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ARE OREGON CITY LABOR UNIONS OVER COURSE PURSUED BY BROWNELL

Which Resulted in Defeat of Eight Hour Day Law at Recent Session of Legislature.

The Oregon City labor unions have got it in for Senator Brownell. They claim that his course in regard to the eight hour law at the recent session of the Oregon Legislature was not at all satisfactory. They claim, furthermore, that he was responsible for the defeat of the labor law. Monday night the Federal Labor Union and the Painters' Union held a joint meeting to take action upon the matter.

A. J. Mayille, president of the Federal Union and of the Carpenters' Union was elected president, and J. H. Howard was elected secretary.

After discussing a motion that action be deferred until later evidence, in the shape of senate journal proceedings could be introduced, a motion to adjourn until next Monday night when the Senator could be present was put and carried. The secretary was instructed to secure the Senate Journal record of the proceedings. All unions of the city will be invited to meet with the Federal Labor unions at that time.

A strong effort was made to condemn Senator Brownell alone, but it was deemed better to let the matter rest until Monday night.

The Carpenters and Joiners' Union which met Saturday evening adopted some hot resolutions, condemning Brownell, and other unions which will meet in a few days are also expected to take action on the matter.

The resolutions adopted by the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union read as follows:

Whereas, Local Union No. 1131 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, having become convinced that Senator Brownell did not make good his promises to the local unions of Oregon City, wherein he promised to secure legislation making an eight hour day a state law, therefore, be it

Resolved That in view of his posing as a friend of labor in the past and his utter failure to make good his promises, we condemn him as a traitor to the cause of organized labor and withdraw from him our political support and promise to hand him something interesting in the future.

Report of local Union No. 1131.

P. G. KESTER,
C. A. FROST,
C. B. JOHNSON.
Committee.

With reference to the matter Senator Brownell says that after doing all he could to secure the passage of these measures, that it is manifestly unfair for the unions to take action against him or against the Senate. He claims to be very indignant over the course affairs have taken.

While the Senator has not openly announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in this district it is conceded on all sides that he will be a candidate and that he has a fair show of securing the nomination and of course he expects to be elected if he gets the nomination. But the labor unions of Oregon City and of Oregon are very strong, and if he should get the nomination and they should withdraw their support from him, he might not win.

FIREMEN'S BALL.

ATTENDED BY OVER A HUNDRED COUPLES.

A Grand Success in Every Particular.

Over a hundred couples attended the grand ball given by the Columbia Hook and Ladder company at the Armory last Saturday evening.

The ball was one of the most successful from every standpoint ever given by that organization. There was only one drawback, there were too many people present for the dancing to be as perfect as it might have been, but every one was satisfied and that was enough.

The reception committee appointed by the firemen did their work in a perfect manner, greeting each couple as they entered the hall and making them feel at home. Flags of all nations were used in decorating the ball, which, combined with the flowers and electrical effects were very beautiful. Everest's full orchestra, from Portland discoursed fanciful music during the evening, to which the dancers tripped the light fantastic to their heart's content.

Twenty-two dances were on the program and it was not till the call of the roosters announced the approach of a new born day that the merry-makers departed for their homes, tired but happy.

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ROBERT A. MILLER.

WILL LIKELY MAKE THE RACE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS.

He is One of the Best Kown Citizens of Clackamas County.

It is general understood that Colonel Robert A. Miller, one of the most prominent lawyers of Oregon City will make the race for the Democratic nomination for congressman from the first Oregon district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Representative Tongue.



Col. Miller has been prominent in the politics of Oregon for twenty years, having made a race for congress before Oregon had two Congressional districts.

He is a fine stumper, a good lawyer and an excellent citizen and if he gets the Democratic nomination the two thousand Republican majority in the district will likely be wiped out. The Courier wishes him success in his political aspirations.

THE AFTERMATH.

An Interesting Law Suit and Some Side Lights That It Will Exhibit.

A further and somewhat critical examination of the suit recently instituted by the Gladstone Real Estate Association, to enjoin the Sheriff, John R. Shaver, from selling its property at delinquent tax sale for the unpaid taxes of 1901, shows a more interesting state of affairs than was at first supposed. In the further development of the case there will be some genuine surprises that will no doubt engage the attention of the readers of the Courier, if indeed they are not surprised and astounded at the revelation contained in this present article which are now given out to the public for the first time.

We are not concerned with the affairs of this particular corporation and expect it to pay its just share of the public burdens that the law puts upon it. However, let it be said in fairness that we are not in sympathy with the hasty criticism often heard indulged in by some prejudiced people who seem to delight in ascribing unfair motives to every act that does not square up to their own idea of propriety.

We find upon an examination of the records that this company paid its entire taxes, amounting to the large sum of about \$800, for the year 1900, and no doubt but for the heavy losses by forest fires that occurred this last season would have made the payment this year in time to have saved any extra costs.

The taxes assessed against this corporation for 1901 amounted to a sum approximating \$750, which the management could have paid with penalty and interest by the middle of December on account of the sale of certain property made for that special purpose. In the meantime, however, the delinquent list was published by the sheriff covering four pages of the Enterprise with a description of the property of this company, one page more than was occupied by the whole delinquent tax list of Multnomah county, as printed in the Oregonian, and notwithstanding the delinquent tax for Clackamas county was the smallest for years past. The plan adopted by the sheriff was to make four lines for every lot, which at 15 cents a line would add 60 cents to the tax on each lot, and increasing the charge against the entire property by some \$800. In other words in a week's time the tax charge against The Gladstone Real Estate Association was run up to nearly \$1700. It is this graft that the company proposes to fight, but avers its willingness to pay what is rightfully due.

