

MERCER ATTACK CALLS FOR CRIMINAL ACTION

Speaker Not Restrained This Time in Attack Upon County Commissioner Sharp.

That the address of Colonel W. G. D. Mercer Friday evening, in which he attacked the character of County Commissioner Emmett Sharp, called for criminal libel proceedings, seemed the verdict of all who heard the talk, which was given before an audience which comfortably filled Phillips hall.

The speaker dared, defied and invited the object of his attack to start such proceedings. This was Colonel Mercer's second address here.

Weary and worn from the strenuousness of conducting the recall campaign and addressing audiences nearly every night, declaring himself near the end of his span of life and in no position to get in bad with the one before whom he soon must appear to be judged for the things said and done here, and calling upon the common father to witness what he was about to say and to support him in doing so, Mercer launched upon a scathing attack upon the character of Commissioner Sharp, the like of which had never before been heard here.

The attack upon Commissioner Sharp was based upon an alleged conversation by Mr. Sharp with an operator of a national detective agency, alleged to have been taken in shorthand by a stenographer and to have been witnessed by two others, of whose presence the commissioner was not aware.

Colonel Mercer explained that he had spent many years in the secret service, knew how to get the facts about those about to be brought before the courts, or the bar of public opinion and that he was prepared by affidavits and proofs of other kinds to defend every statement made and every word uttered.

With irony and invective, Colonel Mercer attacked the favoritism alleged to have been shown some of those of the lower order physically but yet fully able to support themselves, while widows in need were alleged to have been at the same time neglected.

It would be difficult to say what the result of the attack upon Sharp's private life has been. Many who favor the recall said that no such attack should have been made, while others who have been opposed to the recall said that unless Sharp proceeds with a criminal action against the one who made such an attack that there is a probability that in the end the attack will aid the recall.

Both sides anticipate the starting of criminal proceedings at the end of the same address at several other points of the county before delivering it here and announced his intention of continuing to deliver it at other points.

TRASK GETS A PRETTY DIPLOMA ISSUED BY EUGENE TRAFFIC OFFICER

E. S. Trask is exhibiting a diploma indicating that he has completed a post graduate course in the operation of an automobile upon city streets. The diploma was issued by a Eugene traffic officer and bears upon its face a receipt for a fee of \$12 paid by Mr. Trask.

Despite this evidence of Mr. Trask's proficiency, he permitted one of his tires to indulge in a puncture some miles outside of Corvallis. As the tire used to replace the punctured one was worn, Elbert Bede, who also took a party to the meeting, volunteered to travel in the rear on the way home, in order to give assistance if necessary.

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On Friday evening members of several families gathered at the home of Tony Notario, one of the victims, five miles south of here, to make sausage. A large quantity of the food was prepared and a portion was served at an evening meal.

Eugene Register: Some catching unique in a window display is being planned by the Guaranty Oil company for the new offices of the concern in the Melvin Hansen Realty office on Willamette street.

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Unknown Man Is Dying. Salem, Ore., Feb. 27.—Out at the state hospital here a man is dying. The patient was committed here February 20 from Lane county, apparently insane as a result of injuries believed to have been suffered in an automobile accident.

LANE-LINN BRIDGE TO BE UP AT MAY PRIMARIES

Two-Mill Tax Likely to Be Plan for Raising \$70,000, the Estimated Cost.

Lane county's share of the cost of the proposed Lane-Linn county bridge to be erected at Harrisburg across the Willamette river will be submitted to the people of Lane county at the election to be held in May. The Lane county court has instructed the district attorney to draw up a resolution to that effect.

The announcement was made Monday at a meeting attended by more than 40 business men of Lane county, and members of the Eugene chamber of commerce. Roy Klein, state highway engineer, explained the construction of the proposed structure, which would cost, he estimated, \$210,000.

Should it appear that Lane county is certain to provide its share, bids will be called for in May, Mr. Klein stated. It is hoped that the concrete piers may be put in during the coming summer, to be followed by the rest of the work inside of a year.

