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SHARP RECALL MOVEMENT IS SEETHING SUBJECT

Little Question That Home Community Will Give Commissioner Benefit of Every Doubt.

The recall movement against County Commissioner Emmett Sharp is quite naturally a seething topic in this community. Nearly every resident here has known Mr. Sharp for many years and during all the time of his residence here his reputation was that of an honest, upright citizen and a live booster for good roads.

It has been with regret that friends here have for months heard the persistent rumors of the very charges which now appear in the recall petitions. Even now that the storm has broken and Mr. Sharp is the storm center of what bids fair to be the nastiest fight in the political history of Lane county there are many to defend him and to express the belief that the charges against him are trumped up and unfounded.

There are others who equally as forcibly express the opinion that the charges of incompetency in office, of neglect of duty or refusal to perform the duties of his office and of extravagant personal expenditures are true. Of those who have known Mr. Sharp so many years probably more than a majority refuse to believe the charges of immorality until proper affidavits are given publicly. Many who favor the recall are reluctant to take an active part in the campaign because of past friendly relations with Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Sharp has himself emphatically denied all the charges made against him and demands proof of their truth. Those here who favor the recall point out that Mr. Sharp is apparently using the influence of his office to keep this end of the county from getting any of the county's money for road or bridge work, that he has repeatedly refused to take responsibility for any of the road work of the county, has refused to take supervision of any portion of the road districts of the county, although complete control of the expenditure of the moneys in such districts was offered him, that he has obstructed the business of the county by refusing to work with the other members of the court upon any proposition, has absented himself from the court house for days at a time without even informing other members of the court where he could be reached, that he has started up ill feeling towards other members of the court by following petitioners out of the court room and telling them that were it possible he would grant their requests, although knowing at the time that such a thing would be impossible under the laws by which the court is held together, and that he has collected expense money for attendance at meetings where he was not present.

In answer to a telephone call from The Sentinel, Mr. Bergman, of Florence, who is the head of the recall movement in that section and one of those most prominent in getting the recall movement started, stated that every charge made on these recall petitions would be proved and given publicity.

A committee from here which went to Eugene to investigate the charges against Mr. Sharp is said to have returned more firmly convinced than ever that the recall movement should proceed.

While no poll has been taken here indications are that sentiment is somewhat equally divided, although a number who are thought by Mr. Sharp to be his supporters are said to favor a recall. Mr. Sharp will benefit by the fact that many are opposed to the recall in any form, although supporters of the move state that Mr. Sharp is now merely the victim of the same proceedings which he recently encouraged against his fellow member of the court, Mr. Harlow. The sentiment in Cottage Grove undoubtedly favors giving Mr. Sharp the benefit of every doubt but should it be made to appear by the presentation of proper evidence that there are good grounds for the charges brought against him there seems little doubt that the recall will go over here.

There is considerable speculation as to what effect the recall move will have upon L. N. Roney's candidacy for commissioner, as he is thought by many to be Mr. Sharp's candidate. The Sentinel has heard of no one here who believes that there is any danger of Roney's candidacy being seriously affected.

Hans M. Peterson, the recall candidate against Mr. Sharp, is a prominent farmer of the coast country, is of mature years and is reported to have been a liberal subscriber during the war to all liberty loans and war drives.

It is not yet certain that the required number of names will be secured on the recall petitions in time to hold the recall election in conjunction with the general election, but should it be impossible to get the required number of names in time, the recall move will proceed just the same and a special election will be asked for, according to C. H. Emery, secretary of the recall committee.

Florence, Ore., Oct. 9.—Agitation of an effort to recall County Commissioner Emmett Sharp and to elect Hans Peterson, of Florence, as his successor in the coming election, and the statement by the Eugene papers that the recall agitation originated in western Lane county has caused a number of western Lane granges to take action in the matter. They have passed resolutions stating that the recall of Commissioner Sharp does not meet with their approval and are advising voters over the county not to vote for the recall of Sharp, should the measure be placed on the ballot.

