

SHARP, RONEY PLAYED BY JOINT COMMITTEE LANE FARMERS

Extravagance, Inefficiency and Gross Waste of County Funds Are Among the Charges.

PLATFORM PLEDGES FORGOTTEN

Cost Plus System, Frequently Used, Is Declared to Be a Most Vicious Method.

Emmett Sharp and L. N. Roney, county commissioners, are severely criticized by the joint committee from the Lane County Farmers' union and the Lane County Pomona grange, in its report released Monday, after an investigation of affairs at the court house covering a period of over two months. The joint committee made a thorough probe of the methods of the two commissioners in handling road and bridge work and funds covering such work, also the method of entering into a contract for a county timber cruise, and other questions of vital interest to the taxpayers.

The committee's report states that the law was violated in letting road contracts without advertising for bids, that the cost-plus system used in the repair of the Springfield and the North fork bridges is vicious, and that large sums paid for bridge construction supervision was unnecessary, as one of the commissioners was elected on a promise to do this work himself; that the market road law is not being followed, and that the lack of proper maintenance of roads is costing the county dearly.

The committee states in its report that the county emergency fund is badly juggled and that it is a sort of secret fund and that work on a road and bridge at Westfir for the benefit of the Western Lumber company should perhaps have been paid for by the lumber company. The county fair situation and the proposed timber cruise were touched upon at length.

The report was not signed by H. P. Markusen, chairman of the committee, although Mr. Markusen sat with the other members at nearly all the meetings. After the report had been formulated Mr. Markusen deemed it too severe an arraignment of the commissioners and refused point blank to sign. Other members, A. T. Miller, J. S. Walls, G. W. McFarland, T. J. Sweeney Jr., O. L. Clement, F. E. Taylor, E. R. Crowe and A. B. Mathews, attached their signatures to the document. The report, which is lengthy and very condemnatory of the acts of Sharp and Roney, making many charges of gross extravagance and of illegal expenditure of county funds, is in part as follows:

On the Springfield bridge bids were called for. A number were received and all were rejected, the low bid being \$4310. The Union Bridge company, of Portland, Ore., one of the bidders, was hired to do the work, they to furnish all labor and material and to receive 10 percent of the cost and \$400.

Under this agreement the county paid for 45 days' supervision of the work on these two bridges, \$1503.37. This is in round numbers three-fourths of the yearly salary that the county paid for a bridge superintendent in former years. We were told that a superintendent was a useless employe, that the commissioners would see to that personally. Lane county has in its employ at this time, and had then, two bridge foremen, namely: Striker and Stewart. Either one of them we think capable to have taken care of either of those jobs. Why send outside for a superintendent and pay him a double salary?

We believe in charity, but we think it should begin at home. This committee holds that the cost-plus plan is vicious, and we desire to condemn it most emphatically.

A large number of road contracts have been let without advertising for bids, in open violation of law. We call particular attention to the roofing contract on the Jasper-Pleasant Hill market road. This was let to the Warren Construction company at \$1.65 per cubic yard for crusher run or two-course rock, the same as the state contract called for on the Goshen-Lowell road. The court chose crusher run. Screened 1 1/2-inch rock was delivered and paid for to the amount of 2048 cubic yards, amounting to \$3379.20. Estimating that this rock tested 50 per cent voids, the county lost in material 1024 cubic yards of material, amounting to \$1689.60. This is not taking into consideration the difference in the value of the finished road.

Finally we come to the conclusion that the public conscience ought to wake up to the end that all our public officials be required to track the law to the letter in all matters pertaining to contracts and allowances out of public funds. The present commissioners frankly admit they have not attempted to do this.

Cost Keeping System Opposed. The committee went on record as opposing the commissioners' plan to spend \$2500 during the year on a cost-keeping system.

COTTAGE GROVE BIDDIES LIKELY TO EQUAL EGG OF CALIFORNIA OSTRICH

Human beings are not the only ones who regulate their actions and conduct by the example of others.

Some time ago a Cottage Grove rooster made a trip to California. Upon his return he brought with him an ostrich egg which he had found in our sister state. He showed this to the members of his harem, with the remark, "I don't wish to find fault with what you are doing but I want to show you what they are doing elsewhere."

Since that time Cottage Grove bidders have been endeavoring to equal what they were led to believe was the product of a California bidder, and there have been some surprising results.

A Rhode Island Red owned by Mrs. L. A. Myers has been doing some experimenting, with the result that every other day she produces an egg measuring 9 inches by 6 inches. This bidder has not yet evolved a method of making a single shell of that size, so she puts two shells together, doing a very neat job of joining.

