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BEATIE WANTED COURIER INDICTED JUST WANTED TO GET EVEN FOR THE COURIER'S RECALL EFFORTS.

Here are a few points we want to keep before you men who do your own reasoning: Judge Beatie a nd Commissioner Mattoon appeared before the grand jury and an indictment for libel for the Courier editor resulted. May 23 nine names of men of this county were put under a heading of tax rebates. The indictment of the grand jury was NOT for this publication. Five weeks later the Courier called attention to the publication of May 23 and stated the county court had rebated its own taxes. Then Robert Beatie and William Mattoon went before the grand jury and an indictment was returned. There is no positive evidence that the Courier office made an error in its publication of the nine names under a wrong heading May 23. The evidence that it did was the copy of the Enterprise office, but the Courier office did NOT use the Enterprise copy. Other copy was furnished this office. Circumstances point that the matter WAS an error, and was the Courier's error, and we believe it was this office's error—that a wrong heading was accidentally put over nine names under general roads, making them appear under tax rebates. Thirty-four days went by, and neither Mr. Beatie or Mr. Blair asked for any correction, made any allusion to the mistake or set up any cry that the publication was "false and scandalous" matter. No person ever in any manner called any attention to this office that the publication was wrong. And 34 days after we commented on the publication. We did so because we believed the publication May 23 was true and we had a right to make the comment. Before the grand jury the editor of this paper explained this matter as it is explained here, and showed that body NINE names, NOT three, were included under the heading of tax rebates. One of the members of the jury asked the editor if he did not think it would be an act of justice to make a correction and retraction of the comment this paper made. The editor told him it had already been written and was in type. As soon as our attention was called to the correction, our Clerk Mulvey at once wrote and read it and it was printed on the front page of the next edition. Commissioner William Mattoon came to the Courier office, and asked if a correction would be made. We showed him WHERE IT HAD BEEN MADE. He said he would read it when his paper came, and he stated in the presence of three men that so long as the Courier gave the same prominence to the correction as it did to the comment "no harm was done." Now Mr. Mattoon was one of the witnesses before the grand jury that indicted the Courier editor for publishing "false and scandalous" matter with intent to injure and defame said W. H. Mattoon, N. Blair and R. B. Beatie. What do you think about it? Do you think W. H. Mattoon and Judge Beatie are injured—after a full explanation was made, and the explanation promised, before the indictment was returned? Why didn't they appear before the grand jury weeks before—when the first publication was made? It was in session? Why did Beatie and Mattoon wait 34 days before a denial of the publication was made? Were they waiting and expecting a comment—waiting for it so they could secure an indictment? Draw your own conclusions. If these men had secured an indictment on any one of the CHARGES that have been made against the county court, charges of extravagance, franchises, contracts and personal and political moves that look decidedly shady—if the Courier had been held because of one or many of these articles it has published, then would we have taken our medicine and never made a protest. But no indictments were brought on any of these charges—the charges that have brought about a recall election. You men who reason, make what you may out of the Courier indictment—an indictment founded on a mistake of lines of type, a mistake like of which is made and always will be made as long as newspapers are printed. But we will state that if Mr. Beatie and Mr. Blair thought this indictment would so scare the Courier editor that he would hike out on a vacation that would last until after the recall election was over, that these gentlemen are mighty poor judges of a man's nature, and they have several more guesses coming.

Who Will Try It?

Ward Bean is out for notoriety. He is physical instructor of the Philadelphia college of Pharmacy. Evidently there are not many who know Mr. W. W. B. and he wants to shine. He says he is an authority upon the care and development of the human body, and in the Philadelphia Inquirer he springs a line of don'ts to prove it and here is the batting order: "Don't wear high collars. "Don't wear suspenders. "Don't wear a belt. "Don't wear anything else that is apt to retard the circulation of air through one's clothing. Mr. Bean goes on with several

more inches of don'ts, but there is no use dragging the finish until there is some possibility of getting away with some of the city's by laws and Chief Shaw would have instructions to discourage the practice. What do you think about some Philadelphia professor advising men to leave off suspenders and belts? Some of you fellows try out Prof. Bean's training for a day or two, and let us know how it works out.