No need to be in want—use a Sentinel wanted.

MONEY FOR BRIDGE TO BE ALLOWED IN BUDGET

Supreme Court Affirms Decision of County Officials in Market Road Controversy.

Completion of the bridge at the north entrance to the city on the Pacific highway, construction of which has been held up all summer by a decision of the circuit court of Lane county enjoining the county court from expending market road money on the Pacific highway, will be financed by the county by a provision for it in the annual budget, County Judge C. P. Barnard has announced.

Work on this bridge was started with money from the market road fund but the county court held that the money in that fund could not be used for state highway work. In the suit which followed the circuit court upheld the lower court. A mandate of the supreme court affirming the decision of the circuit court has also just been received.

County officials are of the opinion that the next legislature will change the highway law so that market road money may be used on state highways. Unless such action is taken a great many projects all over the state will have to wait, as practically every county had started to use such funds on the state highways or had planned doing so, it is said.

REMONSTRANCE IS FILED BY TRUCK OWNERS

Heated Argument Aroused Before City Council As to Who Should Pay; Court Report Explained.

The ordinance requiring the licensing of truck drivers and operators of transfers and vehicles used for hauling operations was cause for a heated argument at the session of the city council Monday night, most of the owners of such vehicles in the city being present for the meeting. Argument arose chiefly over who should be made to pay the license, many of the owners contending that a truck used by a store in the delivery of merchandise to accommodate customers should be taxed the same as a truck which is the chief source of revenue for the owner.

City Attorney J. E. Young gave a thorough synopsis of the supreme court decision on the Oregon City ordinance, from which the Cottage Grove ordinance is drawn. The opinion of that body was that the line should be drawn between those trucks which are used merely as a means of accommodation to customers or as an adjunct to the business, and the ones which make hauling their principal business.

In establishing proper lines for the sidewalk on north Ninth street the council decided that the west line for the sidewalk on the east side of Ninth street, north of Whittaker avenue should be 24 inches east of the inside of the curb. The council made this decision after Dr. H. W. Titus appeared requesting definite lines.

H. J. Jorgensen asked permission to shoot the holes drilled two years ago at the city rock quarry. Shooting of these holes now will save possible damage to the city rock crusher which will soon be moved back from its temporary location on the river near Saguam.

Complaint regarding the condition of the sidewalk on H street, just north of West Main street was made. The matter was referred to the street committee with power to act. Residents of South Fourth street appeared and complained to the council of faulty drainage on South Fourth. This was referred to the sewer committee to investigate and report on at the next meeting of the council.

S. L. Mackin and George A. Proctor Jr. were reappointed members of the library board by the mayor and their appointment confirmed by the council.

An ordinance granting W. L. Hubbard a franchise for a dry license was passed.

The water committee reported that work on the intake extension ditch was in progress. Councilman S. L. Mackin reported that J. C. Compton and Guy Pyle, paving contractors who have handled work in Cottage Grove this summer, and lessees of the city crusher, had agreed to put the machine in good condition and return it to the city quarry.

The mayor and recorder were authorized by the council to sign the deed to the Cherry Court property, lot 3, block 3, McQueen addition, sold by the city to Mrs. Carrie Hemenway.

A request for a light at Tenth and Adams street was referred to the lighting committee to report at the next meeting. The outlet ditch of the storm sewer on south M street was ordered cleaned.

The following bills were allowed: Cottage Grove Sentinel, printing proceedings and quarantine cards. \$ 7.50
S. B. Finegan, labor and materials, repair of roller. 12.50
City Transfer, street cleaning and cartage. 35.72
R. C. Gleason, labor on new dam. 8.00
Knowles & Graber, supplies on freight for date. 106.94

Dodson House Catches Fire.

The residence occupied by Mrs. E. C. Dodson on south Pacific highway was slightly damaged by fire about 11 o'clock Friday night when a small blaze started in the upper story of the house. The blaze caught when the stove pipe running through an upper room became unjointed and sparks were blown into the room. Neighbors quickly extinguished the flames. Mrs. Dodson lives in the house alone, her husband having been sent to the state hospital at Salem recently.

