

You can't talk too much if you talk right. Talk and factories have built up many a city, and will build many another.

# OREGON CITY COURIER

If you don't believe in Oregon City why don't you get out and make room for the fellow who does?

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## SCHUEBEL BRINGS SUIT FOR \$20,000.

### SUITS AGAINST ENTERPRISE AND GUS SCHNOERR.

## CHARGES DAMAGING LIBELS.

### Outcome of Newspaper Statement Published During Campaign.

The criminal law and the civil libel law are going to be pretty thoroughly tried out in Clackamas county in the next few months, and we newspapers and politicians will know what we can and cannot do—how far we can go and where to stop.

Following the criminal indictment for violation of the corrupt practice law, brought against Gustave Schnoerr, Attorney Chris Schuebel has brought two actions for libel, one against Mr. Schnoerr and the other against the Morning Enterprise, each in the sum of \$10,000.

The libels are based on the publication in the Enterprise of an article signed by Mr. Schnoerr which is as follows:

"To the legal voters of Clackamas county, Oregon:

"Gentlemen—A man must be judged by his own words and deed and not by the words of his enemies and false friends.

"For weeks Christ Schuebel has been attacking me most shamefully. Some person or persons must be supplying him with large sums of money and his vocation surely does not keep him very busy since he has so much time to roam over the whole country, telling others how very, very good he himself is and how despicable his opponents are. This I could not do. I have neither time, nor money nor 'brass' enough to attack and slander those who have always been kind to me. Neither can I understand how a person can afford to spend hundreds of dollars for the small compensation he can honestly get if elected to the legislature.

"Mr. Schuebel tries to make his audience believe that the 'interests' or certain private parties have 'bought me.' Be not deceived. Not I but he has been bought, if signs fail not, and because he is used to being bought and sold, as everybody knows, he made an effort to buy me in my own house. This happened March 31, 1912.

"The legal voters must decide

whether they want honorable, experienced and successful men chosen from their ranks as representatives, or whether they want politicians and demagogues who seek only their own honor and welfare, who trample on the rights and honor of their fellowmen and who are the cause that our political life is as corrupt as it is.

"I declare and prove by my daily life that all attacks which Mr. Schuebel is making on me are malevolent lies, manufactured by himself and own broadsheet contrary to his own better knowledge."

GUST. SCHNOERR.

(Paid Adv.)

The complaint filed by Mr. Schuebel charges that the accusations, imputations and charges made by Mr. Schnoerr and published in the Enterprise are unlawful and maliciously intended, and calculated to injure and defame, and the publication of them did injure and defame his reputation and good name in the city and county and state, and he asks for damages to the extent of \$10,000 from both defendants.

George C. Brownell and J. E. Hedges will it is said defend all three cases for Mr. Schnoerr and the Enterprise, while W. S. U'Ren and C. D. and D. C. Latourette will act as counsel for Mr. Schuebel.

The first case to be tried will be that of Mr. Schnoerr on the criminal indictment, and it is said that this case will go on early in July, it is expected. The other two will probably not reach trial until later in the season, perhaps not before fall.

The criminal action to be tried next month will no doubt be fought to a standstill, for the current talk is that the civil cases will hinge much on the outcome of the first case. But in view of the fact that the first case will be on the matter of the constitutionality of the law which forbids the publication of articles a certain number of days before an election, it would not seem that it would be any forerunner of the two civil suits.

There is much interest in the coming suits, and the politicians are wondering what influence the matter will have on the coming campaign and election.

Both Mr. Schuebel and Mr. Schnoerr are nominees for the Republican legislature, and both men have been close friends and business associates for years.

### Beating Us To It?

You Live Wires, are you going to let the board of trade of one of the southern towns get away with that stove works. They are after it, and they say they have got it away from us.

Every hat at a big reduction at Miss C. Goldsmith's.

## THROWING THE GAFF INTO YOU.

### PACIFIC CO. MAKES TWO RATES FOR SAME SERVICE.

## SOAK IT TO THE NEW RENTER

### While the Home Owner Pays \$3.00 a Year Less for Same Service.

The people went after the meat trust for violation of the trust laws and when it was all over and the people had lost out, then the price of meat went up.

The people must pay for their meddling. The dividends must be kept up.

The people went after the sugar trust and managed to make the price of sugar went up.

The people must pay back those fines and the cost of litigation. Then perhaps they would quit their monkeying.

The Pacific Telephone company refused to pay its taxes in Oregon and the people went after it, compelling them to come through just the same as a poor man has to, and now the price of phones go up.

