

# HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

## ASSESSORS' TERMS OF OFFICE

Do Those Now in Hold for Two Years Longer?

Salem.—Do County Assessors, now in office, hold two years longer, under the act of 1903, extending the term of office to four years, is a question which will be submitted to the Attorney-General for an opinion. The Assessors now in office were elected under a law which prescribed two years as the term of office. In 1903 the Legislature amended the law so as to read that "there shall be elected at the general election by the qualified electors of each county in this state a County Assessor, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified." There is nothing in the act which specifies whether assessors now in office shall be affected by the new law. It has been generally supposed that the present incumbents would retire when their two-year terms have ended, but there may be some doubt about this.

On the other hand, it is a general rule that laws changing the length of a term of office do not affect incumbents unless the intention to do so is clear. In the present instance, the words "there shall be elected" would seem to indicate an intention that the law should affect only those elected in the future, but as these words were in the old law and were merely repeated in the amendatory act, they may not have any particular meaning in that respect.

## FINE COWS FOR DAIRYING.

Jackson County Farmer Buys Holsteins—Big Farm to Be Made.

Jacksonville.—Brophy Bros., the owners of a fine dairy ranch in this valley, have received from Scappoose, Columbia County, a carload of fine Holstein cows to add to their already choice herd of milk cows.

Benton Bowers, of Ashland, who lately purchased the Beckman & Reames tract of land on Rogue River, seven miles north of Jacksonville, have a force of 20 men at work repairing the buildings, rebuilding fences and clearing additional land. There is 700 acres in the tract, 400 acres of which will be put to grass, 300 acres of this being seeded to alfalfa this spring, and the remaining 300 to pasture. Fine stock is to be kept upon the land, and Mr. Bowers plans to have one of the best selected herds in Rogue River valley.

Isaac Householder has sold his interest in the Kain's Creek limelime near Jacksonville, and will at once put in a wood camp on Poorman's Creek and a woodyard in Jacksonville.

## Double Its Capacity.

La Grande.—The La Grande Crescent Knitting Mills, the only factory of its kind in the Northwest outside of Portland, is arranging to double its capacity and has ordered a dozen new machines. The factory makes stockings, shawls and underwear. Suits of underwear are placed on the market all the way from \$2 to \$25 per suit, and are manufactured of cotton, wool and silk. It is now impossible for the factory to fill all the orders coming in. This factory has been in operation in La Grande only a little over six months.

## Busy Times at Prairie City.

Prairie City.—As spring approaches development of this district begins to assume shape. It is now conceded that the Sumpter Valley and Bonta railroads will race for the occupancy of this field. The Bonta road has secured a part of the right of way and the surveying corps is busy locating the remainder. The enterprise has been financed, and it is given out that it will be a steam road instead of an electric. This brings it in touch with the O. R. & N. and simplifies the transfer from one road to the other.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Milling quotations: Walla Walla, 77¢; bluestem, 82¢@83¢; Valley, 82¢.  
Barley—Feed, \$21.22 per ton; brewing, \$22; rolled, \$23.  
Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$2.90@4.10; clear, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; Graham, \$3.75; whole wheat, \$4; rye flour, \$4.50@4.75.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15; gray, \$1.10 per cental.  
Millstuffs—Bran, \$18.50@19 per ton; middlings, \$26; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.  
Hay—Timothy, \$15@17 per ton; clover, \$11@13; grain, \$12@13; cheat, \$12@13.  
Butter—Sweet cream butter, 32½¢ per pound; fancy creamery, 30¢; choice creamery, 25¢@27½¢; dairy and store, nominal.  
Butter fat—Sweet cream, 31¢; sour cream, 29¢.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12¼¢@13¢ per pound; small, 14¢@15¢; hens, 13¢@13½¢; turkeys, live, 15¢@16¢ per pound; dressed, 18¢@20¢; ducks, \$8@9 per dozen; geese, live, 8¢ per pound.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24¢@25¢ per dozen.  
Vegetables—Turnips, 80¢ per sack; carrots, 80¢; beets, \$1; parsnips, 3¢; cabbage, 1½¢@2¢; red cabbage, 1½¢; lettuce, head, 25¢@40¢ per dozen; parsley, per dozen, 25¢; tomatoes, \$1.50@2 per crate; cauliflower, 75¢@81¢ per dozen; celery, 45¢ per dozen; pumpkins, 1¢ per pound; cucumbers, \$2.25 per dozen. Onions—Yellow Danvers, \$2@2.25 per sack.  
Potatoes—Fancy, \$1@1.10 per sack; common, 70¢@90¢, growers' prices; sweets, 2½¢ in sacks; 2½¢ crated.  
Beef—Dressed, 6¢@7½¢ per pound.  
Mutton—Dressed, 6¢@7½¢; lambs, 8¢.  
Veal—Dressed, small, 8¼¢@9¢; large, 6¼¢@7¢.  
Pork—Dressed, 7¢@7½¢.  
Hops—Choice, 36¢@28¢ per pound; prime, 25¢; medium, 24¢.  
Wool—Valley, 17¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@15¢; mohair, 32¢@35¢.

