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HOW SHAW "RISES TO SITUATION"

CONSTABLE JACK FROST CRITICIZES HIS NEWSPAPER STATEMENTS

LESS TALK, MORE ARRESTS

Asks Chief Why he Doesn't Come Thru if he Has the Goods

Editor Courier:— I saw in Sunday's Enterprise, under a big heading, some statements and observations by Chief of Police Shaw, to which I would also like to add a few observations. The Chief says:

"I am aware that a large number of Oregon City boys smoke, and that they secure the tobacco in direct opposition to the state law.

Then why doesn't he stop it, and why hasn't he arrested the law-breakers? What good does "being aware" do? If he KNOWS the boys secure tobacco in direct opposition to the state law, he must know WHO sells it to them. And if he DOES know, why doesn't he arrest them, rather than to rush into print with a four flush?

Here's another from the Oregon Big Chief:

It is almost impossible to catch or convict a dealer on this charge, but despite this we have already made a number of arrests. I have been keeping close watch on certain stores in this city and may arrest one or two dealers at any time. If the Burns agency should ever read this Oregon City would lose its sleuth. He has "been keeping close watch" and MAY arrest one or two dealers any minute. And then again he MAY NOT.

If he may arrest them any time he must have the goods on them, and if he has, why doesn't he act more and talk less? The fathers and the mothers of children are more interested in what he DOES, than what he MAY DO.

This reminds me that some months ago a Portland detective was hired to locate gambling places in the city. He located them and reported, and then his report was published in the Enterprise. And there weren't any arrests.

The Chief says "we have already made a number of arrests." Who and when? I have lived in Oregon City for 21 years and have been on the police force for 4 years, and I would like to have the Chief point out this "number of arrests!"

In the next statement the chief says: This matter of the sale of tobacco to boys has been one that I have worked on for some time, but without the combined efforts of the people of the city I am almost helpless.

In the first statements he tells the public he is aware the boys get the tobacco contrary to law, in the second that he has the goods on the dealers and may arrest them any minute, and now he wants all the people of the city to join the police force and back him up—force him to make the arrests. The people pay Mr. Shaw to do this work, now why does he shoulder it onto them?

Here's another one: The matter is really out of my department. Upon the arrest of a boy for having tobacco in his possession, it is necessary for me to turn the case over to the juvenile court, and leave the charge in its hands. Then why doesn't he? As juvenile health officer, I will promise there will be something done if he does turn them over to me. But he will not do so. He is supposed to patrol the streets daily and is in a position to know of these violations. If he will give me the information which he says he has of dealers having sold tobacco to boys, there won't be any "MAYS," there will be PROSECUTIONS.

I have instructed the night force to increase their diligence and I will see to it that the day force is on the constant lookout in the future even more than in the past.

Chief Shaw is all there is of the day force, and I take it he will round himself up, call himself into the city headquarters, get in front of a mirror and read to himself the riot act. And if the Chief doesn't obey the Chief's orders, Chief Shaw may fire Ed Shaw.

In case I find that there are any more stores selling tobacco to minors, I will not wait for the parents of the boy to make out the complaint. I will make it out myself and do my best to see that the law is carried out to the letter.

"Any more." Do you get that? Those who have violated the law will be given absolution by the High Priest, but if any more of them sell tobacco or cigarettes to boys, the police club will fall.

And he is even going so far as to rush things. He will not wait for the parents to do their duty for him, but will really go ahead and make the complaint himself. Such moral courage in a police officer is certainly most commendable. If Mayor Abbe hears of it, he will draft him. Just think of the sand of it. Really going ahead without having a father prod him.

Chief Shaw's recent announcement of what he WILL do to the saloons (now that they have been put out of business) and what he MAY do to the tobacco dealers, who are yet in business, are some declarations.

The Chief might make an investigation of the locker and the bottled

goods that have been kept under lock and key for private use in the jail, and let the public know all about it.

He might find out where the downtown night force was on Saturday night when there was a drunken street fight on the corner of Fifth and Water streets, and where residents were obliged to get up and dress.

Jack Frost.

Going Up
The cement foundation walls for the new postoffice building are in, and the wall will now be rushed.

Salmon are Running
Altho the river is high and muddy, yet some line catches are being made, and quite a number of fishermen spend their spare time on the river.

Finest in the County
J. W. Wilson's cement livery barn is nearly ready to open, and it is one of the most modern livery stables in the county. It covers nearly half a block, is fire proof and has every convenience.

Winterless Oregon
Christmas is almost here and yet the Willamette Valley knows no winter. To date we have had but one white frost; not a flake of snow, roses in bloom and bud and grass and foliage as green as in May.

