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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

THE DAWN OF PEACE

With the rumor of peace in the air, the following beautiful poem is just now most appropriate.

Put off, put off your mail, O kings,
 And beat your brands to dust!
 Your hands must learn a surer grasp,
 Your hearts a better trust.

O, bend aback the lance's point,
 And break the helmet bar;
 A noise is in the morning wind,
 But not the note of war.

Upon the grassy mountain paths
 The glittering hosts increase—
 They come! They come! How fair
 Their feet!
 They come who publish peace.

And victory, fair victory,
 Our enemies are ours!
 For all the clouds are clasped in light
 And all the earth with flowers.

Aye, still depressed and dim with
 dew;
 But wait a little while,
 And with the radiant deathless rose
 The wilderness shall smile.

And every tender, living thing
 Shall feed by streams of rest;
 Nor lamb shall from the flock be lost,
 Nor nursing from the nest.
 —John Ruskin.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION

A short time ago the primary election for city officers was held in Astoria. There are some 4,000 voters in Astoria, but only 1,800 of them exercised their franchise privileges, consequently when Harley received the nomination some of the fellows who did not take any interest in the primary were dissatisfied and brought out an independent candidate. The Mist believes Hyland would have made just as good a mayor as Harley promises to make, but from the standpoint of the backing up of regular nominees, we must say the result is satisfactory. If a voter does not take the trouble to go to the polls and express his preference, then, unless he is a sorehead, he has no complaint to make.

The stock law was carried in Columbia county because of a misunderstanding. Voters not familiar with the long ballot and the many initiative measures, have been taught to vote "No" when in doubt. Many followed this teaching and voted no when they really meant to vote yes. The passage of this measure will work a hardship on many who live in the rural districts, and it was really unnecessary. Steps are now being taken to ascertain if the measure is constitutional, and many familiar with the laws of the land have expressed the opinion that if a test case was brought up the measure would be declared unconstitutional. At any rate, it works an unnecessary hardship on many farmers and dairymen, and the voters cast their ballots blindly when the issue confronted them.

At the school meeting Monday night, Martin White made a good suggestion. He stated he wanted taxes raised for necessary purposes, but when the taxpayers voted such tax it was not becoming in them to complain on account of high taxes. It was noticeable that in a district that has more than 1,000 people entitled to vote on school elections and school questions, that of that number only 50 manifested enough interest to attend.

Now that the county court has published the budget of expenses necessary for the ensuing year and has invited the taxpayers to meet with them, it is up to each interested taxpayer to accept the invitation. If you don't attend and something is put over that you don't like, it will be your own fault. If you have any complaints to make, make them at the right time; don't stay away from the meeting and then complain.

Edward McFall, from the evidence presented, apparently is guilty of a serious crime, and if proven guilty should be punished. At the same time, while he is being punished his girl wife is punished the most. It is a hard problem for the officers of the law to solve.

The city budget meeting will be held Saturday, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock, at the council room. If you don't attend this meeting and consult with the city fathers as to the expenses of the city, don't complain after the levy is made.

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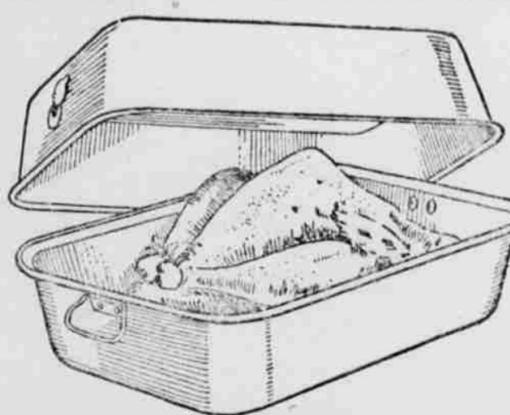
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COURT PROCEEDINGS

Dec. 6, 1916.
 Journal read, approved and signed. On this 6th day of December, 1916, Fritz Kuecht presents to the Court his claim for indemnity in the sum of \$100.00 for four cows over two years of age, slaughtered under the supervision of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, under the provisions of Chapter 14, General Laws of 1913; and it appearing to the Court that thirty days have not elapsed from the date of such slaughter and the date of the filing of such claim, and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that a public hearing of said claim be held in the County Court Room, in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1917, for the purpose of determining whether said Fritz Kuecht has complied with all the laws in regard thereto and whether or not he is entitled to receive said indemnity.

