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Reforming Legal Procedure.

In commenting upon the proposed reform in the court procedure the Medford Mail-Tribune offers the following criticism of the methods thus far proposed to bring about a change in existing conditions:

The legislature's idea of reform in legal procedure, evidently consists in creating new judges and raising their salaries. If bills now pending become laws, approximately \$100,000 for each biennial period will be added to the taxpayers' burdens. No wonder people believe that the governor and his veto are good things.

A bill which the governor vetoed two years ago, which increased the salaries of all circuit judges to \$4000 a year, has again passed and is up to the governor a second time.

Another bill increases the supreme bench by adding two new justices at \$4500 a year, with \$6000 additional clerk hire, which adds \$30,000 to the biennial cost of government. There are bills providing for the creation of six new circuit judgeships, three of these in Multnomah county. The others create new circuits out of Polk, Yamhill and Lincoln counties for the new Twelfth district, Washington and Tillamook of the new Thirteenth, and Coos and Curry of the new Fourteenth. Then there is the effort to separate Jackson and Josephine counties into two circuits.

Bills are also pending to abolish district attorneys and create instead county attorneys, but while the legislators believe in large salaries for judges, they have a poor opinion of district attorneys, as the salaries provided run from \$500 to \$1500, the average being \$800.

The bill abolishing county judges is a good one, but should provide good salaries for commissioners, who should be required to devote all their time to the work.

The Toll of the Auto.

The annual report of the National Highways Protective Society, just published, shows that 103 children were killed by automobiles last year in New York City.

The total number of automobile fatalities in the city for the year was 211. Horse-drawn vehicles killed 177 persons of whom 85 were children.

Commenting upon these figures Melvin T. Bender, chairman of the legislative committee of the New York State Automobile Association says:

"It will be noted that almost as many deaths were caused by horse-drawn vehicles as by automobiles. This is very remarkable when you consider the far greater number of automobiles in the city, especially on the central thoroughfares and in the residence districts where children are at play.

"Still more remarkable is the situation in view of the fact that the horse-driven vehicle is comparatively a slow-moving one. The automobile, fast-driven and greater by thousands in number is not, according to this report, markedly more dangerous. If speed is the great automobile fault, as some emphatically assert, then the automobile should appear many times, rather than only 17 per cent more dangerous.

"The fact of the matter is that

the automobile while faster driven is more carefully driven, more carefully driven, more quickly controllable, and is equipped by the law with a warning signal.

"The drunken or reckless driver of either vehicle is equally dangerous and equally a public enemy. But I think you will find that among motorists a far greater proportion than among horse-drivers have their vehicles always under good control and absolutely subordinated to traffic conditions.

"Even so, however, the number of automobile fatalities is shockingly great. It should and can be reduced. One way is to secure still more careful driving through a more rigid examination for licenses. Equal, if not greater in importance, is the necessity of an adequate warning signal, one that roller-skating children will always hear and obey—in time. The law should compel the proper use of such a signal."

A Real Hero.

"Had we lived I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, the endurance and the courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman. These tough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale. But surely, surely, a great and rich country like ours will see that those who are dependent upon us are properly provided for."

These were the closing words of the farewell message of Captain Robert F. Scott. Thus did the notable British officer pay tribute to his companions who had sacrificed their lives in the search for the pole.

The first thought of Scott was his men—of those who had been faithful and loyal to him and to the great project which they had jointly undertaken. He spoke not of the courage of Scott, but of the heroism of his companions. It was not the hope of personal glory or thought of personal gain which induced him to brave the perils of the polar climate. It was patriotism. It was because of loyalty to the British nation and because any success which might come as a result of his labors would be considered a national triumph.

Compare the generous sentiments of Scott with the intemperate statements credited to Commander Peary.

No eulogy was given his companions by Peary. With him it was not a great national triumph. It was a personal victory. His companions were given only casual mention. He insisted that they should be content to bask in the reflected glory of the commanding officer. They were mere incidents of the trip the same as the dogs that carried him across the icy lands of the north.

When his claim as the first discoverer of the pole was disputed, he assailed the character of his rival. He was one of the first to call him an impostor. He could not divide the honor with any human soul even though it happened to be an American citizen.

England may well feel proud of Captain Scott. America may well regret that Peary did not possess some of the same noble traits of character.

EAST KNOX BUTTE NOTES.

The Knox Butte school will have its entertainment and picnic on Saturday, February 27, instead of Friday, as formerly announced.

