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## INSOLVENCY CASE GETS IN COURT HERE

### Arising Out of Closing Beaver Store Decided for Plaintiff

## DIVORCES GRANTED

### Formerly in Care of Father Given to Mother to Rear

The case of John S. Edmunds vs. Sabin of Portland, referee in bankruptcy, occupied all of December 13th and the greater part of December 14th. Edmunds was represented by Barnett H. Goldstein of Portland and Sabin by Sydney L. Teiser of Portland, assisted by George P. Sabin of this city. This was a divorce case for damages by the plaintiff Edmunds, on account of the closing of the beaver store, when the Tillamook mill company went into bankruptcy last spring. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, the damages being \$1344. The plaintiff asked for \$2500 damages. Later, the judge set aside the verdict, and the plaintiff no doubt will appeal the case to the Supreme court, which will try the case twice in the court at this place.

Ma M. Hushback was granted a divorce from V. R. Hushback.

John Josi was granted a divorce from Hulda Josi.

Watters who was divorced from her husband Harold G. Watters a year ago, was in court Thursday with a plea for the modification of the order of the Judge previously given, which gave to the defendant custody of a little boy, aged about seven years. She claimed that she was not receiving educational and other advantages and attention in the hands of her former husband. The previous order was modified, and custody of the boy was awarded to the mother who is employed at Coats camp, and who is highly intelligent and industrious.

In the case of Jennie L. Matthieu, vs. F. Matthieu, a suit for divorce, was granted. Plaintiff was awarded custody of two minor children primarily in conjunction with Mrs. Eastman, who is the Tillamook representative of the Child Welfare Committee in this state.

Wilson secured a divorce from Jennie Wilson, at this term. The case adjourned Friday morning.

## WISCONSIN ELECTION HELD LAST WEEK

Wednesday of last week, the primary officers were elected for the year to guide the destinies of the Wisconsin club in this city; President, F. A. Belts; 1st vice president, F. A. Belts; 2nd vice president, F. Belts; treasurer, B. C. Lamb; secretary, H. T. Botts, M. D. Ackley, G. B. Lamb, R. B. Miller, Robinson and H. H. Rosen-

## WISCONSIN MERCHANT RAN AFOL SHERRIFF

Sunday night, Wm. Underhill, a land man, driving a Hupmobile, was stopped by Sheriff Aschim, who was returning from Portland late at night, and was fined for driving at the rate of fifty miles per hour. Underhill was taken to the county jail, followed up, and found the driver in a hotel, and served notice to appear, and show "how fast" the driver did, and paid the costs, for speeding in violation of a sheriff. One can never tell who is behind in a case of that kind.

Stormer, Marion Walling and Stormer went to Oregon City Thursday to attend the Muscovite case at that place.

## NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET NOW BEING FIGURED

### Next Budget Likely to be Smaller Than Last One, From Indications

The county court is finishing up the county budget as returned by the State supervising committee for this county, and expects soon to turn the budget for 1924 over to the assessor, who will then figure out the millage levy for taxable purposes.

The total amount for all purposes, both county and state for this county upon which millage will be levied by the Assessor, is \$567,858.50. When the Assessor computes the amount of millage tax required to raise the above amount for all purposes in this county, the levy will be given to the readers of the Headlight.

The budget was first adopted by the county court, and the advisory board of three citizens of the county, and was then passed to the state tax supervising board for this county, and as amended by the last named board is the legal budget upon which millage will be computed by the county Assessor.

While this is unofficial, and without authority of the court or Assessor, there is a strong probability that the tax millage, both state and county, will be considerably less for 1923 than for the preceding year.

## FAULTY WIRING CAUSE OF FIRE AT BENNETT'S

While the big ninety mile an hour gale was blowing Thursday morning, at about 3 o'clock a. m., Prof. L. N. Bennett and wife, who live at 212 Twelfth street, west, were aroused by the odor of smoke in the room. Upon arising, they found that the electric wire had started a fire in the wall paper of the front room, and as the phone was out of commission, they could not alarm the fire department. With the aid of water, however, they put out the burning wall paper, and later found that an electric light wire had crossed a telephone wire causing a short circuit, which produced the fire.

