

CITY BRIEFS

A silver-mounted gavel was presented to the Supreme Court by A. O. U. W. by Colonel Hawkins, of the City Hall Museum. The gavel proper is made from wood of the first Chinese junk which passed the mouth of the Columbia River about 100 years ago.

The Mitchell, Lewis & Stayer Company shipped two carloads of agricultural implements this week, one car going to Spokane and the other to Pomroy.

Within two years Blair T. Scott, General Manager of the Pacific department of the Washington Life Insurance Company has greatly increased the business of that company in this section. He has just returned from a visit East to the home office. His success here has been much appreciated by the company, and he has had added to his jurisdiction several general agencies which were heretofore governed from other offices.

The thirty-ninth volume of Reports of the Supreme Court of Oregon is now ready for delivery. It has already been received by some of the lawyers of the city. It contains 100 pages, and is one of the largest that has yet appeared.

July 9 the United States Civil Service Commission announces as the date for the examinations to be held in Portland for the positions of computer in the Coast Geodetic Survey, inspector of hulls in the steamboat inspection service and inspector to act as interpreter (Finnish and Scandinavian languages) in the immigration service. All desiring to take the examination should apply to Z. A. Leigh, Postoffice Department.

The annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association will take place Wednesday, June 13. The Women's Auxiliary has held two meetings, and have perfected all arrangements to give the old pioneers a good time. The Auxiliary will hold their last meeting tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Cartwright, 215 Seventh street.

A dispatch from Edward Cookingham, who went to New York recently to arrange for the leasing of the top floor of the Chamber of Commerce building for the Commercial Club, states that he has accomplished his purpose. Plans are now being drawn by an architect for the remodeling of that part of the building, and new furnishings and furniture will be purchased to the extent of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

June 11 will be a gala day in Portland for the Indian War Veterans, as on that day they will hold a grand encampment here. The meeting will begin at 9:30 o'clock. At 12 o'clock the sons and daughters of veterans will serve a banquet to the veterans, their wives and widows, and a lunch at 2 o'clock. Included in the program for the occasion is music, addresses and literary exercises.

A grand banquet will be served at the Portland Hotel in June 26, the occasion being the celebration of the coronation of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. The banquet will be given under the auspices of the British Benevolent Society of Portland. Covers will be laid for almost 150 persons.

Watson's Restaurant, open nights to 1 a. m.

The salmon shipments to Portland within the past day or two have materially increased. Shipments of bluebacks have begun to come in within the past day or two. They weigh from three to 10 pounds each and are said to make the most savory dish of all the finny tribe.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.
Finest lunch in city.
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Union Mills Start.

The wheels were turned in the new union planing mill of the Frank Schmitt Company today. The mill is located on the corner of East Eighth and East Taylor streets, and runs through to East Salmon street. The size of the structure is 75 by 125 feet, and is two stories in height.

The new mill has been fitted up with the latest machinery, and will be run strictly on union principles. The power to run the mill is obtained from a 100 horse-power boiler situated in a brick building alongside the main structure.

Salmon for Chicago.

A Chicago man with an order to Portland yesterday for a 10-pound chinook salmon. A thorough search of the markets here was made, but that particular size and specie of fish could not be found. There were plenty of 10 and 12-pounders, but they were too large. As a last resort the size and description were sent to Astoria with instructions to forward the salmon to Chicago at once. When one is wanted immediately it is difficult to secure a genuine chinook salmon here.

STRIKERS WON.

The strike which has been on for two months at Leather's boatyard at Astoria was settled yesterday, and the men have returned to work. The men were asking for a nine-hour day at 10 hours' pay, and the demand has been acceded to.

OPEN FIGHT

Expected in the Journal Vacation Contest.

New Contestant Enters—Close Drawing Near.

Miss Winkelman retains the lead in the Journal vacation contest. She is followed closely by Miss Benedict and Miss Chapman, with Miss Franklin not far behind.

But there are others who are suspected of having votes enough stacked away to put them well toward the top. This policy of holding back the votes at this time does not "frighten" the other contestants, and they are in no wise worried. They believe in an open fight for honors, and have as their motto, "Vote early and often."

The time for the close of the contest is drawing near. Let your votes be sent in at once.

There was one new contestant today, Miss Laura B. Richardson, of 124 Macadam street.

The vote today is as follows:

Miss Rita Winkelman	1204
Miss Margaret Benedict	1048
Miss Margaret Chapman	1039
Miss Rose Franklin	728
Miss Barbara Westendorfer	628
Miss Linnie Seab	528
Miss Leslie Lind	501
Miss Minnie Harris	428
Miss Elizabeth Reitenbach	328
Mrs. Catherine Adams	228
Miss Alice Stayton	128
Miss Lillian Wilson	78
Miss Mildred R. Webb	68
Miss Ursula Michel	58
Miss Emily Byrne	48
Miss Waddell	38
Miss Lucy Bateman	28
Miss Bonnie Zimmerman	18
Miss Laura Richardson	12

ABOUT PEOPLE.