All Sides Offered Hearing

Several questions are before the voters that are of considerable interest and upon which all sides feel deeply. This is particularly true of the compulsory education law amendment and the proposed Sharp recall. The Sentinel will in due time express its own opinions upon these subjects but it wishes to give all sides an opportunity to be heard. Communications pertinent to the discussion of any subject upon the ballot will be given a reasonable

amount of space. The length permitted for any one communication depends largely upon the amount required to express the ideas set forth. All such communications should be as concise as possible. Personalities should be eliminated so far as possible and discussion of religion must be confined to its bearing upon the issues before the people. If any side does not get a hearing it will not be the fault of The Sentinel.

CORD INDICTED ON CHARGE OF CHANGING CHECK

Faker Who Swindled Cottage Grove Merchants Out of More Than \$200 Faces Trial on One Count.

Charles B. Cord, arrested some time ago after he had staged a fake advertising scheme in this city securing more than \$200 from local business men, was indicted by the grand jury Tuesday on a charge of altering a check for \$10 from Cheney & Moore and obtaining money under false pretenses. "Not a true bill" was returned on the charge of forging a check for \$254.

Cord appeared in this city during August and sold space on an advertising curtain which was to be installed in the local theater. He claimed to represent a Denver firm and secured contracts with more than 20 business men, each of whom paid him \$10. With this money and a diamond ring, which he purchased with a check drawn on a Denver bank, he left for California. He was arrested at Red Bluffs.

Cord altered the Cheney & Moore check on the First National bank which was made not payable until September 1. When payment on it was refused at the First National bank he refused to pay until September 1 and took the check to the Bank of Cottage Grove, where he secured payment.

Investigation following his departure proved that there was no such firm in Denver as the one he claimed to represent, nor was there such a bank as the one on which he had drawn the check to pay for the ring.

Deputy Sheriff G. B. Piteher, Worth Harvey, John Madson, George Knowles, N. E. Glass and E. L. Cheney were called as witnesses by the grand jury. Cord is wanted in several other Oregon cities and also in Texas and Nebraska on charges similar to those preferred against him here. Mrs. Cord and their one child is in Eugene, where the former is employed as a stenographer in the office of Fred Fisk.

MRS. NEELY HAS STROKE; SON KILLED NEXT DAY

Mrs. George Neely, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a week ago last night, is recovering as rapidly as could be expected. Mrs. Neely is still in ignorance of the death of her son, Thomas Neely, news of whose death was received from Los Angeles the day following her stroke, and will not be told of it until she has regained more strength. Thomas Neely was helping his brother in carpenter work when he met his death accidentally. It is not known just how the accident occurred.

PETITION FOR \$15,000 ARMORY BONDS IS OUT

A petition asking that a measure providing for a \$15,000 bond issue be placed on the ballot for the city election this fall to finance the building of a new armory is being circulated this week by members of company D, National Guard of Oregon. Should the measure meet with the approval of the voters the state and county will be asked to furnish the remaining \$45,000 necessary for the construction of a \$60,000 armory.

METHODISTS LAUNCH MOVE FOR WILLAMETTE U. FUND

Rev. J. H. Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, Mrs. J. H. Chambers, Miss Grace Blackwell and Dorothy Umphrey attended a meeting of pastors and laymen of the Methodist church, southern Oregon district, in Eugene Tuesday at which time a campaign for a million and a quarter dollars for Willamette university was launched. Bishop Homer Stuntz, of Omaha, was the principal speaker at a banquet and rally which concluded the meeting. He is one of the best informed men of the Methodist church on missions, having served in active mission work in India, Africa, China and South America.

BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The night of Monday, October 16, has been set as the date for the first meeting of the budget committee which will make the estimate of expenses for the city for the coming year. The committee is composed of the mayor, the city council and seven citizens appointed by the mayor.

High School Plays Roseburg Today.