## NEW FARM EXPLOSIVE WILL BE GIVEN TRIAL

County Agent Pine announces that there will be a demonstration of the new stump powder given to farmers by the government at the L. L. Stillwell ranch, Saturday at 1 p. m. December 15. Should water be too high there, demonstration will be held at the S. V. Anderson place, near I. O. O. F. cemetery. The government gives this powder away, but it is being carted by the Dupont people at Dupont, Wash. Cost of powder is \$6.20 per cwt. f. o. b. at Dupont, Wash. Freight from there here will be \$2.15 per cwt., making total cost \$8.35 per hundred laid down here. The new powder is called Zodotol, and is combination of T. N. T. and sodium nitrate. It is packed in paraffine cartridges, 140 in 50 lb. box. Seven oz. package of Zodotol is equal to 8 lb. package of 40 per cent dynamite. It is exploded with a No. 6 blasting cap. The government will not ship less than carload lots.

## TILLAMOOK COUNTY HIGH IN VALUATION

Tillamook county is fifth in the state in the amount of taxable property. Clatsop is \$37,752,283; Lane is \$32,214,720; Marion is \$37,962,330; Multnomah, \$288,157,080; Tillamook \$28,578,520. This gives Tillamook mighty good standing in the eyes of the rest of the state. There are thirty six counties in the state, and the above showing puts Tillamook county well up to the top of the list.

A night force of millwrights and carpenters are working on the Coats mill in this city, doing repair work.

## PORT COMMITTEE RETURNED TUESDAY

### Estimates Being Made by Engineers for Cost of Channel

## JUNE MAY SEE START

### Business Will be Stimulated by Action of Government for Harbor

A. F. Coats and Carl Haberlach returned from Washington, D. C., last Tuesday night. Both of these gentlemen feel confident that the efforts of the Kiwanis club committee and the congressional delegation, will be fruitful of good results.

Mr. Coats stated that the United States Board of Engineers is now at work estimating the cost of deepening the channel from the bar to Garibaldi thirty feet, and from Garibaldi to Bay City twenty four feet. Mr. Coats thinks matters look very favorable that these improvements will come to the bay. The procedure will be for the board of engineers to make its estimates, then a recommendation of the project to congress. This data and the recommendation will go to the committee on harbor improvements in both houses of Congress, and should the committee report favorably, it will then go into the general appropriation bill, which usually is passed in June of each year. Should the local appropriation be passed by congress, the next move would be to begin dredging work, as the channel already has been surveyed.

It is therefore possible to have work going ahead on the bay after June next, and by the next winter or late fall, it is possible that big carriers may come in and load here with lumber.

The news of the work should stimulate business all along the bay, and result in some new milling enterprises along its shores. Of course there is always a chance that a belt may slip off in the calculations, but the men who have just come home, feel that at present, things look mighty good for the improvement of the bay.

## HOLIDAY HOURS AT P. O.

Beginning Monday next, the post office in this city will keep open until 8 p. m. This will be done to help the public mail and receive holiday parcels and other mail.

## ALDER WOOD IS CUT TO MAKE FURNITURE

### Wood Formerly Wasted Now Sought After by Manufacturers of Country

Ed and Henry Hornsueh are now cutting Oregon alder for the Portland market on the latter's place near Hebo, and transporting the wood in required lengths to the above city by trucks. It is believed that they are getting from \$35 to \$50 per thousand board feet delivered. The mill is about three and one half miles above Hebo.

The wood is valuable for furniture manufacturing purposes, and is said to so closely resemble mahogany when made up that it takes an expert to note the difference. It is said that eastern firms are awake to the possibilities of this wood, and throw up their hands in surprise when they learn that alder is burned up in slashings, or sold for fuel purposes. The wood is destined to be very valuable in the near future. It is also made up to resemble walnut in furniture. It is understood that the government contemplates a survey of the alder timber in Oregon and Washington, to determine its extent.

