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STODDARD CONSENTS TO DEBATE ON FIXED QUESTION

Thru the secretary of the Socialist Local No. 1, of this city Mayor Stoddard received a challenge to meet the Socialist candidate for Mayor in joint discussion upon the "issues of the city election." Mr. Stoddard in order to designate what might be termed the issues made a reply as to the issues upon which he might consider the proposition of joint discussion. What the result may be will be made public in due time. We herewith submit the original challenge and Mr. Stoddard's reply.

Local La Grande No. 1,
Feb. 24, 1907.

Mr. J. B. Stoddard
Dear Sir, You are respectfully requested, as a candidate for Mayor, to meet with our candidate, Mr. A. Paul, for the purpose of discussing publicly the issues involved in the coming city election.

Time and place to be mutually agreed upon by each party to pay one third of the expense.

Hoping for an early reply I am,
Yours Respectfully,
Bird F. Lewis, Secty.

La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 27, 1907
Mr. Bird F. Lewis, secty.,
Local La Grande, No. 1

Dear Sir:—
Your communication, delayed in transit, just received which purports to be a challenge to debate the issues of the coming city election with your candidate for the office of mayor, Captain A. M. Paul.

I am not familiar with the code duello sufficient to state positively what the rules are, but I think the party challenged has the right to choose the weapons and the time and place of meeting. It is not clear to my mind what the issues of the coming city election are, as I only know of one question that has been clearly put in issue and that is stated in the following words, and will be placed on the ballot:—"Shall the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, be authorized to issue and negotiate \$160,000 additional bonds of said city for the purpose of constructing a pipe line from Beaver creek to the

city reservoir, and to pay for the preliminary survey and for the services of consulting and constructing engineers." If this is an issue I am for the affirmative. The candidates may be an issue, but that is only a question of who gets the most votes.

Unfortunately I have no party organization behind me and no private secretary to attend to my correspondence and to arrange preliminaries for me, and nobody to put up the money for the expenses of a joint debate. I am just a poor lone sheep strayed or stolen from the fold, and my shepherd has not rounded me up. The independent candidate for the office of mayor is considerably at a disadvantage when it comes to hiring a hall to hear himself talk when it is so much cheaper to use the columns of the newspaper, that have never cost me anything for all the spells I have made. And I think the paper will reach more people than a man's voice will in a hall. I made my opening address Tuesday evening on the question of water works and bonding the city as stated above. The columns of the paper are open to your candidate to answer any proposition that I advocated.

But aside from all this, I am willing to meet your candidate if a question can be agreed upon, and stated in exact words, and each contestant be required, according to the rules of the debate, to stick strictly to the subject. A chairman, agreeable to all parties, competent to conduct the proceedings of a joint debate, who will be required to rule on all points of order, to be selected, and that the decisions of this chairman govern all proceedings.

It is possible that we might be able to give a show that would be worth the price of admission, and after paying expenses there might be a "raked off" from the gate receipts to go by percentage to the winner and the second best.

I will state in a brief and comprehensive form as to matters of public policy that I think will work to the best interests of the people and the city of La Grande, and any questions that do not affect the city's business, I do not think can be made

matters of issue in this discussion.

PLATFORM AND POLICY OF J. B. STODDARD, CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

1st—I am in favor of the adoption of the new charter, the revision and codification of the ordinances, and the publication of Charter and Ordinances in book form.

2nd—I am for the bonding the city in the sum of \$160,000 to bring the water of Beaver Creek to the city reservoir.

3rd—I shall advocate the construction of a first class sewer system and to sell ten year installment bonds, secured to the city, by liens on abutting property.

4th—I am in favor of improving streets on the same ten year installment bonding system, or allowing the people to pay if they so desire.

5th—I am still advocating the open lawns, marginal parks, 20 ft. curb lines, cement sidewalks and the improvement and beautifying of city parks.

6th—I wish the \$50,000 of redeemable water works bonds refunded at a saving of one per cent per annum interest.

