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\$660 A YEAR THE COST OF KIDNEY

ONE OF DEALS INDEPENDENT PAPER GOES UP AGAINST

PLAY GAME OR PAY THE RENT

And We'll Pay the Rent and Play the Game

Here's a narrative of what a newspaper with a spine has to stack up against once in a while.

It may not interest you, but it sure does the Courier—\$660 worth.

When the present owners bought the Courier a little more than two years ago they found that the office had no lease on the building, that it simply rented it one month at a time, that a lease would not be given, and the new Courier owners were given a tip (not by the owners of the building) that the way to be sure of having a permanent place in the Weinhard block, was to let the liquor questions and the saloons alone.

And here let us state that the Courier building is owned by the Weinhard estate, Portland, and that bills for monthly rent are sent out by the Weinhard Brewing Co., and checks for same sent to that company.

And time jogged along—as it usually does in Oregon—and one, Sunny Sabbath day cartloads of beer were brought down from Portland and in a park on the west side of the river there was held a drunken picnic, where boys and girls in their teens became intoxicated and reeled across the suspension bridge on their way home at night.

The Courier forgot its "hands off" tip and aired the law violation affair proper. The ministers, fathers and mothers took it up, and we understand the matter went to Governor West.

The result was no more Sunday picnics were held in the park and no more Sunday shipments of beer came in from the Portland brewery.

Following this, readers will perhaps recall, that the Enterprise took up the Courier's story, endeavored to make it ridiculous (this was before Editor Brodie got religion) and wound up its comments by asking "Why is rent?"

Readers generally did not understand the "rent" reference. They were not expected to. The Enterprise knew the Courier would understand, and it was expected to put the fear of the powerful Weinhard estate into our hearts.

But it didn't. We copied their comment, explained the application, and told the Weinhard people to serve their vacate notice just as soon as they pleased.

But they didn't serve it. There was a "dry" campaign coming in on Oregon City.

And time rolled on again. Then there came, one after another, cases of saloon violation of the city ordinances, selling liquor to minors, selling drinks, having women in the saloons, and so on.

The Courier must have again forgotten the scare of high rent, for it printed the city ordinances being violated, and showed the people that these violations automatically annulled the licenses and the city council had no legal right to let the convicted saloonkeepers continue in business.

The churches, the temperance people, the ministers, stood solidly behind this paper, and the result was that in place of former \$25 fines for these repeated violations five licenses were revoked by the council.

And at this stage and date of the game we got our third warning. A man told the Courier he met one of the saloonmen put out of business, who told him the Courier's noise had caused him to transfer his license and get out, but that he would soon be back in the city—and

"I am going to open a saloon where the Courier is now located."

"Where is the Courier going?" asked the man.

"I don't know. The Weinhard people don't care about the Courier."

The man who gave this conversation to the Courier said he was satisfied it was given to him as a message to deliver.

We told him he could give it straight to the Weinhard Brewing Co. that they were not running or dictating to the Courier, and they could quit cracking their whip.

Then followed the recent local option contest in the city, where all the saloons were put out of business, and which is of too recent history to need reviewing.

On the 21st day of January a man came to the Courier and reported that a saloon keeper who was put out of business said the Courier's rent was going to be raised \$55 a month, that the Weinhard estate were going to add this amount to the present rent.

The man was either a close confidant of the Portland Brewing Co., or he was a mind reader, for under date of February 28 this office received a notice from the brewing company, signed by Paul Wessinger, that commencing with next month the Courier's rent would be increased \$55 a month.

That is increasing the cost of living some—eh?

If they had gradually done the work, as the kid cut off the dog's tail, an inch at a time, it would not have looked so bloody an operation. But to jump \$55 a month RAISE at one fell swoop—well it sure made us realize that he who goes up against the beer kegs, goes hard.

evidence that the blow did not quite kill.