The following allegation in the complaint shows the attitude of the company on this point:

"Plaintiff further says that it has been willing to waive the irregularities in the said assessment, of said property and pay as taxes for the year 1901, such an amount as would be due if the assessment had been lawfully made thereon

and did on that account, for the purpose of avoiding litigation and the expense incident thereto, duly tender on the 6th day of February, 1903, to the defendant, John R. Shaver, tax collector for said county, the full sum of \$850 in gold coin of the United States as payment for the taxes on said property with costs and expenses for the said year, 1901, and plaintiff avers its willingness to make such payment and brings the said sum into court in satisfaction of the alleged claim of defendants."

The sheriff claims that in advertising the delinquent tax sale, he has followed the law, but in this connection it is at least interesting to note, that our sheriff is the only one in the entire state to adopt such a policy. The Courier has taken special note of the newspapers from all over the state, and not one has followed such a plan. Surely all the brains and law is not in Clackamas county alone. The serious matter is that our commissioners' court has paid the "fattened up" bill of the Oregon City Enterprise for the printing of such list amounting to a gross sum of nearly \$1700.

Now for the Courier's part in this matter. Little by little the links have been welded into a chain of evidence until now this newspaper can announce on authority and with the proof to back it up, that the whole advertising contract that the county has with the Oregon City Enterprise is rotten to the core.

Along about last June the editor of the then Courier Herald made a flat bid for the county printing, and at such low figure as to compel the County Commissioners to advertise for bids. When the time came to open these bids the bid of the Courier-Herald had disappeared from the files and the editor of the paper absolutely refused to put in any bid whatever, and the contract was let to the Oregon City Enterprise at a much higher figure than that named in the bid of the Courier-Herald.

The explanation of this extraordinary conduct or state of affairs is that the editor of the Enterprise and the editor of the Courier-Herald had gotten together and pooled the interests or rather had formed a small-sized trust and made the county put up as much for the county printing as the "traffic would bear." Under this agreement the editor of the Courier-Herald was to get 33 1/2 per cent of the graft and do nothing while the editor of the Enterprise was to do the work and get 66 2/3 per cent of the swag.

Now the Enterprise did the work and has collected the graft from the county \$1,650 good hard dollars and because the Courier which is in the meantime had changed hands and the new proprietors turned the searchlight on this kind of questionable business, refuses to "divy up" with the ex-editor of the Courier. An interesting law suit between these two persons is likely to follow as they entered into a written agreement which was signed, sealed and delivered and deposited with a prominent citizen of Oregon City, and gave bond for the faithful performance of this contract.

This contract and its resulting influence had a great deal to do with the result of the last election in Clackamas county, and certainly will furnish room for quiet reflection upon the part of all those citizens of the county who are looking forward to better things in the management of the business of the county.

A very bad look is put upon the transaction from the fact that the sheriff is also a stockholder in the Enterprise and as such would naturally share in the profit arising from this unholy contract.

The Courier proposes to merit the approval of all good people in this new land of promise and can only deserve the right to live and prosper by throwing a searchlight into every dark corner. Help us to turn on the light.

As wife and mother she filled the full measure of splendid womanhood. The little boy has gone to join her in the spirit world. May their ashes rest in peace until that great day when the dead shall arise and walk.

AN OPEN SESSION.

Falls City Lodge No. 59 Entertain Its Friends.

What promises to be a very pleasant evening is the entertainment and open session of Falls City Lodge No. 59 A. O. U. W. at Willamette hall next Saturday night. An elaborate program has been provided and will be rendered on that occasion. An address will be delivered by Rev. G. H. Osborn and a musical program will be rendered that will be exceedingly good. Rev.

Walter L. Holcomb, a well-known pioneer of this state and county, died at his home in this city Tuesday. He was born in 1838, and came to Oregon when 20 years of age, settling in this county. He took up a donation claim beyond Clackamas Heights, and his claim has been known as one of the best in the county for years. He was the father of 11 children, nine of whom survive him, two sons and seven daughters. The funeral services were conducted at the home at noon Thursday, after which the remains were laid to rest in Arthur's Prairie cemetery, near Logan.

Osborn is a fine vocalist. Past Grand Master Ralph Feeny will also be present and deliver an address. Falls City Lodge A. O. U. W. is one of the oldest and strongest benevolent societies in the city. They have 275 members and are growing rapidly. The public is invited to this entertainment.

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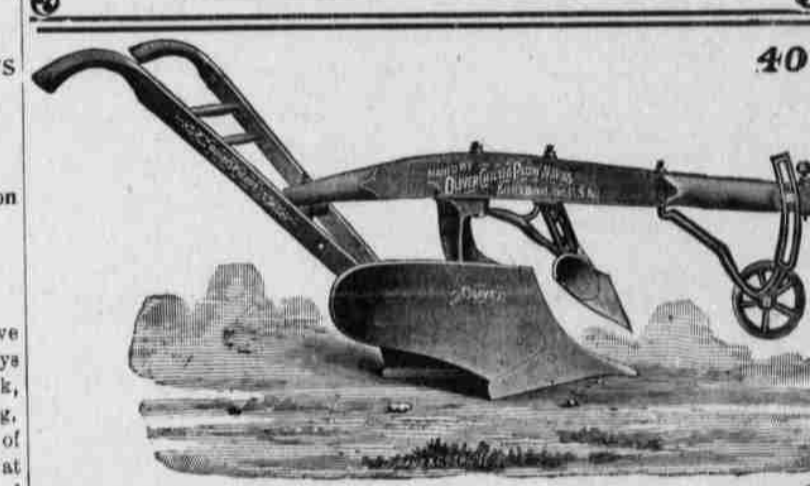
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