The people must help pay their expense of carrying that test case to the U. S. supreme court.

There are several ways to skin a cat—and you can bet these big combines know all of them.

Sometimes they rip up the belly and skin 'em just as you do a cow. Sometimes they simply slit them down the legs and pull the hide over the head. That is the easiest way—and the quickest.

And sometimes they just keep taking off a little piece of the hide at a time, persistently staying with it until they have the whole skin—and the cat hardly knows they have skinned it.

They use a lot more caution than they used to, and they make the operation as painless as possible these days, for some of the cats are getting tired of being skinned as fast as the new pelt begins to show a little fur on it.

They often use a counter-irritant these days, something to take the mind off the operation, to make the cat think of something else, to keep its mind off the skinning, so that perhaps they can get a part of the pelt and never notice it. They put a smart on some other place to make him forget the skinning process.

Make a kick to a Bell telephone

Why don't you make the telephone company serve a renter at just the same price as they do the owner of a house?

Why do you let this telephone company make discriminating rates and compel the workman who does not own his home pay three dollars a year more than the owner who has a contract.

It isn't a quart deal nor within speaking distance or justice, and the people of Oregon City should never tolerate it—for the price of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR, the compensation for the telephone company's franchise.

A while ago you used to get your phone for \$1 a month, didn't you? Then it was jumped to \$1.25 wasn't it? Now it comes up to \$1.50 for the new service (for the renter who is moving in.)

Anything to guarantee that the company won't continually advance the rates and stick it to you for all you will stand for?

Do you want to help pay the expenses of the company fighting the state of Oregon against paying its taxes?

The officials will say "Brown is knocking again" when they read this.

You think it over and see if you don't think Brown has cause to knock, and by the way, if all his "knocks" aren't in the interests of justice and a square deal.

The matter is simply this, the council may protect the people of Oregon city or the Bell Telephone Co. It's up to them. The charter absolutely gives them the power to regulate and fix the charges.

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official about the rates and he will smiling tell you you are getting the service less than they are in Portland or the Hawaiian Islands, or some other old place.

That's the counter irritant you are supposed to feel good that it hurts Portland worse to be skinned than it does you, so that you won't moan when they rip you up the back.

Today if a man moves into Oregon City and orders the Pacific to put in a phone, he will find that he must help to pay the expenses of the fight against taxation—or something else. He will find that he must pay three dollars a year more than his neighbor who gets the service of the same line and perhaps the same poll. That is encouraging people to come here—and be skinned.

Today you are paying \$1.25 for residence service, but if you should change your location, you go into another house, you would have to pay \$1.50.

Why? Ask the Big Chief who steers the trust and see what explanation he makes. But the reason is they want the money.

You know that the telephone company has no right to make one city man pay one price and one another—for exactly the same service, and you know they can't make you, if the matter is taken up where it should be taken and where you would get justice.

What are you going to do about it? Well here is a good place to start it—and you ought never to be obliged to, for the city should take the initiative.

Turn to page 16 of the city charter, section 43, and you will find this:

The council has power and authority within Oregon City to license, regulate and tax telephone companies, and to fix a maximum rate to be charged by telephone companies for the rental and use of telephones.

Plain enough, isn't it, and powerful enough too?

Now, you city council why don't you exercise this control? Why don't you establish a just rate and compel the Pacific company to observe it?

Why don't you make the telephone company serve a renter at just the same price as they do the owner of a house?

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## SURE A BUNCH OF LIVE WIRES.

### SESSION WAS MUCH LIKE THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

## EVERYBODY READY TO ARGUE.

### And City Affairs Came in for a Round or Two.

There were things doing every blessed minute at the Live Wires session Tuesday noon, heated discussions that kept the members in their chairs until long after the time of adjournment, and the only way the meeting could then be closed was by President Eby declaring the discussions closed until a further meeting.

Every member had on his fighting suit, and matters were taken up, with champions at both ends, and the discussions were aggressive—all in good spirit, but in dead earnestness.

The matter of the swimming pool started the discussion. Mr. Sheehan stated that the pool would cost about \$5,000, exclusive of the land; that if the city would provide the pool the people would make it self-sustaining; that it was the judgment of those backing the matter that a small charge should be made for those over 16 years old, and that they believed the charge would make the place self-sustaining; that memberships would be sold, and other means taken to sustain it. He said the tank would be 45x15 and the space occupied about 60x60; that it should be located on a low level on account of getting water, and that the proposed public playground, if the project carried at the special election, would be a good location for the pool.