Classes at the high school will start at 8 o'clock this morning and continue until 12 in order to permit high school students to attend the Cottage Grove-Roseburg high school football game at Roseburg. Many students and a number of townspeople plan to drive down for the game.

Framework on Kern Building Up. Framework for the new building being erected by C. J. Kern on the corner of Sixth and Main is going up fast.

LARGE FURNITURE STOCK ADDED BY DARBY

New Line to Occupy Present Location of Rest Room; J. P. Graham in Charge of Department.

A complete line of furniture and household furnishings is being installed by W. L. Darby, who has heretofore dealt solely in hardware, tools and implements. The new department will be ready for an opening Saturday, October 14, in the section of the J. C. Porter building now occupied by the Mothers' club rest room and adjoining the Darby hardware store.

J. P. Graham, for many years in the new and second hand furniture business in this city, will have charge of the new department for Mr. Darby and is at present engaged in getting the large amount of new stock in order for the opening. Mr. Graham recently returned from Portland to take this position.

New shelving and other improvements are being put in to fit up the building for the new business.

Watch the label on your paper. If

BLASTING DAMAGES PIPE TO CITY WATER INTAKE

Forest Department Asked to Repair Breaks Caused by Operations; New Ditch Being Dug.

Blasting of rock by a crew of seasonal forest employes has caused damage to some of the pipe from the city water intake on Prayther creek, according to a report of Water Commissioner Piteher to the city council Monday night. The heavy pieces of rock thrown against the wood pipe have broken the pipe in a number of places. Forestry officials have been notified by the city recorder who is instructed by the council to ask that the workmen be more careful in future blasting operations in the vicinity of the intake and also that damages already done be repaired.

A crew of city workmen is now busy digging a ditch for the pipe line from the present intake on Prayther creek to the new location on Layng creek. Concrete pipe will be laid in this ditch connecting up the new intake with the wooden pipe which extends as far as the old base of the city water supply. Robert Medley is in charge of digging the ditch.

M'FARLANDS AND HARRELS BUY ROSEBURG THEATERS

W. W. McFarland and L. L. Harrel, of this city, have practically concluded a deal for taking over the Antlers and Majestic theaters at Roseburg and will leave for that city Saturday to complete the transaction. They have secured a residence at Roseburg and are arranging to give up their residence properties here.

Both families have been prominent residents of Cottage Grove. The McFarlands are of pioneer families and the Harrels came here from Oklahoma a number of years ago. Until recently Mr. and Mrs. McFarland owned the Elite confectionery. Mr. and Mrs. Harrel were for a number of years employed in the Woodson Brothers garage.

MOTHERS CLUB RENTS MORRIS BUILDING FOR REST ROOM

The Mothers club has rented the I. B. Morris building for a rest room and headquarters and will move into the new location as soon as a number of improvements are completed about the middle of the month. Until they are ready to move they will remain in their present location in the James Porter building. This store room will be used by W. L. Darby in the extension of his hardware and furniture business as soon as it is vacated by the club.

Missionary Society Elects.

Officers for the coming year were elected last Wednesday at the meeting of the Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church at the home of Mrs. J. K. Wright. Mrs. J. H. Chambers was named president and the other officers elected as follows: Mrs. Albert Woodard, vice-president, Miss Grace Blackmore, secretary, Mrs. J. A. Wright, correspondent secretary, Mrs. V. S. Goff, treasurer, Mrs. Harry Hart, mite box secretary. Mrs. Dale Sturgis will be hostess to the society November 1.

Anti-School Bill Meeting Held. A meeting in opposition to the compulsory school law amendment was held last night in the high school and was addressed by Oglesby Young, of Portland. This meeting was held after The Sentinel had gone to press, so that a complete report cannot be given until the next issue of The Sentinel.

NEW BOOKS ARE ADDED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY

More Patrons Are Borrowers During August Than September; Few Non-Fiction Loans.

Nineteen new books of fiction and 11 new juvenile books have been added by the Cottage Grove public library recently, many of them the newest books on the market.

