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CORVALLIS AND EASTERN WINS OUT GET TITLE TO BIG TRACT OF LAND

TIDE LANDS AT PAQUINA AND ALSEA BAYS IS THEIRS BENTON MARSH LANDS TOO

Value of the Tide Lands is Placed at Over a Million, and Ownership Puts road in Position to Control All Shipping--Land Was Given Away by the Legislature in 1874, Practically Without a Cent's Worth of Consideration--The Supreme Court Reverses Lower Court--May Be Law, But Little Justice.

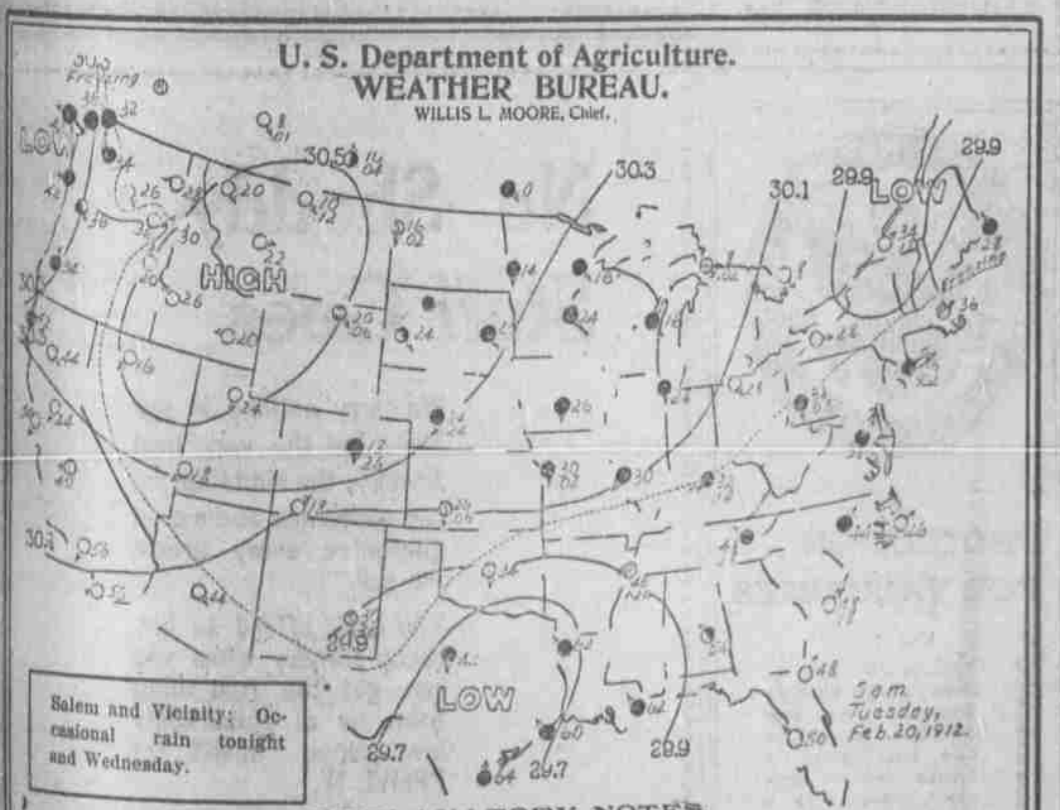
In an opinion reversing Judge... former circuit judge of this... court, the supreme court to... a grant made by the legislature in 1874 to the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company, giving the title to the tide lands in Alsea, and Alsea bays, and also marsh lands in Benton, but what is... as Lincoln county.

The original grant on the ground that the conditions had not been complied with and also that the state could not need away its harbors to any company, but held them in trust for commercial and harbor purposes for the people. Grant was made on condition that the company should build a railroad from Yaquina to Corvallis within six years, and it was maintained this condition was not complied with.

AUTO FIRE ENGINE IS IN THE AIR

The matter of buying an automobile fire engine for the Salem fire department has been entangled and complicated until it is doubtful if anything will be accomplished. The committee that went to Seattle and other cities to see equipments came back and endorsed the proposition of Mr. Long, the Portland agent of the La France Fire Engine company. That company makes of engines, and the company that has sold an auto engine in Eugene not only offers an automobile with a chemical, but a hose wagon and a fire engine to pump and throw a stream of water. In the event the chemical does not put out

the fire, they hitch on the hose, and have a powerful stream playing on the fire, with hose enough on the automobile to handle any ordinary fire. This latter machine will be stopped en route to Eugene and tested at Salem, for everyone to see the workings.



