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WHEELER BANK CLOSED DOORS LAST MONDAY

CLOSING OF WHEELER INSTITUTION THOUGHT TO BE ONLY TEMPORARY; REORGANIZATION ALREADY STARTED

A gradual run on the Nehalem Valley Bank, lasting all of last week caused a closing of the doors about 2 p. m. Monday.

The incident was marked with very little excitement as is usually the case in such affairs. Immediately after the state banking department had taken over affairs at the Wheeler bank two representatives of the state department were put in charge of the establishment and it is now on the road to recovery. It is intended to reorganize the institution and be open for business again in about two weeks. The closing of the Wheeler bank and lack of work having depleted the funds of depositors is thought to have precipitated the failure.

President Frank A. Rowe, president of the bank yesterday made the following statement regarding conditions:

"The Nehalem Valley bank has experienced, along with all banking institutions, during the past year a falling off of deposits. This was not however any more than the directors of the bank had figured on and but for the fact that unfounded rumors gained circulation of late, the bank would have been able to take care of the demands made on it. However during the past couple of weeks these rumors have gained circulation with the result that heavy withdrawals were made, reducing the reserves of the bank to a point where the directors felt that the only thing to do was to suspend until such a time as a reorganization could be effected or sufficient loans could be secured to again strengthen the reserves of the bank. The bank was accordingly closed and placed in the hands of the State Banking department with G. N. Hickok in charge.

"Plans are now being worked out whereby a reorganization can be effected. It is planned that the old stockholders surrender their stock and that this stock then be sold to local people. This would give to the bank a large cash reserve and would also greatly strengthen the bank by having a number of local stockholders. It is hoped that the people of the Nehalem Valley and also of Tillamook will get behind this reorganization plan and thus enable the bank to reopen within a comparatively short time."

The Nehalem Valley Bank was chartered October 25, 1909, just twelve years from the day it closed. The directors were S. G. Reed, H. V. Alley, F. A. Rowe and George K. Wentworth.

LARGEST RUN OF SILVERSIDES SEEN IN RECENT YEARS

Tillamook bay, according to local fishermen is seething and boiling with the greatest run of Silversides salmon seen in recent years. To the south of us down the coast, comes the same story—millions of Silversides—filling the bays and rivers. Yaquina bay is full of them, also Alsea and Siletz. Tons of them are being shipped to Portland and other valley cities, and still the run continues.

The Franklin Fish Market at this place is limiting the fishermen to a certain number, as they cannot take care of them fast enough. The Tillamook Ice and Cold Storage Co. had 6 tons of fish on the docks Monday morning, and are kept on the jump. Many wagons and auto trucks are taking fish to the valley towns, and the odor of frying salmon far inland, permeates the otherwise innocuous atmosphere with its pungent aroma.

TILLAMOOK CRANBERRIES

Eugene Atkinson, the "cranberry king" of Sand Lake, was in the city last Saturday with a load of cultivated cranberries for the local and Portland markets. Mr. Atkinson has several acres of marsh set to these berries, and reports that the crop is excellent this year. He is the only person engaged in the cranberry business at Sand Lake. Wild cranberries were found in this county near Neah-kan-nie at an early date by the pioneers of the Tillamook section, where they grew wild. When cultivated, however, they grow much larger than in their wild state, and are said to be as good, if not better, than berries of the same kind brought from the Atlantic beaches.

Crabbing is in full blast on the bay near Bay City, and at Netarts bay. The Bay City fishermen send their catch to California, and the Netarts catch goes to Portland. All crabs that go to the California markets are stamped and cost one cent extra freight when they cross the California line to comply with the California state law.

BREEDERS TO GO TO BIG SHOW

Tillamook breeders of fine stock plan to exhibit a number of each of the several breeds of the pure bred cattle at the Pacific International Stock show to be held in Portland on November 5th to 12th.

Among the Holstein breeders F. R. Beals will exhibit "Lady Aggie Ormsby of Rock" and 24 other pure bred cattle.

H. R. Edmunds will ship two cows—"Janis of Sequoia" who promises to be a world record cow and "Rogues Heroine of Hawthorne"—both Guernseys.

Those who will represent the Jersey herds of this county are L. A. McCormack, F. K. Blackadar, Jos. Donaldson and L. C. Daniels. Other breeders may conclude to be represented before the fair occurs.

