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LAND GOES TO LAYTON HEIRS

GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMISSIONER MAKES DECISION.

LEUMAN FILING IS VOID

Tract on Applegate Purchased by J. T. Layton From Railroad is Involved.

Attorney Colvig, as administrator for the heirs of the Layton estate, has received the decision of the commissioner of the general land office reversing the Roseburg office wherein the latter approved the cash entry of Richard F. Leuman to property on the Applegate.

J. T. Layton, the founder of the Layton estate on the Applegate, purchased from the railroad company lot 1 of section 17, township 38, the lot containing thirty acres. This land, which lies in a narrow strip across the Applegate river, was used by the Layton mining interests as dumping ground for the tailings from the placer mines above. Leuman later discovered that there was a defect in the title to the property, and that the railroad company had never had a valid patent. He therefore made cash entry before the Roseburg office, and the entry was accepted. The Layton heirs appealed to the commissioner of the general land office, and his reversal of the Roseburg office has just been received. The commissioner gives the heirs thirty days preference right to perfect title to the lot, and orders the cash entry of Leuman cancelled.

Seven acres of the tract in question lies on the north side of the Applegate river, and is fine river bottom garden land which Leuman has improved. He also built a house upon it. Under the decision of the commissioner this will revert to the Layton heirs if they proceed to perfect title within the thirty days, otherwise the tract will be open to entry by Leuman or whoever is first to file.

SELLING AGENCY IS ADVOCATED BY GRANGE.

The Pomona Grange at Hugo yesterday took up the question of a selling agency or organization for the disposal of the surplus product of the farm. An organization built on the lines advanced by Mr. Honner in Thursday's Courier will be brought about, and while it is expected to have it fostered by the Grange, others than Grange members will not be excluded from its benefits. A meeting of all who are interested in the subject will be called for some day during the coming fall when plans for the formation of the project will be made.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

The Josephine county W. C. T. U. convention convened in the Baptist church Friday forenoon, with many delegates in attendance. A luncheon was served in the church at noon. At the afternoon session Rev. I. H. Teel was called upon to conduct a quiz upon several topics bearing on social questions, among the topics being such as "The race problem in the south and its relation to the wage question," "Poverty and its relation to vice and crime," and "Do men drink because they are poor, or are they poor because they drink?" Routine business and the election of officers filled in the balance of the afternoon.

At the evening session Miss Leah Bar-Ell, a reclaimed "white slave," lectured, pointing the way to assistance to a great class of unfortunates. The newly elected officers of the county union are Mrs. Lulu Colwell, president; Mrs. Cora Hinkle, secretary, and Mrs. Bertha Courtney, treasurer.

AUTO TRUCK CARRIES FRUIT TO THE COAST

The advent of the auto truck has opened up new marketing conditions in the Rogue valley, and some of our produce can now find market in the coast towns, where prices are good and demand continuous. The truck just put on the Eureka fruit farm, owned by J. H. Robinson and Son, on the Applegate, has returned from its initial trip to Crescent City, having made profitable sales of its load of fruit. It carried peaches largely, and but three days were consumed in the round trip and the sale of the produce. The auto carried two tons, and reached the coast city early enough on the second day to dispose of the fruit, and on the third day made the run home, as well as a trip to Grants Pass and back from the farm.

The Robinsons find the truck a most expeditious and profitable way of marketing their fruit.

CHANGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY LIST

Some changes have been made in the personnel of the public school faculty since the list was published in the Courier, owing to a number of resignations, and elections that have been made to take their place. In the high school, Miss Hazel Barron will be in charge of the domestic science department, and Miss Sophie Messenger of music and art. In the East school, Miss Helen Schell will have charge of the 6th A grade. The Riverside school corps of teachers will be as follows:

Riverside building — Principal, Miss Myrtle Shore, 7th B and 6th A; Miss Blanche Polley, 5th B and 5th A; Miss Marjorie Dickie, 5th B and 4th A; Miss Selma Nygren, 4th B and 3d A; Miss Hazel Polley, 3d B; Miss Lila Kamm, 2d A and B; Miss Katherine Guter, 2d B and 1st A; Miss May Motley, 1st B.

JURORS DRAWN FOR SEPT. TERM OF COURT.

