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Suspension Bridge Contracts

Clarence Simmons, was given the contract for the repair of the suspension bridge by the county court last week, his bid being \$200 the lowest and Kelmer and Kinzie were awarded the lumber contract, being the lowest bidders by \$12.

Referred to the Oregonian

Wants a man who wears linen pants, make a good governor? U'Ren wears 'em—McMinnville Telephone Register.

The Oregonian would no doubt be an authority on this important matter, and we refer the question.

Should be a Vote Maker

It was a pretty tough proposition to stand inactive and watch that big tenement house in West Linn burn down last week for the want of protection. It should be a big object lesson for that town to get in and vote to take one third of Oregon City's proposed new water system.

We Sell, Buy and Rent

We have sold several properties recently through the medium of the Courier and are constantly proving that it is one of the best advertising mediums in the state. Watch the Courier for our ads, if you want a farm, lot or house to rent or buy. We handle the Atlas Insurance Company's business, none better. Come to MacDonald & VanAuken for real estate, insurance, loans.

Best in Valley, Keep It Such

The prohibition movement is gaining greater force daily. Some who have seen the benefits to Oregon City are lining up with the movement, who were against it before.

Oregon City today is the best town in the Willamette Valley. Business is good. 90 to 100 new houses have gone in or being finished in the last six months, while houses are filled up almost as soon as empty, and houses are in great demand.

The primary election showed the careful game of the wets in lining solid for those who were the undoubted friends of the booze traffic.

Those who are against the booze business should make their last stand at the general election and vote for those who are the undoubted friends of the prohibition movement.

U'Ren should be the next governor.

TOO CLOSE TOGETHER

Operation Followed by Coroner's Card Causes Much Amusement

Here's one that has leaked out on Dr. Hempstead, and it's too good for just one family to laugh over.

A few days before the primaries, Doctors Hempstead and Mount, performed an operation on a lady resident, and it seems the same day Dr. Hempstead had mailed out cards to city voters announcing his candidacy for coroner on the Republican ticket.

And the next day after the operation the lady received the coroner card. The grim humor of the coincidence appealed to her, and she insisted on writing on the back of the card:

"This is what I call rubbing it in." Dr. Hempstead received the card, and he also saw the humor, and the next mail carried to his patient this order:

"Good for ice cream to capacity, when presented at fountain of Jones Drug Co. by Mrs. and her sister to be charged to account of W. E. Hempstead.

The lady says there is no time limit on the order and she is going to hold same until she gets fully well and see if she can't get part of the doctor bill.

And the Courier wonders if the doctor had to anticipate her capacity when he filed his election expenses.

ANOTHER BEAR STORY

FROM OGLE MINE

John Fairclough and General Manager have interesting night.

Here's a "bar" story that has sneaked in from Ogle mine, and like all bear stories we give it to you as we get it, and have promised not to give away the source. However, it's dead true and can be substantiated on a stack of bibles.

When the party went into the mines two weeks ago they found five feet of snow on Lookout Mountain, and they had to leave part of their load of supplies and make a double-up trip. John Fairclough and Superintendent were left to guard the stuff, a tent and a quantity of provisions.

On "information and belief" we get the story that in the middle of the night while John had dreamed himself into a millionaire for the twentieth time and the superintendent saw the candle plan to burn out a stream of yellow gold 24 hours a day, came an interruption, an ugly grunt that mountain men know too well.

"Best it!" yelled John, and he tore for a tree which he shinned up like a squirrel while the superintendent tore back down the trail.

From the first limb of a big fir, John sat and shivered and watched a pair of bears demolish things. His shoes and coat were off and his teeth were chattering. He stood the exposure as long as possible and waited until the bears had ripped open a sack of flour and had their noses in it. He slid down and took the trail of the superintendent, hitting only the high places, and they say he had to swear at a deer to get him out of the trail so he could pass him.

When he became winded he stopped and built a big fire and a short time after the superintendent showed up.

They remained until daylight and went back to camp, where they found the supplies demolished and a tent they were packing in had simply disappeared off the face of the Cascade mountains. The only articles not molested were John's boots—and there was a reason.

When the outfit came back for the second load, an altogether different version was given of this "bar" story, but the tracks of stocking feet in the snow and the distant camp fire told this story.

MEISNER PICKED FOR COUNCILMAN

CITY DADS SPLIT EVEN ON VOTE; MAYOR DECIDES

SECRET SESSION LIVELY TIME

Favoritism is Charged by "Drys."

Andrews gets Grilled a Bit, too

At a secret executive and lively session of the city council Monday evening Dr. C. H. Meisner was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. J. S. Toose. Every member of the council was on hand, and called upon Mr. Toose's successor the board was evenly split, five to five, on the question of electing Meisner to the vacant seat.