Mrs. I. G. Cox entertained the Sunshine Circle at her home Thursday afternoon; only thirteen members being present. A good musical and literary program was rendered. Mrs. Cox is a delightful hostess and the guests were served a delightful lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townes and son are visiting Mrs. Townes, mother, Mrs. Mari Miller for a few weeks before going to Washington to reside.

Chas and Wm. Lucht returned home last week from a visit to their mother in Wisconsin, and report very cold weather and a better like for Oregon.

Mr. Pick Warner recently returned from a California trip and is now with his daughter, Mrs. L. G. Cox.

Miss Gladys Smith who has been attending school at Forest Grove came home today on account of illness.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart of Halsey who was recently operated on at St. Mary's hospital is improving rapidly and will soon be fully recovered. She is the wife of F. E. Stewart, cashier of the Halsey State bank.

W. E. Arnold, a resident of Scio, was transacting business matters in Albany yesterday afternoon. He also attended the trial of the Richardson case in Judge Galloway's court.

ORVILLE

Continued from Thursday, Feb. 13.

Monday, February 16th, was a red letter day in the history of Corvallis. The carpenter gang on the new bridge went to work at an early hour. Capt. Brown of the ferryboat was busy as many of the people of the little burg were wanting to take the last trip on the old rub and several Linn county farmers drove to the bridge on each side to hear the order to move onto the bridge.

The first wagon from the west contained John Beach and Geo. Smith, county coroner of Benton county, and the first team from Linn county was that of Charles Beach.

The city people were well represented by the small kids of all sizes from three years old to the men and women of 80.

Among the men with smiling faces we met on the streets of Corvallis were Mr. W. E. Smith of the Republican. He was awfully busy and has a large force of hands all of whom were busy too.

Mr. DuBrulle was running the lino-type, and Miss Ina Chesley was taking notes from the telephone.

The next place we called at was the large department store of Walter Klime and found him and his 28 clerks all busy. Mr. Klime had his coat off.

The next place was the drug store on the corner of Jefferson and Second. Mr. Hartsock was awfully busy mixing pills, but was well pleased to note the new bridge is completed, but the boy scouts were all out on the bridge so the shooting holes in the old ferry will be postponed till some future time.

Captain Brown is now employed on the bridge to turn the span when the steamboats go through, and he is supposed to walk back and forth through the bridge with every team to slow the driver how fast to drive on the new structure.

LITTLE ROSE BUD.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Warranty Deeds.

Jennie C. Anderson to Clara Eoline, August 10, 1912. Lots in block 1 in Rose addition to Albany. \$300.00.

J. H. Gillins and wife to Frederick A. Kregg, Dec. 16, 1912. 72 acres in Tp. 12, S. R. 3 and 4 west. \$10.00.

Gilbert A. Johnson and wife to Richard Staabing, Dec. 20, 1912. Lot in section 14, Tp. 9, S. R. 1 east. \$10.00.

Geo. W. Harris and wife to A. T. Dwyer et al. Jan. 15, 1913. 193.25 acres in Tp. 11, S. R. 1 west. \$60.00.

M. L. Seirs and wife to Eugie Fortora, Jan. 23, 1913. Lands in Linn county, Oregon. \$10.00.

Joseph Riggs and wife to Dan Fish and wife, Feb. 5, 1913. Lands in section 6, Tp. 14, S. R. 2 west. \$230.00.

Everett E. Hozer and wife to Geo. O. Gordon, Feb. 6, 1913. Lands in claim 44, Tp. 15, S. R. 4 west. \$1.00.

Stephen Freerksen and wife to Alfred S. Freerksen and wife, Feb. 12, 1913. 76.22 acres in claim 60, Tp. 11, S. R. 4 west. \$10.00.

Stephen Freerksen and wife to Alfred S. Freerksen, Feb. 12, 1913. 136.30 acres in claim 58, Tp. 11, S. R. 4 west. \$10.00.

Anna Yantis to John A. Millard, June 6, 1908. Lands in Tp. 11, S. R. 3 west. \$30.00.

Quitclaim Deeds.

Heirs of James Vincent deceased to John M. Holley, Sen. Jan. 6th, 1912. Lands in Tp. 15, S. R. 1 east, 2 east, and other lands.

John M. Holley Sen. to Agnes L. Vincent, March 26, 1912. 480 acres in section 12, Tp. 15, S. R. 1 east and other lands. \$1.00.