Some Circulation, This Courier During the past six months the Courier has added almost 900 new subscribers to its list. The present contest will put on as many more new ones. This paper has readers, live readers and not a subscriber on the list that is over a year in arrears. And such a subscription list means something to the advertiser who knows its value.

The Courier is Open. Once more, and this is the third time, this paper offers its columns to any man or woman voter of Clackamas county to defend the members of the county court against the recall. We offer the space in all fairness. We will give any resident of this county a hearing. We invite you to use these columns to show where the charges against the county court are untrue or where any member of the county court has been done an injustice. We ask the members of the court to use it.

In Some counties They Indict. A Portland daily paper last Saturday committed an inexcusable blunder when it headed an item from its correspondence in this city "Hillsboro Butchers Under Charges." The body of the story plainly told that the place of business of the alleged offenders was many miles distant and in another town.—Hillsboro Independent.

In our issue of two weeks ago an anonymous letter published at the expense of Prosecutor Don Upjohn, was made to read as coming from Falls City, and asserting that gambling was being carried on there. Falls City was not the town mentioned in the letter but by some unknown juggling of the types it was so designated and entirely overlooked in the proof reading.—Dallas Itimierz.

REV. HENRY SPIESS ASKS HIM SOME DIRECT ONES How Can he Set Aside Findings of Another Court? Courier:— The Judge says I had a sore spot and that is why I complained against Norris. Is it a sore spot when you find out that every health law has been violated? That the rules of the State Board have been set aside? Did the Judge have a sore spot when he went before the grand jury? Is it more important to punish a man for an error in print which was corrected than to have the health laws of the state violated? These violations were published, and the sections of the law given, yet the violator is taken under the protecting wing of the Judge. Why? Both Dr. Norris and Dr. Strickland gave testimony that the spread of scarlet fever in Clackamas was entirely due to the breaking of quarantines and carelessness of first cases but Dr. Norris is the man whose duty it was to enforce these laws, yet he did not quarantine these first cases. Why must the judge protect him in his violations? One man intentionally violates the law and puts dynamite in the river to dislodge an obstruction; he is indicted. Another violates the health laws and the assistant district attorney has been told of it, yet no investigation. Why? Will some one please answer after reading Lords Oregon Laws 4695 up to and including 4700. (L. 1905, c. 107, p. 297, '5).

4700 is as follows: Violations of Act a Misdemeanor Any person or persons, any board of health or the officers of any corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$10 nor to exceed \$100. The above was grossly violated. The violations were published. The attention of the district attorney's office was called to these violations in January. Nothing has yet been done. We were told that the STATE Board of Health was the proper one to enforce these laws, but as soon as the State Board found the man guilty Judge Beatie woke up and said "Spiess you are sore."

How is it that the county judge can set aside the findings of another court? An answer to the above questions will be greatly appreciated by several thousand people as well as myself. Henry Spiess.

Why Not Oregon City? Efforts are being made by the residents of Milwaukie, Minthorn, Ardenwald and vicinity of these places to secure the large automobile manufacturing establishment that is to be erected by the Beaver State Motor Company, the automobiles to be manufactured being of the "Beaver Six" make. In order to have this company establish its place of business it requires \$25,000 in stock. Of this amount there has been already raised by the citizens of that section \$12,000, and N. B. Harvey of Ardenwald has donated five acres for the building site. This is one of the most valuable pieces of land in that section. Mr. Combs is president of the automobile company. The residents of Gresham are endeavoring to secure the manufacturing plant for that place, but the people of Milwaukie are endeavoring to have it established in Clackamas County.

BOY SHOOT'S DOG, MAN SHOOT'S BOY DEPUTY SHERIFF TOO HANDY WITH HIS COLT'S AUTOMATIC.

