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CAN'T THE COUNTY COURT DEFEND?

CAN'T THEY ANSWER CHARGES MADE AGAINST THEM?

REAL CHARGES ARE IGNORED

While Petty Trifles and Misstatements are Used for Defense

Months ago charges of law violation and reckless expenditure of county money were published in the Courier. They were backed (in the bridge matters) by the sworn affidavits of experts who had measured the bridges, computed the weight of the steel and proved by the figures that a lot of public money had melted away somewhere. These same charges and figures were made at the public mass meeting here in March. What defense to these charges has been made by the county court or any of its friends?

NOT A PEEP.

Even O. D. Eby in his immunity report dodged it.

The investigating committee, looking into the claim that "Clackamas county was out of debt," showed up in its report to the taxpayers that if the present county court had the same amount of money the 1910 court had and had expended the same amount the 1910 court did, this county would now be in debt \$163,608.95 more than two years ago.

What defense has been made to this charge?

It was made weeks ago, and it was made to disapprove the county court's claim.

What has the county court done to make its claim good and to show the people where this \$163,000 has gone to in two years?

NOT A PEEP.

Even Mr. Eby kept the whitewash brush off this LITTLE item and devoted the most of his paint to an \$800 bridge matter.

In the charges made openly that Lord's Oregon laws were violated in the letting of bridge contracts, what defense has the county court or its friends made?

NOT A PEEP.

Mr. Eby skipped this little matter that has cost Clackamas county thousands and thousands of dollars but used a hemorrhage of words to show what the freight on cement was from Portland—when the officials' records do not show it.

On the court house addition, where contractors showed the cost should not have exceeded \$18,000 to \$20,000, and it cost \$27,000 from the same adopted plans, what defense is there for this, but Mr. Eby's lame explanation that some changes were made—and the Goddess of Justice repaired?

NOT A PEEP.

On the matter of giving away Clackamas county rights to a Portland Gas and Coke Co., through a perpetual franchise that has no compensation, no revoking clause, no enacting clause—a matter that H. W. Hageman made at the public meeting in the court house—what defense, explanation or excuse has been offered by the county court or its friends for this Christmas present to a big public corporation?

NOT A PEEP.

Absent-minded Mr. Eby also skipped this at his whitewash bath.

And the timber cruising deal, the letting of a contract to estimate the timber in this county to a Portland lumber man, and which it is said will cost this county upwards of \$60,000, and could have been done for a quarter or half of this amount.

Mr. Eby reported that he found the cruise was being carefully and accurately made.

Splendid defense of the charges!

And later on an editorial in the Enterprise made this weak little peep that the reason the contract was let to Mr. Nease was because there were no men available in this county.

The charges were not HOW it was being done, but WHY and why it was not advertised and opened to competition. There WOULD have been available men enough in this county for the job if it had been and it would have been done for a lot less money.

In the road implement matters, while the implement houses stand by the county court with a devotion that smacks of fanaticism, yet the committee got enough evidence to show that a plain farmer could buy the same rock crusher the county court paid \$1800 for for \$1200.

A man went to the implement house and priced the crusher, giving exactly the same specifications as the one billed to the county for \$1800—in fact copied from the bill.

A representative of the house gave a price of \$1205 on this crusher, and put it in writing. O. D. Eby has that writing.

When called on by the investigating committee and asked why a stranger could buy a crusher for \$400 less than the County Court, the manager denied that such prices were ever given, and when confronted with the office memorandum, he made the excuse that the man who quoted the price was a new man and had not

the authority to give it.

What do you taxpayers of Clackamas county think of this bit of comedy?

It was certainly an effort to stand by wasn't it?

Have you fellows any such devoted friends?

While there was no way to PROVE that an individual could buy rock machinery cheaper than the county court buys it (for you know new men are so apt to make mistakes) yet the committee was satisfied that the crusher could have been bought for \$400 less on the day the memorandum was made—AND BEFORE THE IMPLEMENT COMPANY HAD BEEN PUT WISE.

These are a few of the many matters are up to the voters to think over—these are the big items that have cost big money.

