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## THE UNFORTUNATE COMMISSIONERS.

Lane county's commissioners are the most unfortunate of mortals. There seems to be nothing that they can do without their enemies seeing in the move some ulterior motive. They seem to be able to do almost nothing without doing it in such a way as to give such an impression. Of course it was quite accidental that H. H. Earle, who has been appointed inspector to combat the hoof and mouth disease, chances to be at the same time a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff. He is without question a good man for the job to which he has been appointed and he may be an ideal candidate for sheriff, especially since the county jail is only a temporary abiding place for prisoners who have not been released by the county commissioners so that they may spend seven or eight hours a day working for the county and use the other 16 or 17 hours as suits their fancy, but it must be embarrassing to him to have the opportunity to visit every section of the county at county expense—probably in a brand new automobile—while he is a candidate for the votes of the very people whom he will thus be enabled to meet without expense, except to the county.

The situation is really very unfortunate, for it is no secret that the county commissioners are at odds with Sheriff Stickle; it is no secret that they have been hoping for months that Stickle would resign in order to take up the busi-



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ness duties which he has arranged to assume so soon as he is out of office; it is no secret that Earle is the man the commissioners would appoint to the office were they given the opportunity; it is even hinted that Stickle is holding out the job largely to keep it from going to Earle.

Lane county was fortunate in being able to get a man so capable as Mr. Earle who was patriotic enough to accept the position at a financial sacrifice, for it is understood that nothing except automobile expense and personal expenses necessarily incurred in visiting every crossroads community in the county are to be paid, but the situation is such that enemies of the commissioners are going to suggest—possibly somewhat mildly—that the alacrity with which the non-salaried position with expenses paid was accepted was not altogether disconnected from the fact that this would be a splendid opportunity to meet the voters of the county.

Of course The Sentinel is open-minded enough not to make such a suggestion, but The Sentinel dislikes to see men unjustly criticized and would like to suggest to Mr. Earle in the kindest manner that he could save himself and the commissioners a great deal of embarrassment by having his name removed from the ballot, or by offering to pay all or a part of the expenses necessarily incurred in his swing around the circle and down the center.

Or, as a counter-suggestion, he might withdraw the announcement made immediately upon being appointed inspector that he would visit every point of the county. He could make a great hit with the taxpayers by announcing that he would not spend a cent of the expense money provided by the county—that he would not ride a mile in the brand new automobile which the commissioners are ready to furnish him—that he would publish in the newspapers of the county the information that he would otherwise dispense from the platform during the time that he might be unable to keep some kindly but indiscreet friend from distributing prettily printed campaign cards.

Owners of stock are acutely alive to the situation. Many more would get the information from having it printed in the newspapers than would get it from public meetings; the purpose of Mr. Earle's appointment—that is, the real purpose of guarding against the spread of the hoof and mouth disease—would be better served in that way; the county would be saved the expense of a new automobile and the personal expenses of the inspector; and, most of all, the commissioners and Mr. Earle would be saved the criticism which the recallers are certain to hurl at them.

Of course it is appropriate that an inspector for the hoof and mouth disease should hoof it and mouth it over the entire county, but under the unusual and entirely accidental conditions which prevail—to which we have endeavored to ever so gently call attention—it may be well not to give too much attention to having everything done as it might appropriately be done under less embarrassing circumstances.

Mr. Earle may well be guided in his action by what has resulted from other unfortunate incidents.

For example, Mr. Roney has been criticized because his bridge building tools became the property of the county a few days after he was sworn into office. The deal was regular in every way. Mr. Roney in his private capacity sold the tools to another and a few days later the county purchased them. Mr. Roney probably had no idea when he sold the tools, that the county would have any use for them a few days later, for he was yet unfamiliar with the needs of the county, but the incident was as unfortunate as the present one.