The two-mill tax levy on Lane county property would raise slightly more than the required \$70,000, since the property valuation is \$36,500,000. County Commissioners L. N. Roney and E. M. Sharp and Judge C. P. Barnard, who were present, stated that they believed that the measure would easily carry in Lane county.

William Worker Sustains Fracture. William Hawthorne, 60 years of age, who was employed as log hauler at A. L. Woodard sawmill, fell Wednesday afternoon of last week while at work and broke his right leg just above the ankle. He was taken to a Eugene hospital after receiving first aid treatment here.

Proposed contract with Mountain States Power company laid on table. Motion prevailed that Mountain States Power company move its poles off of Main street between the Southern Pacific station and the west Main street bridge.

The following bills were audited and allowed: Phil Jones, labor water line \$ 55.50 Phil Jones, labor sewer line 4.20 Knowles & Gruber, supplies..... 3.05 Knowles & Gruber, supplies..... 1.50 W. B. Osmon, labor water line 23.90 Leslie Perkins, labor water line 1.50 L. H. Ansell, labor water line 1.50 A. C. Anderson, freight and cartage 3.61 City Transfer, street cleaning J. F. McFarland, salary..... 100.50 H. W. Lombard, salary..... 20.00 Mothers' club, rent..... 10.00 C. E. Frost, salary..... 10.00 Mountain States Power Co., 200.00 Sentinel, printing and pub..... 16.40 Sentinel, printing..... 6.75 Sentinel, publishing..... 2.85 G. B. Pitcher, salary..... 125.00 G. B. Pitcher, expense..... 3.75 Homer Galloway, salary and expense..... 107.40 First National Bank, exp..... .85 First National Bank, int..... 451.03 First National Bank, bond redemption..... 1030.00 First National Bank, int..... 903.15 Council adjourned to March 17.

UNDERWEAR IS BEING RENT BY VOCIFEROUS VOLLEY

Harbaugh Takes War Path for Commissioners: Error Admitted and Explained.

In a letter and affidavit from J. Harbaugh, which appeared in Sunday's Eugene Register, he seems to wish to give the general impression that a certain woman was not furnished with silk underwear at county expense, as recently stated in The Sentinel. It is regrettable that Mr. Harbaugh felt that the subject of women's underwear called for restrained language and confined himself to the use of such high-sounding and ladylike expressions as "unqualified falsehood," etc.

The Sentinel had every reason to believe that its story was based upon facts that could be proved, but it now finds that such is not the case. The merchant who originally stated over the telephone (as he admits) that the underwear was for a woman (although the requisition was for men's underwear), now states that he was in error in giving such information but that had the underwear been for the woman (as he at first stated that it was) it probably would have been of a silk and wool mixture.

This is enough upon the subject of who wears the underwear, but the fact that it was for a county prisoner, instead of for the prisoner's wife, does not in any way belittle the point The Sentinel intended to make, and which has been underwritten in the turmoil of disunion that every act of the economy county commissioners, even to that of buying underwear for its prisoners, has been one of careless extravagance.

The moonshining and bootlegging business must be coming to a pretty pass when, the moment a moonshiner or bootlegger is put in jail, the county has to take up the support of the family. The dealers in booze probably will have to go to the government for a guaranteed price for their product.

Getting away from the little things, although they have an important bearing upon the case, The Sentinel is yet waiting for an explanation of why the Warren Construction company was favored with an outright gift of \$5000; why 50 per cent of the cost of the Florence bridge went to paying a superintendent from Washington to supervise three men; why Bonham and to pay a 10 per cent bonus and bonus wages; why an economy administration spent \$2000 for superintendence and bonus on the Springfield bridge; why the commissioners evade the law in purchasing many thousand dollars worth of supplies from outside concerns without bids, while local firms stand ready to offer bids at lower figures; why the county bought the bridge tools; why the county issued probably \$25,000 or \$30,000 in illegal warrants during last year alone—mean-

NEW EGG LAW IS EXPLAINED

Consumers to Benefit by Necessity of Sorting Eggs to Three Standard Sizes. The new egg grading law which goes into effect at once, will not work a hardship upon the egg producers of the state as many have feared, according to E. E. Morrison, manager of the farmers' union warehouse, who attended a meeting in Portland last week with the state dairy and food commissioner.