7th—I want the City put on cash basis by refunding the outstanding warrants in the general fund by issuing time warrants payable at a stated time, and at a fixed rate of interest.

8th—I am for a strict accounting of all city officers, and for books of account records, and forms and methods of doing the city's business that will be a complete check on all transactions and will show the condition of the city's affairs at all times.

9th—I am for the management of the city water works so that it will get the benefit of all credits due it whether the water is used by the city or sold to consumers, and have it run as a separate department with a manager in charge under a bond, and that said manager attends to the business the same as if he were working for a private corporation.

10th—I stand for the fire department to be put on a better working basis, and that certain sums of money be paid for services and not merely given as a donation.

11th—I am for an equitable and just administration of the laws, and opposed

to erratic and vindictive prosecution.

12th—I am against all forms of "graft" and if elected to succeed myself will use all means in my power to bring offenders to justice.

13th—I am for an economical administration of affairs and will guard well the treasury and reduce the burden of taxation by having the water works pay its own way out of rents instead of by a special levy of \$3000 as has been the custom.

14th—I will exert every effort to bring about any and all of those propositions, and will do whatever I think is legal and right to protect the people's interests, make the burden as light as possible, and try to preserve the peace, dignity, health and good order of the city.

In this connection I wish to explain what is meant by the ten year installment bonding proposition for the improvement of streets and construction of sewers. This plan has been adopted by many cities for the reason that it relieves the people of excessive taxation immediately on the completion of the improvement and distributes the burden through a period of ten years, requiring the property owner who is affected by the improvement to pay the equal installments. The burden, especially on the construction of sewers, has been found to work a great hardship and sometimes acts in the nature of confiscation if the council enforces the collection of the whole assessment at once.

LATER STATEMENT

Mr. Paul stated in his address last night that I refused to meet him to discuss the issues of the coming city election. It does not appear by the foregoing letter that I refused but I did state as follows: "I am willing to meet your candidate if a question can be agreed upon, stated in exact words, and each contestant be required, according to the rules of debate to stick strictly to the subject, and a chairman to be selected whose decisions on points of order will govern the proceedings."

I propose to state the question in exact words to wit:

"Resolved: That the foregoing platform and policy of J. B. Stoddard, candidate for mayor, will promote the general welfare, protect the people's interests and insure the growth and improvement of the city."

J. B. STODDARD.

MONMOUTH AND DRAIN ARE NOW PENNYLESS

(Observer Special)

Salem Feb 28—Governor Chamberlain today vetoed the bill carrying appropriation for the state normal schools at Drain and Monmouth.

The schools will be forced to close on

HOUSE FAVORS SUBSIDY

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Feb. 28.—A test vote in the House today showed the strength of the House on the subsidy bill. The vote was 127 for to 112 against.

EXPOSITION BILL PASSES

(Scripps News Association)

Washington Feb 28—The Senate this afternoon passed the Alaskan-Yukon Pacific exposition bill.

PENDLETON WANDERERS

Two would-be wanderers on the earth, whose parents reside in Pendleton, were arrested this afternoon by Chief Rayburn and brought before Recorder Snook. The boys were found idling near the depot. Before the court, the boys, for they were only fourteen and fifteen, told their story. They had run away from their homes and reached La Grande by riding over the mountains in box cars. Their supper and breakfast had been supplied with forty cents.

Telephone instructions from Pendleton said that the boys should be returned to Pendleton on this evening's train. The Recorder dwelt out some advice to the boys which they will likely remember, before he gave instructions that they be held in the city jail until the arrival of the west bound train.

On the threshold of the jail the boys offered a tearful plea for freedom avowing that they would be at the station at train time. Two thoroughly scared and repentant boys left the court room, it is safe to predict that they have been cured for a time at least, of all desires to "meander." They gave the names of Osvald Seddons and Lyod Fenneran.

INQUIRY STILL ON

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Feb 28—S. M. Felton president of the Chicago and Alton and C. W. Hillard comptroller of the Long Island were witnesses before the Interstate Commerce Commission this morning.

