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The Weather

Showers tonight and Thursday; south city winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OR., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1908.

NO. 29

CHARGES OF GRAFT IN EVANS CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

STORY OF SHORTAGE DISCLOSED

Funds of District Twice Entrusted to Daily--One Director Ignorant of Acts of Board.

Sensational developments are coming to light in school district No. 46, situated above the Meadows, which is out two different amounts, totaling \$585, through former County Superintendent of Schools P. H. Daily.

It is claimed that expenditures have been made illegally by two of the directors without the knowledge or consent of the third member.

Although many of the facts of the case were laid before the grand jury at the December term, were also told to the district attorney and were conveyed to the state superintendent of schools, nothing has been done to recover the money lost for the district or to stop the expenditures piled up against the property owners of the district.

The directors represent two factions--J. B. Walker and J. B. Warden on the one side and Mrs. L. G. Gardner on the other.

When Trouble Began. The trouble began in July, 1906, when the district voted a 5-mill tax to build a schoolhouse and furnish it, raising from \$1000 to \$1500.

In August a contract was let to build the schoolhouse for \$150 to Dick White, although another carpenter, C. R. Avery of Trail, offered to erect the building for \$75.

Accused of Petty Grafting. Schuyler Hammond secured the contract to dig the well at a cost of \$100, and on November 30 it had six inches of water in it.

Superintendent Daily promised to take up the warrant himself and sell the goods to another district, which needed supplies.

On advice from the district attorney's office Mrs. Gardner last November made a sworn statement of the facts in the case and sent it to State Superintendent of Schools Ackerman, setting forth Superintendent Daily's acts in securing and cashing the warrant.

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Ballots Cast in the Recent Primary Election in Jackson County

Table with columns for NAME, OFFICE, and various precincts including Ashland, West Ashland, South Ashland, etc.

\*Democratic.

PREMIER OF BRITAIN DIES

LONDON, April 21.--Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the former British premier, died at 10:40 this morning at his official residence, No. 1 Downing street.

THORBURN ROSS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OF BANK

Judge Burnett Holds the Officials Are to Blame for Acts of Corporation, Killing Hope of Defense to Escape Jury Trial--Treasurer Steel Testifies.

\$3,000,000 MORTGAGE IS FILED ON SMITH TIMBER

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.--Involving the sum of \$3,000,000 and covering immense tracts of timber in Southern Oregon and Northern California, the largest mortgage or deed of trust ever filed in the office of the county clerk of Douglas has just been presented for recording.

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CITY CONTRACTS FOR NEW WATER SYSTEM

The city council proceedings Tuesday were enlivened by a clash between Councilmen Hafer and Trowbridge on the one side and Councilmen Eifert, Wortman and Merriek and City Engineer Osgood on the other, over the acceptance of the new addition of Anderson and Toft on West Seventh street.

REMOVAL OF POLES ASKED

Police from Taxpayers Would Clear Streets--Clash Between Councilmen.

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ILLINOIS SURE FOR BRYAN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.--A probable noise in favor of Johnson and a certain vote for Bryan instructions are looked for at tomorrow's democratic state convention.

GRANTS PASS TEAM FINALLY MEETS DEFEAT

The Grants Pass high school debating team, which defeated Medford, Grants Pass, Marshfield and Klamath Falls teams and Roseburg, in the deciding debate for the Southern Oregon district championship, lost the inter-district debate with Lebanon high school at Lebanon last Friday night.

GALA TIME IN LOS ANGELES ENTERTAINING SAILORS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 22.--A light rain fell in Los Angeles last night, giving a bright and refreshing aspect to the city this morning.

UNIVERSITY 'CHORUS GIRL' STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

NEW YORK, April 22.--The strike of the New York university students, who were signed as 'chorus girls' at the play to be given by the dramatic club of the university at Carnegie Hall Friday and Saturday, is declared off today.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LAND IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL PARK

WASHINGTON, April 22.--The senate committee on public lands has authorized a favorable report of the bill to establish a Glacier National park in Montana.