It is expected that a train of at least 5 cars will bear the Tillamook pure-breds to the big show sometime close to the first of the coming month.

R.R. COMPANY ASKS DAMAGES

The Southern Pacific company has filed a suit in the court of claims at Washington to recover the sum of \$110,000 alleged damages to right of way alleged to have been sustained from sea encroachments during the winter of 1915 at Barview. The company complains that the jetty on the inner side of the entrance to Tillamook bay deflected the ocean currents and caused the waters to wash away the beach and shore at Barview including the hotel and cottages, etc., located on the 500 foot strip between the plaintiff's track and the ocean.

It is said that Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill for reimbursement of the owners of property on the beach, but nothing came of it.

IS THIS AN APPLE COUNTRY?

On many occasions one hears the remark: "This is no apple country." Let's see about it. If it is not, let's consider the matter settled, and set out no more orchards. If, on the other hand, there is a well founded suspicion that apples can be raised here, why not experiment further?

Last Saturday, R. G. Magarell of this city showed the writer several apples raised on his ranch 5 miles above Beaver, on the highway. One of the apples was a Gravenstein, fully as large as any grown in the Willamette valley, well colored on one side, highly flavored and of good shape. He also exhibited two Wolf River apples, one of which weighed 17 ounces. The latter apples were well colored on the sun side and were beautiful.

This would seem to settle the fact that good apples can be raised here, and it is understood that the yield was equal to that of orchards of the other side of the coast range.

The next question is, will it pay to raise apples here for the market. It is well known that we have to bring most of our apples in, but is it necessary to do this in the future, provided we assume that we can raise them here as well as elsewhere?

Take the Gravenstein—one of the best apples to eat from the hand that is known. It is found that the coast Gravensteins mature here six weeks later than in the Willamette valley. It is further a fact that all apples raised here mature later in the season, and keep longer than valley apples.

If the Gravenstein does bear as well, matures six weeks later, and has a flavor equal to that of its valley cousin, why wouldn't it pay to set out commercial orchards on the cheaper lands of this county? If our own county could not take all of the product raised, don't you imagine that they could be readily sold in Portland markets, six weeks after the Valley Gravensteins are gone? The Gravenstein is a favorite everywhere, and is much sought.

Another thing in favor of the coast orchardist is that our apples are not infested with worms. The salt in the atmosphere is death to the codling moth and other worm pests. But spraying is necessary to kill the fungus growths that do both or coat apples.

Who will say that we may not in the future hear of the "famous Tillamook Gravensteins" in the markets of Portland?

There is plenty of cheap land in this county available and suitable for the culture of apples.

Some years ago, the writer assisted to get up an "Apple Show" in Lincoln county, for which Sam. Irvin of Newport deserves most of the credit, and that settled the apple question in that coast county to the south of us. It also settled the pessimistic statement that "apples can't be successfully raised near the coast." The exhibit in question was visited by orchardists from Hood River, the Valley and from Ashland, and all were unanimous in their praise of the Lincoln county apples.

Would it not be a good idea for Tillamook to demonstrate, at some time in the future, what it can do in the line of apple raising?

Why not have an apple fair, and gather specimens from all parts of the county, and thus put the doubter on the oft repeated error that "This is not an apple country."

J. S. Graves made a trip to Portland by stage Monday last.

COLLEGE PROF. WANTS COUNT OF SEALIONS

SOUNDS SIMPLE DOESN'T IT? MIGHT BE A GOOD JOB TO FILL IN ALL YOUR SPARE TIME.

Professor Edwin C. Starks of Stanford university, acting for the California game and fish commission, has mapped out a big job for himself and for those to whom he appeals to help him. He wants to know how many seal rookeries there are along the Oregon coast, also how many sealions and how many rookeries of the same, and how many of the sealions are whelped each year.

He also wants to know if they are destructive of food fishes up here, and whether they are increasing or diminishing in numbers. He says if they are increasing, a number of the animals should be clubbed to death each year; if not, they should be protected by not being clubbed.

While we like to give scientific information, provided we can get the other fellow to keep still and listen attentively, it's a hard matter to be entirely accurate in a rookery estimate. In order to count the sealions whelped in any given year, one probably would have to watch the herd day and night, and how is a sealion Doc. to do it—that's the question? One can't walk on the sea now days. You can't pole a canoe in the breakers; you can't stay up in a balloon, and watch the birth rate in a rookery, very well, either?