## BUY THE DITCH.

Hood River Farmers Effectively Settle Water Question.

Hood River.—There is great rejoicing among the farmers of Hood River, and the thousands of people in the United States who have come to look to this little garden spot of Oregon for their big red strawberries, need worry no longer about their supply of fruit for the crop this year will be larger and better than ever. The water question, which has been causing the farmers so much trouble the past three weeks, is practically settled, and the irrigation ditch will hereafter belong solely to the farmers. To pay for the ditch and make necessary repairs to insure a supply of 2500 inches of water will require an expenditure of about \$60,000, equal to 2,000 shares. Where farmers are not prepared to pay cash for water privileges, arrangements have been made to secure loans from the state school fund at 6 per cent. It is figured out that maintenance, expenses and interest on the loans will bring the cost of water to the farmers to less than \$3.50 an inch. To those able to pay cash for water right, the cost will be a little over \$1.50. The cost of water each year is regulated by the cost of repairs and expenses apportioned pro rata among the landowners. The ditch itself is to remain entirely free from debt, the farmers assuming all obligations.

As soon as a majority of stock is taken, a call will be issued for a stockholders' meeting, organization will be effected and a board of directors elected. Work will begin immediately toward getting the ditch in shape to have water for the strawberries by May 1.

## TERMS OF SALE VIOLATED.

Purchasers of Umatilla Timber Land Sell Wood Wholesale.

Pendleton.—Charles Wilkins, agent at the Umatilla Indian reservation, says that during the past six months there has been wholesale consumption of timber on ceded lands, which practice is a violation of the laws. The lands were sold some time ago in 40-acre tracts at \$2.25 an acre, but the purchasers were informed that it would be unlawful to convert the timber into wood or lumber until two years after the date of sale.

It is said that many have paid but little attention to this stipulation, and recently have sold large quantities of wood to Pendleton dealers. One man is said to have delivered 800 cords of wood to a fuel firm of Pendleton since last fall. Mr. Wilkins says the timber lands are out of his jurisdiction, and accordingly it is not within his province to prefer charges against the alleged violators. The lands are in the district governed by the Land Office at La Grande and it will be for the Land Inspector to investigate the irregularities.

A great deal of apprehension is felt. It is believed that many prominent farmers will be included among the violators.

## NURSERIES DO A BIG TRADE.

Milton Firms Supply a Large Territory.

Milton.—Two large nurseries do business here, and just now the management is busy preparing for the shipment of nearly \$50,000 worth of trees to all parts of Washington and Oregon for spring planting. Shipments will be made during the early part of next month in many cases, other orders going out later. These trees are grown near this city, and all the care and attention is given by local men. The varieties generally are those that are known to thrive well in this climate and the principal output is apple trees.

During the past decade a large amount of money has been sent out of the country for fruit trees, and a few years ago local capital became interested and a nursery was established to furnish trees for the orchards which seemed to be certain of establishment. The business proved satisfactory, and it is now difficult to get farmers to send away for nursery stock of one kind, another was established, and now Milton sends out more trees annually than any other place of similar size in the northwest.

## Grand Ronde Apples Go Fast.

La Grande.—Within the past three weeks the Blue Mountain Fruit Company in La Grande has shipped to the Eastern markets 15 carloads of Grand Ronde apples, which were held over last fall by the growers. J. D. McKenney, one of La Grande's leading grocers, has shipped out two carloads of apples and several carloads of potatoes of late. About 20,000 boxes of saleable apples were raised in the Cove district alone in the year 1903, and a much larger crop is expected in the year 1904.