We revived and managed to get this into the mail box:

Oregon City, March 2, 1914.
Paul Wessinger, Dear Sir—
We have received your notice of February 28 that the Courier's rent has been raised \$55 a month, but would state that we had received this notice (unofficially) through a deposed saloonkeeper six weeks before.

We take it from this notice that we will hereafter be expected to pay the rent (\$55) that you formerly received from the saloon (now vacant) in the rear of the Courier office.

Yours truly,
M. J. Brown.

And not satisfied with all this the Weinhard Brewing company enclosed this printed notice to the Courier:

REGISTER NOW
Get Your Women Friends Registered. Vote Against State Wide Prohibition!

To verify our own opinion as to the object in sending the letter, the above notice, and raising the Courier's rent the amount the saloon in the rear formerly paid, they were showed to a friend for an opinion.

Here is his reply:
"Policy would say that the Courier manager had better answer the notice IN PERSON, for I believe it is an expensive job to move a printing plant."

But the Courier managers don't play POLICY very hard, nor do they stand to let someone play horse with them very long.

They didn't go down to Portland and have any heart to heart talks with the Weinhard estate.

This \$55 raise won't stop the Courier coming out every Thursday. It will be issued when Paul Wessinger's brewery is closed as tight as fourteen saloons are closed in Oregon City.

It will be issued when the liquor interests of Oregon have lost their power to prick and their influence to pull.

If the liquor interests thought \$55 a month would get this paper into line, they have another thing coming.

And what do you readers who like a game on the level think about it?

And some sweet day when we are feeling just right, will give you some little side lights and information that you may be able to fit in to this story.

HEDGES DOESN'T MEAN IT— HE IS DEFENDING CLIENTS

He's a Water Commissioner and a Lawyer, and 'Tis Force of Habit

The declaration of Joseph E. Hedges at the Live Wire luncheon Tuesday that Oregon City water is "the purest in the state," and its lonesome second by George Randall, have been the matter of considerable fun this week.

Oregon City's water supply is from a designated state sewer. The people know it is not pure, Mr. Hedges knows it is not.

Time and again the state board of health has analyzed water from our faucets and reported typhoid germs. The public drinking fountains in the city have been shut off so that the thirsty could not drink the dangerous water.

The city health authorities have time and again given public notice water source anywhere along the Willamette river would be found free from typhoid.

Most every gutter, livery stable, hospital, sewer and filthy place in every city and town on the river pours into the Willamette river, washes down to Oregon City—AND WE DRINK IT.

Dead dogs, cats, cows and horses are dumped into the state sewer above us.

They fester and rot. Oregon City drinks 'em. Every heavy rain washes the filth of the whole Willamette Valley into this river, and it comes down to us, crosses up to our Jewel filter and we drink it. Ugh!

And yet Joseph E. Hedges stands up before the Live Wires and says our water is "the purest in the state." It's force of habit with Joseph.

He doesn't mean it and doesn't expect you to believe it.

He is a water commissioner and a lawyer. He is defending his own case—and the Jewel filter.

It's his work. Nobody takes his water defense seriously. He is defending his client.

But people do feel a little sorry for Mr. Randall.

Voters of City and County
Warned They Must Register
All voters of the city and county must re-register now for the two-year period. All registrations made before January 5 are now absolutely void, because of the recent decision of the supreme court, declaring the 1913 election law invalid. Persons who have not registered cannot vote at the primaries May 15. Register early and avoid the crowd of the last few days.

DYNAMITE, A KID, AND A RESULT

WHAT ONE MUST EXPECT WHO HAS FOOL FRIENDS

REVIVING A FORLORN HOPE

And Trying to Start a "Come Back" for R. B. Beatie

With political foresight as short as the Enterprise's policy, and Editor Brodie's strategy, that paper Sunday morning hosted a red-tag first page display head and story in connection with the Democratic Central Committee meeting Saturday that was most untimely and ill-advised.

