

State Press Flashlights.

It is reported that the Yamhill county court will look over the road route from this place to Dolph this week. That they will get the grade from the Bee ranch in a southerly direction to the creek called Sour Grass; thence westerly, connecting with the Tillamook road. By this route they would leave out all the Dolph hills, and it is said that they can get a 3 per cent grade that looks like the practical route.—Sheridan Sun.

Will that Independence saloon-keeper who objects to the Observer's recent headline, "Independence Boozes Kills," please accept our apology? The Salem individual, let it be said by way of explanation, simply died after having imbibed of the stimulant because he wasn't vigorous enough physically to withstand the shock, although he was generally considered to be a well man. It wasn't the fault of the whisky, but of the man—he should have been proof against it.—Polk County Observer.

Lack of appreciation in the community at large toward the men who do things, has often worked irreparable injury. Men and women as a whole appreciate a square deal, and this is far more true among men who do things than among women who accomplish something worth while than among those who merely live a life of ease and pleasure. Appreciation works automatically in driving out jealousy, it creates a fine community spirit and makes men and women partners for the common good.—News Reporter.

Now is the time to swat the fly. Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house fly and in a recent bulletin the Department of Agriculture tells how to give battle to the pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate the breeding places. The breeding season of the fly begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed. The fly has been rightly called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."—Astorian.

Why this hubbub over the statement that Governor Withycombe purposes displacing all the state Democratic office-holders? The people elected Mr. Withycombe because they were tired of the sort of administration the Democrats had given them, and when they chose him for executive they give him the sole right to name his assistants in managing the state's affairs. The newspapers that are tearfully protesting against the removal of "West's appointees" are not winning much sympathy for themselves or their cause. "West's appointees" took the place of somebody's else appointees, and no one recalls that there were any tears shed for the ousted officials. But your real independent and nonpartisan newspaper always has hysterics when anything untoward happens to a Democrat.—The Spectator.

The lawyers of the legislature were arrayed against newspapers and the state press association in the latter's effort to have established a legal rate for the publication of legal notices, and defeated the measure on final passage. The real reason of its defeat was because it would remove the opportunity of the lawyer to "jew down" the publisher on his reasonable, living rate and deprive the man of law of a rake off at the expense of his client, although the reason given was that of class legislation. This was a lame excuse in view of the fact that Oregon is one of the very few states that do not have a law fixing the compensation at which all legal publications shall be paid, and is no more class legislation than the law fixing the hours of labor on any public work, or requiring the branding of butter by the butter maker.—Sheridan Sun.

One paper advises that Oregon should be careful to avoid a boom. Our contemporary must take into full consideration that Oregon never had a first-class boom, such as has been realized by some of the middle states, and is in the peculiar position and condition to stand one of the biggest booms that could be unloaded here. A big boom would not damage this state or cause an unfavorable reaction, for we have such vast, rich and varied resources of a native character that we can bear with the greatest boom that has ever been recorded in the history of the whole country. It is some. Don't express fear of

deleterious consequence and don't block the wheels of the boom wagon. A boom is what this old state has been hankering for ever since it was born. Let it come. It cannot be too big for what we have to offer, and then we will have some to spare for a still further boom. Oregon has had too much gradual slowness. Let us now have some action of the right sort—the boom sort.—Woodburn Independent.

Ready for Business.

Now that the legislature has passed a bill making it legal for two or more counties to unite in one road district we expect to see some good work done on the Tillamook-Polk-Yamhill road. This road has been much talked of for many years but nothing has been done. The next move will be for these three counties to assemble in one body and designate the territory into a road district and appropriate money for the construction of the road. A half a mile will be built in Tillamook county in addition to this road connecting with the Little Nestucca road. This is a splendid move in the right direction.

Some time ago the Oregonian published a lengthy article relative to the benefits of this road to the tourists and we reprint the following.

"Heretofore it has required about seven hours to make the run to Tillamook and then there was not much comfort in the junket, but after the road survey is changed to avoid several high grades and approximately \$100,000 is spent by the counties included in the 90-mile stretch from Portland to the beach shore, in conjunction with aid from the state, the time of transit will be cut almost in two, according to W. J. Clemens, president of the Portland Automobile club.

The road as planned will have no grade more than 5 per cent, and those interested in the movement say it will be completed by June.

The road will lead out of Portland over the Terwilliger boulevard, out the Rex-Tigardville trip, which is undergoing a \$20,000 improvement, and then through McMinnville, Sheridan and Willamina. Instead of touching Dolph and Toll Gate as heretofore, where high grades were encountered, the survey switches off the old highway at a point 14 miles this side of Dolph and heads for Bear Creek in Polk County, and then follows the Nestucca river to the beach, a branch running off to Tillamook and hence to all contingent beaches.

This road will also be connected with Astoria and the various Clatsop county beaches, so that the Portlander who loves motoring can coordinate his beach stay with a good motor trip.—Cloverdale Courier.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County. Jeff. D. Matney, plaintiff, vs. Lizzie Matney, defendant.

To Lizzie Matney, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the service of summons by publication herein, and if you fail to so answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint, namely, for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between you and said plaintiff, Jeff. D. Matney, for the recovery by plaintiff of his costs and disbursements in said suit, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet, right and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of the Honorable Homer Mason, County Judge of Tillamook County, Oregon, in the absence of the Honorable H. H. Belt, Judge of the Circuit Court above named, which said order is dated the 12th day of January, 1915, and the date of the first publication hereof is the 21st day of Jan., 1915, and the date of the last publication hereof, and the last date on or before which you are required to answer this summons, is the 4th day of March, 1915.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1915. Geo. P. Winslow, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, P. R. Jackson, by order of the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, was on the 12th day of February, 1915, duly appointed administrator of the estate of J. A. Roberts, deceased. Notice is further given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified, together with vouchers, to the undersigned or to his attorney, S. S. Johnson, at Tillamook, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated February 15, 1915. P. R. Jackson, Administrator of the estate of J. A. Roberts, deceased.

