigard, and several other points came many who were curious to see what Beaverton could do. They did.

The hall was well filled by eight o'clock and soon after the program commenced with little talks by the numerous candidates present. After the little talks came some music by the Beaverton band and a selection by two Hillsboro musicians which was very pleasing and brought forth much applause.

The best of the evening's program was reserved for the last and consisted of speaking by **Phil Bates** and **Ed Weirlin** of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bates gave a description of his trip east with the pictures of the Columbia river highway, which exhibited in all the chief cities throughout that part of the United States. His talk was very interesting and very edifying.

Ed Weirlin was but with his usual vivacious line of speech which invariably wins his audience before he has finished his first sentence. He said many things relative to organization and the benefits of co-operation.

After the program had been completed all present were served with an excellent lunch prepared by members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The St. Cecilia's club will give another of their delightful dances on the evening of the 24th. Exceptionally good music has been secured for the occasion and it promises to be one of the best of the season.

WOMAN SLAIN IN SLEEP

Ex-Convict Suspected of Double Crime.

Helen Jennings-Seed aged 41 and daughter of Captain Gore, one time well known resident of Washington county, was murdered as she slept, some time during Monday night. A search is also being made for the body of **Fred Ristman** who drove the assassin to the scene of the crime from Portland, and who it is supposed was removed to cover any evidence of the crime which he might possess.

Bennett Thompson, known as "The Lone Highwayman" is being sought by the authorities in connection with the crime. Thompson was said to have been attentive to Mrs. Jennings and evidence points strongly toward this particular man.

Ristman's wife, becoming alarmed at his continued absence and knowing that he had promised to be back immediately, instituted a search which culminated at the Jennings residence between Tualatin and Sherwood where the automobile was found.

The first evidence of a crime was the blood with which the machine was spattered and a large pool of red on the back seat. This attracted the attention of the searching party and they immediately tried the door to the house but finding it locked secured a searchwarrant and a deputy sheriff and entered.

Inside everything was in its normal condition with no evidence of violence until the body of the woman was found in her bedroom in the bed where her head had been crushed in with a sledge hammer which still lay on the floor covered with blood and tatters of flesh. A pillow had been thrown over the head which was mangled beyond all recognition. Other than the blow with the hammer no violence had been used, and there was no evidence of a struggle, beyond a doubt the murderer had crept into the room and finished his gruesome task while his victim slept.

A search through the entire country has disclosed nothing of the fate of Ristman, but it is generally conceded that he met death either before or after the first victim, to cover the crime. The woods and fields have been combed in a vain quest of the body and the creek and river will be dragged to a last effort.

Washington County Development League Organized.

Representatives from 5 commercial bodies and 3 granges met in Hillsboro on Monday the 15th and completed the organization of the Washington County Development League. Mr. Brewer, secretary of the Oregon Development Bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce was present and delivered a very helpful address and was of great assistance in forming the permanent organization.

The object of the organization is set forth in the preamble to the constitution which was adopted, and which pledges its members to use their utmost efforts in the upbuilding of Washington county as a whole, and to promote its interests commercially and industrially in every way possible.

The following officers were elected to serve until Jan. 31st, 1917. President, **Dr. Erwin of Hillsboro**; vice president, **L. M. Graham of Forest Grove**; treasurer, **C. J. Rose of Huber**; secretary, **T. W. Zimmerman of Beaverton**; these officers along with **Mr. Loftis of Washington Grange**, **Mr. Crawford of Green Mt. Grange** and **Mr. Pike of Beaverton Grange** constitute the executive board. The executive board holds a session on the first Monday of each month at Beaverton, Oregon, but the first meeting will not be held until the first Monday in August. The regular meeting of the organization is held once each quarter and all citizens of Washington county are invited. The next meeting will be held at Hillsboro, at the rooms of the Hillsboro Commercial Club, on Friday June 30th, at 2:30 p. m.

Every grange and every commercial organization in the county is invited to have representatives present at the next meeting and they are urged to take an active interest in the work. The quarterly dues are small, from 75c to \$2 per quarter, according to the size of the organization.

There will be a union memorial service at the Methodist church Sunday May 28th at 11 o'clock, sermon preached by **Rev. Gray**. All veteran soldiers as well as the entire community are invited to be present. The Beaverton band and the choir will render special music. **E. A. Hendricks, Adjutant G. A. R. Post No. 30.**

OLD RESIDENT RECALLS PAST

W. O. Hocken and Wife Celebrate Anniversary of Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. **W. O. Hocken** celebrated the 47th anniversary of their marriage last Thursday in their pleasant home on the west limits of Beaverton. They 45 years they have resided in the same community, and with the exception, perhaps, of one other person they have resided in Beaverton longer than any other present resident.

Mr. Hocken and his wife came to Oregon 65 years ago on the seventh of May and soon after settled at this point. At this time the country was a dense wilderness inhabited by scattered homesteaders, wild beasts and a profusion of game. Mr. Hocken stated to us that it was an uncommon occurrence to see a cougar or bear cross the road or run along in front of the traveler.

Among the guests at the Hocken residence were **Mr. and Mrs. J. Gerson**, who came to this part of the country with Mr. Hocken and together they bought what is now the **Thomas Hyland** place southwest of town, near the disposal of 1916. On Thursday Mr. Gerson made a trip out to the place and drank water taken from the well which he dug when he first bought the homestead.

In the early days when Beaverton was still in the embryo, the future sight of the town was marked only by a log store which stood where the Erickson garage now stands. Here the ranchmen of the surrounding country and the traveler from the west obtained their supplies.

All the supplies were brought in on pack horses and not a few men carried packs in upon their backs. Mr. Hocken stated that not infrequently he brought in his supplies from Portland in this fashion, his pack, at one time, consisting of a sack of flour, tools, and a cradle to use in the grain field. This pack usually weighed from 90 to 100 pounds.

Past the store, front has a road, a mere trail, rough and hard with brush. Here Mr. Hocken did his first public service, help-

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