The following are the jurors drawn for the September term of the circuit court, which convenes on the 23rd: W. E. Everson, Grants Pass; J. M. Farmer, Merlin; Conrad Jenner, Wonder; Link McGrew, Grants Pass; A. N. Parsons, Grants Pass; Paul Klinker, Grants Pass; S. F. Backus, Kerby; A. T. Greutter, Murphy; Robt. Grimmett, Holland; J. R. En-triken, Galice; H. E. Gale, Merlin; M. C. Garow, Grants Pass; A. H. Hammond, Grants Pass; E. Jones, Merlin; Thos. Galvin, Grants Pass; John D. Fry, Grants Pass; C. F. Gentner, Grants Pass; R. P. George, Kerby; J. A. Fulk, Kerby; H. E. Gethring, Grants Pass; P. E. Gerould, Selma; Andrew Giegler, Grants Pass; Ed. Lister, Grants Pass; W. C. Lockett, Grants Pass; Claud Davis, Le-lands; M. M. Ainsworth, Murphy; H. L. Stonaker, Grants Pass; C. H. Demaray, Grants Pass; P. A. DeGen-nault, Grants Pass; Lee Sill, Grants Pass; James N. Dean, Galice.

From the above list the first seven names drawn will constitute the grand jury, the balance to serve as petit jurors.

GASOLINE WILL SUP-PLANT OLD DOBBIN.

The old Williams creek stage, with its swinging red body, reminder of pioneer days and methods, is soon to be given a place of honor behind the barn, forced into retirement by the modern auto.

Ed. Herriott, proprietor of the stage line, has purchased a new Federal truck, which he is having fitted up with special reference to his needs, and will put it on the Grants Pass-Williams run as soon as it is ready. It will be fitted not only for passenger trade, but will also accommodate a great amount of freight, and will bring the market much nearer the producer of the Williams district than it has heretofore been. With the commissioning of the auto, the horse stage will be taken off.

The truck was purchased through the agency of Carl Allen and M. Dunn.

SECOND ANNUAL GRANGE FAIR WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

Pens and Stalls Are Now Being Built on I Street, Where Show Is to Be Held--Every Class of Exhibits Will Be Well Filled.

Wednesday, September 18th, is the opening day of the Second Annual Grange Fair, and already the spirit of the occasion is becoming manifest in the city. The fair officers and department heads were busy Tuesday afternoon perfecting details and making final arrangements, and from today the exposition will begin to take on definite form.

Lumber is being hauled for the construction of the booths and pens which are to be erected at Sixth and I streets, the fair to be held on I street from Sixth. Two blocks of the street will be closed during the dates of the fair, and the temporary buildings put up from curb to curb. Manager Turvey will remain in the city from now till the close of the fair, and will give his personal attention to all details.

The unoccupied portion of the upper floor of the Paddock building will be used to house the ladies' educational and poultry departments, the spacious rooms being ample for the display. Department Manager Wilcoxon, who will have charge of the poultry show, is here, and will have the coops installed and the show ready to receive entries right on the dot. The stock exhibit will be made on the vacant lot at the rear of Burkhalter's livery stable.

All pens and stalls will be roofed over, so that stock will not suffer in case rain should fall, though the weather indications are that there will be bright weather conditions prevailing.

Among the special prizes offered that is attracting attention, that of \$50 for the best exhibit made by any one of the county granges stands well in the foreground. No charge is made for space for these exhibits, though it is requested that the man-

agement should be notified at once so that proper reservations may be made. Each grange is to decorate its own exhibit booth. The best general exhibit of farm produce shown by an individual grange will win this prize.

Three special contests aside from the catalogued class exhibits are provided. These include the milk cow contest, with a first prize of a six-bottle Babcock tester to the exhibitor of the cow making the best milk and butter fat test during the fair, the boys' industrial contest, and the ladies' riding contest.

The rules of the milk cow contest have already been published in the Courier. The boys' industrial contest is open to boys under 18 years of age, and involves an exhibit of farm products upon which the boy must have done all the work. The ladies' riding contest is open to any rider or horse in Josephine county, the judges to score the rider fifty per cent and the horse fifty per cent.

Owing to the illness of E. E. Blanchard, who had charge of amusement concessions, Dr. Wilcoxon is looking after that feature of the fair management as well as his own department of poultry. He says that the outlook is good for a number of entertaining attractions, and that every day will be made enjoyable.