## To Move County Seat Back.

La Grande.—Petitions have been put in circulation in almost all localities in Union County asking the county Court to submit the question of relocating the county seat from Union to La Grande to the vote of the people at the general election in June. This petition is formulated under the general law of 1903, which provides for submission of the question upon petition of three-fifths of the total of all the votes cast.

## To Reduce Rate of Interest.

Astoria.—The Astoria school district has bonds amounting to \$12,000, which can be redeemed on March 1, and the directors have made arrangements to refund them by borrowing money from the state. This will reduce the rate of interest from 6 to 5 per cent and effect quite a saving to the district.

## RICH MEN ARE NUMEROUS.

Seven-Tenths of the World's Millionaires Live in the United States.

If there are 100,000 millionaires in the United States, as Senator Depew said at the dinner given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to his bible class, an official of a great commercial agency and the president of one of New York's richest banks are decidedly in error. Both placed the number of millionaires in the entire world at 10,000. There are 7,000 in the United States and 1,000 of these live in New York city, whether they pay taxes here or not, says the New York Press. The financial Red Book, a most carefully compiled publication, gives the names of practically all the persons in the United States who are supposed to be worth more than \$200,000. And there are only 15,000 names on the list. No claim is made that the name of every person worth that amount or more is given, but the proportion of those left out is extremely small, for a most exhaustive investigation has been made.

"There may be a few more than 7,000 millionaires in the United States," said the official of the mercantile agency. "I doubt it, however. I also doubt if there are more than 1,000 millionaires in New York. It is absolutely impossible to tell accurately. It may seem strange that we should not be able to tell, especially when we are engaged in finding out how much a man is worth and giving such information to our subscribers.

"But in the last few years there has been a marked tendency among men of wealth to conceal the amount of their worldly possessions. The first incentive in this respect is the vulgar prominence given to the man that has lots of money.

"There are other reasons men have for suppressing knowledge of the amount of their wealth. Some wish to avoid heavy taxation and give false returns. Another man may have made his money in a business not commonly supposed to be especially lucrative and he does not care to have his affluence blazoned forth to arouse competition. There are also some rich politicians, but it might arouse suspicion if they stated the exact amount of their wealth. And there is another class—the men that have their piles in callings that might be frowned upon in the circles they wish to enter—proprietors of gambling-houses, saloonkeepers, owners of dives and other resorts. They don't care to have others know how much they have accumulated.

"So while it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many millionaires there are, we would not take the number of those who are known to possess a thousand thousand at least, and then multiply the number by ten. For that is what Senator Depew seems to have done in his anxiety to urge Mr. Rockefeller's young men to get rich."

## MADE HER OWN BARGAIN.

The Greek Florist Was Too Sharp for the American Girl.

There were three of them, and they were charming young things of the matinee girl variety. They had bright eyes and rosy cheeks, and they were all talking at once, as is characteristic of their type. A Greek florist poked a bunch of violets under the nose of the prettiest. "Fina violet," he cooed. "Looka nice on lady dress." "They are pretty," said the young thing. "How much?" "The Greek smiled with courtly grace. "To lovely lady a-twenty cent."

"Three for seventy-five?" asked the girl with lightning calculation.

"Three for a-seventy-five if my lady say so," said the Greek with humility.

The bargain was clinched, and the three young things were arranging the blossoms among their furs when one, who had been wearing a puzzled expression for a few minutes suddenly said:

"Ruth it oughtn't to have amounted to seventy-five cents. Didn't he say twenty cents a piece?"

There was an awful silence while the three young things laboriously worked the problem out in mental arithmetic. Then Ruth, with her cheeks all aflame, turned to the smiling Greek.

"You've overcharged me," she said. "It ought only to have been sixty cents."

But the Greek's smile only broadened.

"The lady made her own bargain," he said with a Chesterfieldian wave of his hand.

Which being quite true, the three young things had nothing more to say; but somehow, quite suddenly, as it were, but somehow, quite suddenly, as it were, all the sweetness had gone from the flowers.—New York Times.

