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COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Marriage License. William A. Morris and May M. Smith.

Probate. In the matter of the determination of the relative rights to the use of the water of Rogue River and its tributaries, order to extend time for hearing for six months.

Circuit. Bank of Jacksonville vs. Medford Investment Co., motion.

J. W. Welch vs. Wm. Randlet, et al, order to publish summons.

Mamie E. Riddle vs. C. W. Isaacs, et al, demurrer.

H. H. Markham vs. Strehna S. Oster, order for publication of summons, affidavit of mailing.

H. B. Van Sickle vs. A. K. Delflyer, et al, stipulation, order of dismissal.

Real Estate Transfers

William Mayfield, et ux, to Ellis Clark, W. D. to lots in blk. 5 Oak Park Add. Central Point. \$ 10

F. M. Black, et ux, to A. K. Detwiler, deed to land in sec. 22, T. 36 S., R. 1 W. 600

F. M. Black, et ux, to A. K. Detwiler, Q. C. D. to land in sec. 22, T. 36 S., R. 1 W. 600

Leo B. Sander, et ux, to Susie L. Allen, W. D. to land in T. 29, R. 1 E. 10

Susie L. Allen, single, to Leo B. Sander, et ux, W. D. to land in T. 29, R. 1 E. 10

M. P. Flury, et ux, to F. M. Centers, et ux, W. D. to land in sec. 22, T. 38 S., R. 1 W. 10

Annie L. Tanner, et vir, to E. D. Reinkings, W. D. to lot 2, blk. 6, Carlton Add. 430

Charles L. Wimer to Lottie L. L. Pelton, et al, Q. C. D. to lot in blk. 22, Chtwood Add. Ashland. 1

William A. York, et ux, to G. F. Billings, et ux, Q. C. D. to right to dig ditch across land in sec. 18, T. 29 S., R. 1 E. 10

THE LOVING MR. WAX DABBLED IN MATRIMONY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Five more persons, including one young woman, whom he married, recognized in Charles H. Wax today the man they had known as "Oliver Osborne," or under some of his other assumed names. Wax, who is held under \$50,000 bail as a material witness in a federal case, was brought here from Chicago to clear the name of James W. Osborne, a prominent attorney who had been accused by Miss Rae Tanager of breach of promise after courting her as "Oliver Osborne."

Wax admitted that it was he who was Miss Tanager's admirer. Wax was identified by Miss Ethel Brooks as the man she married in Hoboken, N. J., early in 1914 under the name of Mafie Mahon Nye. Wax admitted the accusation, but asserted that "Miss Brooks is the only woman they can prove I did marry."

Fourteen persons have now identified Wax as the adventurer the federal authorities claim him to be. For the first time since his arrival here, Wax showed emotion when he was confronted by Miss Brooks when he admits deserting a few days after he married her. His face paled and he shrank back as she unhesitatingly identified him as the man who had married her.

Miss Brooks' sister then stepped up to Wax and struck him several times on his chest with her flat.

The officers and degree team of Medford Camp No. 99, Woodmen of the World, will visit Ashland camp Saturday night, Dec. 9th, to assist in conferring the degree work. Free transportation will be provided for all members who care to make the trip. All those wishing to attend will be at the hall promptly at 8:30. With Medford trade in Medford made

SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

THE question as to whether there will be sufficient supply to provide the proposed Medford district with water for irrigation is thus answered by John T. Whistler, engineer of the United States reclamation service, in his report upon the Rogue River valley irrigation problems, published in February, 1916:

"It is estimated that Bear creek and Little Butte creeks, supplemented by storage in Fish lake and Four-Mile lake, will furnish a supply sufficient for 35,000 acres in the Medford division, at an approximate construction cost of \$40 per acre, including distribution system; that an additional supply probably sufficient for 15,000 acres can be obtained from Big Butte creek at a cost of \$29 per acre, delivered to Hopkins lateral.

"Fish lake is the source of the North Fork of Little Butte creek and lies near the summit of the Cascade range, just south of Mt. McLoughlin. By constructing a fifty-foot dam, a storage capacity of 20,000 acre feet can be obtained. The water supply available for storage here is uncertain, but will probably equal the storage capacity.

"Four-Mile lake lies twelve miles northeast of Fish lake and at an elevation 1000 feet higher. Fifteen thousand five hundred acre feet storage capacity can be obtained by constructing a twenty-foot dam. The record of run-off from this lake is very short, but it is probable that the yearly supply of 10,000 acre feet is all that can be depended upon.

"There is sufficient flood water in Bear creek to supply practically all the requirements for both divisions in April and May, and enough in any event to insure against crop failure."

This supply can, if necessary, be augmented in the future diverting of the south fork of Big Butte with a supply sufficient for 15,000 acres, at a cost of \$437,000. It is also feasible to divert the south fork of Rogue river, with a minimum average flow of 110 second feet, into the north fork of Big Butte at a cost of approximately \$94,000.

It will be seen from the above that there is no question but the logical and practical source of water supply for the Medford district is from the Rogue River Canal system, which agrees to place the water on the land for \$40 an acre, taking as payment the bonds of the district, should the district enter into such a contract.