Free Advertising
Oregon City drinking water has so shady a reputation that one of Eugene's prominent residents, H. T. Melvin, carries his supply of water with him when he goes to Oregon City for jury service. Barlow water, by recent analysis, is shown to be perfectly pure.—Aurora Observer.

SHIFTING

"Mary had a little waist,
Most puzzling to her beau,
For everywhere the fashion went
That waist was sure to go."
Sometimes it was beneath her arms,
Sometimes around her knees;
Sometimes she was straight up and down,
With no waist, if you please."

On With the Tango
A Portland dancing master is going to teach the Tango to our young people, so the papers state. Good! Give us the "hochie-kochie," the "bunny hug," "Texas Tommy," "pussy cat sneak" and all the rest.

They are so educational, so elevating.

BUILD APARTMENT HOUSES

Convert Dead Property on Lower Main into Living Places

On upper Main street, in the old section of the city, are blocks of absolutely dead property, that do not bring in a cent of revenue. Why some wise guinea does not get hold of some of this and convert it into flat buildings and rooming apartments has been the wonder of the Courier office for two and a half years.

This city is hard pressed for places to house our day men and women hunt the streets for rooms and suits. Day after day people call at the Courier office wanting places to live.

The woolen mills employ about three hundred people, largely women. They would enlarge their plant and house the output if they could get the needed help. They could get the help if the city would accommodate them.

Women will not live in miscellaneous rooming houses of the city; it is almost impossible to find rooms in private homes, so many a girl or woman comes here, hunts in vain for accommodation and gives it up.

A local company could be formed here, or private parties could take hold of it, and make a good investment for themselves in the city.

On the old vacant property on upper Main street a big two or three story tenement building could be erected, furnished with three and four room apartments, with private rooms and furnished rooms, at reasonable rents, and it would simply prove a money maker for the investors. It would have to be done right, and managed right, with a caretaker constantly to oversee the building.

This matter is one the Live Wires should keep warm. The city needs such accommodations.

PLAYING FAVOURITES

Clackamas Writer Scores Tax Assessment Methods in this County

The following letter, printed in the Portland Journal, has been sent to the Courier by a farmer of this county, and asks that it be re-published.

Clackamas, Dec 12
I have read in the Journal an article on tax assessments in Oregon at an average of 65 per cent. That may be true about the rest of Oregon, but Clackamas County is different altogether. Some favorites may be assessed 55 per cent, but the farmers in the northern part of the county are assessed from 200 to 250 per cent cash value. Some of the farms don't bring enough rent to pay taxes and no difference is made in rocks or hill land. It is all assessed the same. That is the reason that Clackamas county is on the standstill. No eastern farmer of any business ability will invest under such conditions. There is property here that has been raised in taxable value 600 per cent in 10 years, not because the land is worth more, but some fool improved it and must pay a fine for their rest of his life, and after he is dead someone else will be skinned, and if he is unable to pay that fine, the county court will sell the land to some other victim.

H. Geshardus.

Ask Kloostra
Just for fun, drop into the Seventh street market and ask Kloostra if he has found out who stole his hides.

LET US LAND THE BIG FLAX MILL

AND GROW CROPS THAT WILL HAVE MARKETS

TOO MUCH FRUIT AND TRUCK

In this County. Time to Take Up Other Farming Lines

That proposition to locate a flax mill in Oregon City is one the farmers of this county cannot afford to shy at until they have been thoroughly looked into it.

A company will put \$200,000 into a plant here on conditions, and the conditions are largely in the way of guarantees of a supply for the plant.

The company will invest \$150,000 if the people and the farmers will invest \$50,000, and the proposition to the farmers is that they pay for their stock with one-half of the flax crop each year until the stock is paid for. He is asked to raise five acres of flax and pay a half of it on his stock.

If the farmers would readily take hold of this, we would have a big flax mill for this county.

If the mill pays the investors of the \$150,000, it must pay equally to the subscribers of the \$50,000, and the farmer doesn't take a hundredth part of the promoters' risk for he only invests a part of his labor, and he has much more to gain, for every new market for his product increases his profits and the value of his land.

It is said flax is a natural product of this county, and it is certain that there is a great field for the products of a flax mill, as there is not a plant west of the Rocky mountains.

This crop would be one that would not rot like apples or potatoes. It would not have to be marketed at a certain time. It would go to a market not over supplied and glutted. It would not be a fruit raising proposition.

What this county needs above all is markets for products that can be grown here and sold in the west, berries, potatoes and garden truck.

The farmer wants to raise something he can rely on, and the farmer wants to warm up to any proposition that gives promise of such a market.

