

# OREGON CITY COURIER

## MEMBERS ARE DELINQUENT

Board of Trade Stockholders Decline to Pay.

## INSURANCE TALKED

Business of Home Company Is Doubtful As Large Capital Would Be Required.

The Board of Trade held a meeting and discussed several matters among them being the delinquency of more than a dozen members of the Board who agreed to pay \$1 per month for 20 shares for a share of stock in the Board and have now refused to put in the money. O. D. Eby, J. E. Adams and John Adams were named as a committee to look into the matter.

Delegates from the Board to the convention at Hood River to be held October 11-13 have all announced their intention of attending and of bringing samples of Clackamas County products for exhibition.

Several fire insurance companies doing business here stated that it was a practical impossibility to secure information. This committee was continued however, as well as the committee appointed to look into the possible formation of a home company. The railroad committee presented a brief report and was continued.

At a last meeting of the board held one month ago a committee was named to investigate the standing of several fire insurance companies doing business in Oregon City, and also requested to report on the possibility of forming a local company. The first mission of the committee has been a failure as little or nothing could be ascertained relative to the standing of the companies that carry policies here. In every instance their agents stated that the companies were in the best of shape financially and further that none of them had been mixed up in anything over the San Francisco disaster which was followed by a general increase over the city of 25 per cent in fire insurance rates.

## EXAMINATION FOR CARRIERS.

The Post Office Department has returned the Civil Service Commission that city free delivery service will be established at Oregon City, Oregon, December 1, 1906. In order to supply carriers for the free delivery service the Civil Service Commission announces a clerk-carrier examination to be held at Oregon City, Oregon, October 20, 1906. Age limit is 45 years. Any vacancies in the position of clerk in the Oregon City Postoffice will be filled from this examination. All persons who are qualified are urged to apply for and take this examination. Applicants should apply to the Postmaster at Oregon City, Oregon, or to the Secretary of the 12th Civil Service District, room 241 Post Office Building, San Francisco, Cal., for application and information concerning the examination. Applications must be filed with the District Secretary at San Francisco.

## ELECTION IS APPROACHING

New City Government to Be Chosen In December.

## CAUFIELD MAY RUN AGAIN

Law Provides For Primary Nominations But This Will Probably Be Evaded.

With the smoke of battle of the general state and county elections of last June hardly cleared away, there comes upon the good people of this city the annual city election. Last year the citizens put up a ticket and the Independents placed another in the field, and if there had been room, the good-government people would have had still another, and there was no limit to names and tickets. But this year the primary nominating law is in force and on Saturday, November 3, the candidates for city offices may be nominated according to law. The Democrats and the Republicans may enter the arena and scrap for the spoils of municipal office, which at its best is a thankless job.

Mayor E. G. Canfield, who was elected last December by an overwhelming majority, is a Democrat, but he is no fire eater and takes little public interest in politics. He is widely mentioned for a second term though there are loud whispers of opposition. Mr. Canfield is a careful, level headed business man and has made a very good mayor.

Retiring councilmen are A. Knapp, M. Justin and H. E. Straight. M. D. Latourette is the city treasurer, appointed by the mayor to fill the unexpired term of Jack R. Canfield, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Latourette is a Democrat also. The logical successor to the present city treasurer would be himself, as that official is usually given two or three terms.

Politics have never entered widely into municipal affairs here and its absence has been entirely satisfactory. Candidates run on their merits. Two years ago the Republicans placed a ticket in the field without success. Democrats have been elected by large majorities with the help of Republican votes and Republicans have been assisted into office by their Democratic brethren. But all this peace and harmony may be destroyed because the law says that the primary nominating system shall govern. Notices have been posted according to law for Republican and Democratic primaries.

However, the prevailing sentiment of the people of the Falls City has always been against interjecting politics into municipal elections and this same sentiment is as strong as it ever was. Because the law says that the city recorder or clerk shall post notices for party primaries, it does not follow that these primaries will be held. Any person wishing to become a candidate for office and desiring to make the race on the Democratic or Republican ticket, must be nominated in the regular channels. But if these party men do not appear, and it seems probable at this time they will not, the nominations will be as in former years, by petition of the voters, who, in such cases, hold the candidate in high esteem and repose special confidence in his ability to handle successfully the office to which he aspires.