If you think all is lovely, honest and lawful, or if you think that because "the courts before did it" the present bunch has a right—well, then back up on the recall, call it off and let's give the court a vote of thanks for its honesty, integrity and devotion to the cause of the "dear people."

But if things don't look right or honest, and if you think you have been exploited and your tax money squandered in a measure, then get in with the fellows who are in and help make a thorough change in the county's managers.

And it is said Commissioner Mattson will resign if Beatie and Blair are recalled.

RECALL THEM

It will be worse than ever for Taxpayers if they Fail Now
Prineville, May 27.

Editor Courier:—

I want to congratulate you on having the best county paper I have ever read—not to give you the swell head like most editors have, but to show you that I appreciate a man that has the backbone to stand for what is right and to expose graft in all its forms—and if the people have got brains enough to have a headache, they will keep you on the job.

I have some property interests in Oregon City and as long as I have it you can count on me to do what I can to help you in word or deed. I have been cursing the grafting rascals for 20 years. But the way you are after them now is going to do good, and I must say if the people don't go after the recall in good earnest and to win it will be worse than ever. Accept my best wishes for your success in the recall.

C.E. CROSS

SALARY IS HELD UP

Petitions are Filed to Submit Gary Increase to the Voters

Petitions were filed with County Clerk Mulvey Saturday to refer the matter of an increase in the salary of T. J. Gary county superintendent of schools, to the people at the election this fall.

The increase was made a law by the last legislature, and like all salary increase bills, was decidedly unpopular with the voters of the county, they arguing that the matter was one entirely up to them to decide and not for the legislature to raise without their consent. And another point on which criticism was made, was that Mr. Gary should have told the voters of Clackamas county during his campaign that he would ask for an increase in salary and have shown the need of it.

DIMICK'S LAW IN FORCE

Must Show Physician's Certificate of Health to Get Marriage License

Tuesday of this week a new law went into effect compelling men, before being given a marriage certificate, to pass a medical examination and have a physician's certificate and as we read the law's provisions we find that Senator Dimick put some teeth in it and that it is certainly going to be more than "just a law." It provides:

"Before any county clerk in this state shall issue a marriage license, the applicant therefor shall file with the clerk from whom such license is sought, a certificate from a physician duly authorized to practice medicine within the state, made under oath, within ten days from the date of filing the same, showing that the male person thus seeking to enter the marriage relation is free from contagious or infectious venereal disease.

Any physician who shall, knowingly and wilfully, make a false statement in any certificate issued, as herein provided, shall be punished by the revocation of his license to practice his profession within the state.

We Don't Appreciate

The first of the week a hot wave struck Oregon and the mercury slid up the tube all the way to 86, and the people of Oregon City just that it was awful and took to the woods and rivers.

Back in Kansas the temperature has been standing over 100 and the hot winds shrivelling up every thing while in Oregon the minute the sun goes down the cool air comes down from the snow capped mountains and one needs bed covers on.

We have so little to compare with that we don't half appreciate what we have.

SATURDAY IS OUR CITY'S BIG DAY

ROSE FESTIVAL HAS WONDERFUL PROGRAM

RIVER RACING AND PARADES

With Street Parades, Rose Show Music and Fun

Saturday of this week is Oregon City's annual rose show and festival, and there is far more interest in this year's event than ever before, largely due to the fact that the society has very largely added to its attractions this year, and will give the people a splendid entertainment on this date.

One of the real big cards that will bring many people here from Portland and from all over this county, is the motor boat race between the rivals "Oregon Wolf" and "Vamoose." These boats have raced before when the "Vamoose" nosed out the "Wolf" but it was too close to be decisive. This race should be dandy, as the boats are the fastest type made and can simply run away from the steamers. They are hydroplanes of the latest make.

The race will start from the dock at Eleventh street, go up the river and around a buoy opposite the tanks on the west side, then down the river and around a buoy opposite the Adkins lumber mill below Bush's store, and finish at Eleventh street. This race will certainly be a big feature.