## TESTING ASSOCIATION WILL SPONSER DANCE

The cow testing association of Tillamook county will give a dance at Fairview Saturday evening, December 15th, for the purpose of raising enough money to be used in making up federal reports without assessing the members of the association for funds. There is no money in the treasury for the purpose, and the government wants the reports made up in book form.

## DALLAS WOMAN FREED BY JURY WEDNESDAY

After a two days and a half trial, in Circuit court here, Mrs. Mae Robinson of Polk county, was acquitted of a charge of larceny by bailee, the jury returning a verdict early Wednesday night. Many witnesses were examined by Walter F. Tooze, attorney for defendant, and George P. Winslow, acting as prosecuting attorney for T. H. Goyno, the latter suffering from an attack of grippe, made strong pleas. Tooze bitterly attacked the witnesses of the Salvation Army, denouncing them as "a bunch of crooks." He in turn was severely criticised by Winslow for his remarks. The jury returned a verdict of acquittal in about an hour after its retirement.

## COMPANY 'K', 162D IS CONGRATULATED

### State National Guard Head Presents Certificate of Merit

## GOOD ATTENDANCE OUT

### Dance Closes Evening for Citizen Soldiers, After Document is Awarded

Company K, 162d Infantry, assembled about seventy-five per cent of its total strength last Saturday night at the school gymnasium to greet General Geo. A. White, the head of the state troops, and his aide, Capt. Rilea, who came over from Salem on a mission highly complimentary to the local guardsmen. The occasion was the presentation of a document which was in effect a reward of merit for rapid mobilization last summer, when the company was notified to get ready for entrainment to Camp Lewis. This feat the company accomplished in exactly forty five minutes from the time the wire was in Capt. Shearer's hands, resulting in remarkable exhibition of team work and military celerity. The document was presented to Capt. J. E. Shearer for the company by Gen. White, who highly complimented the officers and men for their splendid work last summer, and upon their general record for department and efficiency. He stated that the local company has high standing in the state, and, indeed, is everywhere regarded as a crack company, in every way. Before company K was assigned to Tillamook, its standing was not so good, but the speaker said the company over here had redeemed the company name, and now stood at the head of the list of companies in the state for efficiency, morale and speedy mobilization. Capt. J. E. Shearer in behalf of the other officers and the troop body thanked the General for the handsomely worded and nicely framed reward of merit and official recognition.

After the ceremony was over, the guardsmen and their wives and the invited public indulged in dancing for some hours, and the occasion passed into local history as one of the most pleasurable incidents of the soldier organization.

Mrs. E. A. Brenner who was operated on the middle of last week at a city hospital, is reported to be getting along nicely.

## MUTILATED CORPSE FOUND ON BEACH

### Body Thought to be That of One of Men Drowned on Phoenix Recently

Coroner R. N. Henkle was called Wednesday morning last by the postmaster at Bayocean, who stated that a body had been discovered on the dry sand above high water, on the ocean beach, just south of the Tillamook bar.

The Coroner, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Chester Holden, went over to the scene of the find Wednesday forenoon, secured the remains and brought them to this city, where they will be kept for a short time in the hope that they may be identified.

The head of the man was missing, and portions of the body were badly decomposed. Nothing was found on the body that would serve to identify the deceased, except that it was clothed in a blue serge suit. The flesh on one hand was stripped off, evidently by crabs or other sea fish.

It is believed by Deputy Sheriff Holden that the body is that of one of the men who was drowned about two months ago when the schooner Phoenix founded near the entrance to the bar of Tillamook bay.

## CITY MAIL DELIVERY THOUGHT POSSIBILITY

At the last session of the Kiwanis club, the matter of free mail delivery for this city was brought up and discussed. There is one obstacle in the way, and that is that the train mail now arrives in Tillamook too late to be delivered by carrier the same day. Ray Grate, agent of the Southern Pacific at this place, thought that the company might be willing to consider the matter of a change of time by which the train could deliver mail here earlier in the day. It is understood that this city, by virtue of the business transacted by the local post office, is entitled to some form of free city delivery; and if the mail can be received here earlier, it is possible that the club will again take up the thought of free delivery, and make the necessary proposals to the general postoffice department.