Earl McNaughton, a Portland boy 18 years old, lies in the hospital in this city with a bullet hole through his leg and a 32 calibre bullet in his intestines. William Mumpower, a deputy sheriff of Stone is under arrest on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The story as told by neighbors and told on the street is substantially as follows: Two Portland boys, Earl McNaughton and Lester Coomer, were on a country ride on motorcycles Sunday, along the Clackamas river, and while riding past a farm residence of W. L. Kirchem, a bull dog ran out into the road and attack Coomer who was in the lead. One story is that the dog became entangled in the machine and was injured, and that McNaughton shot him. Another is that while he was chasing or running along side the first machine McNaughton fired and killed the dog. Then the boys rode away. Mr. Kirchem was very wrathful over the death of the dog, and he called on the deputy sheriff, William Mumpower, to catch the boys. The deputy and Kirchem followed the boys in an auto, and when the motorcycles came to a broken bridge and could go no farther, they were overtaken by the deputy and arrested. The boys made no resistance, and McNaughton handed over to the deputy the revolver with which he had killed the dog. The party of four then started for Oregon City, the boys pushing their machines along to where they were to be put in a barn. The story is that both the boys were apparently adjusting their machines, and the deputy fearing they might try to jump out warned them not to try to escape, when the McNaughton boy called out, "we won't try to run," at the same time swinging onto the seat and turned the machine wide open. Mumpower then opened his Colt's automatic and shot several times, one bullet going through the boy's leg and another through his back, lodging in his intestines. The wounded lad stuck to his machine, and rode it nearly a mile, when he came to a fishing pier, where he fell from his machine. Two autos were in the party and the campers carried him to a car when they hurriedly started to the city before the auto of the deputy arrived. As soon as the car reached this city Sheriff Mass was notified and he at once started for Mumpower, but the deputy was already on his way to the sheriff's office by another road. He gave himself up, his star was taken from him and he was placed under arrest. The boy, while seriously wounded, is doing nicely, and the Doctors Mount say symptoms are very favorable for recovery. The bullet has not been taken out, and will not be unless conditions make it necessary. That the deputy far exceeded his authority there is no dispute, but he claims that he did not shoot to hit the boy, but rather to puncture the tire of his machine. Mumpower was released on his own word. He is said to be well regarded in his home neighborhood.

WHAT ABOUT THIS? ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR PEOPLE TO FIND OUT. Are Politics and Pull to Enter Into Life and Death

In reply to the communication and the official letters published by Rev. Henry Spiess in last week's Courier, Wednesday's Enterprise printed the following letter from the State Board of Health written to Judge Beatie: Portland, Oregon, July 14, 1913 Judge Beatie, Oregon City, Oregon. Dear Sir:— Answering your inquiry of today, the board has taken no decisive action in regard to the matter of Dr. Norris since giving the official information that Dr. Norris had not resigned. No official notice of the former hearing was ever sent to you. A special meeting of the board will be held within the next ten days and a definite action taken one way or the other, and you will be promptly notified of that action. Yours very truly, CALVIN S. WHITE, State Health Officer.

Here's another letter. It was written to Dr. Calvin S. White. Note the date. Oregon City Oregon, April 1, 1913 Dr. Calvin S. White, State Health Officer. Dear Sir:— My resignation as health officer of Clackamas county will be handed to the county judge as demanded by the State Board of Health. Very truly yours, Dr. J. W. Norris, M. D.

AS DEMANDED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. Get that? After Dr. Norris had written this letter to the health board, Judge Beatie told him NOT TO RESIGN and HE WOULD STAY WITH HIM. Judge Beatie admitted this in his Oak Grove speech. The state board of health told this office over the phone that Dr. Norris had resigned. The Enterprise published a news story that his resignation had been tendered and would take effect May 1. Isn't it about time the people took an interest in this matter and went to the bottom of it? Isn't it time to insist that politics and pull be eliminated from the most important offices in the state of Oregon and that the people demand that public health matters shall not be kicked around? The time for public sentiment to FORCE public investigation of this very nasty smelling mess. Isn't it about time to start indignation meetings.

EVERY WEEK GROWING Courier Has Largest Circulation Between Salem and Portland

The advertising in this issue of the Courier is proof enough that it reaches the readers of Clackamas county. Not an inch of it has been solicited. It comes because the Courier reaches the people that makes advertising valuable, and it pays well to reach them. The Courier has the largest sworn circulation of any newspaper between Portland and Salem, and every week it is growing. The voting contest is adding hundreds of names from all parts of the county. If you want to reach the readers, this paper is the medium. It may cost a little more than other papers, but it delivers the ads.