As another example, Mr. Sharp sought to do a kindness for a friend. When viewers sought to take this friend's property without just remuneration therefor, Mr. Sharp testified as to what he thought was the actual value. The viewers thought they were liberal in setting the damage at \$600. Several other witnesses testified that that amount was ample. Twelve good men and true, acting as jurors, thought the amount ample and came near cutting it down, but Mr. Sharp testified that he thought his friend was being robbed, and he would have none of it. He testified under oath that the damage was

\$3000. He did not let the fact that he was county commissioner and that the fact that the money was to come from the county interfere with his doing the right thing by a friend. How could he know that the whole 40 acres, from which a strip was to be taken, was on the assessment rolls at only a little over one-fifth of what he said a small part was worth? How could he know that the next assessor would find that the supposed damage was really a benefit and proceed to raise the assessment? Mr. Sharp spent most of his life within a mile or so of the property, but he could not be expected to pry into the personal affairs of his neighbors and learn the value of farm property almost abutting upon property in which he was interested.

The commissioners are simply victims of unfortunate circumstances, which may be even more unfortunate upon May 16, but Mr. Earle may well take warning from what has happened to them.

"Where there's so much smoke there must be some fire."

## INCOME TAX HAS BEEN GOOD THING.

Even should the income tax be knocked out, The Sentinel is of the opinion that it was a good thing to put it on the statute books for a time. In no other way could we have learned that it would fail to do many things that we expected it to do. In no other way could we have learned that it would do many things which we did not anticipate that it would do.

No one can successfully dispute the statement that in theory the income tax is the most equitable tax. Events which have transpired since the law became effective prove beyond any possibility of successful contradiction that Oregon can not afford to try even so perfect a theory when California and Washington stand ready to use our income tax as a reason why capital should avoid Oregon and invest with them. We probably would do the same were one of the other coast states to enact such a law while we had it not, so we can not complain because of the action of our sister states.

Because California and Washington are ready to take such advantage of our having an income tax, we could not afford to enact a tax with rates high enough to greatly relieve the tax upon real estate. The mill or two that the law now in the courts would reduce the real estate tax would not reimburse us for the taxable property which such a tax would be likely to drive out of the state. It would not reimburse us for the payrolls we would lose to California and Washington. A theory—even a perfect one—does us little good in opposition to the idiosyncrasies of human nature—and it is human nature for capital to seek most favorable taxing conditions for it, regardless of how other forms of property may bear the burden.

We believe that having the law on the statute books for a short time has taught us this and that we will rectify the error before we have been greatly injured.

## WHAT RIDICULE DOES.

Almost every day in the Cottage Grove schools, and in the schools of other cities, some little girl runs home to sob on her mother's lap because some other little girl has made fun of her clothes, or of some personal disfigurement. Almost every day those who are around where children play, hear boys and girls call others "fraidy cats" or some other opprobrious name because the little boy or little girl thus characterized refuses to obey a parent or has hesitated about doing something which he or she knew should not be done. Probably half the time the little one gives in rather than take the taunts of companions, for nothing hurts like ridicule.

Boys have become thieves, gamblers, drunkards, and worse, because they could not stand the sneers of companions.

Girls have fallen to the lowest depths that a girl can fall merely because they could not stand the ridicule of companions who urged them to go on a joy ride with some boy friends, who urged them to take just one drink, smoke just one cigarette.

Many criminals have told the story that in youth they were ostracized by other boys because of awkwardness, because of poverty, or for some other senseless reason, that they became sour on the world and did not care what happened.

The lesson we would point out is that when we would ridicule anyone, let us think of what ridicule has done in wrecking lives and homes.

## AN UNINVITING JAIL.

Something is wrong with Lane county. The jail birds do not like our jail.

A week ago, ten of them, angered by its lack of convenience, its forbidding unhomelike air, or holding some other grievance, pushed out the side of it and took themselves hence. Day before yesterday evening six more kicked a hole in the wall and went away from there. It seems to be clearly apparent that so far as our jail is concerned, we are failing to satisfy our customers.

Something must be done about it. If we can't afford a new and better jail, we shall have to provide better furnishings, or better food or kinder treatment. We simply can't have every Tom, Dick and Harry who is thrown into the bastille leaving us flat this way.—Eugene Register.

