

# OREGON CITY COURIER

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## HALF OF STOCK IS SUBSCRIBED

County Fair Association to Be Organized Tuesday.

## WILL ELECT DIRECTORS

Willamette League Offers Fine Site For Permanent Home of Clackamas County Fair.

There is no chance of failure of the Clackamas County Fair Association, for 175 shares of stock have been subscribed. The necessary number is 201, and it is expected that this amount will be subscribed by the middle of next week. The capital stock is \$2000, and 210 shares will bring the fund to \$1005. This will give the association an opportunity to go ahead and make arrangements for the first fair, which take place in Gladstone Park, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 9, 10 and 11.

The Willamette Development League is ready to make an offer of a permanent site for the County Fair, and C. A. Miller, superintendent of the Willamette Falls Railway, says there is ample space along the Willamette River frontage for a mile circular race track. The mammoth springs at Willamette are well known and the grove is a beautiful spot, where many picnics are held every summer. It is argued that the establishment of the fair site at Willamette would tend to solidify the interests of the county, and bring the west side into closer touch with the county seat. The trade of the Wilsonville and Stafford country goes to Portland at the present time, or at least most of it does. The officers of the Willamette Development League say that the location of the fair site at their town would have a tendency to bring exhibits from farmers along the river, who would have easy access by steamer to the fair grounds. It is not likely, however, that this matter will be finally determined for several months. The first fair will be held in Gladstone Park, which was offered for the purpose by H. E. Cross, of the Gladstone Real Estate Association, and the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Assembly. There is little question but that other sites will be offered, and that the most suitable one will be taken for the permanent home.

Stockholders Meet Tuesday. The first meeting of the stockholders of the Fair Association will be held in the county courtroom on Tuesday of next week, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This meeting has just

been called by Captain James P. Shaw, chairman of the committee on organization, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may arise. It is confidently anticipated that by next Tuesday a majority of the stock of \$2000 will have been subscribed as this is actually necessary for organization, and in order to secure a quorum for the transaction of business it is important that all stockholders should be present, either in person or by proxy. Proxies may be sent to Captain Shaw by any other holder of stock.

**MR. LINDEN APPROVES.**  
Thanks the Press for Its Great Work Along Public Lines.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 4.—Dear Mr. Brodie—I write to tell you that the people whom I serve in Oregon City appreciate very much the fearless stand the papers, which you represent, have taken in reference to the closing of the notorious Milwaukie Club.

If it were not for the publicity these papers have given to the affair, we doubt if so speedy a victory had been won. Personally, I am glad to have these papers come into my home and I am sure their stand has won many friends. Very cordially yours,  
JOHN M. LINDEN,  
Pastor First Baptist Church of Oregon City.

**MONSTER LOG DRIVE.**  
Twelve Million Feet of Lumber Coming to Oregon City.

A large log drive containing 12,000,000 feet of lumber is en route to Oregon City from near Eugene. At the present time the raft is drifting down the Willamette between Corvallis and Albany and will arrive in the upper river at Oregon City on or about September 20.

This huge raft with a complement of 30 men and 8 horses, was cut and constructed by the Spaulding Logging Company of Newberg; the logs will be used by the Columbia Paper and Pulp Company in the manufacture of paper at the West Side mills.

The Spaulding company has saw mills at Salem and Newberg. It handles red and yellow fir and hemlock principally, and the paper mills here have been large buyers from the Spaulding company for years.

**TIMBERS CRUSHED HIS THIGH.**  
David Cole Seriously Injured While Working Near Wilsonville.

David Cole, who resides near Wilsonville, met with an accident Thursday, which nearly cost him his life. While working among some logs he was caught by the heavy timbers rolling on him, crushing his thigh in a frightful manner. He was taken to a hospital in Portland, where he is resting easily. Mr. Cole is about 33 years old, and has a wife and four small children.



Falls of the Willamette, increased power from which is being harnessed by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company

## BUILDING BOOM IN OREGON CITY

Extensive Improvements Are Now Under Way.

## NEW BRICK STRUCTURES

Portland Railway Light and Power Company Planning to Construct Huge Power Plant.