The Oregon Agricultural College has asked the privilege of giving a free illustrated lecture. This lecture, which will explain the aim and work of the college, will be given Thursday evening, September 19th, in the Commercial club rooms.

One feature that is being arranged is an exhibit of products of the soil, grown on granite land without irrigation. There has been such a diversity of claims made for granite that this exhibit is sure to attract.

DATES FOR HEARING OF WATER RIGHT CONTESTS IN COUNTY ARE SET

The board of control of the state of Oregon has given notice of the hearing of contests in the determination of the relative rights to the waters of the Rogue and its tributaries, in water division No. 1, covering the counties of Josephine, Jackson and Curry.

Earlier in the season representatives of the state board were in this territory taking filings and notice of contests, and the time and place for the hearings on these various contested rights have just been announced. There are several hundred contests in the district embracing the three counties, and after taking the testimony of the witnesses presented by the parties of the contests, the board will pass upon it, making final determination of the matter. Each individual case will be handled much as is a case in court, and attorneys have already been employed to represent many of the interested parties. As there has been no adjudication of water rights in this state for many years, and the laws have been changed and altered on many instances, some intricate questions are sure to evolve in the hearings. The following are the cases, and the dates upon which they will be heard, that have a local interest:

Grants Pass, Nov. 7th. Jas. Gilmore vs. C. E. Selleck, Applegate water right. Ed. F. Hannum et al vs. C. E. Selleck, Applegate water right. Mrs. Hannah Jones vs. J. D. Kerr, Slate Creek water right. Laurel Hill Ditch Co. vs. Thos. E. Pinckney, Applegate water right. F. M. Miller vs. J. W. York, Miller Gulch water right. Thos. Pinckney vs. Laurel Hill Ditch Co., Applegate water right.

I. G. Roberts vs. F. W. Capp, Applegate water right. J. W. York vs. Fred Miller, Miller Creek water right. J. Twoby vs. Woelfley et al, Applegate water right.

Grants Pass, December 2nd. V. W. Brown vs. Swastika Mining Co., Jump Off Joe water right.

J. C. Cochran vs. Carrie Fry, Jump Off Joe water right. J. Duncan vs. Columbia mine, Grave Creek water right.

Three Pines Timber Co. vs. Ruth Wright, Jump Off Joe water right.

Three Pines Timber Co. vs. Woodford and Cook, Jump Off Joe water right.

Grants Pass, December 4th. E. G. Patton vs. Fidelia Lang, Grave Creek water right.

Grants Pass, December 6th. H. A. Perkins vs. Ruth Ruble, Coyote Creek water right. W. C. Smith vs. W. G. Smith, Wolf Creek water right.

Grants Pass, December 9th. I. K. Evans vs. Emma G. Robinson, Galice water right. Oriole Gold Mining Co. vs. H. L. Lewis, Rocky Gulch water right.

J. H. Tompkins vs. Isaac Vincent, Rocky Gulch water right.

Williams, November 14th. Bigelow vs. Topping, Williams Creek water right.

Bigelow vs. Heard, Williams Creek water right.

Ira F. Sparlin vs. M. Sargent, Panther Gulch water right.

C. M. Williams vs. O. H. Fields, Williams Creek water right.

Applegate, November 11th. Frank Mixer vs. Miles Agee, Carberry fork water right.

Frank Mixer vs. W. C. Sparks, Rose Hall.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ON MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

More members and every business and professional man a member is the slogan of the Grants Pass Commercial club.

When R. E. Kroh assumed the chair at the regular monthly meeting of the club Monday night, he took advantage of the opportunity to ease his mind, and relieve his system of some things that had been troubling him for time past. He was not mild in his expression of the thought that every man in business in Grants Pass, and every citizen who has the welfare of the city at heart should enroll as a member of the Commercial organization. He also wanted a campaign of advertising started, and the way the members present got behind to help with the big boost surely spells success.

An hour was spent in general discussion of the question, the outcome being that a special meeting of the club was set for next Monday evening, and that meantime a membership campaign is to be on. Every business man is to be solicited, and whether he becomes a member at this time or not, he is urged to be present Monday evening, and assist in the discussion of how to help conditions, business and social, in the city. It is to be more a mass convention of the city than a Commercial club meeting, though the duty of all to join the club will be advanced.