On this 6th day of December, 1916, comes on for hearing the Petition of Howard Gue et al, freeholders residing in the Road District or Districts of said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a County Road described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of the Columbia Road in Beaver Homes Sub-division of said County, 942 feet South of the North line of Section 16—thence in a North-westerly direction approximately 1215 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot number 108 in said Beaver Homes; thence in a Westerly direction 1348 feet to the Pleasant View County Road in said Tract.

And it satisfactorily appearing to the Court from proof filed herein that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, that two of said petitioners are legal freeholders of this County, residing in the Road District or Districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient Bond has been given and filed herein:

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Board of County Road Viewers meet at the beginning point of said proposed road on the 11th day of December, 1916, or on their failure to meet on said day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

On this day the report of the Board of County Road Viewers on the Israel Spencer Road was read in open Court for the first time.

On this day R. R. Hall presents to the Court his Certificate of appointment to the office of Deputy County Clerk, together with his Oath of office endorsed thereon and subscribed by him as by law provided, and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said appointment be and the same is hereby approved.

On this day Mr. G. L. Tarbell presents to the Court his written resignation as Member of the Fair Board, and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered that said resignation be and the same hereby is accepted.

On this day comes on for hearing the report of A. F. Barnett, County Clerk, of the number and amount of warrants issued during the month of November, 1916, in payment for certain wild animals, as authorized by law, being as follows:

Nov. 15th, Warrant No. 4081 to Lou Christian in the amount of \$2.00
 Nov. 24th, Warrant No. 4084 to J. W. Rose in the amount of \$4.00, and the Court being advised in the matter it is ordered that the report be and the same is hereby approved.

On this day comes on for hearing the Petition of the Tax Collector for the cancellation of cert. in penalty and interest on tax charged against John, Muckle and Richardson and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered that the said petition be and the same hereby is denied.

Thursday, December 7th, 1916, 2nd Judicial Day.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that a certain order heretofore made whereby Sam Overton was allowed County aid in the amount of \$10.00 per month be and the same is hereby revoked.

And it is further ordered that County Warrant No. 4122 in the amount of \$10.00 drawn in favor of Sam Overton on Dec. 1st, 1916, be and the same hereby is cancelled.

On this 7th day of December, 1916, it is ordered by the Court that the Clerk be and he hereby is instructed to issue a General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$15.00 in favor of Lars Olean, as county aid, and a like warrant on the first day of each month hereafter, until the further order of the Court.

On this day this matter coming on to be heard upon the second reading of the report of the Board of County Road Viewers, which said report was publicly read on two different days of this term of Court, and no remonstrance or petition for damages being filed, and the Court being satisfied that such road will be of public utility, the Report of the Board of County Road Viewers being favorable thereto and reporting damages in the sum of \$165.00 in favor of Nancy M. Ray, it is ordered by the Court that said report, survey, profile and plat be recorded in suitable books kept for that purpose and from thenceforth said road shall be a public highway.

It is further ordered by the Court that the Road Supervisor in whose district said road is located, shall open the same for public travel.

It is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to issue a General Fund Warrant in the sum of \$165.00 in favor of said Nancy M. Ray, in full for all damages on account of said road, as reported by said Board of County Road Viewers.

Friday, Dec. 8th, 1916, 3rd Judicial Day.
 Matter of claims against the county. On this day claims against the County as heretofore filed with the Clerk of the Court: were examined and allowed by the Court: in the vari-

ous sums as carried out by the Court on the face of said claims, being as follows:
 General Fund Warrants.
 L. J. Van Orshoven, surveyor, \$68.00; Dan Paulsen, surveyor, \$13.85; G. H. Smith, surveyor, \$60.50; Kilham Sta. & Prtg. Co., supplies to surveyor, \$15.09; E. A. Middlebrooks, surveyor, \$110.00; Ed Meier, \$10.00; Kit Conyers, \$10.00; E. E. Roberts, \$10.00; Aug. Pyykkoenen, \$10.00; Chas. Furer, \$5.00; L. J. Van Orshoven, \$15.48; St. Helena Hdwe. Co., supplies to surveyor, \$.46; Edwin Meier, surveyor, \$7.50; L. J. Van Orshoven, surveyor, \$7.50.
 (Continued next week.)

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Wednesday Forenoon
 U. S. History, Writing, Penmanship, Music, Drawing

Wednesday Afternoon
 Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic

Thursday Forenoon
 Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art

Thursday Afternoon
 Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate

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