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# OREGON CITY COURIER

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## HUNTING TROUBLE.

### COUNCILMAN BEARD IS NOT EASILY SATISFIED.

### MANY WORDS, FEW POINTS.

### Thinks the Man who is Honest is Representing.

Councilman William Beard does not like what the Courier said last week about the council—and we don't blame him—and the Enterprise he comes back with a half column article in which he states that he resents the Courier's statements—and that is about all he does state. Now the Courier doesn't want any individual fight with any individual councilman over this matter. There is fight enough on now without enlarging the field of battle. It is already mixed up with business, friendship, politics and religion. Of Mr. Beard, and other members of the council as well, the Courier can say it believes he is honest, strictly on the level, and that he will act as his convictions tell him to act. But—and here's a little story that illustrates the "but." In the senate chamber at Albany, N. Y., the writer saw a man stand up before the session, ruin his political future, go back on the man who made him and vote against a bill which he knew would pass by an overwhelming majority, simply because he was doing that which he was elected to do—to work for the best interests of his county and the men who sent him there. This senator stated with his vote that he voted against his convictions, but that as his vote was clearly in the interests of the people he represented, there was only one course for him to pursue—to vote for his county's best good. Now here's the point: A man may be as honest as G. Washington and follow his honest convictions out into the wilderness and yet be a hundred miles away from where he should be. When the voters of a city elect a man they don't elect him to ride a conviction to death—they elect him to carry out that which is for the greatest good of the greatest number. No man on the city board does the city justice, or does what he was elected to do, when he takes part in a protracted scrap. There are important matters to come before the city and the council this year. A franchise of the P. R. L. & P. Co. expires in November; there are public buildings to erect; there are no end of important matters to come up and to be disposed of and a deadlocked council can't do them justice.

do them justice. Mr. Beard evidently overlooked a part of the Courier's article—he is evidently a trifle near sighted on cloudy days. He forgot to read, or at least to comment, on that paragraph which advised to get together, give and take, concede and compromise, shake hands and saw wood. This can be done and the councilman who doesn't work for it is working against the city, and any man knows this. If necessary to stop the fight, throw out every appointee or official over which there is trouble and call for a new deck. Oregon City has plenty of good men. It isn't vitally necessary to sink or swim with one or two candidates. We won't all go to the dogs if the men scrapped over are not landed. A friend of the editor's, just in from the east, said that the first thing he saw in a morning paper when he got to Lewiston, Idaho, was a humorous and belittling article over the Oregon City council fight—an account badly exaggerated. There's the rub. The fight makes a fool city of us. Now there are no two ways about it, the people are not going to stand this state of things long. They are going to break it up if the council doesn't, and they should. Mr. Beard ends his article with these words: "In conclusion will say that I hope the Courier will take this as the opening of a Kentucky feud." The Courier hardly expected this challenge from Mr. Beard. Hasn't he got trouble enough on hand now? Does he want more? Does he want the newspapers to mix it and have a side scrap in the hopes it will serve as a counter irritant and detract from the city scrap? Mr. Beard would work far more for the city's good if he would come with an olive branch rather than with a club. The Courier will not accept his challenge. Let him finish the little matter he has on hand before he hunts for more trouble.

