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TRYING TO HEAD OFF THE RECALL

LAWYERS HAVE FOUND WIGGLERS IN THE CHEESE

INVOKING THE TECHNICALITIES

To Keep the Matter From Going to Vote of People.

The recall is no good in Oregon. A technicality has wormed into its vitals.

A technicality is like a maggot in a cheese. So long as the eater is innocent of the little wiggler, the cheese is the real goods and eaters put it away. But once let some person with a sharp eye discover the little rascal, and the whole cheese is a drug on the market.

Some one has found a skipper in the recall cheese. It has been found in this city since the recall petitions were started against the county court. It's a little "tech" that can't wiggle unless the state legislature furnishes the movement. It is like a baby buggy—some one has got to push it. It's not self-operative. Like an auto that is out of gasoline.

It just won't work, that's all, and the men behind the recall might just as well get off the job. The election, so it is given out, will cost from \$5,000 to \$6,000 and "there is no provision in the law that definitely sets it forth as the duty of the county to pay the costs of such an election."

Here is the way an Oregon City attorney sizes up the short-comings of the recall law:

"Evidently the people in adopting the amendment with such language contained in it contemplated further legislation before the amendment should become operative. As far as \$ have been able to determine, no such legislation has been passed that makes the measure operative in this county."

Note the "\$" mark in the sixth line.

Perhaps Attorney J. E. Hedges did not put that dollar mark there. He may have written it a capital "I," and force of habit in the Enterprise office slipped in the \$ mark, but to the common fellow it will appear to be just about right as the Enterprise printed it—"So far as \$ have been able to determine."

Judge McBride, W. S. U'Ren, Franklin T. Griffith and other able lawyers drew the recall law. It was largely taken from the provisions of the referendum law, and we believe the provisions for the signatures (a technical point advanced) is the same as under the referendum—and the referendum has been tried out and sustained.

Whether the recall petitions will have enough signatures to warrant a recall election, or whether the movement has enough grounds to base it on, is not at this time apparent, but it is certainly mighty early in the game to defend the movement on technicalities.

If the people of Clackamas county determine that there is sufficient cause for a recall of the county court it is a pretty safe bet they will pull off that recall—technicalities to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is barely possible that the election would not cost \$5,000 or \$6,000. If the printing of the ballots and election stationery were opened up to a little competition, perhaps there might be a little saving over former years.

If the county will not authorize the payment of the election expenses, it is just possible that there are enough men in this county who would give one day's work as election officers and serve free of charge.

If the county will not pay the bills of such an election, it is just possible there are enough men with red blood in their veins in this county to go down in their pockets and dig up the cash for an election.

Certain it is that if there are grounds for a recall in this county it will take something bigger than a wiggler in a cheese to stop the expression of the people.

We all know what that recall law was made for. It was provided as a means for the people to pass on public officials. A technicality wasn't supposed to stop it. It was framed and when some keen lawyer digs up a "tech" that says to the people "You shall not deliver your verdict"—then look out for something to happen.

The Enterprise says the present recall movement is "an abortive effort." Perhaps so, but what of the technical defense effort?

Isn't that just a little premature? Does that paper fear that it will be invoked, and fear the verdict?

Wouldn't the records of efficient and honest county officials be better defenses than law technicalities? Is the Enterprise afraid of the verdict of the voters of Clackamas county? Is the Enterprise opposed to the recall law? Is it against rule of the majority?

And when these questions are answered we will box them on the first page.

A Woman Inspector

Dr. Van Brakel reported at the Live Wire luncheon that the civic committee was preparing a draft for an ordinance providing for the appointment of a woman inspector for the foodstuffs of the city, which would be ready at the next week's meeting, and if the Live Wires sanctioned it, it would be presented to the city council for action.

After a New Bridge
A committee of five was appointed by Main Trunk Stipp Tuesday to work along the lines for a new bridge across the river at Gladstone. The new route will cut off 2 and a half miles and Gladstone will join in the effort. The committee was D. E. Mel-drum, Chas. Parker, W. A. Huntley, Chas. Risley, O. D. Eby. This committee is also appointed to look into good roads legislation and report.

Commercial Club to go There Next Week to Help Start Things
B. T. McBain proposed something to the Live Wires Tuesday that the boys walked into heartily—that the Wires and commercial club members go to Molalla Tuesday night of next week and do what they can to help that prosperous little city get a good start on prosperity.