The flax mill looks good. T. W. Sullivan has gone into it thoroughly and he thinks it will be a splendid investment for the county.

Business men of the city and the farmers of the county should warm up to this proposition and land it.

Big Job Half Completed
For four weeks a force of men have been working on the cut to straighten Seventh street to the bluff, and it will take about three weeks to complete the work. The cut goes to the very line of the Thompson residence at the head of Seventh street and takes off the verandah of the house.

Once Upon a Time
Last summer there went up a protest against the discrimination in the telephone service by the Pacific Telephone Co. The council took it up and there were many hearings and much investigation. Then it went to the public service commission, and hearing after hearing was called and postponed. Finally one date was made to stick and the evidence was presented. Then there was a calm, great silence, which still continues.

Remember the Mail Boys
Last week there was published a poem "The Mailcarrier," written by a local man, the object of which was to remind the people that it would be a fine thing to remember these men who bring you all Christmas cheer with some little token.

In the eastern states it has become custom for the patrons to remember the carriers on their street, and every year they are given some remembrance.

A few years ago in Portland on Christmas day someone started a "keep the change" on the street cars. The carriers, both city and rural, have their work doubled during the holidays and they do not get a cent extra for the extra work.

It isn't so much the value as the remembrance. The boys will appreciate it greatly, for it shows you appreciate them.

The eastern custom should be a western custom. Let us start it in Oregon City. Remember the mail boys Christmas.

Firemen Will Banquet
Arrangements are under way for a big banquet of the entire city fire department to be held between Christmas and New Year's. It will probably be held in Knapp's hall, and many a hard working conductor received a shower of dimes and nickels during the day.

Monday, Year's Short Day
Next Monday is the year's short day, after which daylight will begin to stretch out a little at each end.

Wanted! WOMEN and Girls

(over 18 years of age)
To operate SEWING Machines in garment factory
Oregon City Woolen Mills

Christmas Dance
Jack Frost will give a big Christmas dance at Busch's hall next Thursday night, Christmas night.

Out for Boozeless Oregon

The campaign for State wide and National Prohibition is on in Clackamas County. S. Macdonald is in charge of the work in this county. He says that Clackamas County will be found ready to do its part to carry this state for a boozeless Oregon.

Krohn's Saloon Closed

Klaus Krohn, owner of a saloon at Fifth and Main streets, was made the defendant in an attachment suit instituted by the Mt. Hood Brewing company for an unpaid bill of \$349.75. The attachment order was obtained Monday and the place closed by Sheriff Mass.

OREGON SCENERY

Those photographs and photographic enlargements by S. P. Davis (some of them in colors) which now appear in the window of the Courier office, should be seen by those fond of artistic representations of the Willamette Falls, Mt. Hood and some of the beauty spots near that mountain. Better see them before Christmas.

A Condition—A Reason

A Portland man dropped in to tell the Courier that it seemed good to get into one real live town. His wife carries him all over Washington, Oregon and California and he said Oregon City had more life and business in proportion to size than any town between Seattle and San Diego. And the reason is payrolls. Hard times passes up the city where big mills run right and day, 365 days in the year.

Lutheran Church Services

German Lutheran Church (Ohio-Synod) Rev. H. Mau, Pastor, Corner J. O. Adams & 8th Street.
The following services will be held at the church for the remainder of this month:

Sunday, Dec. 21st, Sunday School and Service at 9:30 and 10:30 A. M.; Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at 8 P. M., Christmas trees and program; Thursday, Dec. 25th, Divine Service at 10:30 A. M.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend all of these services

O'Malley Gets Boost Up

Henry O'Malley, who has been in charge of the affairs of the United States bureau of fisheries in Oregon and Washington for a number of years, received his appointment as superintendent of the fisheries of the entire Pacific Coast, Monday. Mr. O'Malley will continue in his office in Oregon City temporarily, but it is probable he will move to some more central point later.

Henry O'Malley entered the service of the United States bureau of fisheries as assistant fish culturist at St. Johnsbury, Vt., 17 years ago. He was placed in charge of the Clackamas station and came to Oregon City in 1907.

UNDER THE WHEELS

Misses Brake Rods and Train Cuts

James Gillispie, whose home is at Forest Grove, was run over and horribly mangled at the station here Tuesday night.

He attempted to go under the car of a moving freight train to reach the rods, missed his hold and the entire train passed over his body.

The man, with several others, waited for a south bound freight to pull out, and when it left the siding and was well under way, he shot under a car for the rods—the hobo's safest place.