THE COLONEL QUIESCENT.

New York, Feb. 20.—Although he arrived at his office in the Outlook early today, Colonel Roosevelt received but few visitors, devoting most of the morning to reading the final draft of his speech to be delivered at Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow before the State Constitutional convention.

MAY DISMISS CHARGES.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Wholesale dismissal of all the so-called San Francisco graft indictments on Judge Frank P. Dunne's calendar may follow as the result of a motion made today by Assistant District Attorney McNutt. The prosecutor declared that his action was unpremeditated and made simply because the physiological moment for such action was presented when Judge Dunne technically denied a motion to dismiss indictments hanging over Abe Ruef on the reserve calendar.

ELECTRIC WILL HAVE NEW DEPOT

TWO-STORY BRICK TO BE ERRECTED ON CORNER OF STATE AND HIGH, IN WHICH THE NEW PASSENGER DEPOT WILL BE LOCATED.

The Oregon Electric has made arrangements for a new depot. The papers are all ready for signature by which Mrs. Fannie E. Hubbard is to erect a two-story brick building on her lots at the corner of State and High streets. The building will cover 82 1/2 x 157 feet, and of this the Oregon Electric takes a lease for ten years on a space 30 x 140 feet. Work on the building is to be commenced by March 15, and will be ready for occupancy within 90 days from that date.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Mrs. R. Locke, aged 50, employed at the Pisgah house, was burned to death early today in her room. Her clothing is believed to have caught fire from a gas heater. She lived alone.

THE ONLY HAZARD OF THE PORTLAND LOAN

sharks run is of being sent to the pen, mobbed or killed, and if reports are not grossly exaggerated one of these things is likely to happen to some of them.

THE HORSE EDITOR'S OPINION.

According to an advertisement of the Statesman in that paper this morning, any Salem home in which other papers than the Statesman goes is not of the "beter class of homes." They belong in a class unable to buy automobiles, or, presumably, any other luxuries. The horse editor of The Journal is, unfortunately, one of the undesirable class, as he does not take the Statesman, though he confesses to reading it with much pleasure, and, perhaps, some profit. Still he is of the opinion the Statesman's classification of Salem people by its subscription list is somewhat arbitrary. He feels that one can be a gentleman or lady, live decently and honestly, be a good citizen and pay his or her debts without being a subscriber for the Statesman. Of course, this is only an opinion from one of the class for whose trade advertisements are wasted, but the opinion is fixed.

ABRAHAM STILL LOST.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 20.—Although dispatches were received last night to the effect that "Dr. Milton Abraham" alias "Bir" Harry Westwood Cooper, who married Anna Milbrath here and succeeded the girl's mother, had been located in Chicago, Captain of Inspectors Peterson said today that he had no definite information on the matter beyond the fact that he had been informed that the man was there, and had wired ordering his arrest. The elusive "Dr. Abraham," has not yet been taken by the police of the windy city.

OPENING A BIG BAG OF SCANDAL

Attempt to Free From Prison Folke E. Brandt, Former Valet to Millionaire Schiff, Stirrs Gotham Society.

"A WOMAN IN THE CASE"

Brandt Was Railroaded to Prison Under a Thirty-Year Sentence on the Charge of Burglaring the Millionaire's House, and Has Already Served Five Years--It is Alleged He Was Sent Up to Save a Woman.

COMMITTEE OUTLINES ITS PLANS FOR SECURING A SUPPLY OF PURE WATER--FIRST NECESSARY TO OWN THE PRESENT PLANT.

"We want pure water and plenty of it and I trust that no one will throw an obstacle in the way of this committee in its work to obtain it," said Councilman Rigdon last evening in reporting upon the work being done by the special committee appointed to open negotiations with the Salem Water company to purchase its plant.

Mr. Rigdon stated that the committee had secured the services of R. H. Thompson, of Seattle, an engineer of national reputation to inspect and appraise the plant, and that he would be on the ground in a few days. Answering those who opposed the purchase on the ground that it would increase the taxes, he said that none of them would have to pay additional taxes to secure the plant. Bonds would be issued, he said, and the people were now paying the expenses to run it, interest on the investment and a profit, and if the company could do that, it stood to reason that it would be a remunerative concern when run by the city, and that it would pay for itself.