Here is the first page head lines that covered the story of the central committee meeting:

"DEMOCRATS WANT BEATIE AS JUDGE"
"Political Friends of Former Official Think He Can 'Come Back'."

Then went on a rambling story of Editor Brodie's insight into politics, in which he scrambled R. B. Beatie, W. L. Mulvey, H. S. Anderson and H. E. Cross, and drew conclusions of pipe-dream possible conditions, party splits, etc., and which resulted, in absolutely nothing—the same material he had to start his story with.

Here's the first paragraph of the "brain storm" Editor Brodie worked off on a Sunday public:

That scores of the Democratic friends of Ex-City Judge R. B. Beatie believe that he can "come back" was evidenced here Saturday when he was strongly urged at the biennial session of the Democratic county central committee to run for county judge.

The above paragraph gives out the impression (it comes as near a definite statement as that paper generally makes) that the Central Committee meeting at this stage of the article urged ex-Judge Beatie to be a candidate for county judge to vindicate himself.

As a matter of FACT there never was a word an act a suggestion or implication in the meeting from the opening word to the closing second about Mr. Beatie's candidacy.

Here is the straight of that gathering in a few lines:

R. B. Beatie, chairman of the county central committee and — Johnson, secretary, called the meeting and after it had organized Mr. Beatie and Mr. Johnson both tendered their resignations.

Mr. Beatie's resignation was accepted, but Mr. Johnson stated for him that he knew he would not accept it, when Mr. Mass was the unanimous choice.

There was no opposition to Bert Staats as secretary and his selection was unanimous.

Assessor Jack was chosen treasurer and committees appointed for a big Democratic banquet to be given at a date to be fixed later.

Mr. Beatie's candidacy for judge was never discussed, suggested or mentioned, yet the Enterprise puts a lead head over the story implying that the meeting endorsed him for the nomination, and the body of the article caused many to think that the recall was again to be made an issue in the county and a big summer fight was outlined.

If Editor Brodie had as much political sense as God gives to snails he would know that Mr. Beatie can't "come back."

Mr. Beatie knows it, his friends know it, and it would be folly and suicide to the party to try it.

But this story of the Enterprise will now put every Democrat who hereafter comes out as a candidate under suspicion.

It will put the friends and backers of every candidate under suspicion. There were all kinds of rumors chasing around before the meeting that the Beatie followers were going to "start something" and every Democrat who favored the recall last summer would get the harpoon and have a red-hot nominee put in the field against him.

There was apparently no truth to the rumors, and Democrats were highly pleased with the harmony that prevailed, and the apparent good feeling for the coming campaign.

The Enterprise story, no matter how much discredited, will have the effect of putting any Democratic candidate who may hereafter announce in a decidedly embarrassing position, and his friends as well.

The article was not written (as we understand Editor Brodie now claims) to cause a split in the Democratic party, for it is well known that the Republican editor has ever backed R. B. Beatie's plays, and would be with him from the front page to the want columns if he thought he could come back—and would leave him as rats do a sinking ship if he thought he could not.

Brodie thought he was playing for a kind for Beatie's lost cause and muddled things up so that the Republican editor will have to pull through with anything, for the late recall is yet dynamite, Brodie didn't know it would explode. He wanted

to write something all his own. And he did.

Democrats resent this story—and they should.

A campaign is coming on which is a strife between the two old parties. The recall is past and gone and would remain dead if some fool friend didn't drag it back.

Robert Beatie showed mighty good horse sense and political judgment in his course and actions at Saturday's meeting, but a kid played with a gun he "didn't know was loaded," and spoiled it all.

Rank Foolishness
About the biggest foolishness to date is the proposed referendum election in Portland to attempt to knock out the installation of the meter system for water, that would make the people pay for what they use.

Short, but it Means Something
"Careful economy and steady improvement" is the platform of Judge Anderson. It is short, but those who know Judge Anderson know it means a lot.