ABOUT THE RECALL If You Registered at the Last Election You Need Not Register Again.

There have been many inquiries at the Courier office as to whether or not a registered voter in the last general election would have to register again before he can vote at the recall election. From County Clerk Mulvey, from an opinion from Attorney General Crawford and from local attorneys, all agree that any person that was registered at the general election does not have to again register until the next general election. However, any man or woman who did not register or vote at the last general election must register before they can vote at the recall election.

HOUSEBOAT FOR SALE OR RENT, with salmon nets, cork lines, five fjk nets, 27 crawfish nets, etc. Below Willamette Falls, Oregon City. John Meier.

WANTED—General house work by competent girl. Ask at Courier office.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE POURING IN PICK YOUR WINNER AND HELP LAND COURIER'S BIG PRIZES.

It's rolling in. The subscriptions to the Courier we mean. They are new ones in the main too. That means the city folks—this shows that the Courier stands in good favor in city circles. The reason everybody likes the Courier is because it stands for everything that is square and clean. If you are not on the Courier list—you can't be up with the great movement for clean politics that is now being waged. Hundreds of renewals are also rolling in. Subscribers that are paid a year or so in advance are rallying to their favorite contestant and paying as high as five years in advance so that the Courier contest will be a wonderful success. Many have said it can't be done. One thousand new subscriptions in six weeks. But the loyal friends of the Courier are showing that it can be done. Show Up. Are you a friend of the Courier? Do you believe in the big fight the Courier is now making for better government? Then show your appreciation by mustering up a few subs and turning them in to the credit of your favorite contestant. Look the list of contestant over and pick out your winner and then go to it. Miss Parry in Lead. Miss Parry of Beaver Creek, is in the lead today. How long she will keep it we don't know. We are going to try and award a trip this week. The first trip will be given, it may be by Saturday night. Now is the time to help. Not tomorrow, but today. If you have made a promise to contribute fill it now. They need your help now. Who will be on top next week? That's up to the friends of the contestants—get busy. Miss Kate Cooper Second. Miss Kate Cooper of Oregon City, is second in the race today. Cooper has been in the lead several days past, and she is now a near runner to the first place. Any one who has promised to help Miss Cooper cannot find a more opportune time to help her than at present. Miss Cooper is followed closely by G. G. Fletcher, Miss Hazel Erickson, Miss Naomi Armstrong and Miss Mary Green. The friends of Miss Erickson will perhaps be rather surprised to see the advancement she has made in the last day or so. Miss Erickson has advanced in the last two days from ninth to fourth place. Miss Armstrong and Miss Green are holding their own very well and their friends predict that they will be first place before very many days. Miss Esther Larson of Willamette, and Miss Zillah Kirbyson of Oregon City, have been taking some big advances in the past few days, and from what they say, they will continue to climb up the list by rapid strides. This is a great opportunity to help your candidate for tomorrow may be a little late and the prize may be awarded. The prizes offered in this campaign are some of the most liberal ever offered in a campaign of a like nature in Clackamas county and the way it is appreciated is shown by the great numbers of new subscribers that come pouring into the contest department from the candidates. Candidates Can Make \$850 in Next Four Weeks. Did you ever hear of anything more liberal? \$850 in a month, for only talking to a few of your friends. One of the candidates said: "Why that is more money than I can make in a whole year, and I have to work all day from eight o'clock to six," and that is true of many people who work all day, will not work a whole year for that amount. And just think a candidate in the Courier's great subscription campaign can make that amount in only four weeks more. Three "Five Year Subscriptions" Will Put a New Candidate in Lead. Just think of it. A new candidate who has not even one vote at the present time can get in the lead of the whole contest by calling on three of their friends and getting them to pay their subscription for a period of five years each. That is, call on three of your friends, collect seven dollars and fifty cents from each one which amount pays their subscription to the Oregon City Courier for a period of five years, and forward the amount, totaling \$22.50 to the contest department of the Courier at Oregon City and this party would be in the lead of all the candidates, having a total vote of 15,500 and then they would also receive 1000 nomination votes to which every candidate is entitled. This total amount of 14,500 votes would put any one ahead of all the candidates by a lead of 1000, as you will notice by the list of votes on another page of this paper. Now is your opportunity. Take advantage of it while you may for tomorrow may be too late. Some one is going to get the votes of the people. WHY NOT YOU? You have just as many friends who will be glad to help you win by giving you their votes as the next fellow. So get busy. Call up the contest department, enter your name and get a subscription book. It costs you nothing but a little effort and you can make \$850 in the next four weeks. Do it now.

HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED. The telephone hearing before the state Railroad Commission, which was announced for the court house Tuesday of this week, has been postponed until July 28.

Only Seven Votes For. It would seem that the instigators of the special election in Canemah precinct had but little knowledge of public sentiment when they had a special election called to vote on the matter of stock running at large, for the vote at Monday's election was 99 against and 7 for.

Let Us Hope. Once more the press dispatches give it out that the end of the beginning of the state and locks canal is in sight and that work on the project will be soon commenced. The Courier has published like announcements at intervals for two years past, but this may be true.

"Beauty Parlors" Raided. The "beauty parlors" conducted by two Portland women, giving their names as Susan Doe and Jennie Roe, were investigated by the police Tuesday night, and the women were arrested. The place has been under suspicion for some time. They gave bail and will appear before Recorder Stipp Friday.

Buried Up, Running Light. Although with two extra hands on the force and working day and night the Courier is short of its usual standard of reading matter this week. The office has been buried up with work and we simply had to boil down crowd out and run over columns of news matter.

Will they Back Down? Owing to the failure of Dr. Norris to resign as demanded by the State Board of Health and to the activity and pressure brought to bear by Judge Beatie and Mr. Latourette upon the board, the State Board will meet next week to determine what further steps to take. It is rumored they will reverse their former findings.

Jury Disagrees. In the trial of William Allen, who lives near Molalla, indicted for obtaining goods under false pretenses, the jury disagreed and were discharged Saturday. The charge was that Allen passed forged checks on merchants in this city and elsewhere. It is said the disagreement hinged largely on the identification of Allen. G. E. Hayes defended Allen.

Muzzle the Dog, or he Dies. Chas. Cleveland, president of the Livestock Sanitary board, has given notice that all dogs in northern Clackamas, Multnomah and parts of Marion counties must be muzzled or tied, and any dog running at large without a muzzle will be shot. This action is taken because of the two recent deaths in Portland and because of the mad dog epidemic in the county.

May Be Big Coast Strike. A strike vote has been decided upon and is being voted on in California, which should it prevail may tie up the entire coast country from Portland to El Paso and east to Ogden, Utah. The trouble is over a discrimination of operatives on electric and steam roads. There are 5000 men in the trainmen's union, embracing conductors, trainmen and yard men. It will take some time to determine the results of the vote.

Will Revise Charter. At a Monday meeting of the council Monday morning, Mr. Tooz called attention to the several defects in the present city charter which are serious drawbacks to the city in matters of street work and maintenance, the enforcement of the ordinances, etc., and moved that the Mayor appoint a committee composed of councilmen and citizens to revise the same. The motion prevailed and it is expected that his honor will soon announce his choice of members.

Near Riot in Portland. Tuesday night ten I. W. W.'s were arrested as fast as they mounted the soap box in Portland, and finally the police carried away the box to stop the attempts to speak. There were wild scenes, bordering on riot, and the mayor has issued orders that there shall not be any more street speaking in the city, except religious speaking. Tom Burns was one of the leaders in the speaking and troubles, and his incendiary talk led to the raid and the arrests.

Indicted for Riot, Jury Acquits. The fifteen men arrested about five weeks ago for connection with the mill strike, and indicted by the grand jury on the charge of riot, were all acquitted by a trial jury last week and the man who was arrested during the trial, as one of the leaders of the charged riot, was also discharged. The jury stood on the first ballot 9 not guilty and 3 partially guilty, and on every ballot nine men stood for acquitted. Jurors questioned by the Courier stated that there simply was not evidence to convict the men of rioting, and it was their duty as jurors to acquit. And this ends a case that gave Oregon city a lot of outside advertising.