The number of books loaned during September was 609, 21 less than during August, when 690 books were used by patrons. Of the 690 books loaned during August 487 were fiction, 18 were non-fiction and 185 were juvenile. The loans for September included 442 books of fiction, 35 non-fiction and 172 juvenile.

Books have been donated to the library by Mrs. Worth Harvey, Mrs. J. H. Chambers and Mrs. W. L. Darby. During August and September 98 books were mended, 26 new borrowers were added to the list of patrons, \$11.95 was added to the library fund from fines, 50 cents was expended, and 50 notices were sent out.

New books added are: Fiction—The Go-Getter, Cappy Ricks, Valley of the Giants, Pride of Palomar, Peter B. Kyne; Fleming Forest, Country Boyhood, James Oliver Curwood; This Freedom, Hutchinson; To the Last Man, Zane Grey; Mr. Prohack, A. Bennett; Brass, C. J. Norris; Obstacle Race, Ethel M. Dell; Brimming Cup, Dorothy Canfield; Beloved Woman, K. Norris; At the Crossroads, Constock; Alice Adams, Booth Tarkington; Star Dust, Hurst; Covered Wagon, Emerson Hough; If Winter Comes, Hutchinson; Alaska, Ella Higginson.

Juvenile Books—A Texas Blue Bonnet, Jacobs; Puritan Twins, Perkins; Girls of Highland Hall, Rankin; Dog of Flanders; Through College on Nothing, a Year, Gans; Log Cabin Days, Hall; John Baring's House, Singmaster; Spotted Deer, Heyliger; Child's Garden of Verse, Stevenson; Gray Wolf Stories, Sexton; Under Boy Scout Colors, Ames.

Electrical Storm Lacks Thunder.

An electrical storm without thunder was witnessed Monday night from about 9:30 until after 11 o'clock. Flashes that lit up the whole sky were seen every few minutes but no thunder accompanied them. Rain, later in the night, followed the lightning.

PIONEER PICNIC IS SLATED FOR SATURDAY

Calapooya Springs Picked for Gathering of Lane Association; Rain Will Not Interfere.

For the second time this year the pioneers association of Lane county will hold a picnic at Calapooya springs, London, Saturday, October 14, has been set as the day for the gathering of the residents of early days for an all-day celebration.

One of the features of the day's entertainment will be a radio demonstration and the pioneers will be given an opportunity to relate their experiences and exchange reminiscences with each other. Each person is asked to bring a basket lunch and at noon all of the pioneers will eat together.

Rain will not be allowed to interfere with the picnic and should the weather make an out-of-doors picnic impossible the entertainment will be held inside. William Pitney, of Junction City, president of the Lane county association, and many other pioneers from that part of the county have signified their intention of coming.

The first Pioneer picnic this summer was arranged by the management of Calapooya springs for Labor Day. A hard rain on that day not only cut down the attendance but made necessary the cancelling of a large part of the entertainment planned. The invitation for the second picnic was extended to the pioneers at their annual meeting at the Lane county fair last month by N. S. Hays, manager of the springs.

ROAD BOND MEASURE WILL BE ON THE BALLOT

Restraining Order and Case of Good Roads Association Dismissed By Judge Hamilton.

The initiative measure for the repeal of the unpaid portion of Lane county's two million dollar road bonds will be placed on the ballot and voted on at the November 7 election. The case to enjoin the county clerk from placing the measure on the ballot and likewise the temporary restraining order motion dismissed by Judge J. W. Hamilton in circuit court.

The case was brought by attorneys for the Lane County Good Roads association in the name of district attorney against R. S. Bryson, county clerk. Judge Hamilton held that the proceedings were proper as the district attorney was the only person who could attack the initiative measure.