Mr. McBain related how the Portland commercial club came to this city a few years ago and helped us when we needed enthusiasm, and he thought it would be a fine thing to pass it along to Molalla. The proposition was heartily approved. Nine autos, carrying 50 men were offered, and no doubt several others will be offered. They will leave here at 5:30 next Tuesday night.

A NEW CITY HALL

Outline of Plans Presented to Live Wires for Four Story Building

One of the interesting things brought out at the Live Wire luncheon Tuesday, was the report of J. W. Loder, representing a committee on a new city hall proposition. In outline the report advocated:
Remove the present structure and jail, build in its place a four-story concrete building; have the city jail in the basement; on the ground floor have two business apartments; the second floor office rooms for renting; third floor, firemen and city office departments; fourth floor commercial club apartments and free reading room.

The need of a new city hall is great, but owing to the many expenses of a growing city the people have been a little backward about starting an agitation.

If a building could be erected on plans something like these outlined by Mr. Loder, where the city could rent enough of the building to make the proposition an investment, then there would probably be little opposition to the undertaking.

The city owns the present property, and it is valuable property. The lot is most centrally located and is very deep. It would make splendid business and office locations and no doubt contracts could be made in advance of the building to insure an investment.

PUSH THIS ALONG

Hogs and Cows will Build Up Clackamas County Fast

At the Live Wire meeting Judge Dimick made a few remarks on the work of dairying and hog raising to build up the county, which was decidedly interesting.

He cited the creamery at Clear Creek which started in a little way seven years ago and which will this year go far above the \$100,000. He said this was one of the most important matters this county had before it; butter fat can be produced for 13c that finds a ready market at 49c, and Mr. Dimick said that soon his committee would report facts and figures from men who have made good in this line that will be convincing.

Then Mr. Dimick went to his hobby, hogs, and read a letter from a farmer of this county who started with a brood sow and in one year sold \$382 worth of pork and pigs—almost a dollar a day on an investment of one sow. He said the banks should and would help to get the farmers started along the lines of hog raising and dairying with notes on long time and low interest, as these lines are county builders and the whole people profit; that the farmers who raise grain make two per cent on their investment while hogs and cows pay big.

B. T. McBain suggested that the commercial club take up the matter the way the club at his home in California did. They bought thoroughbred young bulls and let them out to the farmers on contracts, and he stated that in five years all the cattle in that section looked like thoroughbreds; the scrubs were gone and the butter fat doubled on the same head of stock. He said this could be done here and that the publicity department of the commercial club already had it under way.

Geo. Armstrong, of Redland, won the prize as having the most unique car in the auto parade on Booster Day. This was announced last week as Logan being Mr. Armstrong's address, and he is desirous of Redland getting her full quota of honors. Redland furnished one of the bands and also some of the prize winning stock.

Mrs. E. A. Sommer, of Portland, was visiting friends in this city Monday.

MASS MEETING CALLED SATURDAY

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES WILL MAKE THEIR REPORTS

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED

Meeting is Called for Ten O'clock at Woodmen Hall

Saturday of this week the adjourned mass meeting, called to investigate the public affairs of Clackamas county, will meet in this city, at which time the committee appointed, and the Live Wire committee appointed to work with it, will make their reports.

April 12 a public mass meeting was held in this city when charges of extravagance and mismanagement on the part of the county court were made, and a committee: M. J. Brown, Robert Schuebel and S. L. Casto, were appointed by the chairman, J. W. Smith, to investigate the charges and report their findings to a later meeting appointed O. D. Eby and J. W. Loder to represent that order and work with the other committee in the investigations.

The charges and the publicity given to this matter has aroused keen interest in the county over the matter of county management, and no doubt there will be a large attendance from all over the county at Saturday's meeting.

The mass meeting was called for two o'clock in the afternoon, and it was a decided mistake as the time was far too short for the many matters under consideration. Chairman Smith has called Saturday's meeting for 10 A. M., which will give plenty of time for any matters that may come up. The meeting will be public and will be held at Woodman hall, the same place where the mass meeting was held at 10 A. M.

BACK IT, OR LAY DOWN

A Little Invitation to Mr. Haskins to Come Out

Who's Haskins? Two weeks ago he diagnosed the Courier editor and had him down for mental, moral and physical operations. All he overlooked was a corn, a filled tooth and a mole. And if the surgeons left anything he would have the rest defending libel suits and serving time in Salem.

Who is Haskins? Nobody knows him and two weeks' search fails to locate him. Like Charlie Ross, only a name remains.

Like the party who recently assailed the Red Men, he jumps into the Enterprise over a "Haskins" signature, throws his acid and hides.