The women's cannery strike in Portland has been a bad one for a little one, and probably the end is not yet. The evidence brought out shows the women were far underpaid. The managers claim they cannot pay more for the business does not warrant it. Under such conditions a commission should have authority to investigate their books and determine if starvation wages was all that was warranted, and if they lied, there should be a law compelling them to pay decent wages or let a state supervisor run the plant for them.

WILL YOU STAND IT OR CHANGE IT MATTERS FOR TAXPAYERS TO BE SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT.

"When a judge of a county court has to apologize for the way he has expended the taxpayers money, it is time for the taxpayers to begin to look around." This is the way an Oregon City man expressed himself on the recall the other day. This man is but one of many men who are thinking things over these days and wondering at the rising, rising taxation. The state expenses are enormous, we admit that, but this is no justification for making county expenditures keep up, but rather the best reason for curtailing and cutting to the bone. The most of the taxpayers of this county do not believe there is good reason for having expenses so high in this county. There are hundreds of men who say the expenditures can be vastly lowered and the county not suffer or know the difference. The coming recall election is largely based on the matter of extravagance of the present county court. Bridge building contracts, court house contracts, timber cruising contracts and many other expenditures are considered to have been extravagant, and there is a general sentiment that the county could and should be run for far less money than is being yearly paid out. Then there comes the charges of politics and favoritism, of a "ring" that controls, rewards and punishes, and that if a man does not "stand in" he will get the worst of it. The proposition of the recall is to see if a new county court cannot remedy the conditions the people are smarting under in this county. If it will be a commencement of an effort to get the taxpayers and the tax-payers closer together in this county. It will be the first step in a proposition to have representative government, closer government, and the organization of precinct bodies that will be in touch with the county court and who will be heard and considered on all matters of importance to the different sections of the county. The candidates who will run on the coming recall election will run in the hope to bring about these needed changes and to reduce taxation in Clackamas county. They will be men who have ability, honesty and who will stand for the things that stand right. If they are elected there will not be any private room contracts nor star chamber politics. They will try to find out the honest needs of the county, get in close touch with the people and keep the enormous county expenses down. The question for you voters to decide is whether you think the experiment is worth while, or whether you are satisfied with the present. That's the whole of it. If you want to turn things over and see if a more efficient and economical county government cannot be put in its form, then in the future. After some line up with the men who have worked hard for six months to bring about a means where you can make the change. It isn't an issue of sore spots. Perhaps sore spots started it, but that stage has long gone by. It is an issue of remedying conditions—of seeing if a lot of expense and politics cannot be cut out of Clackamas county and the county managed as a business would be run. There are a lot of matters that look pretty shady in county court records, matters that they have to be dodged to give a full explanation. For some explanations are not at all satisfactory to the people. It smells of politics and of pull, of friends and favoritism. Think matters over. If you are satisfied with the present administration and the way things have been run, then stay in the present court. If you are not, then get in behind the recall, and not only vote for it, but work for it. It's a time when men should smoke out and show their sand.

BEAVER CREEK BOOSTS Subscribes \$750 Toward the Equity Warehouse in Portland.

At the meeting of the Clackamas County Union of the F. S. E. held with Beaver Creek Local last Saturday, President Haper, of the Equity Warehouse Company, explained what had been done by the board of directors to date towards establishing the warehouse in Portland and what they proposed to do in future. After some discussion of the proposition a subscription list was passed around and \$375 was subscribed. At a meeting of the local at night further subscriptions were forthcoming making a total of \$750 from Beaver Creek members. We consider this a pretty good showing. If a few other locals would do nearly so well, the warehouse will very quickly be in operation for the benefit of all members of the Equity. The local has passed resolutions urging all members to boost the society and the warehouse company. We realize that success can only be acquired by pulling together for something that will be of benefit to all members everywhere in the state, and not just this or that locality. We would also urge all who possibly can, to attend the state meeting on Friday next, July 18, at the county courthouse in Portland at 10 a. m. Make a record for attendance with Clackamas county members in the majority. Respectfully yours, W. Grisenthwaite

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