The Russians attribute their recent defeats to poor railway facilities. This was the explanation of the result of the Russo-Japanese war.

Cheap Murder in New York.

That murder can be procured in New York for a price as low as five dollars is shocking evidence of conditions which the gang system has developed under the noses of the police, says an exchange.

The confession obtained by the District-Attorney from the youthful gangster Snyder, who admits he was paid five dollars for shooting Phillip Paul, a South Street saloon keeper, gives an extraordinary glimpse of how surely and cheaply boys and young men are drawn into crime circles and made adepts in lawlessness.

The most pernicious criminal of the city harbors is the instructor in crime. A few days ago "the worst Fagan in New York"—so the police call him—a man with a long criminal record, arrested twelve times and convicted five, who for twenty years has made a specialty of teaching small boys to commit all sorts of crime, was fined \$500 and sentenced to one year in prison. He pleaded guilty to the charge of imparting the morals of a fifteen year old boy.

Justices in special sessions refused to extend mercy to the prisoner. They pronounced him "an habitual criminal who ought to be sent to prison for life." But did the punishment actually imposed fit the offense?

We know no more dangerous individuals in the city than the leading spirits, the specialists in crime who gather around them youths of slanted morals—boys who begin wrong and will develop into rowdies and end up as thieves, thugs and gunmen. Many a young man might escape a career of crime were it not for some dominant and dominating rogue who wraps him into it. Crime schools are the worse menace to law and order. Catch the schoolmaster and make examples of him.—News Times.

War and Insurance.

The following article which we copy from the Nebraska State Journal will be of interest to many of our readers:

The insurance companies of Europe are facing a serious crisis on account of the calling to the front of a large portion of the mail population. This rush to arms cannot fail to increase the mortality. Even a short war will bring about a sharp advance in the death rate, besides sowing the seeds of future invalidism in tens of thousands of previously sound risks. A long war threatens bankruptcy to every life insurance company in Europe, and heavy losses to the American companies that have entered the foreign field without taking the precaution to include a "war clause" in their policies.

As life insurance was formerly conducted it was customary to provide that in case the insurance entered military service the company had the right to cancel the policy upon payment of any sum that belonged to the individual according to the usual method of accounting. As competition increased in the business and the big companies became strong and enterprising the fashion arose of striking out protective conditions. The "war clause" was abrogated in the United States rather generally during the trouble with Spain and is retained now only by the more conservative companies. In Europe the same liberality has prevailed on the theory that the constant fear of war and preparation for war would prevent war.

The conflagration having started, the European underwriters realize that they have made a fatal mistake. It is hard to tell what they are doing on the continent. In Great Britain the directors of these companies have been in almost constant session attempting to devise ways and means for keeping afloat in case the war turns out to be long and as dearly as now seems likely. They have raised the rate on new soldier business, of course, but this gives no relief on old contracts that impose a serious liability and provide no way of re-couping the loss. One American life insurance president says on his return from England that the average Briton will pay what he feels like to the fund for the relief of war distress, while the insurance companies, will be forced, under existing conditions to give all they have unless the war is brought to a speedy close.

In the end it will be seen that conservative restrictions in the issuing of life insurance policies will prove better for the insured than the extreme liberality that has been the fashion in recent years. A company must be kept in sound condition or its policies are not worth having, no matter how liberal the managers may be in writing them.—The Federal Aid.

To Whom It May Concern.

The following blank Fire Insurance Policies No's.—861057, 861058, 861059, 861060, 861061, 861062, 861063, 861064, 861065, 861066, 861067, 861068, 861069,

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By A. M. Lovelace, Special Agent.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids addressed to the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, for the proposed improvement on the GARIBALDI-WHEELER COUNTY ROAD.

will be received by the County Court at its office in Tillamook City, Oregon, on or before the 5th day of March, at 10 o'clock a.m. and at that time opened and read.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check made payable to Tillamook County, for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the County, in case award is made and the bidder shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after which the award is made to enter into a contract and file a bond satisfactory to the Court as by law required.

The bids are to cover the clearing of the right-of-way from Station, 177x00 to Station 198x31, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Surveyor and County Clerk, for Tillamook County, Oregon.

The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, Dated this 18th day of February, 1915.

J. C. Holden, County Clerk.

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids addressed to the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, for the proposed improvement on the SAND LAKE COUNTY ROAD.

will be received by the County Court at its office in Tillamook City, Oregon, on or before the 5th day of March, at 10 o'clock a.m. and at that time opened and read.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check made payable to Tillamook County, for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the County, in case award is made and the bidder shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after which the award is made to enter into a contract and file a bond satisfactory to the Court as by law required.

The bids are to cover the clearing of the right-of-way from Station, 42x87 to Station 149x06.1 and from Station 149x06.1 to Station 239x92, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Surveyor and County Clerk, for Tillamook County, Oregon.

The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, Dated this 18th day of February, 1915.

J. C. Holden, County Clerk.

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids addressed to the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, for the proposed improvement on the BAYOCEAN COUNTY ROAD.

will be received by the County Court at its office in Tillamook City, Oregon, on or before the 5th day of March, at 10 o'clock a.m. and at that time opened and read.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check made payable to Tillamook County, for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the County, in case award is made and the bidder shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after which the award is made to enter into a contract and file a bond satisfactory to the Court as by law required.

The bids are to cover the clearing of the right of way. First Section from Station 48.00 to 128.00. Section Sec. from Station 155.00 to 200.00, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Surveyor and County Clerk, for Tillamook County, Oregon.

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