## Two Women Want Divorces.

Attorney George C. Brownell is the attorney in two divorce suits that were filed yesterday afternoon in the Circuit Court. Mrs. Margaret Riggs and Mrs. Biggs seek legal separation from their husbands and the former has a tale of woe to tell. Mrs. Biggs was married in this city April 16, 1891, to Thomas H. Biggs and alleges that her husband deserted her on September 30 of the same year. Mrs. Margaret Riggs was married at Canby, Or., October 1, 1896, to Charles C. Riggs.

## GINSENG IS EXPERIMENT

A. Fiske Believes Plant Can Be Grown Here.

## ONE POUND IS WORTH \$8

By Next Spring the Result Will Be Apparent and Fiske May Have a Fortune.

It has remained for A. Fiske, who lives eight miles from Molalla, near Wilhoit Springs, to try his hand at raising ginseng. He believes that ginseng can be produced successfully in Clackamas County and is backing his faith to the tune of several thousand dollars.

Mr. Fiske came here nearly two years ago from Colorado, where he had lived for more than 50 years. His relatives there told him that he would not stay in Oregon more than one day, as the rain fell here by the gallon, but Mr. Fiske's first impressions were favorable and have continued to improve. With plenty of time on his hands, he decided to experiment with ginseng, which is used extensively as a medicine by the Chinese and is worth from \$5 to \$8 a pound. This stuff is not measured by acres, as one acre would produce something like \$20,000. Mr. Fiske proceeded to purchase some roots and seeds, for which he plunked up \$500 in the coin of the realm, and some of the good people of Molalla have had something to say about a fool and his money. Dried roots cost him about \$8 a pound. He planted 75,000 roots and seeds in one quarter of an acre of ground. In this small plot he put in 15,000 roots and the remainder in seeds.

"The wet weather of the coming winter may injure my crop," said Mr. Fiske, who was in the city yesterday, "but I shall be very careful and think I can protect them. I put in a few roots nearly two years ago, in the Spring of 1905 to be exact, and I am anxious to see how they will come up next Spring, as about two years must elapse after planting before the success of the experiment can be estimated. I expect to put in 20,000 more seeds this fall." Ginseng can stand no sun and is shaded with lath or other lumber. The crop requires little work, and only a little weeding is necessary. The result of Mr. Fiske's experiment will be watched with interest, and if he is successful, others may follow his lead. The only drawback to the growing of ginseng is that it takes from five to eight years before roots are marketable.

## REBEKAHS AT OSWEGO.

Oregon City Degree Team Assists at Initiation of Candidates.

Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city went to Oswego Thursday night to assist in the initiation of three candidates and help in putting on the floor work. Six vehicles took the party down and the evening was pleasantly and profitably spent. Refreshments were served to the visitors by the members of the Oswego lodge and the return was made at a late hour. Those who made the trip were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Scripture, Miss May Mark, Mrs. E. L. Leighton, Mrs. Harry M. Shaw, Mrs. Mary Miles, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scott, Miss Anna Wilehart, Mrs. J. E. Jack, Mrs. Wheeler Church, Miss Anna Fisher, Miss Jennie Wilkinson, Miss Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Lizzie Finnegan, Mrs. Belle A. Sleight, Miss Ella Shaver, Miss Louva Randall, Miss Eva Moulton, Miss Dora Fry.

On the way down an accident occurred near the west end of the suspension bridge. There is a party of people camped along side the road and when lodge delegation was driving past a dog ran out and nipped the heels of the horses that were attached to the buggy driven by J. L. Waldron. The occupants were thrown out and Miss Eva Moulton sustained severe bruises.

## HIGH DECK ON BRIDGE

Oswego People Ask For a New Thoroughfare.

## NOT IN TOUCH WITH CITY

Plan Outlined To Utilize the Structure of Southern Pacific Across the Willamette.

The good people of Oswego and vicinity, who have been out of touch with Oregon City for many years because of inadequate transportation have formulated a plan which, if carried out, will be a considerable benefit to the business men of this city.