NOTICE TO MASONS

A. F. & A. M.--There will be work in the third degree Friday evening, April 24, 1908. You are invited.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS GRANTED HARRY K. THAW

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 22.--A writ of habeas corpus was granted at White Plains today by Justice Marchant on application of Harry K. Thaw. The writ is returnable at Poughkeepsie May 9, at which time District Attorney Jerome of New York will be given an opportunity to oppose the proceedings for Thaw's release.

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE INJURED IN COLLISION

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.--Representative Tawney of Minnesota was injured in the back and Representative John C. Haney of Indiana painfully injured in the hip, while a score of other passengers received slight injuries as the result of a rear-end collision on a Pennsylvania avenue car line in Albany.

FRANKFORT, KY., April 22.--Governor Wilson and Adjutant-General Johnson have formulated plans for a vigorous campaign against the night riders. The troops will be assembled a 10:00 a. m. to all offenders for whom warrants have been issued.

M. PURDIN, W. M.

WANT 3 PRECINCTS IN TOWN

Mandamus Proceedings to Compel Judge to Carry out Provisions of the law Which He has Neglected

Because County Judge Dunn has failed to establish boundaries of election precincts in Medford conforming to the boundaries of the wards of the city, as required by law, mandamus proceedings have been brought by J. C. Hall through his attorney in the circuit court to force the county court to carry out the provisions of the law.

At present residents of Medford are voting in the two precincts of North and South Medford, each of which includes a large area of land outside city limits.

The city of Ashland has three precincts conforming to its wards, and similar action is sought for Medford. The following is the complaint:

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, J. C. Hall, plaintiff, vs. Geo. W. Dunn, County Judge, and Joshua, Peterson and George Brown, Commissioners of Jackson County, Oregon, County Court of Jackson County, defendants.

That the defendants are respectively the county judge and county commissioners of Jackson County, Oregon, duly qualified and acting as such; that the plaintiff is a resident and legal voter in the city of Medford, County of Jackson, State of Oregon.

The plaintiff further alleges and shows to the court that the city of Medford is divided into election precincts in which there is included a large amount of territory containing a large population without and beyond the corporate limits of the city of Medford, and by reason thereof that all general elections held in the county of Jackson, the voters of Medford are compelled and required, by reason of the manner of establishing the voting precincts covering the city of Medford, to vote with and in the same precincts with a large number of legal voters who reside outside of the corporate limits of the city of Medford.

That the city of Medford is divided into three wards and the election precincts comprising the city of Medford, as established by the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, do not conform within the boundaries of the wards of said city, and the plaintiff further alleges that it is the duty of the County Court to establish the boundaries of the election precincts embracing the territory within the corporate limits of the city of Medford to conform as near as possible to the boundaries of the wards in said city, and that the said county court has long failed and neglected to do so.

The geographical limits and boundaries of the city of Medford are then given.

The complaint then proceeds: And the said city of Medford is divided into three wards, the boundaries of which are as follows:

All east of middle line of C street is the first ward. All south of the middle line of Seventh street and west of the middle line of C street and north of the middle line of Seventh street is the Third Ward.

Your plaintiff therefore prays your honor that an alternative mandamus may issue to the aforesaid defendant, acting as the county court of the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, command them, unless they show good cause to the contrary, that wherever thereunto required by this honorable court, they shall cause why an order shall not be made commanding them to set off and establish election precincts or districts within the city of Medford conforming to the boundaries of the wards in the said city of Medford, as herein alleged, including therein no other territory, and that upon their failure to show cause, and they be absolutely and pre-emptorily commanded by this honorable court, to make such order establishing said election precincts conforming to the boundaries of the wards of the said city of Medford, and that your plaintiff have judgment for his costs and disbursements to be taxed.