## Shyness.

By some observers shyness is attributed to vanity, or to self-consciousness; others, taking quite a different view, attribute it to diffidence or humility, or to an anxious desire to be loved. We confess that we have often halted between these two very opposite opinions. At last we have come to a conclusion which has at least the merit or demerit of being entirely our own. We believe that shyness mainly proceeds from the desire of being understood. There is nothing that mankind or womankind desires so much as to be understood. We like those who understand us. To be understood is the greatest delight of every human being, and the passion descends into our contact with society. There also we desire to be supremely understood. All our shyness proceeds from a fear that we are not understood by those by whom we happen to be surrounded at the time.

A baby is either the storm center or the sunshine of the home.

## FOUR SHIPS LOST

JAPANESE FOOL RUSSIANS BY USE OF SIGNALS.

Torpedo Boats at Port Arthur Captured and Crews Made Prisoners—Alexiff Goes to Harbin—Port Arthur Is Now Strictly a Naval Stronghold—Only 20 Foreigners Remain.

London, Feb. 24.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of February 22, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using Russian signals. This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese. The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo, and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Crefo correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dated February 22, says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur on February 14 sunk or damaged two Russian battleships, in addition to the torpedo boat already reported.

Viceroy Alexiff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and a correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners. Only 20 foreigners are now at Port Arthur, and they are traders disposing of their merchandise.

Some of them are under suspicion, and there is likelihood of their being arrested. There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexplained expulsions and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police.

The report that large bodies of Cossacks and other troops are occupying Niu Chwang and Hsin Ming Tin are unfounded.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says a British squadron is concentrating there and that a corresponding French concentration of warships is occurring at Sagon, Indo-China. This is supposedly a result of the Anglo-French understanding.

## MANY SUSPICIOUS OF RUSSIA

Believe She is Courting Publicity to Influence French Sentiment.

Paris, Feb. 24.—St. Petersburg, in time of peace one of the most difficult places for journalistic effort, has suddenly become a great center for foreign correspondents. The continental press is at present flooded with long telegrams and letters from the Russian capital.

The sudden rush of the Russian government into publicity has aroused suspicion in many quarters, where the question is being asked: "What is behind the move?" It is inconceivable that the Russian government, which took great pains to conceal every important happening in time of peace, should now want to make public every happening of importance. A number of leading diplomats and army and naval officers are inclined to believe that in permitting all manner of sensational stories to be spread broadcast, Russia hopes to influence the stock market in France, and thus cause a diversion in favor of Russia.

## Blood Poisoning and Puerperal Fever.

Formalin is the most powerful antiseptic agent known to science, and if it is really an antidote for blood poisoning medical practice has made some advancement. Still its use must be accompanied by the greatest caution. It is given subcutaneously by using 1-2000 of formalin in a dec-normal salt solution. Of this, sixty centimeters is hypodermically administered, and in an hour the patient's temperature may be reduced from 104 to 99. The primary effect of introducing formalin into the arterial circulation is to convert the blood itself into an antiseptic solution.

## Japanese Order Filled in Record Time.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—In consequence of a rush order from the Japanese government for locomotives, a local plant has established a new record by the construction of seven locomotives in a day. The engines ordered by Japan are for the military railroad that will connect Fusan, on the southern coast of Corea, with Seoul. An order calling for 20 locomotives, to be completed with 30 days, was received late in January. Eight of the 20 have already been shipped to Fusan. The remaining 12 will be shipped this week.

## Threat to China.

New York, Feb. 24.—The American prints the following copyrighted dispatch from its London correspondent: "A dispatch to the Express from Shanghai says it is officially stated that M. Paul Lesnar, the Russian Minister to China, has threatened Lien Fang, the vice-president of the Chinese foreign office, with the direct consequences, if China insists on the departure from Shanghai harbor of the Russian gunboat Mandjur for which the Japanese cruiser Atsuhima is lying in wait.

## First Ballot for Hanna's Successor.

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Separate ballots will be taken in the House and Senate at noon on March 1 for the election of a successor to the late Senator Hanna and a joint session will be held at noon on March 2 to declare the result. This is provided in a joint resolution introduced and adopted in the Senate tonight, and which will be ratified by the House tomorrow.

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County Clerk..... Walter Crawford  
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