J. H. Booth, register of the United States land office at Roseburg, is in this city for a short time.

Dr. T. W. Harris, of Eugene, is among the guests at the Imperial.

W. B. DeLashmuit, of Spokane, is visiting old friends here. He was at one time Mayor of Portland, and is now a prominent business man at Spokane.

Alex Martin, Jr., of Klamath Falls, is in the city. He has a large business there and was formerly the partner of State Treasurer C. S. Moore.

Dr. W. H. Planchon and L. A. Jewell, of Grants Pass, two well-known professional men of the southern part of the state, are in the city attending lodge conventions.

J. L. Lambirth, of Salem, is in the city. Mr. Lambirth is a professional electrician.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Tallman, Miss Tallman and Master Folsom Tallman, of Pendleton are guests of Mrs. Tallman's sister, Mrs. J. H. Pranta, and will be here several days, visiting Astoria and Oregon City before returning home. Mr. Tallman is the senior partner in the Tallman Drug Company, of Pendleton, one of the strongest retail firms in Eastern Oregon.

Col. W. F. Butcher is here from Baker City to remain several days. He cheerfully accepts the verdict of the people in the late election and looks as though he had no regrets. Col. Butcher has one of the most extensive law practices in the state.

Henry Blackman, of Heppner, is in town today, having come down to attend to some private business matters. Mr. Blackman was the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer. He received a splendid endorsement from his home county, and proved his popularity there among his friends and neighbors.

L. Harman Wittenberg, of the Pacific Coast Bioput Company, left last evening for San Francisco. He will be gone about two weeks.

Duncan McPherson, editor of the Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel, is an A. O. U. W. visitor in Portland.

H. C. Means and family of Echo are visiting Portland friends. Mrs. Means and children have departed for Gray's Harbor, where they will spend the summer.

Raised New Strawberries.

W. D. Stutater, residing near Woodlawn, has raised a new variety of strawberry, which he has named the Oregon. The new berry is a cross between a Jessie and a Sharpless, and is said to be one of the best varieties for canning purposes. The size and flavor of the new berry are said to be unexcelled.

SEATTLE GOT THE JOB.

Engineer Ballin, who recently returned from Seattle, said that while there he visited Moran Bros., who were awarded the contract for putting in the ballers and rollers required by the Government transport Seward.

This vessel laid at Portland all winter and when bids were called for to make the necessary repairs a firm here offered to do the work for \$30,000.

The Government's agent stated that the work must be done quickly and that the vessel would have to be taken to a dry-dock where there are better facilities than here. Accordingly it was taken to Seattle in March and Moran Bros. got the job at a figure which approximates \$10,000 over the amount bid here.

The Government was in great haste to have the work done, but it is just being commenced and will not be completed for months.

Mr. Ballin says that the shipbuilders there are giving Portland the laugh because the bidders here did not get the work, and freely acknowledge that it could have been done here as well as there.

COURT NOTES.

Christine Enger still presses her claim as the lawful sister of Henry Wilson, deceased, contending she is entitled to the property, worth \$12,000, that has been bequeathed to state. Not satisfied with the verdict in favor of the state returned by a jury recently, attorneys for Mrs. Enger, Paxton, Beach & Simon and Charles F. Lord, argued a motion for a new trial before Judge George in the State Circuit Court.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Albert Lovell, convicted of the embezzlement of \$50 from L. M. Hubert, was argued before Circuit Judge Cleland yesterday. Lovell was working in Hubert's livery stable, and it is charged by Hubert that he sold two mules from the barn, for \$50, and pocketed the money. Lovell contends that he came into possession of the mules by trade, and that he sold them for the purpose of a new trial. J. J. McKee, counsel for Lovell, claimed that Hubert did not show that he was the owner of the mules, and that there was no evidence to show that Lovell had acted as Hubert's agent in the transaction. Deputy District Attorney John Manning appeared for the state.

Robert Carr has filed a suit for divorce against his wife Mable Carr, on the grounds of desertion, October 10, 1900. He also prays for the custody of the two children and to be declared the sole owner of a farm at Holbrook and one in Polk county. The case is the outcome of a divorce suit recently prosecuted unsuccessfully by Mrs. Carr against her husband on the grounds of cruel treatment and desertion, wherein she asked for her property rights. The case consumed several days before Judge Cleland, and was bitterly contested, resulting in a dismissal.

The Dinsmoor Novelty Company was incorporated in the County Court yesterday by W. L. Dinsmoor, J. O. Gibson, John F. Robertson, capitalized at \$50,000. The object is to purchase, own and control the letters patent for a garment fastener and supporter.