Improvement is the order of the age and busy scenes are daily being enacted in this city. The work that will mean the most to Oregon City is that of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which is spending about \$100,000 this summer. Early in April soundings were taken and a flood wall

of concrete is being placed across the head of the basin, which will be closed as far as old Station A. This will be used for a coffer dam when the construction commences on the new high power station, which will be built in section. The company has had employed about 150 men this summer. Its ultimate intention is to construct heavy concrete piers on the west side of the river and these will be utilized to support a drift boom, whose purpose is to divert drifts from Station B pond. Extensive repairs will be made to the canal and locks and it is expected to complete this work before October 1. Excavation has been in progress for the new power plant on the east side and the rock from the excavation is being used for the concrete work. Probably by next spring the actual construction of the new plant will commence. This high power plant will be built in 10,000 horse power sections, with three units to the section. Multnomah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., is erecting a new temple on Main street, between Seventh and Eighth streets and the walls are now going up. This will be the largest brick building in the city, with the exception of the mills and factories. It will be three and one-half stories in height and will cover about one-eighth of a block. Adjoining this building, will be erected a two story brick structure by J. Wallace Cole. The Masonic Temple will probably be ready for occupancy by the late fall. Dr. John McLoughlin Institute on the property of St. John's Church is nearing completion. The exterior is finished and workmen are now busy getting the interior in readiness for

## HEDGES CLOSES FOUR COUNTIES

Stops Gambling Throughout His Entire District.

## ACTS WITHOUT PRESSURE

District Attorney Cleans Out Evil in Clackamas, Columbia, Clatsop and Washington.

Gambling has been closed by District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges in Astoria, the city by the sea, and in every one of the four counties in the fifth judicial district—Clatsop, Clackamas, Columbia and Washington. The district attorney said two weeks ago when he closed the saloons on Sundays in these counties that he would act locally relative to the enforcement of the state laws and his action on Tuesday afternoon he sent the following order to his deputies, John C. McCue, of Astoria, Clatsop County; John M. Wall, of Hillsboro, Washington County; and W. H. Powell, of St. Helens, Columbia County:

## MILMAUKIE DEN CLOSED TIGHT

Hedges and Beatie Force Down the Lid.

## ORDER WAS KEPT SECRET

Notorious Club Was Ordered Suppressed Before City Churches Had Begun An Agitation.

District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges is authorized by the statement that the Milwaukie Country Club will stay closed, and that there will be no relaxation on the part of the Clackamas County officials. Mr. Hedges says that he hoped the closing of the club would have been kept from the public until the Oregon City churches would have had an opportunity to meet together and pass some more resolutions.

"It is very strange to me," said he, "that not a member of an Oregon City Church came to me and asked what my intentions and plans were. It may be that they did not want to know. I am here in my office all the time, except when I am absent from the city on official business. I am an approachable man, anybody can talk to me, but instead of calling on me, the church people waited until I was out of the city, and took a time when Deputy District Attorney O. D. Eby was also absent, and passed a set of resolutions and gave them to the press. They were not even handed to me in person, but sent through the mail. Their actions are surprising."

"As a matter of fact Sheriff Beatie and myself conferred over the question of closing the Milwaukie Club as early as two weeks ago, and agreed that the place must be suppressed. We did not shout our intentions from the housetops, but on Saturday of last week Sheriff Beatie quietly notified the promoters of the place that they must close, and he gave them one week's grace, which they used, and it has been seen that his orders were obeyed. The following day I went to St. Helens to conduct a murder trial, and did not return until last Thursday. Mr. Eby was in Nevada on business, and Sheriff Beatie was left alone and unsupported by any authorized officer of the District Attorney's office. If he had yielded to the clamor of the newspapers and arrested the Milwaukie gamblers, he would have had no support. There was no reason why we should have informed everybody that the place had been ordered closed. We knew that we had done our whole duty, but during the last week we have been vilified and abused through the public press, and never given a chance to carry out our plans without interference.

"It is not my policy to say what I am going to do, but to simply go ahead

pressure, after having been spurred to their duty. He intimated that the District Attorney and Sheriff had been reading the code and statutes of Oregon, where penalty is provided in the event of officers failing to perform their sworn duty.

"While this vile den has been closed," said Mr. Linden, "rigilance should still be the order and watchword of the supporters of law enforcement. We do not know how long this new condition will last." He expressed the feeling that the people of Milwaukie and Clackamas County ought to feel grateful over the attitude of the press.

## PAST HISTORY OF THE CLUB.

Grand Jury Two Years Ago Made Request for More Power.

Mr. Hedges was appointed to the office he now holds only six months ago and during that time he has been unusually busy over routine court matters. He has had two murder trials that have caused him many days of study and he has won victories in both of the cases. His attitude on the question of law enforcement was clearly outlined when he closed every saloon in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia and Washington Counties on Sundays. No pressure was brought to bear upon him, but he saw his duty and did it.