DR. MORSE DISCUSSES HEALTH AND SANITATION

Dr. W. B. Morse gave a very interesting talk last night before the Salem Six O'Clock club on the subject of "Sanitation and Health Conditions in Salem." There was a large attendance, and an interesting discussion followed. Dr. Morse reviewed the water supply, and showed that from the formation of the ground on which Salem is built, that wells are and always will be a dangerous source of supply, it being an old wash and a sewer for the whole country above it. He also discussed the milk supply, and pointed out the necessity of getting rid of garbage at once. He made many good suggestions, which it will be well for the city, as such, and its citizens individually, to heed.

COUNTY HAS \$1,000,000 TAX LEVY BUT IT IS LOWEST IN THE VALLEY

THE COUNTY AND STATE TAX LEVIES 1912 AS SHOWN BY ANALYSIS

Marion County Lower Than Any of the Adjoining Counties--Budget Made Up by the County Court and Every Dollar Accounted for--There Will Not Be a Dollar of Surplus and if All Improvements Called for Are Made There Will Be a Deficit at the End of the Year.

THE CITY'S WATER MUST BE THE BEST

llected this year are as follows:
Special school district ... \$161,467.11
Special school district ... 56,376.06
City levies ... 133,482.88
County levy ... 234,885.00
State and normal schools ... 148,549.14
State tax ... 142,000.00
County road three mills ... 91,843.00
Total ... \$988,332.19

We have a billion dollar congress, and we have nearly a million dollar county tax levy, and the people are beginning to realize that the development of the state and county has proceeded at a rapid rate along certain lines. The county court of Marion county has been able to make the lowest levy of any of the surrounding counties, and from the following table the people can see the exact items composing the biggest tax levy ever made in this county. The members of the legislature are not to blame for it all, because a great many new grafts are slipped over their heads and voted for without their knowing it.

Following is a statement of the taxes levied for this year:
Taxes for 1912.
The total taxes levied and to be collected this year are as follows:

County Budget for 1912.

County judge and commissioners' salaries	\$ 2,500.00
Circuit court expenses	10,000.00
Justice court	4,700.00
County surveyor	1,800.00
Sheriff and deputies	5,000.00
Clerk and deputies	4,850.00
Recorder and deputies	2,300.00
Treasurer	1,200.00
Coroner	400.00
School superintendent's salary and office expenses	3,840.00
School supervisors	2,400.00
School directors' meeting	300.00
County school board expenses	50.00
Assessor and deputies	4,500.00
Assessment and collection of taxes	950.00
Rebate of tax	950.00
Current expense account	7,000.00
Court house expense	4,000.00
Jail expense	1,800.00
Truant officer	100.00
Poor account	12,000.00
Insane expense	400.00
Ferries	1,800.00
County's Fixed Charges, 1912.	
Indigent soldier expense	\$ 846.00
Election expense	11,000.00
Wild animal scalp bounty expense	125.00
State fair expense	600.00
Fruit inspector expense	1,250.00
Health officer	600.00
County physician	600.00
Road clerk	450.00
Juvenile court expense	300.00
Road supervisors	10,000.00
Advertising	600.00
Feeble minded home expense	700.00
Publishing delinquent tax list	675.00
Tuberculosis institute expense	150.00
Electric light expense	400.00
Teachers' institute expense	400.00
Forest fire expense	250.00
Insurance	300.00
Total	\$101,656.00

New Expenditures Called for 1912.

New poor farm and buildings	\$ 30,000.00
To complete the Stayton bridge	15,500.00
One bridge on the Abiqua	2,000.00
Fill for the approach on the Jefferson bridge	800.00
Green's bridge	15,500.00
Newberg bridge	42,750.00
Money borrowed in 1911	20,000.00
Grand total	\$223,750.00
Total receipts	\$226,736.66
Total disbursements	223,750.00
Balance	\$ 2,986.66

This last item is all there is left for keeping up county bridges. The above figures show that the only money disbursed by the county court is the \$226,736.66, of which \$101,656 is fixed charges, created by law. The rest of the county levy is for new work demanded by the people.

The County Levies.
Marion county ... 14.70
Polk county ... 15.75
Clackamas county ... 15.87 1/2
Yamhill county ... 18.50
Marion and Yamhill both levy three mills for county road purposes.
Handling Road Funds.
The three mills road tax of \$91,843

will be distributed to the road districts, each district receiving the amount of its road tax. That practice was established by the present county court in 1909, and has been continued each year. The court has decided to move the poor farm to the new site at Chemeketa. The Stayton bridge will have to be rebuilt, and several other large bridges, including the one with Yamhill county at Newberg. The above figures will show that there will not be a dollar of surplus, with the most economical handling, and there will probably be a deficit, if all improvements called for are undertaken.