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# OREGON CITY COURIER

Special meeting of stockholders and directors of County fair Wednesday, April 8, at court house, Oregon City, at 2 P. M. M. L. Lee Secretary.

31st YEAR

OREGON CITY, ORE., THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1914.

No. 47

**Postoffice Will Move Saturday**  
The postoffice will move into its new building opposite the court house Saturday afternoon. The new building is complete with new equipment.

**Third Doctor to Mount Firm**  
Dr. Frank Mount, of the St. Luke hospital of New York, will soon come to this city and join Doctors Hugh and Clyde Mount as a firm. Dr. Mount is a graduate of Columbia university and the University of Oregon.

**The Fishermen's Paradise**  
The salmon run has commenced and in about two weeks the river will be fairly alive with these gamiest of fish, and sportsmen from all over the world will come here. Some fine catches have recently been made, the largest one reported 65 pounds, and many weighing from 20 to 40.

**Writers Please Remember**  
After candidates have been placed in nomination a newspaper must exercise great care that letters criticizing them are signed by the writer. The right of criticism is not denied, but the corrupt practice law holds that the criticized has a right to know the critic. Sign 'em.

**Former Editor Dead**  
Frank Redner, once editor of Oregon City Herald and member of Oregon G. A. R., but later a resident of Rogue River, Ore., died at the hospital in Roseburg, March 19th, aged 66 years. Interment was at Lone Fir cemetery Portland, March 23rd at 3 o'clock P. M.

**A Little Different**  
Nearly every candidate for public office, promises economy, efficiency and strict enforcement of the laws. J. F. Albright, Republican candidate for sheriff, has a pleasing change. His cards read:

**Punishment and Reform—NOT  
Fines and Torture.**

**At all Stages of the Game we  
are Human Beings**

**Keep It Up**

Six hundred and three volunteer signatures to the \$1500 tax exemption bill were received at the Courier office—nearly every name that of a former.

We have now petitions to abolish the Senate and provide for proportional representation. Both will help to reduce the expenses of running Oregon.

Drop in and sign them. We want 600 names to turn in. And drop a card for the petitions and circulate them in your localities.

**TAX PENALTIES CAN'T BE  
COLLECTED SAYS CLETON**

**Not Delinquent Until Sept. 1, and it  
is Illegal to Collect them Before**

Tax collections are now up in the air and the whole state will probably follow and go into the balloon business.

Circuit Judge Cleton of Portland has rendered a decision that the penalties of one per cent, as provided in our present tax law, on taxes not paid by April 1, are invalid, cannot be collected, and he has ordered the tax collector to stop collecting any penalties. The judge holds that taxes do not become delinquent until after September 1, and penalties cannot be legally collected until then.

The case will go to the supreme court, and will be a big expense in costs and attorneys' fees and some day the Court will do or undo another job the legislature made a bungle of.

And now it is in order to extend a vote of thanks—

First, to the voters of Oregon who let a joker be made an amendment to their constitution, killing the right the people had to pass on legislation effecting taxation, and giving that right to the politicians.

Second, to that more than useless and worthless tax commission, which followed up their advantage and framed up the present tax law, which 90 per cent of the working voters would repudiate if they had a chance.

Third, to the Republican legislature which almost unanimously did nothing of the state tax commission and let the present bankers' benefit tax law become a statute of Oregon.

One after another the courts knock out the legislature's work.

The registration law, the tax law, the highway law, the assessment law and any number of others have been appealed to the supreme court and the attorney general for repeal or translation.

And we wonder at the sentiment to abolish the senate.

And we wonder if the house will go next.

**FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR**

W. R. Smith, civil engineer of Oak Grove, has filed his petition as candidate for the Republican nomination as County Surveyor of Clackamas county.

Mr. Smith has lived ten years in the county, seven years at his present address. He has had twenty-two years' experience as surveyor and civil engineer; was five years with U. S. engineers on river and harbor work; for five years he was engaged in land surveying. He was 12 years on R. R. location and construction and has been chief engineer of three different railroad lines.—Paid Adv.