Search among the records of the Clackamas County courthouse disclosed the report of the last grand jury that was impaneled in November, 1905. This jury was composed of a representative body of Clackamas farmers and they were N. H. Darnall, J. C. Elliot, L. D. Watkins, Henry Gans, Frank Zollner, O. F. Zinner and S. Thomas. After being in session for several days and being assisted in their investigations by District Attorney Harrison Allen and his deputy, Christopher Schuebel, they handed down the following report:

We have diligently investigated all charges of violation of the gambling laws, and have returned certain indictments which have been reported to the Court. We think, however, that it is extremely difficult to suppress gambling for the reason that the authority of the state officers to forcibly close and keep closed places where gambling is carried on, and to incur expenses for such purposes, is questionable, and without such authority it is almost impossible for the state officers to suppress gambling and pool rooms.

We therefore suggest the enactment of laws by the state legislature giving the sheriff power to summarily and forcibly close and keep closed all places where gambling is carried on, including pool rooms, and providing means for the expenses incurred in so doing.

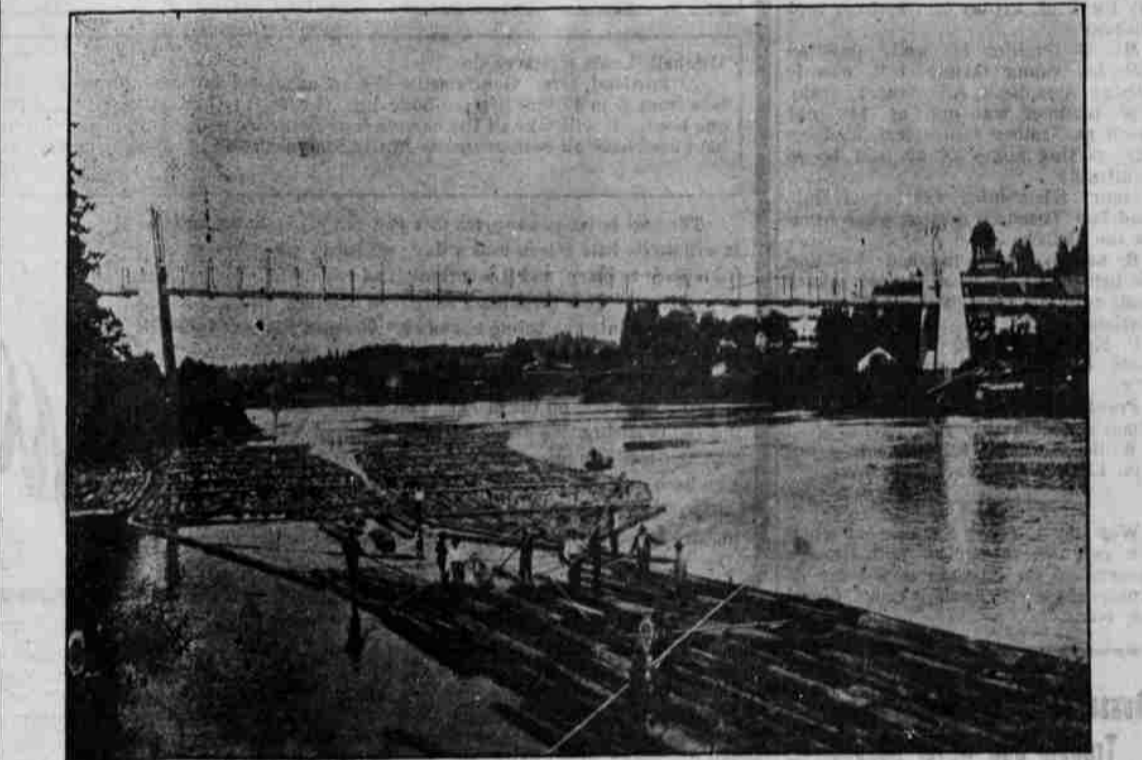
The investigation was mainly due to the action of the local authorities of the town of Milwaukie, which receives a license fee of \$1200 per annum from the Milwaukie Country Club. On the night of August 5, 1905, a constable and his deputies entered the clubhouse with warrants for the arrest of Fred Bennett, John Brown and Peter St. Marie, and others whom they might find engaged in gambling. These men were arrested and released upon deposit of \$200 to appear before Justice Gracie, who bound them over in sums of \$500 each to come before the November term of the Circuit Court. Milwaukie citizens also obtained a warrant for the arrest of Jesse Keck, city recorder of Milwaukie, charging him with wilful neglect in not informing against and prosecuting certain persons whom he had reason to believe were guilty of gambling. He was also bound over to the Circuit Court. The sureties for these men were Isaac Gratton, whose occupation was given in the bond as a "sawmill man," and I. L. Hildenbrand, a "capitalist." Gratton and M. G. Nease were also arrested, and the grand jury indicted Gratton on a charge of gambling and returned indictments against both Nease and Gratton for committing an act that disturbed the public peace. The case was quietly conducted, Gratton and Nease pleaded guilty to the charges and paid fines of \$100 each. The other cases came up from the Milwaukie Justice Court and were dismissed, and that was the last of the Milwaukie Country Club prosecution.

