

Special City Election To Be Held Tomorrow

Committees Issue Posters Setting Forth Necessity For Bond Issues.

Tomorrow is the date for the special city election at which two bond issues will be voted on.

Committees of the city council and chamber of commerce have issued posters setting forth the needs for both issues.

The earnings of the water system are more than sufficient to keep the system in repair and to make extensions, but the annual interest charged and the payment of \$6000 annually on the bonded debt makes the proposed issue necessary.

The polls will be open from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 5. These are set by city charter.

Polling places will be as follows: First ward, the armory; second ward, city hall; third ward, Cooper house at corner of Twelfth street and Adams avenue.

FEDERAL VETERANIAN TO TEST CATTLE HERE

Dr. W. H. Thompson, of the United States department of agriculture, cooperating with the Oregon state livestock sanitary board, has begun tuberculin tests of cattle in the McKenzie valley and will work down the valley.

The tests will be made under a new state law requiring that all cattle six months and older be submitted for test. A fee of 10 cents per head will be charged for the inspection.

ELECTION IS CALLED FOR UNION DISTRICT

A special meeting of the voters of the Cottage Grove school district will be held Tuesday, June 1, to vote upon whether or not the present high school district shall be dissolved and a new union high school district formed.

Crowded Coupes Draw Fines.

The city of Eugene is conducting a vigorous campaign against the practice of crowding four persons into the one seat of a coupe and nearly every day some driver pays a fine for this offense.

Delight Valley School Standardized.

The Delight Valley school, which was recently standardized, received its certificate of standardization Tuesday from E. J. Moore, county school superintendent, who visited the school.

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MICKIE SAYS—

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OUR PAINT DEALERS ADVERTISE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD INFLUENCE MORE PEOPLE TO "PAINT-UP AND CLEAN-UP" WHICH WOULD THEN MAKE OUR TOWN MORE ATTRACTIVE AND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

Work Keaton Picture Starts at Once

Preparations are going ahead for the filming here of the next Buster Keaton movie, "The General." Mr. Jackson, location manager, remained on the job when Keaton and party returned to Hollywood.

Successful Rancher Was Barber

C. A. King, strawberry king of Row river, is delivering about three crates every other day of the favorite spring berry.

Garoutte Has First New Potatoes

Frank Garoutte claims the honor for being the first with new potatoes of this year's planting. He has dug some that are as big as large hens' eggs.

LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM JOINS VALLEY LEAGUE

The Cottage Grove baseball team has become a member of the Upper Willamette Valley league and will play its first game here at 2:30 Sunday against Noti.

COUNTY DOESN'T FINANCE MCKENZIE PASS CLEARING

The report has been circulated over the country that the county has been financing the project for clearing the snow off the summit of the McKenzie pass, where the use of a snow motor has attracted considerable attention.

Piano Pupils to Give Recital.

Piano pupils of Mrs. O. W. Hays will give their annual recital next Thursday evening. Forty will be on the program.

Many Logs Sent to Mill.

Culp Creek, May 10.—(Special.)—The Anderson & Middleton Lumber company's logging camp at Rujada, running only one side, had another record output Saturday.

Government Cruisers Arrive.

John C. Collins and a party of federal surveyors arrived several days ago to go into the Bohemia district. There is a large quantity of government timber there but no way of getting it to market.

NEWSPAPER advertising makes big stores out of little ones and keeps them from going back to little ones.

Murray Cheats Noose By Taking Own Life

Notorious Criminal Tries To Save Partners by Assuming Murder Blame.

Tom Murray, convicted of the killing of Guard John Sweeney in the prison outbreak of August 12, 1925, hanged himself Sunday night in the state penitentiary.

Murray had taken every precaution against detection, timing his suicide so that guards would not visit his cell for more than 30 minutes. He used a rope made of bed sheets bound with a shoe string, fastening it to a steam pipe in the cell and jumping from his cot which stood three feet above the floor.

Murray's body was claimed by his parents and was sent to Fort Blakely, Wash., for interment. Murray was sent up from Lane county.

Howard Is Speaker Here.

Emmett Howard, a representative for Lane county in the state legislature and candidate for the office in the May primaries, spoke at the chamber of commerce luncheon held Tuesday.

J. A. Lang, local realtor, announced that he expects to take a trip to California soon and would advertise the Cottage Grove country while attending to business interests.

STATE W. C. T. U. OFFICERS ARE TO BE HERE FRIDAY

Mrs. Mary Mallett, state president of the W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Ada Jelly, state secretary, both of Portland, will speak at the W. C. T. U. meetings to be held here Friday in the Methodist church parlors.

APRIL BUILDING PERMITS REACH TOTAL OF \$17,000

Building permits to the amount of \$17,000 were issued during April and permits for more than \$10,000 of construction have been issued so far during May.

Taxes Are Turned Over.

A tax turnover was made Tuesday by the sheriff of \$92,149.23. The segregation was as follows: State and county, \$29,803.75; School district, 17,010.68; Cities, 12,459.38; Road district, 1,413.78; Union high schools, 763.44; Port of Siuslaw, 537.54; Forest fire patrol, 155.40; Poison liens, 5.26; Total, \$62,149.23.

Machine bookkeeping equipment and supplies. The Sentinel.



He jerked his hands apart. The rope parted near the middle, freeing him so he could tackle the rest of his bonds with both hands. Extinguishing the fire, he began feverishly to unfasten the rope that still held his legs.

Half an hour of hard work made him jubilant. The aperture was big enough to admit a man's thigh. Renewing his efforts he enlarged it a little more. Thrusting a hand into the hole, he found that beyond the mouth it was deeper and wider.