Six mixed Rhode Island Red and Buff Orpingtons owned by Emil Coach are regularly laying eggs measuring 8 inches by 4 inches, resembling a cannon ball in shape. They evidently intend to shoot to pieces the records of all other egg producers. These hens are not yet a year old and promise something really worth while when they get their stride. There were seven hens in this pen but one of them killed herself trying to do as well as the California ostrich.

All of these hens live in the city and, like other foolish chickens, are trying to show their country cousins how things should be done.

WHEELER HEADS COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZATION

Helliwell, Knowles, Stewart and Lasswell Are Given Official Positions.

At a lively meeting of the newly-organized commercial club, held Thursday evening last, the following officers were elected:

President, T. C. Wheeler; first vice-president, A. W. Helliwell; second vice president, Geo. O. Knowles; secretary, R. L. Stewart; treasurer, S. S. Lasswell; directors, two years, N. E. Glass and C. E. Stewart; directors, one year, H. W. Titus and S. L. Godard.

Committee appointments are yet to be announced by the president. Many matters of importance to the city were discussed. The membership committee reported that a membership of 50 would be secured easily.

All those having the interests of the city at heart are eligible to membership and are invited to join. Any citizen, whether or not a member, will be welcomed at the regular meeting to be held tonight.

HIGH HILARITIES TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW EVENING

High School Student Body and Faculty to Stage Entertainment Full of Pep and Fun.

The high school student body, assisted by the faculty, will put on the entertainment, "High Hilarities," at 7:30 tomorrow evening at the high school auditorium. A separate stunt, full of snap and fun, is to be staged by each of the following: Senior class, junior class, sophomore class, freshman class, glee club, lettermen, literary society, and the faculty.

The audience will be entertained between acts with musical numbers and recitations. The entertainment is to be two hours or more in length and there will be no lag in the program at any time. It is to be full of life and entertaining throughout.

GROVE - PORTLAND LOCAL MAY BE TAKEN OFF

Change of Time So as to Give a Large Part of Day in Metropolis Suggested.

A ten-day check has been completed on the Cottage Grove-Portland local and there is a probability that the train will be taken off because of lack of patronage from here. It leaves here at 2:33, less than an hour ahead of No. 14, which is one of the reasons that it has been short on patronage, but the competition of stage lines has undoubtedly had much to do with lack of passengers for the train. There has been some talk of changing the time of the local so that it would leave here early in the morning and arrive in Portland in time to give the larger part of the day there for the transaction of business. It is thought that such a change would be productive of business.

Wantad Gets Quick Results.

J. E. Loucks is another booster for Sentinel wantada. Upon the day his ad was published he sold a cow, a cream separator and a dozen chickens which he had offered for sale.

HAND GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT TO BRITISH CHAMP

Clapham Wins From Local Favorite Without Actually Obtaining a Fall.

Sam Clapham, British light heavyweight champion, defeated Ralph Hand, local contender for middleweight championship honors in the match here Tuesday night. Following 30 minutes of clever work in which Hand severed times the better of his heavier opponent, Clapham brought the match to an unexpected close by putting Hand down and out. The winner did not actually put the local man to the mat, although there remained no doubt that he would have done so.

The match, which went but 38 minutes, was not in the class with many matches which have been put on here in which the local man took one of the stellar roles, due to the fact that Hand was too game and fought the headlocks which the Britisher put on him until he felt to the mat unable to struggle longer and so groggy that he could not make a comeback in the 10 minutes allowed under Police Gazette rules. Great fear was felt that Hand had been seriously injured, as he lay inert for almost ten minutes, and the victor was as much worried as anyone, later announcing from the ring that Hand was one of the gamest men he had ever gone up against in his experience on the mat.

Hand boosters felt that he was too game and should have given the first fall when it was plain that he could no longer keep away from the deadly headlock. He makes a quick recovery and has won many matches after letting the first fall go to his opponent.

Clapham seemed to be slower than the local man and extremely wary of the toehold with which the local man is an adept. The Britisher broke a number of these, several headlocks and several bone-crushing wristlocks by his superior strength. Clapham announced that Mike Yokel, former light heavyweight champion, who has met Hand several times, had told him that the local man could be gotten with the headlock and that was why he applied that hold whenever possible.

Bad Riley won a wrestling match with Harry Neet. Both are local men. The first fall went to Riley in 11 minutes with an arm bar. The second went to Neet in three minutes with a head scissors and the third went to Riley in three minutes with an arm bar. Riley had a decided advantage in weight.