A short time ago a young man fell into the toils of the law for forging checks. The story he told of the need of members of his family which led him to this method of appropriating the money of others brought the condition of the family to the attention of the Red Cross and of others with the milk of human kindness in their breasts. The immediate needs of the family have been cared for. How much better it would have been, however, had we had time before the forgery was committed to have found the needy ones and to have supplied the things that have since been supplied. Had this been done, the young man would not have been put in the position where it seemed that getting money under false pretenses was less a crime than letting loved ones suffer. In chasing the almighty dollar we rush unseeing by the doors of those who need the dollar more than we.

The Southern Pacific local train between Eugene and Roseburg has been discontinued. Why? The answer is as simple as A, B, C. Local travel on the trains is light, while the buses are crowded. That tells the story in a nutshell.—Eugene Register.

## City Council

Water committee instructed to arrange schedule of fines for those who permit leaky plumbing or permit faucets to run and a schedule of meter rates for water used for irrigation purposes.

W. B. Cooper granted permission to erect a brick flue around iron flue outside of Bartell hotel building, the same to be at least seven feet above the ground.

Remonstrance presented against the paving of Monroe avenue and the same sustained.

Petition received for the paving of the entire length of Ash avenue and ordinance ordered drawn for same.

Application of W. E. Namur to install gasoline pump at the curb on Fifth street laid on the table.

Ordinance for the vacation of St. Helens court adopted.

Street committee placed on file specifications for class A and class B macadam received from the engineer of the city of Eugene.

Cement walks ordered in on both sides of Whitaker avenue, both sides of north Ninth street and the west side of north Fifth street where there are now no walks, such improvements to be completed by October 1.

Ordinance ordered drawn for the paving of First alley south from Seventh street east to the Southern Pacific grounds.

Recorder instructed to purchase car of asphalt from Union Oil company.

H. A. Miller granted permission to install a swinging crane at the sidewalk line in front of his machine shop.

O. E. Woodson granted permission to install Pacific highway sign and danger signal at the south sidewalk line where Ninth street hits Mair street.

City attorney instructed to proceed with the collection of all delinquent assessments.

Sewer committee recommended that petition for east side sewer be held in abeyance until such time as proposition could be put up to also lay a sewer to serve property lying between the river and the railroad south of the school grounds and between McFarland hill and present sewer on Birch avenue. Recommendation adopted.

## STEPS ARE TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST STOCK MALADY

Law Provides That Vegetable Foods

When Fed to Livestock

Must Be Cooked.

Hugh H. Earle, appointed by the county court as inspector to guard against the introduction of the hoof and mouth disease into Lane county, is already conducting meetings over the county. Organizations wishing to have him address them have but to make the request. Articles dealing with the disease and outlining preventive measures will be printed in the press of the county.

District Attorney Johnston has called attention to a state law which prohibits the feeding of uncooked garbage and swill to swine, the object of the law being to prevent the spreading of such maladies as the foot and mouth disease through the feeding of raw vegetables that might have come from the infested districts. A thorough cooking of such vegetables would effectually destroy all germs of these diseases.

Many owners gather garbage and swill from hotels and restaurants and it is safe to say that few if any are complying with the law in regard to cooking it, asserted the district attorney. A fine of \$10 to \$250 is provided as a penalty for violating this law.

The greatest danger is infection in fresh vegetables, said District Attorney Johnston. Until the past few days vegetables in large quantities have been allowed to enter Oregon from California, but now the state authorities have placed a quarantine on such shipments, thereby lessening the danger of the spread of the disease in Oregon.

The county prosecutor asks the people to report any violations of the cooked swill law to him. He declares this is imperative. If the disease once gets a foothold here it means that the stock industry is ruined, he pointed out.

## MORE THAN REQUIRED

RECALL NAMES SECURED

Recall petitions against County Commissioners Emmett Sharp and Nels Roney will be officially filed today at the office of the county clerk, according to announcement of the recall committee. A total of

approximately 3000 signatures have been obtained on the petitions, is the report, and of this number a total of over 2000 have been checked and of these only four have been found invalid and have been thrown out.