Mr. Morrison said that the new law provides that all eggs offered for sale shall be candied and then graded according to size. All standard eggs must be packed separately, according to grade, and the grade marked on the end of the case, says the law. If the producer sells direct to the consumer the producer is required to candle and grade the eggs, but if he sells to the dealer the dealer must do this, said Mr. Morrison. The new law was enacted for the benefit of the consumer, it is stated. It has been the rule for many years to charge so much a dozen for eggs, no matter what size, but under the new law the several grades will be sold at different prices.

MAN CROSSES THE SUMMIT OF CASCADES ON FOOT

Road Is Hidden and Traveler Follows Line of Telephone Poles Across Lava Beds.

Bend, Ore., Feb. 16.—Experience in crossing the "top of Oregon" (the McKenzie pass country) in winter without snow shoes and better clothed for the mild climate of California than for the summit of the Cascades, were told here by Allen Carlton, who came from San Francisco to Bend in search of a brother. Carlton crossed the McKenzie pass snow fields Wednesday, having walked from McKenzie Bridge to the lava beds Tuesday. Tuesday night he slept on a moat block in a camp used by the road construction crews last summer. He crossed the lava beds, walked to Sisters and caught a ride to Bend in one day.

The lava beds in the vicinity of the McKenzie pass road are covered with about five feet of snow, it is estimated by Carlton, who hiked across the deep snow and hidden crevasses with nothing on his feet but a light pair of shoes and some gunny sacks. There is an icy covering on the snow now and Carlton said he had little difficulty in crossing the lava, following the line of telephone poles. The road is entirely hidden by the snow.

Carlton experienced a near accident after he had crossed the snow-covered summit and started down the east slope of the mountains. With the muscles of his legs aching and one foot "nearly out of commission," the long-distance hiker fell on the icy snow and "slid for a couple of blocks." The muscle of the mountains down the west side of the mountains to a short distance below Alder springs and on the east side of the divide to within about eight miles of Sisters, said Carlton. The snow-covered mountains in the vicinity of the McKenzie pass road present a beautiful sight, he said.

No indications of recent visitors to the lava fields were noticed by Carlton, although he said a trapper's camp was found near the east side of the lava beds. When in San Francisco, Carlton heard that a brother was living in this part of the state and decided to visit him. At Eugene he left the train and headed up the McKenzie valley by stage. He walked the trip to Bend from McKenzie Bridge in two days. This is believed to be a record for a hike across McKenzie pass in the winter. Carlton is still in Bend but has not located his brother. He says he is not going to walk back across McKenzie pass.

Rubber stamps of every kind at The Sentinel live wire print shop. Anything in the printing or allied lines can be secured at or through your home live wire print shop. Warrants issued where no funds were provided; why Commissioner Sharp neglected to keep his solemn promise to manufacture the Cottage Grove-Lane highway; why the personal expense account of economy commissioners are so much higher than were the personal expenses of preceding commissioners, while the county judge has at the same time materially reduced his personal expenses.

If the commissioners would like some big things, The Sentinel will shortly submit some comparative road costs under the present administration and former administrations to which it will direct their earnest attention. The following is Mr. Harbaugh's affidavit: State of Oregon, County of Lane, ss. I, J. J. Harbaugh, being first duly sworn, depose and say: That, acting under the direction of the county court of Lane county, Oregon, it is made my duty to investigate, determine the need and issue requisitions for clothing and provisions for persons dependent on the county.

That I read the matter published in the Morning Register, of Eugene, Oregon, on Sunday, February 24, 1924, by Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, wherein he made the statement that the county commissioners of Lane county, Oregon, had on January 3, 1924, caused to be purchased and paid for out of county funds, on requisition number 942, two suits of silk underwear for a certain Eugene woman.