In the preliminary events, Kenneth and Harry Williams, kid brothers, wrestled to a draw. George Harrington and Arnold Eakright, boys, boxed four rounds to a draw.

Bill Patton refereed all but the main event, in which Mike Mosby, local amateur lightweight grappler, officiated as the third man in the ring.

LOCAL TEACHER INSTITUTE HERE ON FEBRUARY 23

A local teachers' institute will be held here Saturday, February 23. The tentative program, which has been arranged by Superintendent O. W. Hays, is as follows:

FORENOON.
Opening song—Americas.
Invocation—Rev. Cleverger.
Song—"Down in the Dewy Dell."
C. G. H. S. Glee Club.
Solo—Mrs. Archie Knowles.
Address of welcome—H. J. Shinn.
Response—Mrs. Barnes.
Announcements.

Language games—third grade—Miss Phelps, teacher.
Reading dramatization—fourth grade—Miss Thompson, teacher.
Recreation games—little ones—Miss Robinson, teacher.
Address (Speaker to be selected).
12:15—Lunch at high school cafeteria.

AFTERNOON.
Song—Junior High Glee Club.
Special music.
Round table discussion—general problems—Mr. Lawrence in charge.
Departmental:
High School—Mr. Grannis in charge.
Intermediates—Mrs. Beager in charge.
Grammar—Creswell intermediate teacher.
Writing—Miss Dix.
Primary—Miss Kirkham in charge.
Address (Speaker to be selected).

MRS. W. E. MAYES DIES AT HER HOME HERE SUNDAY

Mrs. W. E. Mayes died Sunday at 11:55 p. m. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the chapel, J. H. Ebert officiating. Interment was in the Howe cemetery at Creswell.

Mrs. Mayes was born February 16, 1901, at Bickleton, Wash. Her maiden name was Lena Loretta Jordan. She married Mr. Mayes May 10, 1919, at Raymond, Wash. They removed to Waverly, Ill., where they resided for a year and then returned to Raymond. A short time later they removed to Eugene and then to Creswell before coming here six months ago.

Surviving relatives are the husband; a small daughter, Gale; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jordan; and a sister, Mrs. Clyde O'Neal, of Raymond, Wash.

WIFE PUTS ON GLASSES IN PLACE OF TEETH; HUBBY DRAWS 'JUICE' TO DRINK

A well known couple of the city, who have lived long enough to know better, claim that they have a good joke on each other.

A few days ago, the feminine one of the couple got up from the dinner table to get her false teeth. She went to another room, put on her glasses, returned to the table and started eating before she discovered the mistake she had made. The husband had a lot of fun until a few days later when he got up from the table to get a glass of water. His wife told him to turn off the electric light while he was up. He got the two things mixed and held his glass under the light while he turned it off, thinking to fill his glass with water. Possibly he filled it with electric juice. Since then he has been unusually discreet about commenting on his wife's absentmindedness.

COTTAGE GROVE POSIES DO NOT KNOW THAT SUN AND CLIMATE ARE COOLER

The sun may be cooling off and the climate on this mandane sphere may be getting more frigid, but flowers in the Cottage Grove country seem to know nothing about it. A few days ago, while Perla Dobbstein was coming to school she picked a bouquet of hibiscus. Jonquils and daffodils long ago began pushing their heads from the earth and preparing to put forth their spring buds.

SUPPORT OF RAILROAD LINES IS C. OF C. IDEA

It Is Pointed Out That S. P. Does Much for City and Stage Lines Nothing.

Sentiment in favor of boosting for patronage of the Southern Pacific, both for passenger and freight business, was expressed at the recent meeting of the commercial club. It was pointed out that a large number of the mills in this section are dependent almost entirely upon the railroad's tie business for their operations; that the Southern Pacific is a heavy taxpayer, that it provides its own right of way and pays its own way, while the stage lines contribute nothing in city taxes and damage the highways to an extent probably not covered by the license fee paid to the state. Concerted action on the part of the business interests of the city having for its purpose the discouraging of patronage of stage lines which parallel railroad lines was suggested.

100 HAMS AND BACONS ARE WON AT LOCAL SHOOT

Forty seater gun artists participated in the shoot held at the local rod and gun club grounds Sunday. A number were present from Portland, Corvallis, Eugene and other points. Shooting started at 11 o'clock and continued until 4 and 100 hams and bacon were captured by the participants.