Two other races will be added to the water sports, and then there will be the special attraction the water parade of the Motor Boat Club, which will be here. The fleet will be handily decorated and will make a beautiful spectacle. This parade will start at 3:30, and the motor boat races will follow at 4. There will be 250 or 300 motor boats in the parade.

But earlier in the day will come the street attractions and parades, and they alone will be worth taking a day off to see. The ladies have worked very hard to make this rose parade a wonder and a train of beauty. It will be a long and splendid line of handsomely decorated autos, business floats, lodge parades, and then the children's parades, and handsome decorations and, prettiest of all, the human rosebud float.

Saturday's festival is going to give the Rose Society a prominence it will have to maintain in future years. It is certainly going to be a splendid show.

The Committee appointed to take charge of the parade for automobiles, vehicles and pedestrians, at the annual Rose Show, which will be held in Oregon City June 7, 113, have arranged the following prizes:

- Best decorated automobile from Oregon City \$10.00
- Second, best automobile from Oregon City 5.00
- Best vehicle drawn otherwise than mechanically 10.00
- Second best vehicle drawn otherwise than mechanically 5.00
- Best Pedestrians 10.00
- Second best 5.00
- Best decorated automobile outside of Oregon City but in Clackamas Co. 5.00
- Best decorated Firemen's hose cart with men 10.00
- Second best decorated Firemen's hose cart with men 5.00
- Small cowboys on horses, other animals, or on foot 5.00

The parade will leave the foot of 14th Street at 1:30 o'clock.

Notices have been sent to automobile owners and it is estimated that over 100 will be decorated and in the parade.

The lodges have signified their intention to take part in a body.

The paper mills have all arranged to let a large number of their employees off on that date and the event will no doubt be one of the greatest ever held in Oregon City.

RECALL NOTICE

The executive committee of the recall movement against the county court wants every circulator of a petition to make a report of just the number of signatures he has Tuesday of next week, June 10.

This does not mean that petitions are to be sent in on this date, but that the committee may have a record of the work.

As fast as petitions are filled, send them in, to M. J. Brown, at the Courier office, but be sure they are properly sworn to.

It is very necessary that the committee have a complete record of the work up to June 10, and those having petitions are earnestly urged to give prompt attention to this matter.

COMMITTEE

Late, but Big as Eggs

Strawberries are rolling in this week, and tho' late because of the backward season, yet they are about the size of hens' eggs and a wonderful crop. And cherries, the kind that you have take two bites to, are coming in in quantities.

This City is a Bouquet
Oregon City is now a bower of roses. Everywhere you see them and thousands of them. They are late this year, but they are more beautiful than ever.

Business Booming Here

It is reported to this office that there is not a desirable residence to be had for rent in the city, and this office has many inquiries for such places. And with an extra shift at the mills and a new factory about ready to start, the future looks bright for growth and prosperity.

Everybody Wants to Go

Next Monday is the opening day of the Portland rose festival and the commercial club has chartered two steamers, the Ruth and Lang to carry commercial club members and their families to the opening. The boats will carry 280 people and every reservation has been taken. From these boats the Oregon City people will have a fine view of the river ceremonies opening the rose festival.

Three 8-Hour Shifts Now

This week the Willamette paper mills changed from the 12 and 13 hour shifts to three 8-hour shifts, dividing the 24 hours into three parts. The first shift is from 8 to 10, the second from 10 to 12, and the third from midnight to 8. The men will rotate weekly on the shifts. There was a small wage cut made in the change of hours. It is expected that other mills will follow and put on the 8-hour day.

HELD UP

County Attorney Bill Referenced and Will Go Over to November

It is to be much regretted that the county attorney law, passed by the last legislature, has been held up by referendum, and cannot take effect until after the voters have passed on it.

As we understand it, before the passage of the county attorney law, District Attorney Tongue's friends got busy (and possibly Mr. Tongue himself moved a few) and had a law passed boosting his salary to \$3500 a year. (You will recall that the last legislature was very generous to present office holders.)

Afterwards came the county attorney law, giving each county a district attorney, and providing the governor could remove them for cause. Governor West appointed G. L. Hedges of this city for Clackamas county.