**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 crowds of the last few days.

## EDITOR BRODIE'S "VINDICATION"

**BRATTON CHANGES FROM AC-  
CUSER TO DEFENDER**

**DID HE HEAR MASTER'S VOICE**

**A. Dr. Jykell and Mr. Hyde Stunt  
that Needs Explanations**

Denouncing a hold-up Sunday and defending it Wednesday is some change of attitude.

Last week's Courier told a part of a rather singular transaction in which a representative of the Portland Gas & Coke Co., E. E. Brodie, editor of the Enterprise and A. L. Beatie of the Oregon Commission Co., were actors.

And this week we will tell you the rest, the dead inside of the whole deal.

Last Thursday the Enterprise came out under a three-column head with a letter from S. C. Bratton, representative of the gas and coke company, and an article from Editor Brodie himself, which (that paper stated) refuted the Courier's statements of an attempted hold up, and which also proved the Courier editor a character assassin—and then some.

Here's the whole story in short form, and following it is Mr. Bratton's letter. And following the letter are a few comments and deductions.

And when you have finished it, draw your own conclusions of the whole deal, with its crooks and turns.

Mr. Bratton, representative of the gas company called at the Courier office three weeks ago, with a letter of introduction, stated the company had purchased the franchise granted to A. L. Beatie two and a half years ago, and that they wanted to get the council to change it to provide for heat and power as well as lighting and to change the name to Clackamas Gas Co.

The Courier editor told him he could not see where there would be any objection on the part of the council, as under this change we would get gas, and under the present franchise there was not much prospect.

On Sunday evening, the 15th, Mr. Bratton again came to the Courier office, called the editor into the composing room and told him there was a deal on to hold him up for \$500.

He said Editor E. E. Brodie came to his office in Portland and as he (Bratton) was out, he left his card and asked him to call up Mr. Brodie at Oregon City. He did so, and Brodie asked him to come down to Oregon City as he wanted to talk with him about the franchise.

Mr. Bratton told the Courier editor that they wanted \$500 and if it was not paid the franchise changes would be held up.

He asked the Courier editor if either of the men had enough influence with the council to hold it up. Brodie said they did not have it, and that he was a sucker if he stood for it, and advised him to take the matter up with Mayor Jones and to tell the whole story to the city council at its session the coming Tuesday night.

Mr. Bratton said that was just what he would do if any attempts were made to hold up the franchise. He showed the deeds to the franchise his company had purchased from Mr. Beatie; said the company did not owe him a cent, and that he would not stand for any \$500 hold up.

Among others having first hand information of the matter may be mentioned Councilman Fred Metzner. It was Mr. Metzner who asked Mr. Bratton in open meeting, when the franchise was under discussion, if he knew of any reason for the matter being delayed, and if any demand had been made for money.

After the matter had been temporarily disposed of by the council, Mr. Metzner went to Mr. Bratton, at the side of the council chamber, and asked him why he had not told the city fathers of the attempted hold-up.

"Everything seems to be going well tonight," replied Mr. Bratton, "so I will hold this thing in reserve for the time when the franchise comes up for final passage. If there is any fight then I will tell the whole story."

The same evening Mr. Bratton was asked by a Courier reporter why he had not told the council about the demand for \$500.

"I will do it the day the franchise comes up for final passage," he replied.

The Enterprise article states that this paper promised not to tell this story, agreed with Mr. Bratton not to publish it.

Now, here's what there was to that:

Mr. Bratton came to the Courier office again Wednesday afternoon, this time not to denounce a hold up conspiracy, but to defend the men (or one of them).

"He asked the Courier not to publish what he had told, begged and pleaded that the story be left out. At first he only asked that Mr. Brodie be left out but later on asked that the whole story be suppressed."

Wondering what potent influence could have so changed this gas company representative in two days from an accuser to a defender, the Courier editor let him play out his full string of reasons and persuasions.

"Franklin T. Griffith asks that you do not print this story," said Mr. Bratton. "The gas company asks it, and both Beatie and Brodie ask it."

"You have got the goods on them and they both know it, but it is far better for you to have a club to hold over their heads than to hit them with it now and lose that power. Mr.

