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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage Licenses. Fremont Lincoln Kinnear and Katherine Belle Hamer.

Marriage. Kinnear-Hamer-In Medford on December 6, 1911, by Rev. W. F. Shields, Fremont Lincoln Kinnear and Katherine Belle Hamer.

Clawson-Parrott-In Medford on December 5, 1911, by Rev. Weston I. Shields, Wm. R. Clawson and E. Jeannette Parrott.

Probate Court.

Guardian Agonis to Brown and Naomi M. Brown, order to sell personal property and invest proceeds.

Estate of M. A. Allen, decree allowing final account.

Estate of John C. Parslow, decree of final settlement of account and final distribution.

Estate of Elizabeth F. Smith, order appointing Burt C. Smith administrator.

Circuit Court News.

Medford Commercial club vs. M. H. Payne; order to amend complaint.

State of Oregon vs. Myron S. Martin; entered plea of not guilty.

Charles S. Birdseye vs. L. A. Martin; demurrer overruled.

Butte Falls Lumber Co. vs. Mable Scudder; suit to quiet title. Decree by default.

May Simons vs. John Henry Simons; divorce. Decree by default.

C. W. Bigham vs. A. P. Donohue; demurrer overruled.

State of Oregon vs. John Doe, true bill assault, not being armed with dangerous weapon.

State vs. Richard Roe; true bill for refusing to aid an officer.

State vs. Richard Thomson; taking personal property from another; true bill.

State vs. John Doe, Richard Roe, true bill for pursuing deer with dogs.

State vs. Richard Roe; true bill, aiding prisoner to escape from officer.

State vs. H. Ferguson; indicted for uttering forged check. True bill.

G. D. Stowell vs. Butte Falls Lumber Co.; motion to strike allowed.

State of Oregon vs. Sydney Smith, grand jury returned a true bill to the indictment of refusing to assist an officer.

State of Oregon vs. H. Ferguson, entered plea of not guilty to uttering a forged check.

State of Oregon vs. Clyde Burkhardt, indicted for aiding prisoner to escape from an officer; true bill.

State of Oregon vs. Herbert Koeh; indicted for assault, not being armed with a dangerous weapon; true bill.

Ada Louis Watts vs. Alex Watts, divorce; decree by default.

Laura Potter vs. J. M. Potter, divorce; decree by default.

State vs. Bert Bowlin, demurrer to indictment overruled.

Price Fowler vs. Lars Berg, dismissed.

Nan L. Strickfadden vs. Frank Strickfadden; dismissed suit for concealment.

Ray Blackburn vs. Prospect Construction Co., motion to strike out answer allowed.

M. E. Root vs. Frank Hull, et al; motion denied as to negligence and allowed as to damages.

New Cases.

H. F. Hansen vs. B. T. Van de Car, action for money.

J. A. Smith vs. Annie Oiler, et al; suit to quiet title.

Wm. Patterson and Wm. Sheets vs. Ashland Steam Laundry, suit to foreclose mechanic's lien.

Real Estate Transactions.

Grainite City Savings Bank to W. H. Bartlett, lots 6 and 7, block J, Rogue River Valley Orchards Co tract . . . . . 1500

E. M. Fowler to V. O. Smith, land in town 39, 1 east . . . . . 1

Charles G. Seaman to Martha Seaman, land in section 15, town 36, 4 west . . . . . 1500

M. Purdin to M. G. Theiss, property in West's add, Medford

E. H. Cunningham to S. A. Beason, land in sec. 25 and 26, town 38, 1 west . . . . . 10

Gov. H. Snavely to E. H. Cunningham, land in town 38 1 west

THE SATURDAY BARGAIN DAY.

SUCCESS of the dollar bargain day instituted Saturday by the Medford merchants should lead to other efforts along the same line. Every Saturday should be a bargain day of some kind to draw country trade into the city.

The growing tendency toward catalog house buying, as far as the farmer is concerned, is directly traceable to the fact that he is growing away from the habit of driving to town once or twice a week, particularly on Saturdays, visiting the local stores and keeping on friendly terms with the merchants.

The Saturday trip to town is one of the foundation stones of merchandizing in the small city. If the main street shows a good country crowd on Saturday, it is safe to say that the community is supporting its local institutions and is prosperous.

To encourage the farmer to come to town regularly some communities have instituted regular series of Saturday fairs. Instead of having one big celebration during the season they have some event scheduled for each Saturday, advertise broadcast and put on their special sales and special displays to catch the Saturday crowds.

In any concerted effort of this kind the Medford newspapers are always willing to do their part by advertising the events in proportion to the manner in which the town merchants advertise their goods. The churches also can help make such affairs interesting and at the same time can promote their own religious interests.

Judicious combination of sports and other lighter entertainment features with something of an educational character will make the farmer's Saturday trip to town a permanent and keenly anticipated feature of his week. Free lectures on matters of interest to the farmer and orchardist will also help draw the crowd.

The parcels post, if it materializes, will bring the farmer one step nearer the big city and in the same measure will make it necessary for the small city merchant to adopt more aggressive tactics. Good roads and resultant free communication between the farm and town will do more to offset this influence than any other one thing.

Business men are learning that "hard times" can be overcome if the right curative measures are employed, and what is more important—that locally, at least, business stagnation can be prevented by judicious stimulation of trade. It is up to the merchants of Medford to furnish the stimulant.

Every Medford merchant should ask himself the following question: "What am I doing to bring the farmer and his trade to Medford? Am I making his visits profitable to him as well as myself?"