It was nearly an hour later before he had the hole large enough to admit his body. He crawled through eagerly and tremblingly. The sea air reached his nostrils raw with a strong salty flavor.

He shuddered a little when the last ray of light was excluded. He felt like a man walled up in a living tomb. If there was no way of exit at the other end, and if McGee should discover his method of escape and seal up the entrance, he would indeed be imprisoned in a living tomb without the chance of escape.

The horror of such a finish sickened him, and for a moment he hesitated. He started to tear down the wall he had constructed, but his panic lasted only a minute.

"I mustn't get cold feet," he reasoned with himself. "There must be an outlet on the other end."

"Buoyed up by this conclusion, he began wriggling backward. He wished now that he had entered head-first, but in that position he could not have covered his retreat.

This lack of confidence in his scheme was in direct contradiction to his former conclusion. But his mind was so harrowed by fear and uncertainty that he was hardly responsible for his thoughts.

Wriggling backward through the narrow hole had many disadvantages, as well as dangers. It was like feeling one's way through the dark with the feet, blindly stumbling along at the brink of a precipice, it was an even chance that the body would be carried over it.

Big Bear Disputes Right-of-Way At Rujada Camp

Culp, Creek, May 12.—(Special.)—One of the Messrs. Sullivan, of the firm of Sullivan and Sullivan, who have the shovel contract on the Anderson & Middleton new grade for the logging road into the government timber reserve above Rujada, had an affectionate meeting with Mrs. Bear the other evening as he was coming into camp.

While walking along the grade, all at once the said Mrs. Bear "ris" up like a giant and, towering above him, challenged the right-of-way. She opened her mouth to about the size of the for'd hatch on a hundred ton coastwise schooner, ran out a long red tongue as a danger signal and "stood pat."

In the haze of explanatory comment it has not been made quite plain how Mr. Sullivan settled the right-of-way dispute but, as he is one of the most agreeable of gentlemen in these parts, he evidently ran a new line around, and there may have been a slight change in the original survey. Anyway he arrived at camp in one piece.

Oregon Leads Union In Amount of Its Timber

With 14 National Forests There Is 134 1/2 Billion Feet; California Is Second.

According to a recent recheck of timber stand data just received by District Forester C. M. Granger from Washington, D. C., the 22 national forests of the north Pacific district, Oregon and Washington, are credited with 39 per cent of the merchantable saw timber of the 159 national forests of the United States and Alaska.

The new combined total for the 159 national forests is a little more than 557 billion feet, the north Pacific district having in excess of 217 billion feet. Ranking second is the California district with 98 billion board feet or about 18 per cent of the combined total.

The Alaska forests, with nearly 85 billion feet, or 15 per cent of the grand total, are a close third. Oregon, with its 14 and a fraction national forests, stands first by states in the amount of national forest timber, with 50 per cent more than California.

Douglas fir, of which there is 142 1/2 billion feet, holds first place, in volume by tree species for all districts.

BUSY WEEK END PLANS FOR CHURCH AT HEBRON

The Church of God at Hebron has a crowded program for the week end. An oyster supper will be served at 5:30 Friday in the Farmers' union hall and will be followed by a bazaar and entertainment at 8 o'clock.

Repairs and alterations to the church building will be made Saturday by men of the church. The building was erected in 1879 and holds the record among Christian churches in Oregon as being the oldest building on which no improvements have been made and in which services are still being held.

A special reunion service, at which Pastor Searle will speak on "Beds That Are Too Short," will be given Sunday forenoon. A basket dinner will follow the services.

Ledgers, Journals. Sentinel.

Case of Grant Land Counties Is Presented

Details of Transfer of Lands To Railroad and Revestment In Government Given.

The fact that Oregon counties are likely to receive from the federal government an amount equal to the amount that has been lost to such counties by the removal of the O. & C. grant lands from the tax rolls is due in large part to the representation of the case by Guy Gordon, Douglas county district court. A synopsis of his presentation is as follows:

Originally the government granted 3,000,000 acres to the Oregon & California Railroad company to aid in building the road from Portland to the southern boundary of the state. The company sold a portion of the lands under terms of the grant, but finally violated them by selling the land in lots of more than 160 acres and at a price greater than \$2.50 an acre, as provided. A suit, carried, but not provided. A suit, carried to the supreme court, followed, but without obtaining a decree of forfeiture.

By provisions in the Chamberlain-Ferris act, later passed by congress, title to the unsold portions of the land was reverted in the government. The lands were classified under three headings—agricultural, power sites and timber. All lands obtained therefrom were to go into the O. & C. land grant fund, the railway to receive \$2.50 an acre for all the unsold lands, subject to an accounting on former sales. An amount equal to accrued taxes on the lands was to go to the counties interested.

Because sales of timber have been very slow, Mr. Gordon said the counties and state have received nothing, so the bills, one introduced by Senator Stanfield in the senate, the other by Representative Hawley in the house, provide for an immediate advance of a sum equal to the amount lost in taxes, a total of some \$5,000,000, and an annual payment of about \$500,000 until such time as timber sales under the Chamberlain-Ferris act show a credit in the O. & C. land grant fund.

Authorities put the present value of the lands at between \$70,000,000 and \$80,000,000, so there is ample security to the government for the advances.

MEMBERS SHOW TROUPE ARE ABDUCTED BY LIONS

Members of the Lions club stopped the special train which was carrying "The Student Prince" company through the city Tuesday and abducted 12 of the actors. The train was held here 20 minutes while the players got ready.

The visitors were shown the points of interest about Cottage Grove and then taken to Eugene and shown that city. The service clubs of Eugene were hosts to the troupe at a luncheon.

The abductors were C. A. Bartell, K. K. Mills, N. J. Nelson Jr., H. W. Titus and W. J. Woods.

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