Now "Haskins," old top, why didn't you tell the dear people of the city the specific cases where the Courier editor is open for libel and the penitentiary?

And why don't you go after him? It would be much more interesting to the people to show where this piker is in wrong than that Brown has dyspepsia or an ingrowing toenail.

Why don't you cite the specific cases? Why don't you take them up one by one and show how this paper is a "knocker" and character assailer?

If it is "character assailing" to show to the people a legal opinion written by a city attorney under which blind pigs can operate in defiance of law—then we are guilty.

If it is "knocking" when this paper comes out for the taxpayers and asks that the system under which the money is being expended be investigated, then we are knockers—knocking for the common good.

Mr. "Haskins" says that were it not for charity on the part of those assailed, the Courier editor would be defending a libel action or be in the penitentiary.

Mr. "Haskins" don't sneak this on to charity. You know where the Courier editor is. He doesn't hide. Come on with your libel suits and state prison offenses. We don't want any charity. We are not whimpering, and never will. We aren't asking for any sympathy. We simply call your puerile bluff and dare you to make it good.

The Courier editor knows to his own satisfaction who wrote the letter in the Enterprise. Now let him back it or lay down.

Don't Pet the Dogs.
It is reported there have been several cases of rabid in this county, and as the summer is here and dogs are likely to be cross, warn your children not to touch any dog, and be on the safe side.

What Specializing Does.

An illustration of the investment a man may get from land by specializing is the revenue of a quarter of an acre of asparagus grown by W. B. Stafford of this city. He is cutting and selling one dollar's worth from each row 110 feet long, and says that the quarter of an acre will produce him \$200, and if properly worked an acre of asparagus will produce \$1000.

He Wonders Why.
If the same law holds good in Ore-

COULD BE MADE WORLD FAMOUS

BEST FISHING STREAM IN THE U. S. AT OREGON CITY

And Make the Willamette Fishermen's Paradise of North America

WOULD CLOSE RIVER TO NETS

A movement is being organized in this city, county and state to pass an initiative law to close the Willamette river entirely to net fishing, and a well organized effort will be made through sportsmen's clubs and organizations to put the matter up to the voters at the next state election.

It is not a fight against the fishermen or anyone else, but a proposition to save to sportsmen a fishermen's paradise—the finest fishing stream in the United States.

The Willamette river at this place is indeed a realization of fishermen's dreams. There is no better fishing nor gamier sport in North America than can be had in a mile of the Willamette river below the falls. Sportsmen cross the continent to catch the gamey salmon here—fish that run from 20 to 65 pounds. Noted writers have fished here; anglers come from every part of the country and the moving picture companies find ready demand for the realistic reel showing fishermen landing the big salmon here.

And just as the season gets started and hundreds of boats cover the water, just as the gamiest water sport in the United States is well under way and Oregon City is receiving national advertising—there opens the gilt netters season and it is all off with the sportsmen with the rod and reel. Game gives way to meat, and the hundreds of men and women reel up their lines and call it off.

If the Willamette river was closed to all but anglers, this city would become national in its reputation for the best fishing locality in North America. The falls make it a fisherman's paradise and will for all time guarantee it such. The salmon come up the river in great schools from the ocean. They come up to spawn. The falls stop countless thousands of them and for a mile below the falls they almost golden the water at times.

With a boat, a reel and a spoon hook, the sportsman finds ideal conditions. Like the trout and the muscun-lunge the salmon keeps one guessing. Today you get him, tomorrow he refuses to strike. Today a school girl hooks a forty pounder and tomorrow a veteran fisherman sits it out all day without a strike. But salmon can be caught here if anywhere in water—the Columbia is no comparison.

And May 1, just as the sport has reached its height the gillnetter string his seine from shore to shore, and his anglers must quit. Then for a month the big nets draw in the fish by the ton and the river is almost cleared of fish.

It is a meat proposition; then, a commercial business, a cannery deal. If gillnetting was a means of livelihood for many men it would be some different, but as it is, it is a side line. For one month only they are allowed to clean the river of the salmon. They make good money during the month, but it is not a livelihood.

If there is a state in the union that besides Oregon, that permits netting or dynamiting, we would be glad to learn of it, and this state should not permit either.

The Columbia is open to dragnet-netting, but that stream protects itself to a big extent. It is so wide a net cannot span it and there are no falls to hold back the salmon. Here the fish are simply trapped between the falls and the nets that cross the river, and it becomes a proposition of pulling out the salmon in ton lots.

Close the stream to netting, make a long open season for anglers and sportsmen will come here from every state in the union. And they are a class of men who can afford to fish and pay for the sport. Their coming and going would advertise the town and county more than any other publicity means.