The Medford merchant cannot afford to let the merchant of any surrounding town undersell him. He must make his store more attractive, carry larger stock and sell as cheap or cheaper, and he must take the farmer's produce at a reasonable price. If he does not do this he cannot hope to compete with his country rivals, for he does not make it worth while for the farmer to come to town. He is merely an aid to other towns. If he does do this, he will build up not only his own business but that of his city.

JACK GRIBBLE'S CASE.

IN SATURDAY'S Mail Tribune a letter was published from J. F. Spencer, deputy postmaster of Dudley, Ore., extolling the forestry service in general and Forest Ranger J. E. Gribble in particular. The same communication appeared in other county papers and also in the Portland Oregonian, speaking well for the industry of the literary deputy postmaster.

Dudley is a cross-roads homestead postoffice in the Crater forest reserve above Butte Falls. The letter is probably the result of the printing by this newspaper of a decision made by the federal land office in one of the numerous contest cases started by Mr. Gribble to evict the settler, in which Mr. Gribble was severely taken to task for entering a homesteader's cabin with a skeleton key during the settler's absence, to secure evidence against the settler to be used in ousting him from his land.

The case was that of the contest filed against Dr. Edward E. Emerson, who had taken a homestead in the Crater National forest. The land office ruled as follows: "In his apparent eagerness to make out a case against the claimant, the witness, J. E. Gribble, entered the cabin home of this settler by means of a skeleton key, thus himself violating a statute, there being no law authorizing any detective, state or federal officer to enter the private home of any person without due process of law. The little cabin home of the settler is as sacred under the law as is the home of the man who lives in a mansion on Nob hill."

Continuing, the land office ruled: "The contestant has wholly failed to prove any of the charges and the testimony of the chief witness for the contestant, J. E. Gribble, is that the claimant did establish residence on the land for he, Gribble, saw him there and also saw his household goods. There is not sufficient evidence to support any of the charges and the motion to dismiss is hereby sustained."

The public sentiment against the forestry bureau is directly traceable to such abuses as cited above. If the rangers confined themselves to protecting the forests from fire, to reseeding burned strips, to supervising graz-

ing privileges and other legitimate forest work, they would be most popular, but when the rangers constitute themselves spies upon poor settlers and spend their energies in trying to evict homesteaders and bona fide entrymen of course they make many bitter enemies, as well as work injustice and hardship upon deserving people.

REPLIES TO DR. RAY PALMER

Howard C. Van Meter of the Christian Science Committee on Publication, Answers Recent Expressions of Evangelist.

618 BECK BUILDING, PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—To the Editor: The charges against the teaching of Christian Science made by Evangelist Palmer reported in your issue of last Thursday are so bold and without foundation that I am asking space in your columns to refute them.

It is regrettable that a religious system which has done so much to lessen evil in the world through the dissemination of the fact of the omnipotence of God, good, and the consequent powerlessness of evil, should be charged with ignoring evil or passing lightly over its effects.

Christian Scientists are charged with saying "there is no sin, no crime, no death." It is rather gratuitous to credit Christian Scientists with saying this or that thing. They know that in human experience there is evidence of a lack of understanding of the all-power of God, good, and because of this lack there exists a belief in the power of evil, the exercise of which is sin and the results suffering and death. Furthermore they know that in the degree that the knowledge of God's allness prevails, the relief in evil lessens, and it is their hope that mankind shall find the way to the truth which Jesus said "shall make you free." New to gain this freedom and hold it requires watching in order not to be deceived by the specious arguments of evil. Mrs. Eddy has shown in her writings how this is to be done and earned the gratitude of thousands in so doing.

There is not the slightest ground for assuming that Christian Science makes light of sin or shields the sinner. Mrs. Eddy says on page 203 of "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures": "Sin kills the sinner and will continue to kill him so long as he sins." Any and all statements in Mrs. Eddy's writings as to the non-existence of sin in God's kingdom should be recognized as pertaining to the experience to be enjoyed by man as fast as he releases himself from the apparent kingdom of evil.

When Ezekiel writes "The soul that sinneth it shall die" the meaning is that a sinning sense destroys itself, because it affords the opportunity for good to overthrow evil. When Mrs. Eddy says "soul cannot sin" she uses the word as a synonym for God, whom the Bible says is "of too pure eyes to behold evil and cannot look upon iniquity." That which sins in a mortal is not the image and likeness of God, Soul, but is a wrong or sinful sense that must be replaced by the right or true sense.

Mr. Palmer quotes Mrs. Eddy as saying that "the doctrine of the vicarious suffering of Christ is the most nefarious doctrine ever preached and that it has done more to make infidels than all other things put together." I have not the reference at hand and am not therefore disposed to accept his statement since he does not specify. However, there is no doubt that many persons have rebelled against accepting the declaration that the suffering of Jesus was ordained by God, whom the Bible declares is Love, as explanation for the world's sin. Jesus was the Way-Shower and his proof of the powerlessness of evil was to be in the nature of an object lesson for all his followers, so that by following his example they could work out their own salvation.

It requires the utmost stretch of the imagination for any person to imply as the speaker did that this teaching makes no distinction between a good man and a bad one. Christian Science does not excuse wrong doing in any one nor an evasion of the penalty, but it does give the man who has yielded to evil the right to stop sinning through the knowledge that God does not create sinners and therefore the sinning propensity can be overcome, and when overcome there will no longer be suffering as penalty. Yours truly, HOWARD C. VAN METER, Committee on Publication for Oregon.

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