Candidate for Constable
L. E. Blanchard, Captain of Co. G. Oregon National Guards, an employee of Jack & Albright, is an announced candidate for constable, on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Blanchard is a young man, has a clean reputation and stands high in the city. He says he will not "try" to enforce the laws, but WILL enforce them, strictly and impartially, and that he is out and out for statewide prohibition.

Sievers for Justice
John W. Sievers is a Republican candidate for the nomination of justice of the peace. He is serving out the term of the late Justice Sampson by appointment, and it is not likely he will have any opposition in his party, for he has given general satisfaction, and is having a suite of rooms remodeled that will be much more commodious and convenient for justice court.

Sievers is a decidedly popular young man; the attorneys and the people think well of him for his fairness and impartiality, and he would be a hard candidate to beat.

To Whom Concerned
Sunday's Morning Enterprise printed an article under headlines that gave the impression that the Central Democratic Committee brot up the recall issue, and endorsed ex-Judge R. B. Beatie for county judge and that the meeting was a convention gathering to bring out candidates.

I wish to state that the impression and the Enterprise headlines were absolutely untrue and misleading.

I introduce the only resolution in the meeting that mentioned R. B. Beatie's name, and this was a resolution of thanks to Mr. Beatie as chairman and Mr. Johnson as secretary, which was unanimously adopted.

—W. B. Stafford

May Hold Bond Election May 15

Attorney General Crawford has given it out that there is no legal obstacle to the county court calling the special election to vote upon the question of issuing bonds for building permanent roads at the time of the general primary election May 15.

Send in Your Petitions

All persons having petitions for the \$1500 tax exemption law are requested to send them in to the County office at once. There are some that have not been sworn to that should also be executed at once.

WOULD MAKE TAXES PAYABLE QUARTERLY

Representative Schubele Outlines Tax Amendment Law He Will Introduce

Representative Schubele of this city last year started something by giving in advance, week after week, outlines of bills which he would work for, and legislation he would oppose if elected to the house.

This year he is taking the same course and the following is the draft of a bill he will introduce and work for. It will be a decidedly popular measure with the people generally:

Taxes legally levied and charged in any year may be paid on or before the first Monday of April following and if not so paid they shall become delinquent; Provided, however, that the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or the taxes on personal property charged against any individual, may be paid on or before the first Monday in April, one fourth on or before the first Monday in July following, one fourth on or before the first Monday in October following, and Monday following, but if any installment of such tax be not paid upon the date when the same shall become due and payable as hereinbefore specified, then such installment shall become delinquent. Upon a tax so delinquent there shall be charged and collected interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the day on which they become delinquent until paid.

All penalties and interest charged and collected, as provided in this section, shall be for the benefit of the county and municipal corporations or districts which may have an interest in any portion of such tax.

Where Casto Stands

S. L. Casto, of Carus, Republican candidate for county clerk, has filed his petition with the county clerk with this declaration:

"If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office perform the duties efficiently, impartially, and as economically as possible. I will especially insist on a fair equalization of assessments when I am acting as a member of the County Board of Equalization."

Mr. Casto is a man of splendid character, and qualifications, is a farmer, and will have a heavy support throughout the county precincts.

COUNCIL SCRAP, BUT DOES WORK

DRASTIC LIQUOR ORDINANCE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

INITIATIVE LAW INTRODUCED

Property Owners Rapped by Templeton for not Cleaning Streets

With frequent interludes devoted to sharp interchanges of more or less sarcastic comments, the city council met in regular session Wednesday evening, listened to the February reports of municipal officers, passed the drastic Schubele ordinance against the bringing of liquor into the city, set another ordinance directed against liquor on the way to the final passage, and transacted a considerable mass of routine business.

The second liquor ordinance, drawn like the first by Mr. Schubele, puts the ban upon advertising liquor for sale or delivery, prohibits the keeping of liquor in club or lodge rooms, makes it a misdemeanor to solicit, for orders for liquor, and provides a fine of from \$25 to \$300 for violations.