John M. Holley Sen. to Agnes Louise Vincent, March 26, 1912. Lands in Tp. 15, S. R. 1 east, 2 east, and other lands. \$1.00.

John M. Holley Sen. to Cordella Senoum, March 26, 1912. Lands in 15, 1 east and 2 east. \$1.00.

Central Oregon & Pacific Ry. to Hugh L. Montgomery, June 1, 1910. Right-of-way. \$1.00.

Central Oregon & Pacific Ry. to Evelyn J. Montgomery, June 1, 1910. Right-of-way. \$1.00.

Lyman W. Pomeroy and wife to A. T. Powell et al. Feb. 6, 1913. Lands in Tp. 11, S. R. 1 west. \$1.00.

Everett K. Hoover and wife to Geo. O. Gorham, Feb. 6, 1913. Lands in claim 44, 15, 4 west. \$1.00.

Patent.

United States to Elias Motley, Lands in section 14, 1 east.

United States to Wm. J. Bridgefarmer, August 1, 1873. Lands in section 10, 11, 1 west. 160 acres.

Administrator's Deed.

H. H. Hewitt as administratrix to Agnes L. Vincent et al. Jan. 15, 1913. Lands in section 36, Tp. 11, S. R. 2 east.

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

DO YOU LIKE DUCK? CALL 539 PARTY J

Walter M. Parker returned this afternoon from a three days' duck hunt in the vicinity of Gray station. The number of birds killed is not given for publication, but it is a safe bet that all of his friends will be well provided for. Mr. Parker has limited each friend to two birds and requests those who have not received any to call him at the store or at his residence this evening. His house number is Bell phone 539 party J.

LINN COUNTY FARMER HAS FIRST AUTO PLOW IN VALLEY

Modern Piece of Machinery Is Unloaded Here Today for J.C. Tammen, the Owner.

That Linn county farmers are progressive and keeping abreast with the times was indicated today when an auto plow—and it undoubtedly will too—was unloaded at the Southern Pacific freight depot at this city for J. C. Tammen, a prosperous farmer residing about seven miles southwest of Albany who will use this modern and up-to-date invention in breaking the ground on his big farm.

The plow which was sent to Albany on a flat car, attracted much attention at the depot this morning. The plow resembles an automobile in many respects, having a steering wheel, brakes, gears, and other bits of mechanism similar to the modern motor car.

The plow weighs several tons and is equipped with a seat for the driver. There are six wheels on the plow, a guide wheel in front and one in the rear, one large wide one on each side and in the center, and two extra wheels which can be easily attached. The engine is 40 H. P. but can develop more than this. The plow is the Hackney Auto Plow and undoubtedly cost several thousand dollars.

The unique and modern piece of machinery is probably the first auto plow to be placed in use in this part of the state and promises to eventually take the place of the horse plows altogether.

PROMINENT LINN COUNTY FARMER WAS BURIED TODAY

Henry Hofer, Who Passed Away on Wednesday Is Laid to Rest at Millersburg.

Henry Frederic Conrad Hofer, a prominent and highly respected farmer residing 10 miles from Albany, died on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1913, of pneumonia at the age of 70 years, leaving to mourn his death a wife, five daughters, and three sons.

The daughters are Mrs. George Conner, Mrs. Joseph Conner and Mrs. Lizzie Gray of Syracuse precinct and Mrs. Wulfmeyer of Salem, and the sons are Will Hofer of Salem and Fred R. and Henry Hofer of Syracuse.

The funeral services will be held today with interment at the Millersburg cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Reform Lutheran church and was born in 1842.

EUGENE AND SALEM ELKS WILL COME HERE

Have Accepted an Invitation from Local Order for Banquet Thursday Night.

One of the largest lodge meetings ever held in this city is planned for the night of Thursday, February 20th when the Elks Lodge of this city will entertain the members of the Salem and Eugene lodges at the Elks' temple.

A committee on a program has been appointed and a social session will be followed by an elaborate banquet.

The invitation has already been communicated to the Eugene and Salem lodges and the members have signified their intention of being present on that date.

Several weeks ago the Albany lodgemen were guests of the Salem lodge and have heretofore accepted the hospitality of the lodge at Eugene.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS WILL HOLD A BOX SOCIAL

An event of more than usual interest to the members of the Royal Neighbors lodge of this city will be held at the usual place of meeting next Wednesday night. The members of the committee having charge of the work are making elaborate preparations for the event and a large attendance is anticipated.

