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COURT HOUSE NEWS

New Cases.

T. J. Parton vs. J. M. Rader and Bertha Rader; suit to rescind contract; R. M. McCabe, attorney for plaintiff.

R. S. Hawk by H. L. Hawk vs. Prospect Construction company; action to recover money; Gus Newberry, attorney for plaintiff.

Probate.

Estate Charles R. Beardsley; order appointing February 3, 1912, as day for final settlement.

Estate Augustus Moore; order made appointing Rebecca R. Moore administratrix.

Estate Lillian S. Moore; order made discharging administrator; final report approved.

Circuit Court News.

Farmers & Fruitgrowers' bank vs. L. W. Smith; action for money; order overruling demurrer.

H. Jenkins vs. City of Medford; jury returned directed verdict for city.

Sylvester Patterson et al. vs. City of Medford; judgment for defendant. Garnett-Corey Hardware company vs. J. A. McIntosh; judgment by default.

Sarah E. Clay vs. Daniel E. Clay; divorce; decree by default.

Anna Roberts vs. Charles S. Roberts; divorce; decree by default.

L. M. Lyon to J. R. Pooler; suit to quiet title; decree for plaintiff.

Erlie Heffing vs. John Heffing; suit for divorce; decree by default.

City of Ashland vs. Regue River Electric company; notice of appeal filed.

Marriage Licenses.

Raymond E. McCoy and Rival E. Moreland.

J. E. Glover and Corn Gorham. John Anderson and Laura Pattig. Albert Young and Mabel Goth.

L. C. Shaw and Nora Pearl Stone-braker. Charles S. Hebrard and Ida Ditsworth.

Levi Preslar and Josie Connelly. Arthur J. Fawcett and Alberta Bogges.

F. E. Wald and Zehna A. Roe. William W. Wilson and Winifred Conner Lowe.

No Way to Help.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Owing to restrictions of the civil service law governing the employment of men by the city, the meeting of city and county officials for the purpose of devising means to give work to the unemployed was a failure.

ATTENTION, FRANK GOSKER

The undersigned attorneys at Walla Walla, Wash., wish to be put in communication with Frank Gosker so that a relative of his may communicate with him. Any information, particularly present address, is much desired. Sharpstein & Sharpstein, Baker-Boyer Bank building, Walla Walla, Wash. 238\*

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A CAPITALISTIC CRIME.

IN THE Christmas issue of Collier's, printed as a foreword, is an article entitled "The Message of the Star," with Herbert Kaufman as the accredited author. The Mail Tribune reprinted the article, with proper credit, in Saturday's issue—but it didn't know any better then.

From the "Medford Socialist," a campaign dodger issued and distributed free Sunday by the socialists to slam and slander everyone in general and the Commercial club in particular, appears the same article, word for word, with E. W. Egan, socialist candidate for city recorder, as accredited author. To be sure in Mr. Egan's article the word "socialism" takes the place of the "star of Bethlehem," but this is the only alteration—and such a slight one!

It is evident that Collier's and Mr. Kaufman are guilty of rank plagiarism, even though Collier's appeared a week before the Socialist. They have stolen Mr. Egan's literary product, even though Mr. Kaufman wrote it and Collier's printed it first.

Here we have another instance of those conspiracies by which capitalism is robbing and oppressing the workingman! Here is another instance of rank injustice of the tainted capitalistic press, snatching the literary laurels of a great but unknown author, simply because he is a boot-black! Here is a worse plot to crush the cause of labor than that against the McNamaras, a striking instance of the triumph of the parasite over the wage slave!

"He who steals my purse, steals trash," but he who steals another's ideas and literary product sometimes gets something far worse than trash. Still this does not justify Collier's for swiping Mr. Egan's article and printing it before Mr. Egan wrote it, and we demand that the Medford local call indignation meetings, and collect the spondulix from their down-trodden brothers to avenge this capitalistic insult!

DICKENS ON CHRISTMAS.

EACH holiday season the memory of other Christmases, with their half-forgotten joys, tinges us with melancholy.

As we grow older, we appreciate more and more the cheerful optimism of Charles Dickens. Listen to him you who sigh in vain for days on which the sun has forever set, and get an ever new idea of the Christmas festival, and drop your vain regrets:

"Therefore, as we grow older, let us be more thankful that the circle of our Christmas associations and of the lessons that they bring, expands! Let us welcome every one of them, and summon them to take their places by the Christmas hearth.

"Welcome, old aspirations, glittering creatures of an ardent fancy, to your shelter underneath the holly! We know you, and have not outlived you yet. Welcome, old projects and old loves, however fleeting, to your nooks among the steadier lights that burn around us. Welcome, all that was ever real to our hearts; and for the earnestness that made you real, thanks to Heaven!

"Do we build no Christmas castles in the clouds now? Let our thoughts, fluttering like butterflies among these flowers, of children, bear witness! Before this boy there stretches out a Future, brighter than we ever looked on in our old romantic time, but bright with honor and with truth. Around this little head on which the sunny curls lie heaped, the graces sport, as prettily, as airily, as when there was no scythe within the reach of Time to shear away curls of our first-love.