John Loder followed Mr. Sheehan, and strongly urged that the Live Wires take hold of the matter, as such a public bath proposition was needed in our city.

F. J. Toozee stated that the matter of future maintenance was the most important one to be considered without burdening the taxpayers, or that the matter should be put up to the people plainly as a proposition the city would have to give aid to and assist in case it did not prove self supporting. That the matter was a business proposition and should be handled in a business way.

A. Price took issue with Mr. Toozee, holding that this matter should not be looked upon in the light of dollars and cents alone; that a humanitarian view should be taken, and the children of the poor should be considered, the children of those whose homes did not have bathtubs and the conveniences of the more favored ones.

Mr. Sheehan said there would be no trouble with the maintenance if the pool could be procured.

J. E. Hedges thought that the matter of maintenance should be thoroughly considered; that enthusiasm did not last; that the pool was not an absolute necessity, and that in the end the city would have to take the project over.

T. W. Sullivan thought the matter should be looked at entirely from the matter of dollars and cents; that it would cost \$200 a month for the water if valued at the same rate consumers pay; that it would cost \$75 a month to maintain, and that if a charge of ten cents were charged at the pool 750 people would have to patronize it monthly to pay the expense. He stated that the reading room and the Y. M. C. A. were started on this principle of public patronage to support and that one was dead and the city had to take over the other.

W. S. U'Ren said from what he understood of the matter it would cost in the neighborhood of \$300 a month to maintain the swimming pool in the summer and more than this in the winter; that this would mean a mill and a half tax if the city took it over; that it was bound to become a city charge and should be at first if at all.

Mr. Loder said if we looked at other matters as some of the Live Wires wanted us to look at this, we would have no libraries, hospitals or many other things that the public could get along without; that we should not look at it in purely a business way, but more from a public spirit view and as a humanitarian undertaking.

M. J. Lee said in his judgement if the city ever got these public baths and swimming pool public spirit would have to build them and the city would have to maintain them.

T. J. Gary said he thought that if the city was to stand back of 16 saloons it might be as good a proposition to stand behind one swimming pool.

And then Mr. U'Ren started something along another line. He stated the papers reported Mayor Dimick as stating that there was

not one in the city that could tell the financial condition of Oregon City today, and he stated he would like to hear from the mayor to know if the statements were correct.

Mayor Dimick was on his feet in a minute and reiterated the charges he had made in the newspapers; that no one in the city could tell the condition of the city; that not a report had been made in two years; that he and Councilman Toozee had tried for two months to get such report; that there had been transfers made from one fund to another until none but an expert could tell how the matters stood. He stated that at the end of each year the treasurer and recorder made out a report and gave it to the finance committee whose duty it was to examine same and make report, but that this had not been done.

Asked by Mr. Stipp if this was the fault of the system he replied it was; that no recorder would do the work for \$25 a month and no treasurer for \$40 per month. He said the city council should have a balance presented every month.

Mr. Stipp said the system was the same under which the county and state was run, and that a report could be had at stated times.

Mr. Toozee said that at the next meeting of the council a report of the city's condition would be asked for.

And then President Eby thought the time had arrived to end these discussions for the time and the meeting adjourned.

### RAILROAD STORIES.

#### Like Molalla, Oregon City is to Have Others Thrust Upon It.

If any of these railroad stories assay anywhere near 14 karat, Oregon City will have two or three more railroads coming and going.

The Clackamas Southern is now an absolute certainty and the contracts are let, and before this had gotten cold they came at us with the one that the Southern Pacific had the surveys made, grades established and the rights of way provided for a line from Oswego to New Era, going through Oregon City on the west side.

And now comes another, this one from the state capitol, and it says the Salem & Eugene are busy buying up rights of way for a new road from Salem to Oregon City, and which will later be extended on to Portland.

The Salem story has it that the road will be built up the valley nearly paralleling the Southern Pacific line, and that it will either cross the river at Canby or at this city, and go into Portland on the west side. And further the report says that this is but the beginning of railroad development this company has mapped out for the Willamette valley.

Well, let 'em come. If they won't ask our permission, but just crowd themselves into the city—well we'll just have to stand it, that's all.

### LET'S HUSTLE.

#### If We Want any of the Public Improvements, we Must Stir.

There are a lot of matters before the Live Wires and before the people of Oregon City to be decided on in a very short time, and unless there is a get-busy campaign and a lot of effective work done, and done soon, there is danger that we may lose the whole works.