Carl Steinbleker, with more money than brains, fell into the hands of the chairman last winter, and was skinned. He brought suit May 16 of this year, against the club and Gratton to recover \$1400, alleging that he had lost half of that amount while playing faro at the resort. This case is still pending on an unlimited number of demurrers, answers and other legal obstacles.

## BUSY BEE HUMS.

Milwaukie Paper Takes a Poke at Oregon City People.

The Milwaukie Bee, that is furnished a building, rent free, by the Milwaukie Club spouts the following: "And along with our other troubles comes the desire of some of our straight-laced citizens of the county to close the Milwaukie Country Club. The church people in Oregon City, who are not concerned in the matter one iota, and are not harmed by it a particle, think the proper thing to do is to pull the nose out of Milwaukie's eye, when perhaps a saw log is in their own eye. Oregon City would think the Bee was very impudent if we were to go to asking questions about the money they received from their saloons, etc. The people who are so worked up over seeing a house by the side of the railroad track as they pass by, might look the other way and they wouldn't see anything



WILLAMETTE RIVER SCENE  
Millions of Feet of Logs are Being Received and Will be Made into Thousands of Tons of Paper

the opening of school in September. This will be a three story building, with a large annex, and will replace the present St. John's Parochial and High School.

On Main street north of Eleventh, Frank Busch is erecting a large store and warehouse and expects to move in about October 1. The building has a frontage of 5 feet, and a depth of 105 feet. The lower floor under the raised street will be utilized for a warehouse and three upper floors for furniture salesrooms.

Judge T. F. Ryan is having his home at Gladstone renovated, and when all the repairs are finished will be one of the finest country homes in Clackamas. The house is situated on a slightly place over the mouth of the Clackamas river and overlooking the Willamette. The house is of colonial architecture and has seventeen rooms. The veranda, which is ten feet wide, is 160 feet in length, with twenty colonial pillars, and in the summer months the east veranda will be used as a dining room, while the one on the west side of the house will be used as a sitting room. The roof on the rear of the house has been raised and this will be used as a nursery, making a room 24x26 feet,

and do it after my plans have been matured. I did not expect to have the churches rise up and call me blessed, but I did hope to have fair treatment and conduct my office unhampered by the press and resolutions of the clergy and their congregations. Two weeks ago I announced that the Sunday closing law would be strictly enforced in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia and Washington counties, and the saloons have been closed tight on Sundays. Not a single Oregon City minister has in any manner communicated to me his approbation of my course in so doing. All of the Astoria ministers have.

There is no love lost, and extremely strained relations exist between the ministers of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and District Attorney Hedges and Sheriff Beatie. Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, wants to know why the Sheriff did not seize the paraphernalia and arrest the gamblers for violating the law. Beyond a simple announcement that the Country Club had been closed, Mr. Landsborough made no comments from his pulpit. Rev. John M. Linden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, said he was glad to announce that the club was closed, and stated that the officials had acted only under

triet at this time. He believed the time was not yet ripe for such a move and stated that whenever he acted he expected opposition and wanted to be assured that the local authorities in the several counties, but in Astoria particularly, would stand behind him. This desired assurance came sooner than he expected and Tuesday there came to him from Astoria the knowledge that both the county and city officials of that city would enter no bar to his progress along reform lines. Late Tuesday afternoon he sent the following order to his deputies, John C. McCue, of Astoria, Clatsop County; John M. Wall, of Hillsboro, Washington County; and W. H. Powell, of St. Helens, Columbia County:

To whom it may concern: I call attention to Section 1944 of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Code and Statutes of Oregon, which reads as follows: "Gambling Unlawful.—Each and every person who shall deal, play or carry on, open or cause to be opened, or who shall conduct either as owner, proprietor, or employe, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, ruzge et noir, jacquet, net, rond, vingtun (or twenty-one), poker, draw-poker, brag, bluff, thaw,

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