J. W. Houser has petitioned for letters of administration of the estate of Samuel W. Blad, deceased. The property is valued at \$300. The heirs are a son and a daughter.

Martin Hawkins, who is defendant to a divorce suit commenced by his wife Lena, has been ordered to pay into court for her benefit the sum of \$40.

John E. Hedges, administrator of the estate of John Meyers, deceased, has filed his second report showing the receipts to be \$15,000; disbursements, \$12,585.

CROP BULLETIN.

The rainfall during the past week was light and consisted of small showers along the coast, and over widely scattered areas in the Willamette Valley and in the extreme Eastern portion of the state. The first of the week was unseasonably cool, especially during the day time, but the last few days were moderately mild and very favorable for the growing crops.

The maximum, or day temperatures during the week in Western Oregon ranged between 55 degrees and 65 degrees, and in Eastern Oregon between 55 degrees and 65 degrees. The minimum temperatures between 35 degrees and 45 degrees.

Light frosts the early part of the week, slightly injured tender vegetation in many sections, but the staple crops escaped unharmed. All kinds of grain continue very promising. Fall wheat is heading nicely with every indication of making good, plump kernels. The seeded areas have not yet begun to head, but there has been plenty of moisture and the plant is healthy and promising. A few complaints of rust and of the wheat stalks falling are made by correspondents in Linn County. Spring grain is growing rapidly; it is well rooted and has an excellent color. Early oats, barley and rye are also heading nicely.

Considerable alfalfa has been cut during the week in Southern Oregon, and the yields appear to be about the same as last year. Range grass in the Eastern section is the best in years, but in Southern Oregon it is not as good, and some few reports are to the effect that feed on the summer ranges is still short. The weather has been too wet and cold for timothy and this crop is not as promising as it was a few weeks ago. Clover is doing splendidly. Sheep-shearing is nearly completed and the clip is an average one. It has been the best week of the season for gardens, corn, potatoes, sugarbeets and hops, and they are all making rapid advancement.

The fruit outlook in Southern and Eastern Oregon is very promising, but in the Willamette Valley the conditions are so uneven that it is impossible to arrive at any definite conclusion as to the probable results, except in the case of Italian prunes and cherries, both of which have been damaged to such an extent as to cause the yields to be considerably less than last year.

Amateurs Want League.

The baseball fever has struck the average small boy on the East Side good and hard, and baseball clubs galore are being formed. An effort is now being made to organize an amateur baseball league, to include four clubs, one from Sellwood, Waverly, Brooklyn and Sunnyside.

TAXATION

For Kindergartens Will Be Very Light.

The Journal believes that the people of this city will vote in the free school kindergarten question June 18.

It therefore believes that the kindergarten will not be abolished and that they will be placed where they belong—under the public school system.

A pamphlet just issued for the information of the public shows why the kindergartens should be municipalized in the following statement:

"To provide \$5000 for kindergarten work, the increase in taxation would be almost imperceptible. The total assessed value of property in the City of Portland, expressed in round numbers, is \$45,000,000. A tax of 1-6-tenths of a mill on the dollar would provide a fund of \$7500. A tax of 1-8-tenths of a mill on the dollar will provide \$5625 for this purpose."

"If a levy of 1-10-tenths of a mill should be made on the dollar, this would add 11-23 cents to the annual tax on each \$1000 worth of property, according to its assessed value. Since property is not assessed at more than 40 per cent of its market value, a person who owns property worth \$3000 would pay but 41 cents annually in addition to other taxes, to maintain such kindergarten schools as are now in operation. Should it be decided to increase the appropriation by the sum to be realized from the levy of 1-4-tenths of a mill on the dollar, a person owning property worth \$3000 would pay 21 cents per annum more taxes than at the present time. If the number of schools should be increased twofold, and a tax of 3-10-tenths of a mill be levied on the dollar, a person having property worth \$3000 would pay but 41 cents more per annum in taxes than at the present time."

The foregoing facts and figures ought to satisfy any person whose attitude is proper toward the kindergarten. The kindergarten is a public school system which should be municipalized. It is a public school system which should be municipalized. It is a public school system which should be municipalized.

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BELIEVES IN BREVITY

No Flowery Sentences Needed in Railway Folders, Says Hall.

Rinaldo M. Hall, the new advertising man for the O. R. & N. Company, is delighted with the climate of Portland. He is amazed at the ease with which he can sleep here. It is nothing strange that a newspaperman who has led the strenuous life incidental to the discharge of the duties of telegraph editor on a morning daily should go a little "shy" on the subject of slumber. Mr. Hall was, for many years prior to his coming to Portland, on the telegraph desk of the Daily Pentagraph at Bloomington, Ill., which is "published mornings."

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