Brodie knows he got in wrong on the ism matter, and what good will it do you to show it up and make trouble?"

Mr. Bratton urged, argued and pleaded for over half hour, but didn't tell the Courier editor that the arrangement was (if the Courier would keep still) to make a "goat" of the Journal's correspondent, Lloyd Riches, and let the matter drop.

And he didn't have to tell the Courier this. Nor did he have to tell Mr. Riches.

Right here we would state that we would never have printed this private talk with Mr. Bratton if the Enterprise had not stated we were induced to suppress the story, but later printed it.

Here follows Mr. Bratton's "vindication."

Read it carefully and you will conclude there is an opening for the comments which follow:

Clackamas County Gas Co.  
Portland, Ore., Mar. 19, 1914.  
Mr. E. E. Brodie, Publisher,  
Oregon City Enterprise,  
Oregon City, Ore.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of this date over the telephone, in reference to the report that has been circulated regarding the franchise of the Clackamas County Gas Company and the transfer of the same, I wish to make the following statements with regard to my connection with you and the previous conversations between me pertaining to this particular franchise.

On my first visit to Oregon City, I called on you personally to make arrangements for the publication of this franchise according to law, if the council sees fit to grant the same. You agreed to do so a few days after this you happened to be in Portland. You called on the undersigned, but failed to see him on account of his being out. Later, talking to me over the telephone from Oregon City, you stated that there were some matters connected with the franchise that you wanted to talk over with me. I made an engagement, I took the liberty of calling you over the telephone and asking you if it would be convenient for you to see me on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. This you agreed to and I saw you at that time.

In your conversation with me you stated that Mr. Beatie had had a talk with you in regard to this franchise and that he, Mr. Beatie, had told you that he had a grievance against the Clackamas County Gas company and that he thought that the same should be settled before proceeding any further toward having the franchise changed. You explained to me at the time that you were talking the matter over with me upon the request of Mr. Beatie. I explained to you as far as I knew there was absolutely nothing between the Clackamas County Gas company and Mr. Beatie that had not been adjusted, and asked you, if possible, to get hold of Mr. Beatie at that time. You stated that he was sick. I told you that the only thing I knew of that Mr. Beatie could be referring to was the fact that we had asked him if he could have the change in this franchise made for us and he said that he could but that he would want \$500 for doing it. We explained to you that we couldn't afford to pay this amount and that we would ask the council ourselves to make the change.

At the time of the interview, you stated to me that you were disinterested. I explained that as far as the nature of the grievance that Mr. Beatie had, and only suggested that I see Mr. Beatie and get the thing straightened out, as you thought that that would be the best thing in the long run, since Mr. Beatie had a grievance against the Oregon City and he might be able to delay the granting of this change.

I am satisfied that your interest in this matter was, and is, purely a matter of friendship for Mr. Beatie, and I never constructed it any other way. I am heartily sorry to learn that your action was misconstrued and I can assure you that my impression of your actions in the matter was, and is, to facilitate matters, if possible, towards getting the gas into Oregon City.

Trusting that this will make your position in this transaction clear, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
S. C. BRATTON.

You will note Mr. Bratton says he called on Editor Brodie to make arrangements for the publication of the franchise, according to law, if the council granted it, and Brodie agreed to publish it.

That's a funny one. The Enterprise is the official city paper, it HAS to publish the ordinances and THE CITY PAYS FOR IT.

Why should Mr. Bratton make a "side deal"? Why should Mr. Brodie "agree to do so" when he already had a contract with the city to do so?

Think this over.

According to the above letter Mr. Brodie was doing this job for A. L. Beatie.

Why didn't Mr. Beatie do it himself?

Mr. Bratton states Mr. Brodie was doing this job as a matter of friendship for A. L. Beatie.

If so, it appears that it was a mighty strong friendship at the start and mighty weak at the finish.

A friendship strong enough for a man to put himself into a compromising position of "go-between," would seem to be strong enough to stand by in the pinch.

Yet when the matter is made public, Mr. Brodie dumps it all onto his friend, and there is another "goat."