George W. Prosser, a prominent citizen of Oswego, was in town Tuesday conferring with Attorney J. U. Campbell, who will represent the people of Oswego at the next term of the County Court and will petition for financial co-operation in the construction of an upper deck to the new bridge that will be constructed by the Southern Pacific Company across the Willamette at Oswego. The Railroad Company is now making the final location for the bridge and it is believed that if the Company and Clackamas County will join hands that the upper deck for the passage of teams and pedestrians can be constructed at a reasonable cost.

This feature would bring Oswego much nearer to Oregon city. The residents of that locality are at present easier of access to the Portland markets than to this place and in order to reach Oregon City they have to go via Portland and this takes from two to three hours unless they choose to drive up the West side road. With the bridge constructed as proposed, the Oswego people could walk across and catch an electric car to this city arriving here inside of thirty minutes after leaving home. It is considered probable that the County Court will meet any reasonable proposition for the establishment of this improvement half way.

## PASSED UP TO M'BRIDE

Circuit Court Will Decide Controversy Over Road Money.

Into the hands of the Circuit Judge T. A. McBride, has been thrown the controversy between Oregon City and Clackamas County over the share of the road fund that the city is entitled to. The City attorney, J. U. Campbell, and County Judge Dimick, will agree to the facts in the case after a conference and will present these facts to the Circuit Court for a ruling.

The city claims 60 per cent of the road fund in accordance with the provisions of the city charter, but they have received only 50 per cent for the years 1904 and 1905. The difference is about \$850 claimed by the city. The county court levying the tax for 1904 made a levy of 20 1/2 mills, dividing it among the different funds and apportioning 125 thousands to the road fund and 115 thousands to the bridge fund. The county claimed that the bridge fund really belonged to the general fund while the city claims that the money being expended for the repair of bridges, belongs to the road fund. These adverse claims make a difference of about \$1200.

The general law provides that 50 per cent of the road money collected in a district must be expended within such district. The former county court took the position that that law, being enacted subsequent to the city charter, repealed by implication the section of the city charter giving the municipality 60 per cent of the road fund.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grisenthwaite, of Beaver Creek, were visitors in the city Friday.

## NEW DEPOT IS NEEDED

S. P. Station Is Inadequate to Handle Business.

## MORE ROOM IS ESSENTIAL

Building Material Has Been on Ground For Months But Construction Is Delayed.

The traveling public and the merchants of this city are complaining loudly about the inadequate facilities supplied by the Southern Pacific Company at this point. Stagnation of freight cannot be prevented because the quarters for storing goods are not half as large as they ought to be, and the waiting room at the station is no larger than the average bedroom. Officials of the company announced more than a year ago that a new depot would be constructed at Oregon City. Some months ago the further intelligence was received that the plans were drawn and that work would be commenced without delay. Lumber in huge quantities was rushed to this city forthwith and it has been piled up since the 5th of last July, but nothing more has been done. Under the steps down by the water tank and near the Fourth street stairway there is a great supply of all kinds of lumber, including roofing, sash and doors, counters, hardware, etc. In fact, everything necessary for the construction of the depot is there awaiting the hand of the workman.

The business of the Southern Pacific Company here has kept pace with the growth of the town, but the facilities for handling this business have remained as they were many years ago. There is hardly a city the size of Oregon City anywhere that has such an apology for a passenger and freight station as the company maintains here.

It is certain that the company intends building a new depot, but why the matter has been held up cannot be ascertained here. It is said that the exact location, once determined, may be changed and this matter has not yet reached a point where work can go ahead. In the meantime the business men, as well as the employees of the company, are laboring under considerable difficulty in securing a delivery of freight promptly. The merchants hope for better service and believe that it is ultimately coming, for the preparations in sight made by the company are a guarantee of good faith.