## NOW FOR DIGGING.

### WORK ON THE BIG CANAL TO START SOON.

### AFTER MANY YEARS WAITING.

Open River and Free Locks Will Mean Much for Valley. After many years of working and waiting, the old Willamette will have to give up its freight barrier, and the river will be open and free. The proposition is wound up and tied up, and it is now but a matter of getting the work started. The government moves slow but awfully sure, and now it is a matter of but a few weeks before work will be started on the big project. The government has paid the P. R. L. & P. Co. \$375,000 for their present locks, and about \$300,000 additional will be expended to put in a new, modern system. With free locks 50 cents a ton on all freight for up-river points will be abolished, and the Portland Journal says if Willamette valley shippers will now press the advantage they have gained the canal almost work a revolution in freight charges. A revolution in freight charges would mean a lowered cost for every article consumed, and a higher price for every product sold. The boats now running on the Willamette must now eliminate the fifty cents per ton that the lockage fee has always added to their charges. Freights that have always been \$2 a ton must now be reduced to \$1.50, and the freights that were \$1.50 must now be cut to \$1. If they fail to do so it will be proof of an alliance between the boats and the railroads, and in which event Willamette shippers can easily secure independent steamers to carry the traffic at other than monopoly rates. And as a matter of local benefit, an army of men will be employed on the work for many months, and a large amount of money will be paid out here. With this big work and the many other public and private enterprises to start this spring, the outlook for Oregon City is most rosy.

## BANNON & CO. COMING.

### St. Paul Firm will Open a Big General Store March 15.

March 15 Bannon & Co., the big St. Paul merchants will open their new store in the present John Adams quarters, in the Masonic building, they having made a long lease of the store building. This firm has stores in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Portland, and it is said they have unlimited capital and that they will give Oregon City a strictly modern, city line of goods, carrying everything that the city stores carry. The Adams store building is a strictly modern store building, up to the minute in all features, and there is every reason why the new firm could do a big business here.

## NO REPORT MADE.

### GRAND JURY TAKES A REST IN HARVEY CASE

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS BUSY,

### So Murder Hearing Must Wait Until April

The Hill murder case is resting, just why no one seems to know, and the only reason we have heard is that District Attorney Tongue has other business that needs attention. The jury has not made any report—it has just taken a vacation. When it will re-convene no one seems to know, but it is said not until April. If it is because the District Attorney has important business elsewhere, we would like to know under what degree of importance he classes the Hill murder—the most atrocious crime ever committed in Oregon? But we do know the jury has quit the case, that no report has been made, and that it is all we know, except the hundred and one rumors that chase around, but which can't be tied to anything. And it has been a peculiar case from start to finish—hasn't it.

## LET US HOPE

### The Oregon Electric will carry passengers at the rate of one cent per mile after March 1.

### And the P. R. L. & P. Co. can carry passengers just as cheap as the Oregon Electric.

## KEEP THE WIRES HOT

### Once more the Live Wires have taken up the matter of the public dock and our people will sincerely hope they will keep the wires alive and the present committee will amount to more than former ones who were appointed, reported and discharged.

## SUBSCRIBERS NOTICE.

### The Courier has adopted the card system for subscription credits and the date on the paper has been abolished. So many have written in that their dates are not changed that this notice is necessary.

## NEWS OF THE COURT.

### Grand Jury and Circuit Court Matters Disposed Of.

### Following are the indictments found by the grand jury and made public:

### An indictment against George Courtermasch, W. G. Yanke and Henry Meister, on the charge of violating the prohibition law at Estacada.

### D. W. Holbrook, H. L. Johnson and Thelma Payne charge of stealing silverware from Mrs. L. Naylor. Holbrook Thelma Payne pleaded not guilty.

### Tom Maloney and George Henry charge of stealing two dollars from Frank Soldat. Maloney was sentenced to from six months to one year in the penitentiary and was then paroled.

### Perry Mosler and N. S. Lindsey of Oswego, charge of violating the prohibition law.

### Richard Hyland pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy. Hyland explained to the court that he had virtually been forced to marry the girl who came here from Albany with him several weeks ago. He was given a sentence of from one to four years.

### Miller Logan pleaded guilty to an indictment charging assault with a dangerous weapon. He attempted to stab a policeman here last month. He was sentenced from six months to one year in the penitentiary and then paroled.

## JUST A BLUFF

### Woodburn Paper Hands Hot One To Our City Council

### If you city guardians can quit scrapping long enough the Courier would like to have you read the following—and let it soak in it from the Woodburn Independent.