There's the public dock matter, the municipal elevator proposition (the expense of which the voters only know as to the first cost, and nothing about the cost of maintaining) the public sports ground or park, the revised charter (of which the voters know practically nothing) and the swimming pool proposition of which the people are well informed, but which is the one matter the people DO NOT vote on at the coming election.

The Courier editor believes in these public improvements, and hopes to see them go, but at the same time if we could take them in smaller quantities we would be much more safe with the voters.

But that matter is passed—the issue is now to make a campaign with the best that is in us for the four propositions that are tied together—the docks, the elevator, the public sports ground and the commission form of government, and remember that unless we get the last named we cannot get the other three, for the charter must be changed to permit the bringing about of the improvements.

There are sixteen more days before election. It is time to hustle.

### Let's Swing It.

That matter of a public market day to take the surplus stuff that the city cannot handle would be a good one to take up and work out. The more farmers and outside people we can get to come to our city, the more business will we have and the better city we will have. It's not an expensive proposition, simply a matter of taking it up and organizing it, and getting the seller and buyer together. There are plenty of buyers who will come here if we will bring the stuff here they want to buy.

## WILL YOU TAKE IT, OR STRIKE BACK?

### HAVE YOU DITCH WATER OR RED BLOOD IN YOU?

## IS NOW YOUR TURN TO BAT.

### And You Have Waited Thirty Years for the Chance.

Away back in the far dim days, somewhere along in that period between big leaves and shirt waists, there was given out a proverb which in effect admonished that if a fellow gave you a poke on the cheek bone to turn the other side of the face and let him even up the job—balance up the face, as it were.

Now no doubt in that day, long before the meat trust, Teddy Roosevelt and the Southern Pacific, this was good orthodox stuff, but I can't believe that it should apply now. It would seem that it should be given to a charter commission, and the revise should read:

If a geek makes a swing to your jaw with his right, come back with an uppercut.

All of which brings us down to this—

Thirty years ago men tried to build a railroad into the Molalla country—and there is no road there yet.

Man after man has tackled the job, met the Octopus, and had to quit.

Eight different surveys have been made to build as many roads into that country, and as many failures are written in the history of Clackamas county.

Hope has sprung eternal, and disappointments have followed each other—and the richest part of Oregon yet lies out there in the sunshine, because the Octopus saw it first.

But a year and a half ago men rose up and proposed to find out if the Southern Pacific had an exclusive privilege to build all the railroads in Oregon—and forbid all others to build.

Over 350 men joined in the movement—farmers, business men, professional men, school teachers, laboring men—and they have built a railroad to the Molalla country and it will be completed in a few weeks.

The hopes of thirty years are realized, the road is a certainty, but only the officials and the directors of that road know under what opposition and the obstacles they have had to meet and overcome—blockades the Octopus laid for them.

But this isn't her nor there. What are we getting at is this:

Now that the road is an accepted fact, an absolute certainty, and it has got where even it, we find that now, lo and behold, another road will be built into the Molalla. I believe it goes under some other name than the Southern Pacific, but that doesn't change the breed any.

When the farmers of the Molalla offered the Southern Pacific all kinds of help and encouragement, when they offered them the cold cash in the way of bonuses to build—nothing doing.

Now when the road is a certainty, and the Octopus stands to lose a part of the business that it has for years forced the farmers to bring to it—now it is ready to build railroads, to build them with out any help or encouragement, in fact to force them on the farmers of Molalla.

There's the situation. What are you fellows going to do about it?

Are you going to turn the other cheek, or are you going to apply the amended proverb?

Are you going to say "We welcome you, dear old Octopus. We have waited 30 years for you. Our business is yours. Come to it."

Or are you going to feel as the farmer did, who was disappointed in the answer to prayer?

Think it over fellows, and we will talk of it some more later on.

Be Sandy, Sign Your Name

The Courier is glad to have any man use its columns on any matter of public interest, but when it comes to an article that casts public or private reflection, and which does not have the absolute facts and figures to go with it, don't ask us to publish it under an assumed name or without a signature.

You see that under these circumstances you are asking us to take a chance that you would not take, and just between you and the editor, he can breed all the worry that he cares to stand for without taking on any outside ones.

And besides, people do not go very heavy on articles that are not signed by the writer. They figure that if he is honest he should have the sand to go with it, or he should keep in.

Great clearance sale on all millinery. Miss Oella Goldsmith.

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