F. R. Dunn, of Portland, traveling freight agent for the Southern Pacific company, arrived in Albany last evening and is looking after business matters here today.

JEWELRY SALESMAN ILL AT HIS ROOMS AT ST. FRANCIS

L. J. Schade, a well known jewelry trimmer traveling for a San Francisco house, has been confined to his room at the St. Francis hotel in this city for several days with illness.

He arrived in Albany Tuesday and was taken ill that evening and has since been unable to continue on his way to other parts of the Northwest.

Mr. Schade's father, J. P. Schade, a well known retail jeweler of Portland, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Francis Schade, visited the sick man at the St. Francis last evening. Mr. Schade returned today but Miss Schade remained to look after her brother for a few days.

COLLEGE FRESHMEN WED AFTER SHORT ROMANCE

Thos. E. Cornwall of Bandon Weds Sue French of Corvallis; in Albany Today.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 15.—A college romance of short duration culminated this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the wedding of two members of the freshman class at the Oregon Agricultural College when Miss Sue French, daughter of Mrs. H. L. French, of Corvallis, became the wife of Thomas Eugene Cornwall of Bandon.

Mr. Cornwall, who has charge of the Bull, a dormitory for men, after having completed the work of the first semester with high marks, failed to register for the present semester, but Miss French attended her classes as usual yesterday, and the immediate friends of the couple were not advised of their nuptial plans until today, just before the wedding.

The ceremony was read by Dr. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, in the presence of the bride's family and a few close friends and Stewart L. Wooden, of Elizabeth, N. J., acted as best man.

Thomas Eugene Cornwall of Bandon and his blushing bride whom he married yesterday afternoon in Corvallis, arrived in Albany last evening, and are spending their honeymoon in the Hub City, having taken a suite of rooms at the St. Francis. Both Cornwall and his bride who was formerly Miss Sue French of Corvallis, are popular freshmen at the Oregon Agricultural College.

LAMP POST AND MAIL BOX CIGAR TRAYS FOR NEW HOTEL

Unique Devices to Adorn Tables of New Hammel for Use of Gentlemen Diners.

Among the many handsome and attractive pieces of silverware for use in the dining room of the new Hotel Hammel are the unique cigar lighters and ash trays, one of which will occupy a place on every table, for the use of gentlemen diners.

These sets represent a lamp post such as were found on the streets of nearly every village and town during the early days, while attached to the lamp post is a small mail box which is provided with a device for clipping off ends of cigars. The lamp is used for lighting the cigar while the tray attached to the bottom is for the ashes.

THE NEWSPAPER MEN WILL INVADE THIS CITY

Willamette Valley District Press Association Will Convene Here Tomorrow.

With Eric W. Allen, dean of the department of journalism of the University of Oregon as the principal speaker, the second meeting of the Willamette Valley District Press Association will convene in this city tomorrow afternoon.

A business session will be held at the Commercial Club rooms in the afternoon and an open meeting will be held at the same place in the evening. Local members of the Retail Merchants' association have been invited to attend the evening session and a cafeteria lunch will be served in connection with the program.

In addition to Eric W. Allen, Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered and C. C. Chapman of Portland have promised to be present. The meeting will be called to order by Frank Jenkins of Eugene who is president of the district association.

PERSONAL MENTION.

D. A. Blake, a well known farmer residing near Corvallis, passed through Albany this afternoon, enroute home from Portland where he has been visiting relatives.

F. W. Smith of Corvallis returned home this morning after transacting business in Albany yesterday. While here he was a guest at the Van Dran.

Prof. F. G. Franklin, of Albany College, went to Salem this afternoon and President Crooks and Prof. Sharp will go this evening, to attend the annual convention of the Independent Colleges of Oregon tonight. Prof. Franklin is secretary. Among the speakers will be Governor West, Superintendent Alderman and President Crooks, besides other prominent educators.

Fred Jones, John F. Leffler and J. A. Wallace, well known residents of Scio, were in Albany yesterday attending the trial of the case of T. A. Richardson et al. vs. the city of Scio.

W. A. Ewing, a prominent resident and cashier of the bank at Scio, was in Albany yesterday afternoon looking after business matters and attending the Richardson case in Judge Galloway's court.

Herman Shallenberger, U. S. collector of the internal revenue, arrived in Albany last evening and is looking after business matters here today.