## MR. MUGGETT PROTESTS.

Says Officer Cooke Was Over-Zealous and That He Was Sober.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 2.—(Editor of the Courier.)—In last week's Courier an item appeared with this heading "Farmer Hit By Officer." It should have been, "Officer Assaults Farmer." The facts are these: As Mr. Nicholas, Wm. Hettman, Mr. Robison and myself were leaving town Saturday, in some manner one of the lines became broken and the team—one of which is a very spirited animal—started to run, but Mr. Nicholas stopped them. Then Officer Cooke, then unknown to me, came out where we were and we requested him to fasten the line for us. But Cooke, who appeared to be intoxicated, began talking about us running the team. He was in plain clothes and apparently drunk. I told him to get to hell, which he refused to do, but did hit me over the head with his cane. I then asked him what he hit me for and he said: "I am an officer and will learn you to tell me to go to hell."

I was then taken to jail, but through the kindness of a lady, who witnessed the whole affair and went and saw the mayor, I was released. Those who witnessed the assault, several of them being ladies, say I was sober and should prosecute Mr. Cooke. In fact it was simply a case of an over-zealous officer with a newly acquired star.

FRANK MUGGETT. P. NICHOLAS.

## CONVENTION MEETS HERE

Sunday School Association Closes Next Week.

## PROGRAM GIVEN IN FULL

New Field Worker Will Take a Prominent Part In the Three Days' Convention.

The program of the Clackamas County Sunday School Convention, to be held in this city October 19-20-21 in the Baptist Church, is given in full below. It will be seen to promise an unusually interesting and profitable session, which it is hoped will be largely attended by delegates from all the schools of the county and by all who are interested in this work. All delegates will be entertained by the people of Oregon City.

This county has paid its apportionment for the state work for the year ending in June, 1907, thus helping to secure the services of Mr. Phipps, formerly of Spokane, Wash., as our new field worker for the state and he will take a prominent part in the exercises. State President R. R. Steele, who is the principal of the Portland schools, will deliver two important addresses on Saturday, the 20 inst. Dr. Babbitt will speak to boys, and others from Portland will help to make this convention a success and an inspiration to all who come.

The convention will be held in the First Baptist Church. Each school is entitled to two delegates, provided that schools having more than 50 members may send one additional delegate for every 15 members above that number. The officers of the Association are George Randall, president; Mrs. Geo. C. Brownell, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Nash, secretary; Emery Dye, treasurer.

The program for the convention follows: Friday, afternoon session, 2 o'clock. Opening exercises. President Geo. Randall. Address of welcome. Hon. C. H. Dye. Response. Rev. J. J. Patton. "The Average Sunday School," Mr. Phipps. "The Primary Department," Mrs. W. A. White. "The Home Department," Mrs. T. E. Gault. Discussion. Evening session, 7:30 o'clock. Song service. Rev. H. B. Robins. "What We Should Know About Our Pupils," Rev. K. C. Blackwell. "Evangelism in the Sunday School," Mr. Phipps.

Saturday, morning session, 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises. Rev. J. R. Landsborough. "Opening and Closing Exercises," Mrs. C. A. Nash. Discussion. "Sunday School Records and How to Keep Them," C. Schuebel. "The Boy Problem," Mr. Phipps. "Methods of Ingathering," Rev. H. B. Robins. Business session. Afternoon session, 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises. "Decision Day and Its Possibilities," Rev. J. R. Landsborough. "Grading the School," R. R. Steele. "The Organized Men's Class in the Sunday School," Mr. H. W. Davis. "The Teachers' Opportunity," Mr. Phipps.

Question Box. Business session. Evening session, 7:30 o'clock. Song service. Mr. Loder. "Our Future," Mr. A. A. Morse. "The Modern Sunday School," Mr. Phipps. Sunday, afternoon session, 3 o'clock. Address to boys, "A Critical Time in a Boy's Life," Dr. C. M. Babbitt. "The Book," Mr. Phipps. Sunday evening, union service, 7:30 o'clock. Singing hymns. Prayer. Scripture. Anthem. Collection and announcements. Song. "A Call to Services," Mr. Phipps.

Three Marriage Licenses. Another busy day in the matrimonial department of the clerk's office was recorded Thursday when three marriage licenses were issued to Amanda Klebe and Harry Moehne, both of Highland; Lucretia M. Dennis and J. Bennett Blair, of Portland, and Carrie Webster and Lloyd Lancefield.