None of the other hobos heard any alarm, and it was not known he had missed the rods and been cut to pieces by the wheels until later, when a brakeman on a north bound freight saw his mangled body and signaled to the officials at the depot, as his train passed.

Coroner Wilson found letters on the body which proved his identity. He had been in the employ of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, and why he should have been stealing a ride is not understood.

He had a wife and family at Forest Grove and a mother at Medford. He was an Odd Fellow. His father came here Thursday and took charge of the body.

JANUARY 1, ONE DOLLAR

Courier will be this Price to all who Pay in Advance

Commencing next Thursday December 1, the Courier will be one dollar a year to any and subscribers who pay one year in advance, and \$1.50 a year to all who do not.

This proposition simply gives the man who pays a year ahead a discount of one-third. It means a cash in advance system for the Courier, and we can afford it.

But bear in mind that this rate WILL NOT apply to any who do not pay and keep paid one year ahead. If you are six months behind it will cost you 75 cents to date and one dollar for a year ahead. We are going to enforce this rule literally and if you are a week behind we cannot give you the benefit. A postal card request will inform any subscriber when he is paid to.

Hillsboro to be "Dry"

Following practically the same line of reasoning as in the case in this city, Tuesday Judge Campbell rendered a decision at Hillsboro that the local option election in that city, November 4, was legal, and the "dry" vote should stand. The complaint charged that the notices of election had not been properly posted; that the polls did not close at the proper time; that the judges and clerks had not been legally appointed, and that several persons who were allowed to vote lived outside of the corporate limits.

A MATTER OF "GET TOGETHER"

ALL WANT GOOD ROADS, QUESTION IS WHERE?

POINTS WHERE MEN DIFFER

Whether Laterals or Trunk Lines Shall be Built First

What will Clackamas county do for good roads? That's the question. That the people are keenly awake over the problem there is no doubt. The question is, can they get close enough together to accomplish anything?

Since this road meeting in this city last week, the office has heard a lot about the right way to go after the problem.

The Courier is an open paper and any man's ideas can find a column in it.

And we are going to bunch up and give in outline the many letters this office has received on the matter, and the ideas of many who have personally expressed themselves.

Here come the farmers. We have yet to hear from one who is satisfied with the present wasteful conditions. They are in favor of permanent good roads.

But (and there you go) they want to know where the permanent roads are to be built.

The farmers favor laterals first. They say provide roads to the railroads, the towns and the river first, if you want to make the big expenditures an investment to the county.

"Give the county good right angle leads from the Willamette river and the problem of log-ged-off and waste lands will solve themselves," an Elwood man writes.

On the other hand, it is argued that when trunk lines are once established the laterals always follow; that the Pacific highway from Alaska to Mexico will do more to firmly establish and demonstrate good roads than any other way the work could be undertaken, and that it is the history of every state that has solved the problem (New York, Indiana and Ohio) that state highways were first established.

The plan as outlined by Judge Dimick has stirred no end of interest in the county. Briefly, it is this: Bond the county for \$600,000 for the construction of 100 miles of hard surfaced roads; take \$100,000 per year from present wasteful expenditures of the county; use the proceeds to provide for the interest, the maintenance and the absorption of the principle in 12 years, and in the meantime you will have had the use of your 100 miles of first class roads, and will still have had \$125,000 a year for repair and maintenance of laterals.

"This plan seems to be fairly well received by the people but the "but" creeps in.

"Where will this 100 miles be built?" is the question. One prominent farmer and large property owner says this:

"If the county will outline a policy it will carry out; build 50 miles of good road on the Dimick plan; divide the 100 miles five years apart; divide these roads where they will do the most good for the most people of the county, print and show just where the roads will be, I believe this county will stand behind the undertaking, as an investment."

By the next man says, "let us go a little slower and surer." He proposes that in place of county bonding that we take \$100,000 and build 16 miles of hard surfaced roads every year, and continue it as a policy, thus saving interest on bonds.

A Redland farmer, out and out for hard surfaced, lasting highways, comes in with a kick. He says the legislature had no legal or constitutional right to pass a 1/4 mill appropriation for the Pacific highway without a vote of the people, as it is a sectional benefit, and the state has no right to force eastern Oregon to help build a highway in western Oregon, that they will never use. He cites the Crater Lake appropriation that the supreme court declared unconstitutional, and declares that if this appropriation is to be assessed the counties should use their proportion of it where they choose.

Now, we have briefly registered the kicks and boosts, and summed up it finds the people of the county generally wanting the same end, but taking different routes to obtain it.

When 28 districts of this county vote special taxes for roads in face of the biggest taxes Oregon has ever levied, there can be no doubt about the sentiment for better roads.