This law annulled Mr. Tongue's salary increase law, and of course he did not like it. A public official does not like to drop from \$3500 to \$2400. It jars them. So at once they got busy with the referendum, secured the necessary 8000 names, and the matter is held up until next November, and in the meantime the District Attorney will close his nuts on the bigger salary.

There is little probability that the people will sustain the referendum, if the matter is made clear to them, but it will keep Mr. Tongue on the job for six months yet, and this was evidently the real reason of the referendum.

BOOSTING BEATIE'S FUNERAL

Contemptible Falsehoods Only Incentive Voters Against County Court

Editor Courier and Taxpayers of Clackamas County:—

In the Enterprise of May 28th, 1913, appears a statement purporting to be an account of the public meeting of the people of Needy.

The statements made by the said Enterprise editor are deliberate falsehoods and anyone making such statements is an unmitigated liar. Mr. Olds was not interrupted during his speech.

Mr. Oglesby was interrupted once by a Macksburg man who has been sucking the county test to the amount of several dollars since February 1st.

The meeting was the largest held at Needy in the past five years and for over two hours heard the speakers denounce the manner of doing business by the (Hon) county court of Clackamas county.

Several persons signed the recall petitions at Needy that evening May 23rd.

Just such liars as are publishing such statements as appeared in said dirty, contemptible sheet are only helping to put Beatie and Blair on the retiring list.

GEO. E. OGLESBY
W. NOBBLITT
C. MILLER
A. S. THOMPSON
C. R. NOBBLITT
C. W. CARUTHERS
J. F. OGLESBY
C. E. OGLESBY

Uses Fence for Brake

Ernest Elliott, driving his father's Buick car, turned it into fence when coming down a hill on the Mulino road Sunday afternoon, and thereby saved a more serious accident.

In the car were the mother and sister. The brakes refused to work and he dared not take the hill. The car crashed through a farm gate. The occupants were hit with splinters and considerably jarred.

We can show you a separator that has been used 15 years and still it is good. DeLaval Agency, 8th & Main Oregon City.

OUR 1913 GRAND OLD CHAUTAUQUA

SPLENDID PLACE FOR REST AND EDUCATION

26 PROGRAMS ARE BOOKED

Season Will be Biggest in Assembly's Long History

Are you aware of the fact that next month the old Gladstone Chautauqua, with its ideal camp-life, its excellent educational and lecture features, its wholesome music, its baseball games and dignified recreation, will be with us again? July 8 to 20 inclusive are the dates of the next session, which will be the twentieth in the history of the association.

Do you realize that the Chautauqua is for YOU? That it is one of the greatest ideas that ever came to the mind of man? It is not a circus, it is not a theatre, neither is it a summer lecture course, nor a camp meeting, nor can it be called a music festival. And yet it combines the charm of a circus tent, the wit of the stage, the wisdom of the platform, the eloquence of the pulpit, with the beauty and health of out-door camp-life. It is a place where good people of all classes and creeds gather in one big family and annually enjoy an ideal two weeks, in the midst of most beautiful surroundings, and all the while in an atmosphere of most inspiring educational work. The Chautauqua is on one hand the great builder of character; on the other hand it is the great leveler of society.

Do you know that there are twenty six big programs (afternoon and evening) on this year's program, and in addition approximately fifty lectures in the morning classes. The directors charge \$2.50 for 75 intellectual treats. That's cheap enough. Or, daily tickets aside from the ideal camp life, and other Chautauqua features.

Gladstone park, as a "thing of beauty" is in a class by itself.

About 75 acres of stately pines and fir trees, wild flowers in abundance, verdure of all kinds—in fact Chautauqua Park is one of Oregon's beauty spots.

If all Clackamas county people would realize the opportunities thrown at their doors by the coming of the Chautauqua, the 75 acres would not begin to hold the visitors this year. The Chautauqua is for you, whether or not you've been there before. Plan now—today on attending the coming session, for as the 20th annual assembly, it will be a memorable epoch in coast Chautauqua history. The directors promise big things for 1913, and a glance at the list of attractions would bear out their predictions.