The committee appointed by Chairman Kroh to solicit membership, and to report on the advertising proposition consists of J. H. Williams, Stanton Rowell and M. Dunn.

Secretary Makes Report.

The monthly report of Secretary Quinlan, read to the club, was as follows:

"Since the last regular meeting of the club, your board of trustees has held two meetings, and given much time and thought in the interest of the club and Grants Pass generally, and it is felt that a decided improvement in local conditions will prevail in the very near future; with the abundance of crops in evidence all over the valley, and the continued improvement in mining conditions, there is no good reason why the citizens of this community should not feel encouraged over the future outlook for Grants Pass and vicinity if they will work together.

"At the last meeting of the club considerable time was given to the discussion of the individuals known as knockers, and it must be admitted by all that Grants Pass has an over supply of persons who utilize every opportunity to discourage every one with whom they come in contact, and in many cases discourage newcomers and prevent from settling in this vicinity men who would be contented and make desirable residents; but because of the lack of experience, brains, energy or management of those already here, who have failed to make good as readily as they had expected, they seem to feel obligated to tell the world of their failure.

"It has not in the past improved matters by referring to these individuals as knockers, undesirable and the like, and it is unreasonable to hope for improvement from this method; it would seem a better method to learn the cause of the dissatisfaction and make an effort to show the dissatisfied party wherein he is mistaken, or if, as in some cases it may be possible, the party has a real cause for complaint, set about and try to relieve and improve the condition, either of which would result in making a satisfied resident of the so-called knocker. It is a pretty hard matter to find perfection in any thing, and it is possible some things here need readjustment; the readjustment can not be had, however, by calling one another knockers or the like; it will result only through the getting together of all the residents of this vicinity, and their willingness to work together for the common good of Grants Pass, regardless of cliques, factions or divisions. Grants Pass and the Rogue river valley as a whole, have been especially favored by nature, and it is time the present residents should avail themselves of the many advantages offered.

"While every statement in our literature can be substantiated, it is time to make known the fact that to live a life of ease it is necessary for one to have some means, even in the Rogue river valley. Too many come here believing it is only necessary to acquire some land and with little or no effort and no means, succeed as some one who has worked long for the same result and who has been pointed to as one of the successful ranchers.

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LOCAL BARTLETTS SELL AT \$2.11

FIRST CAR SHIPPED BRINGS THAT FIGURE IN EAST.

PRICE NETS GROWER \$1.00

First Car of Apples to be Shipped This Season Was Loaded Out Last Sunday.

The first car of local Bartletts to be disposed of in the New York market was sold this week at \$2.11 per box.

This car went out nearly three weeks ago, being shipped by the Producers' Fruit Co. It was loaded partly at Rogue River and then side-tracked here and the loading completed. The price received is very satisfactory, taking the car as a whole, as a part of the load may not have gone at top price, and part may have sold at considerably more than the average noted above. This price will leave a net return of about one dollar per box to the grower. No returns have yet been had on the other cars shipped.

The Producers' Fruit Co. shipped a car of Bartletts from here yesterday, to go to Los Angeles, where it has been sold. The price obtained has not been made public.

Apple picking has been commenced in a small way in the valley, the first shipment to be a car of Jonathans to be started east today. This car is from the Leonard Orchards Co. It is expected that these early shipments will find an eager and profitable market. The Leonard Co. will commence harvesting its Spitzenburgs Monday, and toward the end of the week it is expected that the apple picking will be well under way throughout the valley. The apple crop will be large, and the fruit of first quality. Peach picking has been delayed by reason of the rains, and some fruit has fallen from the trees. Express shipments of Elberts is again continuing.

WILL OPEN FOURTH STREET ACROSS TRACK.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

At a special meeting of the council yesterday it was decided to proceed in the near future with the opening of Fourth street across the railroad. Pavement of some form yet to be decided upon will extend across the tracks. The railroad recently agreed to give right of way across its tracks at Fourth street if the council would do the improving of the crossing.

The council ordered one block of Fourth street, between G and H street, from the west line of Fifth to the west line of Fourth, macadamized. This will extend the H street paving to the city hall.

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