Of course, one might count them tolerably well, if they didn't flipper around quite so much, but the great trouble is that they won't stand still worth a cent to be counted, so one is apt to become confused and overcount or undercount. That's why we think the Professor is asking too much.

So many of these scientific gents are impractical. They are theorists, and do not take nature into account. They lack practical common-sense, when it comes to just such a demonstration as the California Prof. asks of the people in this case.

Regarding the destructiveness of the seal, we have seen them chewing on nice pink salmon, ourselves, and without glasses at that. We have never caught a seal lion eating salmon or ever chasing same, but Bill Smith of Yaquina Bay has, and says there is no doubt that the lion in each case intended to kill and masticate the fish when he overtook it. As this is hearsay evidence, the Prof. may throw it out of court, but same is well intended, and we have never caught Bill lying about anything in which he was not interested—that is, when he was not financially interested in the effect of the lie, so in this case, we turn in his evidence for what it is worth—not to Bill, but to the Prof.

We cannot see how the Prof. expects a lot of us to go out and club seals without compensation—say four or five bucks a day and the cost of a tug boat. Really, again we think he is asking too much. Not that the clubs would be expensive; and not that plenty of fellows would like not to "beat up" on the lions for the sheer fun of it, just to see them sheer.

Neither would it be entirely pleasant to lie out on a cliff near the habitat of the sea lions and watch them all day with the rain drenching one to the skin, hungry, and suffering from eye strain, etc., merely to enable the Prof. to make an eloquent report to the game commission of California.

The more we think of it, the more we think we shall "pass the buck" to some one who is more interested in the vital statistics, etcetera of the sea lion. We do not care to risk the breakers by trying to wade out to the rookeries, and come to think of it—we are not interested in sea lion census reports very much, anyway.

The high school football team will play the Astoria high team on Astoria ground next Thursday, going over in the big Maddox bus, and will then go to Portland to witness the big game there on Saturday, returning home on Sunday.

Mrs. Herald Fogg of Cloverdale who has been critically ill at the Shearer-Merrick hospital for some days past, is reported slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wetters left for Portland Sunday for a few days visit.

F. E. Keenhalts of Brighton, had business in Tillamook Monday.

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CIRCUIT COURT STILL GRINDS AWAY AT CASES

GRIEFS PILE UP DURING LAST WEEK OF JUDGE BAGLEY'S OCTOBER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

Ladd & Tilton Bank, plaintiff vs. F. R. Beals, defendant; ordered that judgment of non-suit be entered against plaintiff.

M. J. Maddox plaintiff, vs. Jay Houser and John Houser, defendant order requiring defendant to appear in court and testify as to amount of property possessed.

C. W. Talmadge vs. Maurice Bays and Crystal Bays; verdict for defendant by jury.

E. D. Johnson and Harry M. Johnson plaintiffs, vs. John Berns and Hulda Berns, defendants, demurrer overruled.

Daniel J. Fry, plaintiff vs. A. N. Woods, defendant; ordered that plaintiff recover \$133.33, and that judgment draw interest at 8 per cent from date of judgment; attorney fees \$50, and costs and disbursements included.

Arthur Gilmore and Earl Gilmore plaintiffs, vs. John Weiss and Henry Weiss, defendants; case came to trial; on motion case was dismissed.

M. Reading plaintiff, vs. Florence Reading, defendant; divorce; decree for plaintiff.

W. A. Davies, plaintiff, vs. O. J. Orth et al, defendants; default entered.

Mabel Stormer plaintiff vs. Alvin Stormer, defendant; divorce granted Defendant to take maiden name of Mabel Frazier.

State Industrial Accident Commission plaintiff, vs. W. A. Bennett, defendant; Ordered that defendant be adjudged in default; plaintiff to recover \$130.66, and costs and disbursements.

Henry Nelson, plaintiff, vs. Ida Nelson, defendant; divorce decree; plaintiff to turn over certain property to defendant.

Kathleen Mills and Myrtle Mills, plaintiffs, vs. Emele Banzer et al defendants; case dismissed without prejudice, neither party to recover costs or disbursements.

100 PER CENT CLUB

The Riverdale sewing club of Tillamook county has become a 100 per cent club, according to H. C. Seymour, state boys and girls club leader at the agricultural college. To win this distinction each member must complete her project and file the report in the state office.