This year's program will include Colonel Bain, a Chautauqua lecturer of national repute; Baumgart, perhaps the biggest drawing card outside of Bryan, in western Chautauqua fields; Maude Willis, one of the most gifted interpreters of the American drama who has ever graced the American stage; the original company of the Tyrolean Alpine singers, with their quaint folk-songs and Alpine melodies; the Sierra Mixed quartet, the premier four of the west; Ng Poon Chew, as his name implies a celestial, a Chinese boy who has made good in real Yankee fashion, now at the head of a great Chinese newspaper, who tells in most eloquent English of the "new republic"; Walt Holcomb, son-in-law of the famous Sam Jones, who draws like a magnet, wherever he appears in Chautauqua work; Matt S. Hughes, an old war horse of the Chautauqua field who has been to Gladstone before, and was listened to most attentively by 4000 people on each visit; E. G. Lewis, the gifted orator who made University City, Mo., famous; Grace Lamkin, a new feature of eastern Chautauqua last year, who will be here during the entire session, directing her "Supervised Play." Miss Lamkin looks after the children, any and all of them, and her program, aside from its restful influence upon the mothers, is a most unique and beautiful entertainment. Her work last year was the sensation of the eastern Chautauquas.

Dr. Hinson will conduct Bible classes each morning of the session. Professor F. T. Chapman of Portland, is to have charge of the Chautauqua music. His orchestra of 12 pieces will be heard twice a day in prelude work, and Mr. Chapman has secured a large number of Portland's leading vocalists to assist him in the program.

Oregon Agricultural college and the state university will both maintain headquarters on the grounds during the entire session and will carry their extension work direct to the thousands of Chautauqua patrons.

The O. A. C. lectures will be along practical agricultural lines by experts from that institution. Dr. James Gilbert, probably the leading economist of Oregon, for the state university along economic and social lines. All other colleges of the state will be represented at the coming Chautauqua.

The P. R. L. & P. Line, known as the Oregon City line, runs a half hour

car service from Portland directly into the beautiful park, which lies two miles north of Oregon City. The S. P. trains will stop for patrons within 100 yards of the park, for convenience of people from the Willamette valley at points south, as well as from Portland. Tents may be secured for a nominal sum from the management and will be erected for the patrons upon reservation. The assembly also furnishes cots, but the patrons are expected to bring the balance of their utensils. Provisions can be secured upon the grounds. The park has been connected with the Gladstone water system during the past year that the patrons may enjoy fine mountain water at all times.

Lest We Forget

Once upon a time the federal government and the state of Oregon decided to open a free ship canal around the falls here, and the money to do it was deposited. It is yet deposited. Nothing doing.

Once upon a time the voters of Oregon City authorized the city council to build a public elevator up the bluffs and deposited the money. And yet not a pebble has been stirred.

Once upon a time the city had a cement fire alarm building and tower built at the head of the Seventh street stairway. It stands there, vacant with the scaffolding unremoved and the lumber and debris marring the most slightly spot in the city.

It was a wise old philosopher who got off that "large bodies move slowly."

NO PROOF SHOWN

Just a Few "Disappointed, Spleetic Individuals" are Kicking
There is no real dissatisfaction with the county court here, it has not done any wrong, nor has any proof been submitted that any detail exists with which fault may be found legitimately. All that has been shown is that a small group of disappointed, spleetic individuals, who have in the past not shown any marked fitness for public executive office, are desirous of ousting county officials for personal reasons.—Enterprise.

"No proof that any detail exists with which fault may be found legitimately."
"Scuse my smile.
Where was the \$163,000 gone?
What about those bridge building contracts?
What about that county franchise gift?
What about the road implements?
What about the timber cruising contracts?

As to the small group of "disappointed individuals"—wait a little and see the real size of them. And in the meantime the Enterprise might look over the recall petitions and see the names of Clackamas county's best citizens and heaviest taxpayers enrolled, asking for the county court's recall.

PLACES ASHAMED OF

City Hall and Postoffice are Deplorable Dumps and Disgrace City
Oregon City has a dump of a postoffice that is a disgrace to a city of its size, and a place citizens always steer visitors away from, because they are ashamed of it.