The first tilt of the evening came soon after the opening of the session, when an application for a pool hall license was presented by Gross & Boonich. Councilman Andrews moved that the application be laid upon the table, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Van Auken. Councilman Templeton moved that the motion be amended so as to grant the license. A verbal vote was insufficient to show the sentiment of the council, and so Mayor Jones called for a standing ballot. The license was carried with Councilman Andrews and Van Auken objecting.

Petitions for arc lights on Holman avenue and at May street and Raymond place were referred to the street committee. Under the regime of economy which the present council is following, chances for the establishing of these arcs were regarded slim.

Hard Luck Reported

In connection with the reports of city officers considerable misfortune was reported by Councilman Andrews and Van Auken objecting.

City Recorder Loder admitted that two prisoners whom he had paroled to go out and gather funds to pay \$25 fines had failed to return with the money. Chief of Police Shaw, when questioned by Councilman Templeton and Toole, admitted that even the police business was falling off, arrests for February, 1914, being only about a third as many as for February 1913.

The finance committee reported a basis of \$24,387.50 worth of improvement bonds was passed to second reading, and will come up for final passage March 16. The bonds cover streets on Main, Jackson, Sixth, Fourth and J. Q. Adams streets and two sewer districts. Councilman Hackett voted against the inclusion of the Main street improvement costs in this bond issue, declaring that the work done on that thoroughfare was not worth the \$9,000 or so which the city will pay.

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Local I & R Planned
An ordinance providing for the incorporation of the Initiative and Referendum in the city charter was introduced and passed to second reading. It makes the state law a part of the city charter, and cuts down the time for action in initiative matters from 60 to 21 days. The ordinance is introduced and explicate matters in regard to the proposed mountain water pipe line, and will come up for final passage March 16.

In the course of the reading of the finance committee report a squabble arose over the increase of the salary of the chief draftsman in the city engineer's office from \$90 to 100 a month. Councilman Hackett and Templeton led the fight against the increase, declaring that any advance in salary would not be an adherence to the platform of economy determined upon at the first meeting of the year. When brought to a vote the council stood four to four on the matter, and Mayor Jones cast a vote for the increase.

Application by the Clackamas County Gas company for the repassage of the gas franchise granted some time ago to A. L. Beatie, brot on another councilman mix-up. The company, in asking the franchise, deems that the document be changed so that it will provide for heating and power purposes, as well as illuminating. Councilman Toole fought all action in the matter that was suggested, and finally succeeded in getting the franchise tabled for one week. In applying for the franchise he said that he had transfer papers of the franchise from Mr. Beatie, and that no extension of time was being sought. Under the terms of the franchise mains would have to be ready for service by next September.

Fire Perils Seen

Councilman Long called the attention of the city fathers to the need of fire hydrants on High, Sixth and

JUDGE ANDERSON'S PLATFORM

Opposes Road Bond Issue and Promises Careful Economy for County

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge subject to the will of a majority of the voters of the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held on the 15th day of May, 1914.

If nominated and elected I shall earnestly try to serve impartially the entire county and it will be my intention to conduct my part of

county affairs as economically as is consistent with good public service.

I do not favor an issue of bonds by the county for the purpose of building roads nor for any other reason now apparent.

While I fully agree that good roads are a matter of great importance in the development of our county and for the wellbeing and happiness of our people, I also think an interest-bearing debt is a burden which should not be assumed except under the stress of dire necessity.

H. S. Anderson

SENATOR DIMICK'S PLATFORM

Out and Out Decisive Stand on the Issues before the State

If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office stand for strict economy in appropriations; for the elimination of all extravagance; for a business like expenditure of money; for less state taxes; for the elimination of all possible Boards and Commissions; for the amendment of the present tax law to accommodate the taxpayer for any thing that tends toward clearer and better government. It will not be my purpose to go to the Legislature to intend to conduct a very large and great number of laws but to defeat useless, extravagant, and office creating measures.