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Save two bits by paying cash. Bookkeeping charge of 35c on all accounts under \$1. The Sentinel. 11

Pastor Groat Is Ninety Years of Age



E. G. O. Groat, pastor emeritus of the Baptist church, was the guest of honor at a reception held at his home January 30, the occasion being his ninetieth birthday anniversary. The guests were mostly those who have been acquainted with Mr. Groat for a number of years. He was presented with a potted plant and refreshments of cookies and tea and coffee and cake were served. Ninety candles were placed on the cake, which had to be of mammoth size in order to accommodate them.

THIEVES ENTER SEVERAL STORES AND ONE RESIDENCE

\$30 in Trade Checks and a Small Amount of Cash Is Total of Several Hours.

Petty thieves have been operating in Cottage Grove during the past week. Trask's cash grocery was entered Thursday night and the cash till emptied of about \$4 in pennies and nickels. Nothing else has been missed. Entry was made by removing a pane of glass from a rear door and forcing an entrance through the iron protecting bars. The rear room of Nelson's service station was entered the same night by removing a glass from a window. The thief was unable to force his way into the office and nothing was missed from the mechanical department.

The Goodfellows cigar store was entered the preceding night and trade checks to the amount of about \$30 were taken. The thief took the drawer containing the checks. Entry was gained by breaking in the rear door.

The S. E. Lowry store at Walker was entered Thursday night by removing glass from a side window. About \$12 in money was secured. The thief also took two cartons of cigarettes, a quantity of chocolate bars, some candy, Mr. Lowry's overcoat and gloves and some minor articles. Mail in the postoffice was not disturbed but 75 cents in postoffice money was taken.

Apparently stocks of goods were in no way disturbed at the other places.

Someone entered the basement of the H. W. Titus home Friday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Titus were attending a party. Miss Alberta Finch was alone with the children. She heard a noise in the basement and then footsteps of someone ascending the stairs to the upper part of the house. She rushed to the door to try the latch and make certain that the door was locked. The person became frightened when it became apparent to him that his presence was known and made a hurried exit.

Not long before a headpiece, similar to that used by airmen during the war, was found in the upper part of the house. Mr. Titus is of the opinion that it was dropped by someone who had entered the house by the basement. He feels certain that entry has been made several times during the past few weeks.

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WINDSTORMS SO SELDOM KNOWN THAT EVERYTHING LOOSE GOES HURTLING

Windstorms so seldom occur here that when they do occur they raise havoc with things not built to withstand wind. There was a gust of wind for a moment Friday noon. An extension of the chimney of the Central hotel building was blown onto Main street, striking on the running board of the F. B. Phillips car which was standing in front of the building. Loose shingles on the Savoy hotel building went hurtling through the air and one patron of the barber shop in the lower story of the building, fearing that the building was going to topple over, rushed into the street with a tourorial job partially completed.

No serious damage of any kind resulted from the gust of wind. Despite reports that the sun is cooling off and that a cooler climate must be expected, residents of Cottage Grove have never experienced more balmy weather in January.

Sister of Mrs. S. E. Kinney Dies.

Mrs. S. E. Kinney has received word of the death on January 30 of her sister, Mrs. Lois B. Avery, of Alameda, Calif. The cause of death was pneumonia. The funeral has been held at Alameda. Mrs. Avery visited here for several months four years ago. She was born Sept. 19, 1850, in Indiana, crossed the plains with her parents and lived for a number of years at Oakland, Ore. Another sister, Mrs. Binger Hermann, of Roseburg, and a brother, Orrie Tibbets, of Alameda, Calif., also survive.

J. H. CHAMBERS FILES SUIT FOR LARGE AMOUNT

Would Foreclose Upon Timber Land West of City Which He Owned Years Ago.

The amount named in a foreclosure suit filed by J. H. Chambers, of this city, is the largest amount named in a suit of any kind in Lane county for a long time. The amount of the mortgage is \$65,000, to which is added interest, taxes and attorney's fee. The defendants are L. A. Rothe and Bertha V. Ross, husband and wife. The property is timber land a few miles west of this city.

Mr. Chambers, who recently disposed of his timber, mill and railroad business to the Anderson & Middleton company, once owned the property upon which he seeks to foreclose. It went to G. B. Hengen, once owner of the larger part of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway, when Mr. Chambers took over that business several years ago. The land later went to the present owners.

The timber on this land could be conveniently brought to Cottage Grove for manufacture, although Comstock, Curtin or Anlauf might be slightly more convenient. Mr. Chambers will make no arrangements for taking off the timber until he secures title to the land, which can not be until a year after sale under foreclosure proceedings.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17, IS TO BE BIG Y.M.C.A. DAY HERE

Mr. Roberts, National Organizer, Will Be Present and Conduct Three Meetings.