That the people were the highest authority and had power under the law to change any initiative acts, was the ruling of Judge Hamilton. He said that it was left with the county clerk as a matter of business whether the bonds were to be sold under the road bond act. Consequently the power to prevent their sale rested with the people. To restrain the county clerk from putting the measure on the ballot to repeal the unpaid portion of the bonds would be denying the people a right given them under the law.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD SUPPLANT PRIVATE ONES

Lecturer for Compulsory School Law Declares State Has Right to Know What Child Is Being Taught.

"All children should be educated in the public schools up to the eighth grade in order that the state may know what they are being taught, in order that children of rich and poor may have exactly the same educational advantages up to that point, in order to do away with the better-than-thou spirit which is a product of the private school, in order that the foreman who comes to our shores may imbue the spirit of democracy," stated W. L. Straub, of Eugene, in his address Wednesday night upon the compulsory school law amendment.

"Religious training should not be neglected but state and church should be separated. Religious training should be in addition to the training in the public schools, which is not always the case when private schools are permitted to educate our children. But one-fifth of a child's time is required in attendance at public school up to the eighth grade and surely four-fifths of a child's time is sufficient to give him the religious training that he can absorb up to the age at which he should graduate from the eighth grade. It is ridiculous to say that great sums of money would be required to hire teachers and erect buildings for two per cent of the school children of the state who are now attending private schools, for these pupils would be scattered through the thousands of school rooms of the state and it is doubtful if any additional teachers or any additional buildings would be required. Such a statement is out of harmony with another statement made by opponents of this measure, to the effect that many teachers would have their jobs taken from them and valuable private school properties would be left idle by the enactment of this bill, for if the teachers in private schools are competent they will find positions awaiting them in the public schools and if the buildings of the private schools are suitable for school purposes they can be used for the public schools. This bill in no way attempts to dictate what a child's religion shall or shall not be. That is a matter for the child and its parents. But it does provide that every child of the state shall study from the same books, shall pass the same examinations and shall be taught the same United States history, which is not now the case. Private schools are in no way regulated or supervised by the school authorities, although the law requires that they shall be. I know of a parochial school in my city of Eugene which teaches history from a book prepared especially for schools of that denomination, which fact is stated in the preface to the book. Such a book was never authorized by the state board of education.

"This amendment was initiated by a great body of 50,000 voters who signed the petitions in a single day. Eleven states are following Oregon's lead and are anxiously waiting to see what Oregon does on election day.

"The opponents of this bill are attacking its constitutionality. They would not fight it as they do did they seriously believe their own statement. Why worry about something that cannot stand the test of going through the courts? This amendment will be found just as constitutional as the prohibition amendment which was hailed as an invasion of personal liberty, just as constitutional as compulsory education law of today which also was hailed as an invasion of personal liberty, just as constitutional as manual training and other courses in our schools which once were hailed as improper to be taught in the public schools, just as constitutional as the law which says what the qualifications must be as to the physical condition of those who wish to marry and which was hailed as an invasion of personal liberty. Where public welfare begins personal liberty ends."

The high school auditorium was well filled. Mayor George O. Knowles presided and on the platform with him were W. J. White, N. E. Glass and Rev. H. B. Iler. The meeting opened with the singing of America and closed with the taking of a collection for the purpose of promoting publicity work for the proposed compulsory school law amendment.

Gannery Work About Finished.

The Cottage Grove cannery has practically completed work for this season, although a few days will be spent on apples later.

TABLES ARE TURNED; GAME WARDEN HAWKER FINDS SELF IN NEW ROLE OF ACCUSED

When E. S. Hawker, deputy state game warden, passed through Cottage Grove yesterday shortly after noon after an official visit in this part of the state, the tables were turned and the officer found himself faced with a charge of fracturing the laws of the land by speeding past a school house. According to William Patton, motorcycle speed cop, Hawker was traveling past the high school building at the rate of 25 miles an hour when apprehended. Hawker appeared before Police Judge Hamilton and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial was set for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

W. Phillips, on his way south to Medford, was caught by Patton Tuesday on the highway south of the city and was fined \$10 in Justice Young's court. He was unable to pay the fine but went to work to get the money and his car is being held until the fine is paid.