We have lived in hopes for years of a government appropriation that would provide a decent place, but have only seen the wished-for goal draw near and fade.

Waiting for government aid is too much like waiting for a century plant to blossom, and too very slow for our growing city.

It is but a matter of a short time when we must have a new city hall, the present apologetic is a twin to the postoffice building. And why doesn't the city take the matter up with the government, get a ten or twenty year lease, build a city hall with a post-office department on the first floor, put the jail in the basement, the fire apparatus on the alley where the jail now is, and the other rooms for rent? Properly handled a plan could be worked out and contracts signed up that would guarantee such a building would pay interest on the investment and give the city a postoffice and a city hall our people would not be ashamed of.

And we are ashamed of both of them now.

Rose Festival Patronesses

Following are the patronesses for Rose Festival day:
Mrs. C. D. Latourette, Mrs. B. T. McBain, Mrs. C. H. Cauffield, Mrs. E. G. Cauffield, Mrs. W. B. Cox, Mrs. W. A. Huntley, Mrs. C. G. Huntley, Mrs. L. Adams, Mrs. D. O'Neil, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Eber Chapman, Mrs. Theodore Osmond, Mrs. E. P. Rands, Mrs. Hugh Mount, Mrs. Clara Morey, Mrs. M. D. Latourette, Mrs. Hugh Hendry, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. Shanks.

All members of the Rose Society are on the receiving committee.

Auto Parade Entries

The automobile parade held in conjunction with the Rose Show in this city Saturday, will be one of the features of the day. Entries for the parade may be made with M. J. Lazelle at the Courier office, 8th and Main streets at any time previous to the day of the parade. Entry numbers will be provided at time of making entry. The parade moves promptly at 1:30 P. M.

Many of your neighbors use the DeLaval cream separator. Why not you? See the ad on this page.

State Convention Here Sept. 1 and 2

The Clackamas County Rural Carriers Association will hold a meeting in the city council chambers Saturday night, for the purpose of electing officers and make preparations for the state convention to be held in this city September 1 and 2.

Charles Andrews is president of the county association and Frank White-man secretary, and they state they expect from 75 to 100 carriers to be here at the state convention. A program is being arranged and big times are anticipated. The state association is growing stronger every month.

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WANTED!

Girls and Women

To operate Sewing Machines in garment factory.

Oregon City Woolen Mills

ELEVATOR TAKES ANOTHER REST

BIDS ARE ASKED FOR, FOR THIRD TIME

WILL DRILL TEST WELL DEEPER

Hopes that Flow will be Struck at Mt. Pleasant

The elevator matter was ricked to sleep once more Wednesday night when someone proposed to build an inclined railway from Eighth St. up to Seventh, and when the two bids were opened and both exceeded the amount appropriated. The bid of the Oregon Bridge and Construction Co. was \$14,462 and the Hurley Mason Co. was \$13,000. The matter will again be advertised, both for elevator and inclined railway.

A business man of the city suggests to the Courier that as the year will soon be up, that this matter of the elevator be again submitted to the people, this time on the proposition of recinding it, on the grounds that it is unconstitutional for the present generation to vote an improvement on to its children.

The matter of the test well at Mt. Pleasant came in for considerable discussion and the council decided to drill the well 100 feet deeper. Mr. Trooze urged that the proposition to get water from Canby gravels be given thorough investigation.

Two ordinances designed to better conditions in Oregon City, were introduced at Wednesday night's council meeting by William M. Stone, city attorney. One provides that no minor shall be employed in any cigar stand adjacent to a saloon; and the other provides that no person shall be permitted to buy liquor to give or sell to a person who is upon the list of habitual drunkards.

Chief of Police Shaw also submitted his report for the month of May, showing that \$142.20 had been collected in fines, and 11 arrests made. Of these 11 prisoners 3 served time in the city jail, one jumped bail, and 7 paid fines. During the month 33 hoboes were given lodging and 61 meals were served to city charges.

DON'T QUIT THE JOB