We would like to hear from the people on this matter—would like to determine how the city and country people think of it.

THINGS ARE MOVING

Clackamas Southern Fast Stretching Out these Fine Days.

They are making railroad while the sun shines these fine days and every night the Clackamas Southern is nearer Beaver Creek. For the past two months the rain has forced slow progress, but now the company is making up for lost time and the road is fast reaching out toward Molalla.

The company is now getting after the matter of equipment for the road—and that looks good. The minute it is finished the Beaver Creek business will commence—business that has long been waiting. This locality alone will furnish a lot of good business for the road, and from Beaver Creek to Mt. Angel almost every rod will open up business.

The Clackamas Southern will be a success, nobody never doubts the success of the road when completed. They doubted the completion. It was

THE PITTSBURG OF THE PACIFIC

S. P. WILL BUILD MILLION DOLLAR CAR SHOPS HERE

WOULD DOUBLE OREGON CITY

A Railroad Story that has Everything but Confirmation to Back It

It's only a railroad story, but it looks good, and has much to back it. The story is, and it is being published and generally talked in Portland and in this city, that the Southern Pacific will build its big car shops on the West side, between Bolton and the suspension bridge—shops that will employ 1500 men and bring enough families here to double the population of Oregon City.

Those who attended the Commercial club meeting several months ago will remember that the general manager of the Southern Pacific said that company had in view projects for Oregon City greater than our people anticipated. This matter was commented and speculated on after the meeting. But Mr. Campbell would not make it more definite. And perhaps this car shop industry was his reference.

It is said that those on the inside, those behind the movement to build up the west side, have had knowledge of this contemplated move for many months, and their development plans have been based on it.

Over twenty acres have been laid out for the car shops, it is stated and that the investment will be over a million dollars, and that from 1500 to 2,000 men will be employed. This with the 2,000 now working in our mills, and with new mills almost ready to start up, Oregon will be the Pittsburg of the Pacific.

The location of the proposed shops is ideal, perfectly level, and it is said the Eaverton shops and barns will be abandoned and removed here.

While this is what many will term a "railroad story," yet there is everything but confirmation of the company to back it, and the story looks very plausible and good.

And if it comes through, Oregon City will be some city.

To My Friends

The handsome Howard automobile, which was awarded to me last week is greatly valued and appreciated, but the means through which it was received is more so—I value the action of my friends greatly.

Words poorly express my heartfelt thanks, but to the many friends who gave me this handsome compliment, to the friends who worked for me when I did not work for myself, to those who showered the millions of votes on me and made my winning easy—to you one and all, accept the heartfelt thanks and fullest appreciation of

FRANK WHITEMAN

Grand Jury May Investigate

The grand jury is considerably wrought up over a sensational dispatch sent out from this city and printed in the Portland Journal to the effect that one of the jurors on the Gault murder trial had been approached with a bribe.

The county officials cannot find anything on which this story was based and it is said the grand jury proposes to take the matter up and find out how and why it started.

\$5 a Day in Washington

The Courier is in receipt of a letter from a subscriber in Washington, which says the county let the timber cruising contract in Klickitat county for \$5 per day.

George Lepley, who has been engaged in farming at Hubbard, was in this city Wednesday. He will soon leave for Union, Iowa, where he will remain for about a year. His family will accompany him.

of you gentlemen stand in a room with an axe in your hand and willingly be disemboweled by a man who was unraged and who had threatened your life upon divers occasions, and to many persons? No, you would wield the axe with deadly force, not that you wanted to do bodily harm or commit murder, but you would do it to save your own life which under such circumstances would be both morally and legally justifiable.

"Here is a boy full of ambition, hope and promise, whose life has been almost blighted by the cruelty of the deceased, and now the state asks you to surrender up the life of the young man for killing in self-defense."

George C. Brownell followed Mr. Hayes, bringing out one after another of the telling points that had weight with the jury. Mr. Brownell is a past master in making every bit of evidence count, and he had plenty at hand with connecting arguments at his tongue's end.

District Attorney Tongue worked hard on the prosecution, using the evidence and his bright logic to the fullest advantage, but sympathy and self-defense were too strong.

It is further shown that the defendant was splitting kindlings with an axe in the kitchen, and that Leitzel assaulted the defendant with a knife and young Gault struck him in the head with the axe, which was necessary to save his own life. Would any

WANTED!

Girls and Women

To operate Sewing Machines in garment factory.

Oregon City Woolen Mills