Our present system is an awful waste of money. But a small part of the big expenditures comes back in good roads. The present system is a failure.

And it would seem that a policy of give-and-take could be agreed upon and that the county could get together and go ahead.

The best of roads would shove Clackamas county ahead as no other project could. We all know this, now let us get together, agree on some plan, cut out the present waste than wasteful system and build roads.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One stump puller with wire cable already to work. Value \$40.00; one large farm wagon, value \$10.00; one Mandy Lee incubator, 200 eggs capacity, value \$10.00. \$50.00 takes the lot. What have you to offer? Address N. C. Westfield, Oregon City, Ore., R. D. No. 2.

A little change all around will make a merry Christmas for many a little tot. Be a good fellow.

Next Wednesday, Tax Day
Next Wednesday, December 24, the county court will hold an open meeting at 10 A. M., for the taxpayers of the county to discuss the coming estimates and county tax levy.

CHANGES MAKE HIM DIZZY

Charles F. Terrill Asks the Enterprise Several Pertinent Questions
Oregon City, Ore., Dec. 17, '13.

Editor Courier:— Please allow me space in your paper to ask a few questions. I would like to know when the Morning Enterprise changed hands, or has the Editor been converted lately? I notice quite an article in Sunday's Enterprise, regarding the selling of tobacco and liquors to minors. The Enterprise wants to know why these things are not investigated, why the officers don't get busy and etc? The Enterprise is provoked at the way some of the officers act.

This change of tactics on the part of the Enterprise amuses me.

Along about the first week in August the Enterprise was taking exception to Tom Kay visiting Oregon City. Tom, you know, was acting as Governor West's special and Oregon City should be open to inspection at any time. About the same time, August 2d, the ladies sent in a signed protest about the way the Enterprise was boosting for a certain Sunday show.

The paper paid no attention to the protest, but went merrily ahead boosting the show and laughing because the sheriff was tied up. The Enterprise didn't see anything wrong in violating a law made in 1854.

It also stated that Governor West came to Oregon City to stop the show, probably because he was afraid of losing popularity with a certain portion of the voting public. Now the Enterprise knows, if it knows anything, that Governor West came to Oregon City because he was appointed to by the people after a certain lawyer had succeeded in tying up the sheriff.

The Enterprise asks why the officers don't enforce laws, then jumps onto them whenever they do get busy. Prosecutions for selling liquor to minors have been going on for some time.

Can the Enterprise remember as far back as last spring when 5 saloons were closed for violating the prohibition law? Can the Enterprise remember how certain lawyers appeared before the city council and pleaded against the council for doing what the law and charter says they must do? Does the Enterprise remember how a former council member and mayor, or part of them, took away a saloon license one Saturday night and handed it back on Monday morning?

The police have been working up this minor question for some time, and it makes us laugh to have the Enterprise jump out Sunday and make the break it did. Then this morning it goes after Chief Shaw for searching a premises for evidence of gambling. A certain lawyer tells the Enterprise that Chief Shaw is liable for damages for doing his duty. This lawyer can't be very familiar with the city charter, or the home rule ordinance, or he would see that the Chief has a right to inspect dwellings in the daytime and at night too under certain conditions.

The Enterprise should either come out for law and order and stick to it, or get back on the other side of the fence and stay there. These sudden changes make us dizzy.

Chas. F. Terrill.

TO MAKE KIDDIES HAPPY.

Churches and Orders Unite to Give Needy Ones Merry Xmas.

The poor and needy of this city will be looked after at Christmas time and all will have a Merry Christmas. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Paul's Episcopal church, as is the usual custom, have taken up the matter in the assisting to make merry these people, as also are the two lodges, Moose and Elk. Rev. C. W. Robinson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has sent out circular letters to the physicians, mail-carriers, city officials, police department and teachers of this city asking for information in regard to locating the needy in this city. The circulars read as follows:

"The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Paul's Church is attempting again as in former years, to make Christmas a little happier for all the poor in and about Oregon City. If you know of any needy families or individuals who will please write their names, with approximate ages of children and whether boys or girls in the space provided below. We regard this work of helping the poor, especially at Christmas, as one of our highest duties."

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"Oregon Jumbo" Dimick Stock Farm

hibited were "Polly Anne," a sow, with her litter of seven pigs, also "Indian Chief," a boar that won championship honors at the Oregon State Fair of 1913, this being in a class under six months.

Mr. Linkins reports that during the month of November there were sold from the Dimick Stock Farm \$1,045 worth of swine, these to be used as breeding stock. Some of the best foundation stock in the West can be found at the Dimick Stock Farm.