"Upon another girl's face near it—placid but smiling bright—a quiet and contented little face, we see Home fairly written. Shining from the word, as rays shine from a star, we see how, when our graves are old, other hopes than ours are young, other heads than ours are moved; how other ways are smoothed; how other happiness blooms, ripens, and decays—no, not decays, for other homes and other bands of children, not yet in being, nor for ages yet to be, arise, and bloom and ripen to the end of all!

"Welcome, everything! Welcome, alike what has been, and what never was, and what we hope may be, to your shelter underneath the holly, to your places around the Christmas fire, where what is sits open-hearted! In yonder shadow do we see obtruding furtively upon the blaze, an enemy's face? By Christmas Day we do forgive him! If the injury he has done us may admit of such companionship, let him come here and take his place. If otherwise, unhappily, let him go hence, assured that we will never injure nor accuse him."

A Test of Fuel Oils

By P. J. O'GAR.

Pathologist and Special Meteorological Observer U. S. Weather Bureau. (Continued from Saturday.)

Table with columns: Specific Gravity, Degrees Beaume, Weight Per Gal., Heat Units Per Gallon. Rows include: Stove Distillate, Slop distillate, Richmond oil, Crude oil.

Under the term Specific Gravity we are to understand that the oil is again compared with water as to the weight per unit of volume. The decimals simply indicate what per cent of the weight of water a measured gallon, or any other volume, of oil is. Instead of simply stating that the specific gravity of slop distillate is 0.9400, we might have said that a gallon of slop distillate is only 94 per cent as heavy as a gallon of water. A gallon of water at maximum density weighs approximately 8.34 pounds and by multiplying this factor by the figures in the first column we obtain the weights per gallon of the different oils as indicated in the third column of the table. However, the oil companies sell their products under certain tests indicated in degrees Beaume. It is unfortunate that this almost obsolete measure of density is used. It will be noted that the higher the figure in degrees Beaume, the lighter the oil. In measuring densities of liquids, lighter than water, the Beaume scale begins at 10, which is the density of water. In measuring the density of liquids heavier than water, the density of water on the Beaume scale is placed at zero. It will be seen that the Beaume scale is an arbitrary one, and, in order to know the exact density of any liquid, conversion tables are necessary if the Beaume hydrometer is used.

Before going into the matter of the actual tests, we will try to indicate just what these oils are. The crude oil, or petroleum, as it comes from the wells is very rich in gases and the lighter substances, such as benzene, gasoline, kerosene and others. There are also present

such basic substances as asphaltum and paraffine, usually in considerable amounts. In some oil districts we find that paraffine is the basic substance; in others asphaltum; however, we also find oils that contain both paraffine and asphaltum. For the most part, eastern crude oils have a paraffine base, while those on the Pacific slope have an asphaltum base. There are, however, some paraffine oils in certain of the California oil districts. It will be seen, therefore, that the rule oils on the market are, after all, residuals; the gases and lighter oils having been removed from them. The so-called crude oil we have been using is not petroleum since petroleum is rich in the lighter oils. The crude oil that we have been getting simply contains some of the heavier oils and a very large quantity of asphaltum, together with a considerable amount of mineral matter. We find present sulphur in small amounts. The large amount of asphaltum present is what has been giving us all the trouble. It does not burn readily in smudge pots, and a considerable amount usually remains in the bottom of the pot after firing. Upon cooling, it becomes very hard and will fracture like glass upon being struck with a hammer. Solidified, it is almost impossible to ignite. After repeated fillings the fuel pot has its capacity very much decreased, and, therefore, the burning time is reduced.

To be continued.

PARENT-TEACHER CIRCLE ORGANIZED

Teachers and parents in the Bellevue school district, No. 73, near Ashland, met Friday afternoon, December 22, for the purpose of organizing. About 15 parents assembled with the children at the school house and, after listening to a number of well rendered songs, recitations and a debate prepared by the school children with the assistance of their principal, J. A. Bish, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. H. Peachey; vice president, Mrs. A. W. Hodson; secretary, Mrs. M. L. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. T. Miksch.

A committee consisting of Miss Hawley, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Gordon and Principal J. A. Bish was appointed to prepare a program for the next meeting, to be held at 2 o'clock January 26. Mrs. Eskie, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Bish were asked to prepare a constitution and by-laws, and present the same at the January meeting.

In order that the club might work to the best advantage to bring the home and the school closer together, it was decided that they would join the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

Married.

Married, at the M. E. church South, Sunday, December 24, 1911, Albert Youn and Miss Mabel Gott, both of Ashland, Rev. W. T. Goulder officiating.

Married, Sunday, December 24, 1911, at the home of the bride's father, H. H. Gorham, on the Central Point road, J. E. Glover and Miss Cora Gorham, Rev. W. T. Goulder officiating.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of D. S. Wood of Highland Park, was celebrated the wedding of Levi Preslar and Miss Josie Connelly, Rev. J. W. Sharp performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Preslar will make their home on Griffin creek.

On Christmas day at the Presbyterian church Fred J. Fick and Nellie V. Williams were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Shields. A large number of friends accompanied the bride and groom to the church. The ceremony was in the church parlor, which was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreen. Mr. and Mrs. Fick will make their home in Jacksonville, Ore.

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