That I have investigated the matter and find that I issued requisition number 942 on January 3, 1924, on Hampton's drygoods store for two suits of underwear for Fred Withrow, 532 Oak street, who was at that time working for the county liquidating a long term jail sentence and fine. That I have in my possession a receipted bill for two suits of men's wool underwear bought on requisition number 942 of Alton Hampton on January 3, 1924, for Fred Withrow. That said statement published by the said Elbert Bede, on said date, setting forth that the county records show that two suits of silk underwear were bought and paid for by said county court, by requisition number 942, for a certain Eugene woman, or that any silk underwear for any person was bought and paid for by the county court of Lane county, is an unqualified falsehood without a shadow of justification. J. J. HARBAUGH. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February, 1924. (seal) R. S. Bryson, County Clerk. By Eva L. Pease, Deputy.

THEY READ THE SENTINEL AND STRAIGHTWAY WANT TO COME HERE TO LIVE

If settlers are wanted for the Cottage Grove country, they can be furnished in any number merely by furnishing subscriptions to The Sentinel to those now living elsewhere who have a desire to move. In proof of this statement, the following communication is submitted.

Artesis, N. M., Feb. 27.—Cottage Grove Sentinel: Just received notice of expiration of my subscription to your paper. I thank you for the liberal offer made for renewal but will say we contemplate starting for your part of the country in a short time and as we shall go by auto and will visit en route it may be some time before we arrive. We have enjoyed your paper very much and received what we consider much valuable information concerning the country we plan to make our future home, and the various conditions existing there. "The old saying is that a good, live newspaper speaks well for the country. If we are as well pleased with the country as we have been with your paper, Oregon will have one more family to enumerate in 1924. "Just discontinue my paper until we reach there. "Mrs. John Smith and Family."

Mrs. Amanda Williams Dies. Mrs. Amanda Jane Williams died February 29 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Murray Trunnell. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the chapel, J. H. Ebert, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mrs. Williams was the widow of John Williams, who died here about two years ago. She was born in Missouri September 15, 1849. She crossed the plains 38 years ago with her husband and their children, making the trip in a wagon. They settled first in Washington but moved to Oregon a number of years ago and resided in Cottage Grove for several years. Surviving children are Mrs. Murray Trunnell, Mrs. Charles Smith and Lee Williams, Cottage Grove; Mrs. John Wilmer, Emmett, Ida.; E. G. Williams, Middleton, Ida.; Mrs. Mollie Kline, Battleground, Wash.; Mrs. Susan Cloud, Springfield, Mo.; John Williams, Middleton, Ida.

S. H. Jarrett Is Injured. Saginaw, Ore., March 4.—(Special.)—S. H. Jarrett was painfully injured Friday afternoon when he was dragged from his buggy when it was struck by an automobile. He was returning from Cottage Grove when two cars came up behind him. Evidently, they were traveling at a rapid rate of speed and were unable to stop on the wet pavement in time to prevent striking the buggy and the accident probably was due to the fact that one car attempted to pass the other without having a clear road. When the buggy was rammed forward onto the horse the horse became frightened and dragged Mr. Jarrett from the buggy onto the pavement, dragging him for a considerable distance. He sustained a severely injured back, a cut on the face and numerous bruises.

Car of Eggs Is Shipped. Shipment of a full carload of Lane county eggs to the California market was made last week by the Gray Cash and Carry company of Eugene. This is the first carload shipment of eggs made from this district from the beginning of the year. A total of 455 cases, each containing 30 dozen eggs. Last spring the same store sent out a carload of eggs each week for two months, although the shipments started later this year. The egg market here is better than last year, the local dealers report. A price of 16 to 18 cents is quoted on the best grade of fancy selected white eggs.

Mattox Is Found Guilty. William Mattox, of Cottage Grove, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court Monday of the charge of possession of moonshine mash fit for distillation, and Judge Skipworth continued the case for sentence in order that he might investigate the circumstances of Mattox's offense. A strong plea for leniency had been made in his behalf.