For the first five years, under the district plan, only the maintenance charge is paid. On the sixth year the land-owners begin paying interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the principal. On the eleventh year 5 per cent of the principal is paid. On the twelfth year, 6 per cent; on the thirteenth year, 7 per cent, etc., until the principal has been fully paid at the end of the twentieth year. After that there is only maintenance.

It would be hard to figure out an easier or more equitable plan for land owners to secure irrigation. It enables them to pay for the water out of their increased production during a long term of years. It will, moreover, create a market for their property, and those who desire to sell will have no difficulty with irrigation provided.

WOMEN IN POLITICS

WOMEN of Oregon participated for the first time at a presidential election this year, and many sincere advocates of suffrage upon the broad grounds of democracy and justice confess to a disappointment.

Cardinal Gibbons, who has never advocated suffrage, recently declared: "The insistence on a right of participation in active political life is undoubtedly calculated to rob woman of her grace of character and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and effrontery. Any occupation, however alluring in its specious pretense, which draws woman's attention from her most exalted duties of motherhood will result in detriment to the nation and the race."

As far as I have observed it appears that woman's suffrage to the extent that it has been granted in this country has not changed the result of the election. There has been a larger vote, but the results have been the same as they would have been if women had not voted. Thus it seems that our political life has not been benefited or purified by the entrance of woman into the political arena, though the domestic life of those engaged in this political work must have been neglected or at least impaired.

Those who expected that women would exert a purifying influence in politics received a severe jolt when, under the direction of unscrupulous politicians, they devoted their energies to scandal-mongering. Some few seemed to grasp with avidity the erstwhile wardheelers' discarded occupation, and made house-to-house visitations, whispering slander and calumny so foul and libelous that no paper dared to print it.

Probably most Oregon women are tired already of the ballot and ashamed of the part played by some of their sex. The majority has little interest in politics, except when some moral question is involved. But women having secured the right to vote must, in addition to their other duties, now discharge the responsibilities of citizenship they so long clamored to assume.

Women have added another burden and must henceforth play their part in the evolution of democracy to establish social justice and make life better worth while the living.

The Drift of Science

By T. E. SCANTLIN.

To the Editor of the Mail Tribune: Will you kindly grant me a hearing in relation to the subject so ably discussed by Dr. J. Lawrence Hill under the above caption, in your issues of November 23 and 24.

I was much interested in the same and realize that the doctor made the most of his case. There can be no fault found either with his reasoning or his conclusions—only with the promise—the hypothesis on which he built, and that was said: The world-old error of commingling, in theory, both mind and matter. It cannot be done, logically. Paul, the apostle, tells us that they are forever at war "the one with the other"; and Jesus said: "the flesh (matter) profiteth nothing; it is the spirit that quick-

FIRST DOG IN UNITED STATES TO WEAR "SPECS"



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scious power within protoplasm (matter), the only living substance and science knows that this power is mental, is God, and whose ways are past finding out," and that "matter is an influence of the divine nature." Their conclusions and their philosophy are endorsed by Dr. Hill, as witness: "Who can question the philosophy of these profound and vigorous thinkers? What room is there any longer for doubt, let alone denial? They regard deity as immanent in the universe and operating through natural laws." That is to say, material laws.

Again he says: "The creative energy is immanent in nature" (protoplasm) "and this gives the mind something to take hold of." So God, spirit, created its antithesis, protoplasm, in His own image, in the image of mind created He matter. Think of it, and like creates like! But it is unthinkable. How about gathering figs from thistles? But thus do the blind lead the blind through all the weary labyrinth of shifting and shifty human philosophy, "such stuffs as dreams are made of." The senses which can cognize only matter know nothing of spirit, and indeed cannot; they dwell in the deep shadows of unreality. It is true that the laws of nature are the laws of God, but His laws are not material, nor do they operate in or through protoplasm.

Turn where you will, no trace of a spiritual universe can be recognized in all space by means of these senses. Mind, being infinite, cognizes itself alone; being spirit, its creation must be spiritual. God is the father of ideas. Matter is the antithesis of spirit. The one is contrary to the other. One or the other must be real and eternal; both cannot be, for two entities cannot occupy the same space at the same time; one must have been first, "without beginning." Matter certainly does not measure up to this requirement, for even the most "stand-pat" scientists admit that matter has both beginning and end, and its end, as a belief of humanity, has come. Tyndal terms it "a mode of motion," and Huxley describes it as having "no reality, save as it exists in our own consciousness." We give it all the reality it possesses. It is real, just as the theory that the world was flat was real to past ages, or that the sun revolved about it. Therefore, it is but a state and stage of consciousness, just as real as twice two are five is real to the be-

fuddled mentality of the ignorant and lazy school boy. Human mentality has long been befuddled; like lazy school boys, mankind elected to let someone else do their thinking, and that "some one" was only too frequently disposed to inject into their "think tanks" the poison drop of error, rather than the wholesome grain of truth. (To Be Concluded.) HAWAII'S POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 237,673 WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Hawaii now has a population of 237,633, an increase of 45,714 over 1910, according to estimates given today in the annual report of Governor Pinkham. The greatest increase was among the Japanese, who added 17,326 to their number.

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