W. A. Dimick

JACK FROST FILES

Candidate for Constable out for Clean and Moral City

Constable Jack Frost filed his nomination papers with the county clerk Thursday for constable, and he says his platform is strict and impartial enforcement of the laws, and that he will all the time work to make this city clean, moral and the right kind of a city to bring up boys and girls.

Mr. Frost has been a good officer. He is always on the job, he gets there and gets back, and he has no favorites among law violators. He is always the friend of the boys and the girls and has made a splendid juvenile officer. He will be a strong candidate for the Republican nomination.

ALBRIGHT FOR SHERIFF

City Councilman Comes out as Republican Candidate for Place

John F. Albright, councilman for first ward, has filed his nomination with the county clerk as Republican candidate for sheriff, and says if nominated and elected he will cut the expense of the office to the lowest

limit; will work as hard and as long for the county as he would for a private company, and that he will literally do his duty as the law states that duty.

Mr. Albright will make an active county canvass, and "Jack" has a lot of friends who say that he will make competitors go home at the May primaries.

Girls Wanted

(over 18 years of age)

To operate SEWING Machines

in garment factory

Oregon City Woolen Mills

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BE SPLENDID FOR

PACIFIC HIGHWAY

BUT MIGHTY EXPENSIVE FOR COUNTRY HIGHWAY

CITIES AND TOWNS TAKE ALL

W. H. Hagemann Presents a Novel Possibility of Bonding Deal.

Logan, Ore., March 2, 1914.

Editor Courier—
Permit me to call the attention of your readers to a few facts in regard to the proposed bond issue for public roads.

I must state before going further that I and nearly every other farmer with whom I have discussed this question are HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF GOOD ROADS, but we are unalterably opposed to this \$600,000 bond issue for the following reasons:

The legal voters of every city and town may enact and amend their charters subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the State.

Heretofore the cities and towns have received about fifty or sixty per cent of the road taxes collected on property within their respective limits, the balance went into the general road fund for building bridges and assisting in betterment of outside roads.

The City of Gladstone, Mr. Harvey Cross as Mayor, under the above quoted provision, demanded ALL THE ROAD TAXES COLLECTED ON PROPERTY WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS. Upon being refused by the County Court, Gladstone brought suit for the whole amount and our Hon. Judge Campbell decided in favor of the city and there is now on record a judgement against the county.

West Linn, a newly incorporated city, wherein several large paper mills, etc., are located, comes to the front and demands that the County Treasurer all the road taxes collected within its limits.

Milwaukie and Estacada also have made inquiries and I don't blame them, because if one town is entitled to it the others ought to have their share also. Under this provision of our law, the property owners outside of incorporated cities, that is the farmers, will have to stand all the expenses of building bridges and public roads. "Consistency, thou art a Jewel."

Now if we vote in favor and issue those \$600,000 road bonds, I should not be a bit surprised if those cities and towns would not claim their proportion, something like \$200,000. (I have not the exact figures at hand), and the balance would be turned into a HARD SURFACED PACIFIC Highway, so the city people might enjoy their joy rides at all hours of the day to their heart's content. Of course this is a question and the correctness will be denied by the legal fraternity, but nevertheless stranger decisions have been dishd out by our courts lately.

Another C. E. Spence, Mr. Hicinbotham, Louis Fujik and others have brought forward some good reasons why bonds should not be issued and it is therefore useless to repeat them.

The "Press" of the county is using the argument that millions and millions have been wasted on public roads, dumped into mud holes.

Some of the Pacific Highway boosters even go so far as saying "It is a shame that I have done this much good, it kept a good many pioneers and home builders from starving in years gone by."

Even if this money for roads has been wasted, it has done this much good, it kept a good many pioneers and home builders from starving in years gone by.