The day was taken up with the testimony of huge stock transfers and operations of these two roads. The hearing of the manipulations by Harriman will be concluded today.

OLD SLATE ECTED

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Feb 28—Paul Morton and other officers of the equitable were re-elected today.

OLD PIONEER

Taylor Green, a former resident of this county, died a few days ago near Woodward, Oklahoma, after a long illness with diabetes. In 1873 Mr. Green purchased a farm near Hot Lake where he resided until 1895 when he moved to Oklahoma.

His living children number seven, two daughters, Mrs. Bert Huffman of Pendleton, and Mrs. Annie Carlson, of Kamela, and five sons: John A. Green of Park City, Utah; Taylor Green, Jr., of Wolf Point, Mont; S. P. Green of Richmond, Okla; and George and James Green of Caldwell, Idaho.

ISLAND CITY STAGE DISSAPPEARS

This is the last day of existence for the Island City-La Grande mail stage.

In compliance with a petition signed by residents of Island City, all mail to that city will be sent from La Grande in regular mail sacks and carried by the Elgin train. This will leave Island City with but one mail each day and none on Sunday.

THAW CASE CONTINUES WITHOUT SENSATIONALISM

(Scripps News Association)

New York Feb. 28—Harry Thaw told the keepers of the toms this morning that he felt more certain of acquittal than ever before. He entered the court room smiling. Jerome has his table loaded with works on insanity. Dr. Evans, the insanity specialist was present with a note book and a work of "physiology of mind." Evans and the prosecuting attorney locked horns without delay.

For several hours Dr. Evans was questioned and cross examined by Jerome. Dry technical facts were juggled with such proficiency to demonstrate that Jerome is nearly as much of an expert on insanity questions, as is the insanity specialist. Jerome kept up a continual fire. Evans has brushed up considerably in the art of replying to questions without disclosing any facts. The prosecutor would stop the proceedings in an attempt to make the witness give a positive reply. He was seldom successful.

Dr. Evans was called this afternoon. Jerome continued the examination of the Thaw letters.

SPOKANE-PENDLETON RUN OPEN

The first through train from Pendleton to Spokane to run over the branch line since the first of the present month left the O. R. & N. depot at 11:15 this morning in charge of Conductor Trow and Engineer Martins. For a full month traffic has been entirely suspended on a greater portion of the branch line and even now the repairs are temporary, according to Pendleton East Oregonian of Wednesday.

Over 100 passengers were ready to take the train this morning and a large crowd was at the O. R. & N. depot to witness the departure of the train, as traffic had been suspended so long on the branch that it seemed a real novelty to see a passenger train leave over the Spokane branch.

General Superintendent and Mrs. M. J. Buckley and Assistant Superintendent Thomas Walsh accompanied the train in Mr. Buckley's private car, No. 02.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb. 28—Wheat opened at 77 1/2 closed at 79 1/2; corn opened at 47 1/2 closed at 47 1/2; oats opened at 42 closed at 42 1/2.

PAST WEEK IN COURT IS A BUSY ONE

The following cases have been completed by the circuit court since last Thursday:

State vs L. A. Stoop, charged with destroying a dam on the Minam. Jury disagreed, case dismissed.

State vs Joseph Veit, larceny from a building, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

State vs George Evans plead guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses, and was sentenced to one year in penitentiary.

State vs John Fisher, charged with selling whiskey in less quantities than one gallon, found guilty and fined three hundred dollars.

LAW CASES

S. W. Bade vs Hibbard, verdict to plaintiff for \$80.00.

J. J. Robinson vs North Powder Lumber Company, dismissed.

C. H. Finn vs Helson, Property attached.

Van Houten & Messenger vs American Insurance Co., verdict for \$916.35

The case of McGregory vs the O. R. & N. Co., is now being tried.

For the Lenton Season

PREFERRED STOCK

Salmon, Booth Oysters, Lobsters, Shrimps, and Glams.

SALT FISH

Boneless God fish, Mackerel, Imported Duncans Bloaters, and Golden Bloaters.

Smoked Herring. Lunch Herring in Glen

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