### One reason why so many people are demanding the absolute prohibition of the sale of liquor as a beverage is that the laws to regulate the sale are so poorly en-

## WE'RE HERE—USE US

### But if You Are Too Indolent, Don't Blame Us.

In the confusion of installing a linotype many local matters have been overlooked or forced out of the two last issues, and because of this a reader sent word to the Courier asking if we used the blue pencil on matters where the printing was not done at the Courier.

## WHAT KIND OF ROADS?

### We Want Courier Readers to Tell Their Opinions of Them.

What is your idea of good roads in Oregon? This question is going to be next in interest to the election of a president in this state this year, and we want to slip you farmers up, you workmen, you business men, get a line on sentiment and bring out ideas.

## Laugh Too Soon

A month ago the Progress of Estacada read Oregon City a moral a rod long over the council scrap, and wound up with the observation "that town was sick of it and would quit the county one of these days."

## Turnips as Big as Pumpkins.

Goffield Wallace of Highland, was in the city Monday, celebrating his 76th birthday, and he brought down to the promotion office some turnips, one of which weighed 17 and 5-8 pounds. Mr. Wallace said this was simply to show what kind of stuff was in the land out there.

## A STONE REGISTER

### ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S UNKNOWN COURIOS.

### HISTORY CHISELED IN ROCK.

### Back in the wild Days of the Great Unknown Southwest.

If a fellow only had time and money enough what a lot of wonders and strange stories he could dig up in the unknown odd places of this country—the wonderland of the southwest. But when a fellow has to count his money every night before he puts his pants under the pillow, and recount it every morning, to see if it dreams came true—well, then history has to shorten up a bit. It costs six dollars a day and expenses to dig for forgotten history in the southwest. The expenses are a dollar and a half for the team, the same for a driver, and a little more for the digger. Eleven dollars at the least, and then when you turn the driver back and relay to some interesting unknown spot, it then costs at least twenty dollars a day. And what man outside of the Smithsonian, doing business on his own account, can lay over for a week or two at places of interest and history? I have an idea that every fellow who ever went down in the southwest to review history was about as short as I am, and that he measured long ago events by how long his treasury cloth would pay livery rigs. I'll except one newspaper man from this, the late Frank Cushing, who was adopted by the Zunis. From a visit to that wonderful communal dwelling Zuni, I took a new trail. Back to the starting place, Gallop, there was little but sand hills, an occasional pine tree, called the forest reserve on our maps a lone trading store and a few scattered Navajo Indians. I had been over this lonesome waste once and didn't fancy a return trip. From the trader at Zuni I learned that one could turn the driver back from Black Rock relay at a ranch and see records of our history of 370 years ago that but pitifully few white men have ever seen. So I sent the driver back and started for those sentinel rocks of our early history—the rocks where early explorers wrote their history in an autograph album that should be preserved by our country—a record written on eternal stone. Twenty miles east from Zuni these history rocks stand in the sunshine today—and ancient as the sun. Wind sand and erosion have tried to erase the records of these who first made a path from Mexico to the Rio Grande, and who wrote their efforts on these rocks. But the climate of the southwest has dealt more kindly with them than man and our country and they yet stand—to be seen and read by any man who can stand the hardships and six dollars a day, expenses included. From the pueblo of Zuni to the Rio Grande runs an ancient trail, obliterated by years, and now a thoroughfare. Back in 1540 it was the only trail through New Mexico to Santa Fe and the Rio Grande, and it would seem that almost every Spaniard left his card there—often a message of history. El Morro is the great historic rock that rises from the prairie—two hundred feet high and thousands of feet long—a wedged shaped mass of solid stone that long will remain a monument to our first civilization, and on whose face is the brief register of many a pioneer, whose daring exploits opened New Mexico to the country. El Morro was the one common camping place for the venturesome Spaniards, and each man registered at Nature's great hotel. Little thinking that the register would some day become a part of our country's history. The inscriptions read little to me. They were all in Spanish (the old ones) and in abbreviated Spanish that has taken years to translate. But I had read of this famous Inscription Rock, and while I could not make either A. or Z from the lettering, I knew it was the writing of men who never hoped to come back from the unknown trackless, waterless, foodless country ahead, filled with savages wild beasts and countless dangers. And I looked with awe at these old registers, at the writing of men who wrote their own epitaphs. Later I found a book at Santa Fe which translated these rock writings and they meant much more than I thought. One of the oldest, and one well preserved, is that of Omate, which translates as follows: "Passed by here the officer, Don Juan de Oneta to the discovery of the sea of the south, on the 16th of April, 1605." Another one is dated 1526, but it is claimed this is an error in registering, as no white man had ever set foot in New Mexico at this date. It reads: "By Joseph de Payba Basconcelos the year that he brought the town council of the kingdom (N. M.), at his own expense, on the 18th day of February of 1526 years." And there is one that has romance and tragedy: "They passed on the 23rd of March, 1532, yet far to the evening of the death of the Father Letredo." Father Lotredo was the first