Approximately 2500 signatures are required to have the recall placed on the ballot at the primary election on May 16. Both petitions

were circulated together and about 50 voters who signified their approval of the recall of Sharp declined to sign the Roney petition.

## Lane Loses Road Money.

Because Lane county failed to provide sufficient funds to meet the state's apportionment of market road money for this county, more than \$2000 less will be received

from the state this year than otherwise would have been received, according to figures at the office of P. M. Morse, county engineer.

The state's apportionment Lane county was \$57,827.82, but a levy voted here will yield only \$55,778.21. The difference between these two sums will be given to other counties, it was announced.

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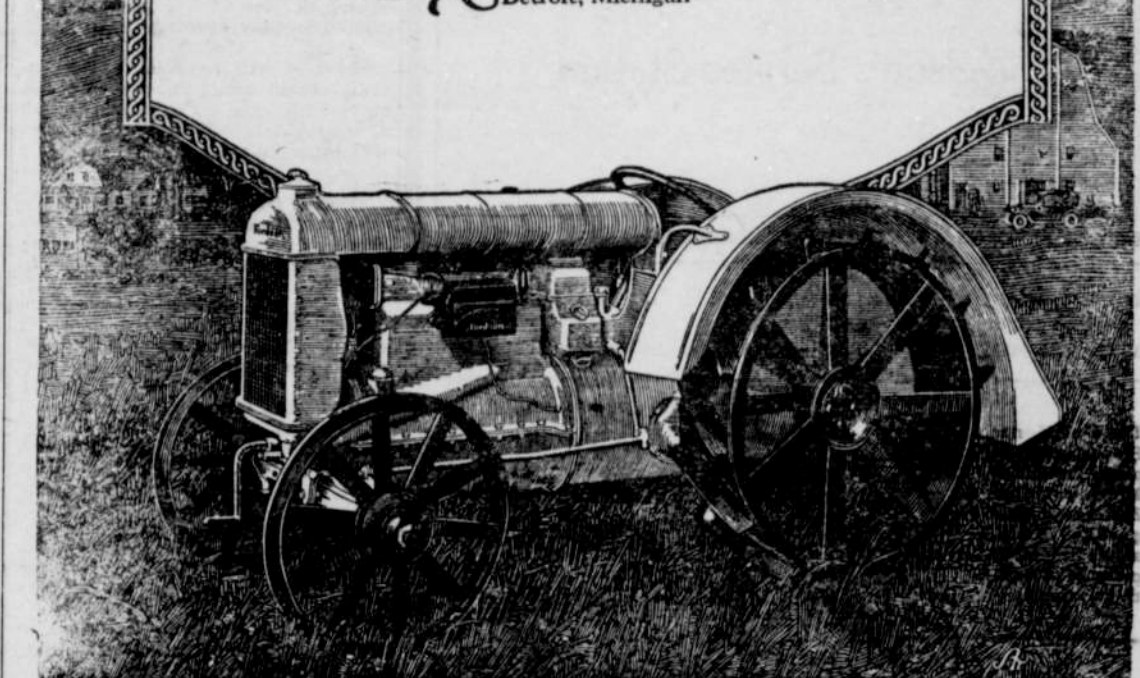
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The extent of this industry is so little known by the people here that the manufacturers and retailers of the Pacific Northwest have designated a week to be devoted to a presentation of Northwest-made furniture.



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Salesmen and executives of the various furniture factories operate 268 automobiles for traveling and business use.

The total insurance carried by the factories covering fire, liabilities, etc., amounts to \$7,700,000.

The combined annual payroll to

taled \$5,775,000 in 1923 and \$4,000,000 was spent for materials in the Pacific Northwest.

The furniture manufactured compares very favorably with that imported from eastern points and includes furniture for home and office, hotel and public building, club and lodge rooms.

During the week of April 21 to 26 there will be displays of all the various kinds of Northwest-made furniture. You are urged to go and see them. Then, when you need furniture for any purpose, you will know what to buy and where to buy it so that your own community and yourself may profit by the transaction, for whatever is good for the community is good for you.