If the deal was crooked, why did Mr. Brodie take it on? If it wasn't crooked, why doesn't he now stand by Beatie and defend him, rather than to try to crawl out and leave him to shoulder it?

Mr. Bratton says Mr. Brodie suggested to him to see Mr. Beatie and settle the matter, as Mr. Beatie had friends and might be able to delay the franchise.

Wonder how the members of the city council like that "straightened out" the council might be induced to hold

## WHAT MOUNTAIN WATER WILL COST

**RELIABLE FIGURES AND FACTS  
BY WATER LEAGUE**

**PLAN OF PAYMENT OUTLINED**

**Starting with \$2 Rate will Gradually  
Decrease to Present Basis**

In issuing this statement to the voters of Oregon City, the Pure Water League hopes to impress upon each voter, not only the importance of going to the polls and casting their vote for a pure, wholesome water supply for our people, but the further responsibility of seeing that their relatives, friends and acquaintances do the same.

In considering the question of the new water supply, we will first take up the financial side, not because it is more important than the human side, but because one of the first questions asked is, "What will it cost?"

The figures submitted by the engineers show that the total cost, including pipe, excavation, back filling, right of way, laying of pipe, trestles, etc., and construction of a new reservoir of 6,000,000 gallons capacity at Ellyville, also first years interest on bonds will not exceed \$325,000. Included in this sum is 20 per cent for engineering and contingencies, which is considered by most engineers who have studied Mr. Rands' figures, as excessive.

After Mr. Rands report was made many of the opponents of the proposed water supply, stated that the figures were too low. The City Council then employed Mr. D. C. Henry, consulting engineer for the U. S. Reclamation Service, an engineer whose word on matters of this nature is accepted by all bonding houses and reputable banking institutions in the United States.

Mr. Henry during his career has constructed many pipe lines, has managed water systems and is probably one of the ablest men that could have been secured to check up the survey and estimate. After going over Mr. Rands data and personally inspecting the proposed route of the pipe line from Oregon City to the falls on the South Fork of the Clackamas, he made his report in which he stated that he considered Mr. Rands figures some \$13,000 too high but would allow that amount to remain in the estimate as an additional margin of safety.

When the move was first started the opponents of pure water said "It can't be done." After Mr. Rands figures were submitted showing that it could be handled by the city, they said, "Mr. Rands is a good engineer and he has better checked up the survey than I could by an expert." That was done and still you hear the same old plaint, "It can't be done." It can be done and the water will cost the ordinary consumer who now pays \$1.25 not more than \$2.00 per month and the rate will gradually be reduced and by five years the rate should be down to the present rate of \$1.25 per month and less from that time on.

The following figures show how the proposition can be handled and the pipe line paid for in 23 payments.

The present water equipment and property not needed for the proposed system, excluding the water rights and wheels, as an asset would offset the present warrant outstanding in indebtedness of the water department,

up the franchise.

This is a warm one.

Mr. Beatie MIGHT BE ABLE TO DELAY THE COUNCIL ON THIS franchise, if the matter was not "straightened out" before hand.

This was Mr. Brodie's "tip" to Mr. Bratton.

The Courier doesn't believe the council would ever list to any such proposition. It doesn't believe there is a man on the council who would play a hold up game or assist at blackmail.

No wonder a council investigation has been called!

Mr. Bratton says he is satisfied Mr. Brodie's part in this deal was to "facilitate matters" in getting gas into this city.

The gas company wanted two words added to the franchise and the name of the company changed.

Five words.  
Five hundred dollars.

That's a little higher rate than Mr. Brodie bid on the ordinance printing.

From six and eight cents an INCH to one hundred dollars a word is "facilitating" some.

But there was no competition or sealed bids.

Mr. Brodie says the Courier assassinated his character.

Mr. Brodie shouldn't have left it around where he did.

The Courier has simply told the story and is not to blame if a character got tangled up in it.

Does Mr. Brodie express any regret for Mr. Beatie's character, and what he has dumped onto it to let himself out?

Is that kind of a fight game? Is it breaking kind? Or is it "strangling" in the clinches?