A week from next Sunday will be Y. M. C. A. Hi-Y day in Cottage Grove. Mr. Roberts, national organizer of Y. M. C. A. county work will be here for the day. A forenoon meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church, an afternoon meeting at 2:30 in the Arcade theater and an evening union service at the Christian church.

Mr. Roberts has a reputation as a forceful and inspirational speaker and those promoting the meetings anticipate a most enjoyable day for those who attend.

SOUTHERN LANE UNIONISTS IN DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

W. A. Hemenway Is President and J. R. Cooley Secretary of New Body.

The six farmers' union locals of southern Lane county organized the Southern Lane County District Farmers' union at a meeting held here Saturday. The locals forming the organization are Coast Fork, Silk Creek, Dorena, Mosby Creek, Delight Valley and Lorane.

Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month. The following officers were elected: President, W. A. Hemenway; vice president, J. E. Redford; secretary, J. R. Cooley; doorkeeper, M. M. Wheeler; conductor, L. D. Huff; executive committee, Mrs. George Kehlbeck, D. H. Remple and Geo. J. Kappauf.

Funeral of M. M. Thornton Is Held. The funeral of Marion M. Thornton, who died January 30, was held Friday forenoon from the chapel, J. E. Carlson, of the Christian church, officiating. Interment was in the Yoncalla cemetery, the W. O. W. lodge having charge of the service.

EARL HILL BLOCK NEARS COMPLETION AND IS ARTISTIC

East Section of Building Fitted as Modern Home for W. M. Morelock's Theater Business.

PENNEY COMPANY HAS ROOM

These Two Rooms Ready March First; Racket Store Already Occupies West Room.

The Earl Hill block is now so near completion that it can be said with certainty that it will be fully occupied by March 1.

The building is of hollow tile construction with stucco front of golden marble and black granite dash. The base is fluted cement. The color scheme is light tan. The walls will be covered with polished brass and the hardware throughout is polished wrought brass. From an artistic standpoint the building probably is the superior of any business block in the city with the exception of the First National bank building. The ground covered is 128x150 feet.

The east room has been built especially for W. M. Morelock for a theater business and will be modern in every respect. The theater will have a lobby 24x16 feet and a foyer of the same size. On the right of the foyer will be the women's rest room, with a view into the theater. On the left will be the men's rest room and the manager's office. The latter will have a view into the auditorium. On each side of the lobby, with an opening onto the sidewalk, are small offices suitable for a small business.

The auditorium is 45x88 feet, with a seating capacity of 706. At the rear of the auditorium there will be 54 loge seats. The floor is of cement and will have aisle carpets and aisle lights. There will be dim and bright lights with triple control—from the stage, from the operating room and from the manager's office. The decorations will be old rose, gray and sky blue. The walls near the stage are flanked with lattice work concealing the hot water heating plant and the forced fresh air ventilation system. Nearly all of the seats will be upholstered. Music will be furnished by one of the latest models of photo-player pianos having a tone giving a pipe organ effect.

There is an inclined fire-proof exit on each side of the stage. A two-inch water line will furnish fire protection inside the building. The pictures will be projected from an absolutely fire-proof operating room containing two motion picture machines, a stereopticon and a spotlight.

The stage is 32x23 feet, with a 22x14 1/2 proscenium arch heavily molded. Above and to the sides of the stage are three dressing rooms, one for women, one for men and one for the star.

The front of the building will be lighted with vari-colored arch lights and hanging acorn globes to the sides of the arch.

The center of the building will be occupied by the J. C. Penney company, which will have a salesroom 50x88 feet and a wareroom 50x50. There is 96 feet of plate glass in the windows. The main room is fully shelled on each side and down the center and has 188 feet of counters. Spacious business offices will be placed above the show windows. Men's and women's rest rooms and fitting rooms will be located at the rear of the salesroom. The main room will be lighted by a skylight and the heating will be by hot water. Additional light will be provided by eight 300-watt ceiling lights. Fire protection will be furnished by a two-inch water line and hose. The rear of the building is protected from burglary by steel sash and protection grates. The Penney company expects to open on or about March 1.

The west room of the building is now occupied by the Racket store. The salesroom is 39x90, with a wareroom 39x60. It is shelved on both sides and there are 128 feet of counters. It is lighted with skylight and four 300-watt ceiling lights. S. L. Godard is the contractor in charge.

Say it with printers' ink.

STOP

and scan our classified advertisements. They may contain just the thing you have been hunting for.

LOOK to see if a good buy is not lurking somewhere in the classified columns.

LISTEN when opportunity knocks and seize it by the forelock.

Read what others have for you in a trade, a buy, or a sale.