The work was done under the direction of Miss Ozella Hart, local club leader.

Members of the club are Dorothy Vaughn, Inez Rust, Elizabeth Vaughn, Myrtle Schultz, Lilian Schultz, Olga Wilhelm, Gladys Neilson, Della Vaughn and Leah Graves.

STARTED TO CHURCH BUT THEY WENT FISHING

Mayor W. S. Houck and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Brawley and Miss Thompson of McMinnville were over here last Sunday for an outing, with headquarters at the Tillamook hotel. They thoroughly enjoyed the auto trip over the road between the two cities, and the ladies decided to attend religious services after arriving. The mayor of the city with the Scotch name, and his partner weakly assented, but just then they happened to observe some one telling what fun there was in yanking Silversides salmon down the bay.

To make a long story short, the Mayor and his friend hired a launch and went down the bay, while the ladies heard a good sermon. Just what the McMinnvillians said in the matter of language, when they lost a fish, may never be known, but when the ducet returned from the bay late in the evening, they were flushed with success, and 17 Silversides slushed and jostled around in the bottom of the auto, all the way from Tillamook to McMinnville.

"And there was caught a great draught of fishes."

J. H. Hannenkratt is having a large dairy barn constructed on his ranch near town, which will be 26 by 66 feet in size, and thoroughly modern in all respects. Contractor Feldman is doing the cement foundation work, which is almost finished. Work on the frame will soon begin.

Fruit peddlers from valley points are becoming numerous since the highway was finished from McMinnville to Sheridan. Many of them still use horses and wagons, but most of them come over here with auto trucks. The time will come when Tillamook county will produce its own apples. At present we seem to be long on salutes and short on apples.

FARM SCHOOLS NOW IN SESSION

The much talked of extension schools for farmers and stock men in now in session in various parts of the county. The first school was held at Oretown last Monday when Professors Fitts, Simms and Hyslop of O. A. C. each delivered talks to a large crowd of interested farmers and others. Prof. Simms is recognized authority on diseases of cattle and handled the question of "contagious abortion" in milch cows with skill and understanding. Prof. Fitts specialized on "feeds" and feeding, to the satisfaction of the dairymen, and Prof. Hyslop gave a pleasing talk on "farm crops" followed by a talk by County Agent Pine, who always interests.

Meetings similar to the above were held at Cloverdale Tuesday, on Wednesday at Blaine, on Thursday at Sandlake and to-morrow there will be a similar session at Fairview.

LIVELY DOINGS IN RENT DISPUTE

On Monday evening last, Marshal White arrested G. A. Gilbertson and A. C. Everson on a charge of fighting. The men were arraigned Tuesday morning before Recorder Strahan and after a hearing that lasted for nearly two hours, the Recorder assessed the following fines: A. C. Everson fined \$5 and costs amounting to \$5 more for annoying language, and Gilbertson was assessed a like amount for knocking Everson down. The affair grew out of trouble over the furniture left in the house which Gilbertson has rented from Everson, and after some time the matter culminated in the setto. Gilbertson is paying \$35 for the house, and claims he did not want the furniture, having plenty of his own. Everson claims that he was to receive extra pay for the furniture hence the disagreement.

SILETZ HUMORIST OUTSTARES BRITON THRU NAPKIN RING

Charley Hyde of the lower Siletz stutters quite badly, and has but one good eye, but he is a humorist and likes fun. Recently he came down to Newport and went into the Abbey hotel for supper. Sitting at a table was an English "remittance man," new to the country.

Charley went over and sat down opposite the Briton, who seemed offended, and brought up his monocle and stared fixedly at the stockman. Not to be outdone, Charley adjusted the napkin holder to his good eye, and returned the stare, neither saying a word. Finally, the English arose and walked away, when Charley reached over and took the stranger's roast beef, etc., and began to eat it, while the summer boarders and waitresses tittered audibly.

After eating up his own order and that of the Briton, Charley beckoned to a waitress:

"Give me a ch-ch-check for tut-tut-two!" said the Siletz Bay man, with a faint smile.

LIBRARY NOTES

Large orders for the winter's reading. Many new books have arrived late fiction, books on health, amusements, biographies, good manners, diets, swimming etc. Look through the selections and you may find some very interesting articles. The state library placed a box of books with us for county borrowers, also; these latter free to any resident within the county. Library open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and every evening.