Mr. Brodie says "on Wednesday Mr. Bratton was informed that the Courier was preparing to publish statements that were untrue."

We hope the council investigators will ask Mr. Brodie to tell WHO informed Mr. Bratton. This is a direct statement. The council and the Courier should both know who told Mr. Bratton this.

As to Mr. Bratton, who made this Dr. Jykell and Mr. Hyde transformation, this representative of a gas corporation who changed from an accuser to a half-breed defender between Sunday night and Wednesday noon: he must have

"Heard his Master's Voice."

as a liability.

The income would be made up as follows:

Present yearly water collections..... \$18,338.00  
Add 60 per cent.....  
This would cost the ordinary householder who now pays \$1.25 per month, \$2. per month..... \$11,002.80  
29,340.80

Rate of present water power rights..... 5,000.00  
Total..... \$34,340.80

Interest 5 per cent and Sinking fund 3 per cent on \$25,000.00..... \$26,000.00  
Interest on present bond debt \$40,000.  
at 4 1/2 per cent 1,800.00 27,800.00  
Balance for operating expenses and care pipe line..... \$ 6,540.80

**The New System**

Outside of the cost of operating the filter plant and that part of the present system which should be disposed of and extensions, the present system does not cost anything like \$6,000.00 per year.

No extensions should be made that will not pay 6 per cent on the cost from the beginning and eventually pay out on the principal.

Method of reducing the cost of water to consumers. 1st. At the end of the 5th payment of the \$325,000.00 of proposed bonds, the yearly charge for interest and retirement may be reduced from \$26,000 per year to \$22,750 per year, making a saving of \$3,250.00 which could be taken from charges to water consumers. 2nd.

Liquor within this state. None of these gentlemen have seen fit to make any declaration or commit themselves in any way upon this great issue, which I think and believe to be the most important for the welfare of the people generally and to the maintenance of our Christian civilization that now exists.

Reluctantly, after due consideration, I have concluded to become a candidate for governor upon this issue as the principal one of my candidacy. I take this position, that the intelligent opinion of all fair minded men and women is unquestionably that the liquor traffic, as now conducted, is a menace to civilization, and is the result largely of crime, poverty, degeneracy and moral decay, to such an extent as to become a startling danger to the human race.

I have no personal fight against the man who is running a saloon. I really feel more like condemning and censuring society for permitting this

great evil and power to exist and to obtain the firm hold that it has on this state and in this country. If I had my own way, I should feel as if society itself, ought to be punished to the extent of compensating man who have been engaged in this business, sanctioned by the law, in a reasonable way to recover their investment that they have made, on the same theory that Abraham Lincoln favored buying the slaves and colonizing them, in order to settle the slave problem. Of course, I think and know that the people of this state would not favor compensating men who have invested their money in the saloon business, neither am I advocating it as a part of my platform nor program in this fight, I am simply suggesting it to the conscience and fair minds of the people of this state, for them to give such consideration as they see fit, recognizing as I do, that whenever society feels that it is in danger, it has a right to abolish and to destroy anything that endangers itself. My object and purpose is to try to arouse the public opinion and the conscience of the people of this state, where they will be willing to stand shoulder to shoulder, irrespective of political party or affiliations and unite for the purpose of putting the saloon business out of existence and destroy its influence in our economic, social and political life. I therefore am in favor of destroying the saloons with compensation if the people should up to a direct vote so declare, but I would veto any bill which the legislature might pass, compensating saloons for their investment unless the people by popular vote directed me to do otherwise. I stand openly and above board, unconditionally, in favor of the adoption of a National and State Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the State of Oregon, to prohibit the sale and manufacture of all intoxicating liquor within the United States and within the State of Oregon.

I also favor National Suffrage to the women of the United States.

I am opposed to any and all Asiatics, such as Hindus being permitted to come into this country and into this state and competing in the logging camps and other avenues of work and labor with the laboring men now here.

It is unnecessary for me to add, that I stand with all good citizens in this state in favor of upholding and maintaining our school system in a fair and liberal way, and in the construction of roads and highways to

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