## HERE'S A 1912 LINE-UP.

### A government canal locks at a cost of \$75,000.

### A new postoffice building at a cost of \$75,000.

### A new public library at a cost of \$12,500.

### A new Elks home at a cost of \$40,000.

### A new Episcopal church at a cost of \$40,000.

### A new Main street business block at a cost of \$20,000.

### A new armory building at a cost of \$30,000. This is a prospect as yet.

### Then we have under way a public dock, deep water channels, and any number of new residences.

## AFTER \$30,000 ARMORY.

### Movement is Started to Secure Much Needed Building.

### R. V. D. Johnston, a national guardsman, one of a committee of three representing the coast artillery company of this city, made a stirring speech before the Live Wires luncheon Wednesday night for an armory building in this city, and the Live Wires are going to give the matter prompt attention.

### Mr. Johnston compared this city Dallas, Woodburn and Salem, which have armories, and he said the soldiers' quarters here were not suitable for dog fights or chicken shows.

### The building could be used for all public purposes, a site would go far toward the city's third, and as our city now pays \$300 a year for armory rent, it would be a good investment.

### The Courier will take this matter up at more length next week.

## GRANGE NOTICE.

### The regular convention of the Grange will be held in the county court room, in Oregon City, on Tuesday, March 5 at one o'clock.

### This convention is called for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the Oregon State Grange which will convene at Roseburg, Ore., May 14.

### Mary S. Howard, Deputy.

## LATE LOCAL NEWS

### You real estate men—try the class ads. They are little fellows but full of big business.

### Class ads on page 8 are always on the job.

### There is a well founded movement under way for a new armory building in this city, and R. V. D. Johnston, a national guardsman Quartermaster Spagle and Corporal McFarland, as a committee, are taking the matter up in dead earnest, and the commercial club will take hold of it with them. This city, one of the oldest in Oregon, is far behind other counties in the way of decent headquarters, and it is said we can get a new armory building here if we go after it hard and all together.

## Important Court's Ruling

### San Francisco.—That the offer of a corporation to purchase land from prospective entrymen as soon as the latter have complied with provisions necessary to obtain from the government title to such lands is legal, is the gist of a ruling made by W. B. Gilbert, judge in the United States circuit court of appeals.

### The case decided was that of the government against the Barber Lumber company and others for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of large tracts of timber lands in Idaho by the use of "dummy entrymen."

### Judge Gilbert said: "The decision of the present case is ruled by legal principles announced in the Budd case and in the Clark case. Those decisions are authority for the proposition that a person or corporation desiring to acquire title to a large body of timber lands of the United States under the timber and stone act may express that desire by another, and may enter into an agreement with him to buy lands upon his obtaining title thereto, and may lead him the money with which to acquire title."

### The case grew out of the filing of applications by 216 entrymen on Boise Basin, Crooked River and Six-Four lands in Idaho in 1902.


## FARM LOANS

We have the following amounts \$500, \$500, \$500, \$800, \$800, \$1000, \$1000, \$1000, \$15000, \$1800, and \$2000, all first mortgage loans, 7 per cent.

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