Mrs. Grant Pirtle left last evening for Lebanon where she will spend a few days visiting friends.

DAVID P. MASON WILL ENTERTAIN MONDAY

Will Be Host to Past Masters of St. Johns Lodge No 17, A. F. & A. M. of Albany.

BANQUET WILL BE SERVED AT ST. FRANCIS GRILL AT 6:30

The Invitations Include Many Prominent Men from Various Parts of Northwest.

David P. Mason of this city, past grand master of the Masonic lodge of Oregon, will be host to twenty-five or thirty past masters of St. John's Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M. of this city at a banquet which will be given at 6:30 o'clock next Monday evening in the grill of the St. Francis hotel. Invitations for the banquet were sent out yesterday by C. H. Wiedner, the present worshipful master of St. John's lodge.

The banquet promises to be one of the leading events of the winter in Albany and Lamford Westbrook of the St. Francis is now making preparations for the entertainment of the distinguished Masons who will be guests of David P. Mason on Monday evening.

Blue will predominate in the color scheme to be used in the decorations for the banquet tables and many beautiful floral pieces will occupy places on the festive board.

Invitations to the banquet were issued to the following past masters: Walter R. Blyden, L. C. Marshall, A. W. Bowersox, E. William R. Blyden, George E. Sanders, Dr. W. R. Slamm, Thomas J. Butler, Clyde C. Bryant, Owen Beam, E. D. Cusick, Edward Washburn, E. K. Oling, George Taylor, E. L. Wiedner, J. S. Van Winkle, Curtis B. Wain, J. R. Hulbert, Dr. W. H. Davis, William Fortmiller, Rockey E. Mason, F. M. Redfield, J. K. Weatherford and C. H. Wiedner of Albany.

The following distinguished past masters of the local lodge who reside in other parts of the Northwest are also included in the invitation list: Hon. George E. Chamberlain of Portland, United States senator from Oregon; Hon. C. E. Wolverson of Portland, judge of the federal court; Hon. J. P. Galbraith of Blaine, Wash., United States inspector of immigration; J. Russ Wyatt of Portland, ex-deputy U. S. attorney; George A. Westgate of Portland, surveyor-general of Oregon; Hon. George Humphrey of Portland, veteran barrister of the federal court; Hon. Frank J. Hiller, of Salem, state railroad commissioner; E. W. Langston of Portland, ex-president of the First National bank of this city; William B. Barr of Portland; Elvin S. Crutchfield of North Yakima, Washington; and Harry L. Walden of Eureka, California.

A large delegation of the members of St. John's Lodge of this city will go to Harrisburg tomorrow evening where they will confer the Master Mason's degree on one of the members of the Harrisburg lodge.

NEW CLOTHES CLEANING AND PRESSING PARLORS OPEN

J. W. Dooley who has been employed at the St. Francis hotel in this city for several months, has opened up a clothes cleaning and pressing establishment at 316 West Second street, next door to the Crest confectionery. Dooley is experienced in this line of work and guarantees all work, both ladies' and gentlemen's. He will call for and deliver all clothing. His new place will be known as the Nonpareil Pressing Parlors.

Mrs. Ben Kirk of this city has been ill at her home on Fourth street for several days with typhoid fever. She became ill on Monday and has been confined to her home since that time. Her many friends hope to hear of her early recovery.

This is the birthday of Dr. D. L. Foster of this city. "Doc" wouldn't tell his age and although it is safe to predict that he is nearing sixty, he don't look it and is good for many years more. Congratulations, Dr.

C. C. Wade, a prominent resident and city recorder of Scio, was in Albany yesterday looking after business matters and attending the trial of the case against the city of Scio which is now progressing in Judge Galloway's court.

E. C. Peery, a well known druggist of Scio, was in Albany yesterday looking after business matters and attending the trial of the case against the city of Scio which was heard in Judge Galloway's court.

R. M. Cain of Scio returned home this morning after spending yesterday in Albany where he was called as a witness in the case of T. A. Richardson vs. the city of Scio.

J. A. Howard, the real estate dealer went to Portland this afternoon.

Knute M. Hagstead, H. A. Zeller, B. Schiemann, and W. Book, compose a party from Santa Cruz, California, who are visiting in Albany. They are stopping at the Van Dran.

J. C. Gallagher, manager of Eilers piano house at this city, left this morning on a business trip to Lebanon. He reports the piano business good.