## BAYOCEAN GRADING WAS NOT DAMAGED

Stanley Coates, county engineer, states that the entire damage to Bayocean road bed will not run to \$25. The tide during the late big storm washed some of the dirt out in one place behind the piling, but the above sum, states the county surveyor, will repair all damage done. There was a report current on the streets this week that the road bed was badly damaged by the big storm, but investigation by the Surveyor shows that the damage was extremely light, considering the big tides that pounded the beach.

It is said by those who saw it that the tide was the highest on Tillamook bay during the recent storm that has been experienced for many years. The tide mark on the south side of the bay has not been equalled, some persons aver, for forty years past.

## GRAND MASTER ASCHIM AT WASHINGTON LODGE

One day last week, Grand Master John Aschim officiated by request of the Grand Master of the state of Washington at the institution of a subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows at Longview, Wash., filling the position of acting deputy Grand Master. There was a crowd of about 1,000 people present, and the charter members numbered close to seventy persons. Grand Master R. H. Back of Vancouver was present and conducted the work.

It is reported that considerable fencing was blown down in this county during the big gale of last week.

Chas. Brien and J. F. Bradley were down from Wheeler last Monday on business.

## COUNTY WARRANTS WAIT ON 1923 TAX

### First Half of Taxes Due in April Will Relieve Situation

## IS IN GOOD CONDITION

### County Not Bankrupt. Say Those Well Informed, in Spite of Shortage

The Tillamook banks have notified their patrons that they will not cash county warrants at par hereafter until further notice. The two banks here together have about \$160,000 in warrants, which are not considered a liquid asset in banking. It is not understood that this action on the part of the banks is final as to the future, as by next April the tax money for 1923 will begin to come in.

There is considerable talk that the county "is in bad shape financially," which members of the county court deny. Rumors, based on the fact that the banks have refused to cash warrants, is probably the cause of the statement that the county "is bankrupt," and such like statements.

There is about \$144,000 of uncollected taxes for 1922, and other years of delinquent taxes probably will run the whole amount of uncollected taxes up to \$400,000. One timber firm owes about \$40,000 in unpaid taxes, representing a year and a half of delinquency.

"Assuming, for the purpose that the county owes \$780,000 in bonded and other indebtedness," said Judge Mason, Tuesday when asked about the financial condition of the county, "—yes, for example, let's make it \$900,000, which isn't true, the assessor valuation in the county is \$30,000,000. That would only figure out an indebtedness of three percent, and it is less than that. Any farmer would consider an indebtedness of 3 per cent on the total valuation of his farm, as not being much of an indebtedness. Then we are not adding in the thousands of dollars which we have as a permanent investment in roads and bridges in this county, as a county asset, but we should. The trouble that too many critics do not stop to figure."

A prominent financier of this city laughed at the idea of the county being bankrupt. "It is not bankrupt. This matter of the banks not taking warrants at face value has come up before. They are just overloaded, that's all. When taxes begin to come in, that matter will adjust itself."

It is believed by many, however, that the county should take means to get in a lot of the overdue taxes owed by timber men and others, and the people figure that the big corporations are no better than the man of small means, who usually is proceeded against for his taxes when they become delinquent.

It is believed by many that the county court should proceed against those who owe big sums of taxes, according to law. One firm it is said owes for a year and a half, and the sum is close to \$30,000.

## THIS IS BEE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO REPORT

Tillamook county is inhabited by many bees, in the woods. It is related by a citizen of this place who has a place in the mountains that in a big fir tree about 300 feet tall, and nearly eight feet through, there is a hive of bees that have used this particular tree as a place for making and storing honey for the past thirty years, to his knowledge. The country is full of vine maple and fireweed, which seem to impart the fine flavor that makes coast honey so palatable.

The copartnership heretofore existing between E. Heusser and J. B. Honey was dissolved last week. Mr. Heusser continuing the business. So far as he knows at present, Mr. Honey will continue to be a resident of Tillamook.