If we haven't exactly what you want—or can't produce it—if it is anything in the printing line—we can get it for you. REMOVAL OF ELECTION OFFICIAL FOLLOWS HER ACTIVITY IN THE RECALL

R. S. BRYSON, Clerk of Lane County, Eugene, Oregon. Mrs. Minnie Chapman, Cottage Grove, Ore. Dear Mrs. Chapman: I regret to advise you that since your name was placed on the list as chairman of the election board for Latham precinct, the county court has decided to change the chairmanship of this board, and have advised me to remove your name and to designate Adelle W. Anderson for this position. Very respectfully, R. S. BRYSON, County Clerk. Mrs. Chapman said that the above letter speaks for itself, that she has been removed from the election board as retaliation for her activity in circulating recall petitions. She had forewarned she stated, that this was to happen.

POULTRY IS ONE OF LARGEST CROPS OF COUNTY

County Conference Committee Makes Suggestions for Profitable Conduct of Business.

Because of the predominance of the poultry industry here, the report of the poultry committee of the recent county agricultural conference held in Eugene is of interest. The report of this committee was one of the most complete made by any committee and contained many facts and suggestions of value to those interested in poultry raising. The committee stressed the fact that the raising of hens is a valuable agricultural asset to the county and that the census reports show the value of chickens and eggs in Lane in 1919 was \$563,924, which was \$240,456 greater than the value of swine and \$56,089 greater than the beef cattle value.

"The fact that poultry keeping has been a profitable crop during the general period of deflation has resulted in many farmers rushing into the business without due knowledge of the many problems involved that are necessary to financial success," the report states. "In value of chickens and eggs produced Lane county ranks fifth in the state of Oregon. It produces a surplus of eggs that must be sent out of the county and in part from the state. Facing this condition the poultry interests of the county must consider the co-operative marketing of surplus products and any future increase must be along the lines of producing an exportable product." It is specifically recommended by the committee that for the general farmer, where adequate housing and management can be given, a sideline unit flock of 400 laying hens and pullets should be kept. A flock of this size commands regular attention and returns a more profitable income for number of labor hours, the report states. For the farmer that are not interested to this extent it is recommended that only a sufficient number of hens be kept to supply the home table, preferably less than two dozen hens.

In suggesting methods for successful poultry raising on a large scale the committee recommends that for each 1000 hens provision must be made for at least ten acres of systematically yarded, tillable soil. Commercial poultry raising on smaller tracts results in ground contamination, is the conclusion reached by the committee. The whole-hearted support of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers' Association is urged by the committee inasmuch as the association is a necessary asset of inestimable value to the poultry industry of the state.

FARMERS' UNION IS OUT WITH A COUNTY TICKET

The farmers' union nominating committee has named a ticket that is recommended by the county union. Another meeting will be held March 15, when more candidates will be endorsed. The men so far selected are as follows: For county commissioner, R. O. Brady, farmer, of Crosswell. For sheriff, Hugh H. Earle, tax expert and accountant, of Eugene. For county clerk, R. S. Bryson, of Eugene, for reelection. For county treasurer, Miss Edna Ward, of Eugene, for reelection. For county superintendent of schools, E. J. Moore, of Eugene, for reelection. For county assessor, R. F. Keeney, of Eugene, for reelection. For county surveyor, P. M. Morse, of Eugene, for reelection. For representatives, H. C. Wheeler, of Pleasant Hill, for reelection; Ralph Laird, of Pleasant Hill; Edward F. Bailey, of Junction City, for reelection.

Young Men Again in Trouble.

Eugene, March 1.—Warren Wilkins and Stanley Thompson, Lane county young men, caught by a posse at Peoria Friday night after they are said to have robbed the Lamar & Lamar store, are members of prominent Lane families. Both were involved some time ago in a number of baffling house and business establishment robberies in Eugene. Wilkins is a member of one of the oldest and best respected families in Oregon.