APPOINTED APPRAISERS

Geo. Williams, David Kuratli and J. E. Ready have been appointed appraisers for Tillamook county for the World War veterans' State Aid commission. It will be the duty of these persons to appraise all property in this county of ex-soldiers applying to the state for loans. It is believed that a number of those who served in the late war will make applications for loans under the above provision in this county.

Wise-Mall

Married at the residence of the pastor of the M. E. church in Tillamook, Oct. 20th, by Rev. Chas. L. Dark, Forrest Elmer Wise of Yamhill county and Mita May Hall of Tillamook county.

Heisel-Chase

Married at the residence of W. S. Cone near Bay City, Oregon, October 16th, Carl Heisel of Tillamook and Miss Hepzabeth W. Chase of Bay City, Rev. A. McKee officiating. The groom is an employee of the Standard Oil company of this city, and the bride a popular young lady of her neighborhood near Bay City.

Leonard Rush, who lives east of town, was a stage passenger to Portland Monday.

CITY COUNCIL TO MEET AGAIN ON 1922 BUDGET

BREACH OF LAW NECESSITATES HOLDING ANOTHER MEETING TO DECIDE FOR CITY EXPENDITURES

Council met Monday night for the purpose of considering the advisability of calling a special election in the city to vote bonds to take up the outstanding warrants against the corporation, as the banks feel that they can no longer take the warrants at par, as they have been doing in the past, and that they have come to a point when they will have to take them at a 2 per cent discount. Road warrants, special and general warrants amount to about \$50,000.

There was present a good representation of citizens and business men at the meeting, and the matter was discussed.

A motion was made by A. W. Bunn that the council proceed to hold a special election, as above outlined. The motion was adopted.

The matter of the disposition of the town property taken over for delinquent street taxes was then discussed. Rollie Watson moved that "as soon as the city shall acquire title to the above mentioned property, that a sale be advertised and the property sold to the highest bidder, with a 25 per cent payment down, the balance to be paid in installments of 25 per cent annually, deferred payments to draw 6 per cent interest." The motion was amended to read "at the discretion of the council." The motion as amended was carried.

The request of Chas. Vogler that he be allowed to erect a temporary wooden building for a period of three years at the corner of 2nd avenue east and First street, same to be removed at the expiration of 3 years, and a concrete building to be put in its place, was allowed by the council. A band to the above effect will be entered into by the applicant and the city.

On account of a technicality having been discovered in the manner of holding the city budget meeting, a week ago last Monday night, another meeting is scheduled to be held next Monday, when the matter will be further considered and probably settled.

Some misunderstanding was also apparent among the taxpayers, which is given as another cause for the calling of another meeting.

Mayor Moulton is very desirous that the people take an interest in the compilation of the city budget and has issued a call for all interested voters to be present on the evening of October 31st.

The budget of over \$35,000 as arrived at during the last meeting is causing some comment.

CIRCUIT COURT ADJOURNED SATURDAY LAST AT NOON

Judge Bagley adjourned the October term of Circuit Court at noon of last Saturday, and returned to Hillsboro, where he will begin a term of court in Washington county. Many of the cases of the Tillamook term were settled in court without trial. County Clerk Brinnhall states that the term just closed was one of the most economical ones ever held in the county, considering the size of the docket. This was due to the fact that there were few state cases this term and for that reason the costs to the county were light.

DREDGER WAITING FOR ORDERS

The new government dredge, recently finished at the government shipyard at this place is completed and ready for business. The dredge is under the direct charge of Capt. Groat, a pioneer harbor man, and he is waiting for orders from headquarters at Portland regarding future work. The dredger is in fine shape and a trial trip down the bay showed her machinery to be in fine working order. Besides Capt. Groat there will be a crew of four men.

LEG BROKEN—BACK HURT

Frank Patchell of Wheeler had a leg broken and was severely hurt in the back one day last week, while assisting to move a donkey engine at the Coal Creek logging camp several miles east of Wheeler.

Dr. Spencer reports that Russell Fox of Meda is at the Shearer-Merrick hospital following an operation for adenoids and tonsils.

Mrs. M. Craley who has been visiting in Tillamook for some days past, returned to her home in the metropolis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone were passengers to Portland last Sunday. They were joined at Idaville by Mrs. Russell Hawland.