The council was in session a little less than an hour. At eight o'clock the mayor called the meeting to order and called upon Chief Shaw to "throw out all spectators" and later to put himself out. Then Councilman Templeton locked the council chamber door, and the session began in earnest. An effort was made by the "drys" in the council to secure the nomination of Mr. Toose to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Toose. The "wets" promptly countered with the suggestion that Frank Busch would make an excellent councilman. This brought things to a deadlock, and for some twenty minutes or so after that the efforts were made by first one side and then the other to get a compromise agreement on some innocuous candidate.

Failing in this, things got back to the way they were last week, when the disappearance of Councilman Hackett and VanAuken prevented action. One faction in the council suggested the name of Dr. Meisner, and the other faction massed its votes behind Roy Cox, a son-in-law of former Councilman Horton. When it finally became apparent to all that either one or the other of these two would be elected, comment upon the two candidates grew quite warm and personal. A vote being taken, the council lined up as follows:

For Meisner: Albright, Long, Metzner, and Templeton. For Cox: Andrews, Hackett, Meyer and VanAuken. To this tie the mayor cast the deciding vote, registering his choice for Dr. Meisner. At once his honor was criticized for letting his personal likes influence his vote, one of the "dry" councilmen charging that it was improper to decide the vote in such a way. The mayor replied that assuming both men to be equally well fitted for the place, he deemed this method of voting proper, and refused to make any change.

After Dr. Meisner was declared elected, the "wet" councilmen remarked that it was peculiar that the "drys" should have picked for their standard-bearer one of the three men who was implicated last winter in the sale of beer from a local cold storage plant on Sunday.

Councilman Andrews brought the next job to the meeting by launching a scheme to bring about a change in the personnel of the city engineer's office. His suggestion was bitterly and warmly fought by other councilmen, who indicated that he was more desirous of securing a job for himself for a relative than he was of bettering one of the municipal departments. Absence of spectators from the council meeting gave the city dads a chance to "let out," and they took advantage of it.

Some few minor matters were also discussed, and just before nine Councilman Templeton unlocked the door and the secret, executive and lively session came to a close.

This is funny. It is also true. Perhaps that is the funniest thing about it. Anyway this is what happened.

Last week Wednesday evening there was a special council meeting called. Just who called it is a mystery; even as other things regarding the council of Oregon City are mysterious. At half past seven the council chamber was locked tight—at ten minutes of eight it was open and illuminated, and there were on hand Councilman Templeton, Metzner, Hackett and VanAuken. At five minutes of eight Councilman VanAuken went over to the drug store and told the mayor that he was wanted to preside, and when eight o'clock came around the mayor was in the council chamber, as was Recorder Loder, City Attorney Schuebel, Engineer Noble, the four councilmen above mentioned and also Councilman Long. Likewise the chief of police, the superintendent of streets, some newspaper reporters and a few taxpayers.

Before the meeting came to order, City Attorney Schuebel said he had to go elsewhere, and asked to be excused. Request granted. His honor, the mayor, then called upon the recorder to call the roll. Mr. Loder drew his roll-sheet towards him, squared around in his seat, opened his mouth to call the first name—and the lights went out.

Councilman Templeton struck a match and fired up a cigar. Recorder Loder did likewise. Councilman Long announced hurriedly that he would be excused to see if the lights had also gone out in his theatre, and made a rush for the doorway, where he bumped into two large and bulky forms. Everybody else sat in the dark and made funny remarks about the dark until Theodore Miller was roused up by Chief Shaw. Mr. Miller, being familiar with the vagaries of electric power, inserted a new fuse-plug where an old one had blown out, and once again the lights flashed on in the council chamber.

Recorder Loder started to resume calling the roll, but before doing so he looked up. There were present but Councilmen Templeton and Metzner. A moment later Councilman Long returned. All eyes turned towards the

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COUNTS ON STATE AND COUNTY CANDIDATES

ROAD BONDS BADLY BEATEN

Some County Candidates all Three Nominations

Following is the official count of state and county candidates at the May primaries, as given out by the county clerk:

Congress
Republican—W. C. Hawley, 3230; B. F. Jones, 1187
Democrat—Hollister, 1709; Meredith, 469
Progressive—Hanley, 105.

Governor
Republican—Brownell, 960; Carter 376; Crawford, 546; Dimick, 1850; Geer, 338; Johns, 112; Moser, 377; Withycombe, 641.
Democrat—Bennett, 702; Cobb, 171; Manning, 223; Miller, 160; Smith 689.
Progressive—Gill, 91; McMahon, 24.

State Treasurer
Republican—Kay, 3744.
Democrat—B. Lee Paget.
Progressive—B. Lee Paget.

Supreme Court Justice
Republican—Bean, 2287; Benson, 1679; Cleeton, 2087; D'Arcy, 968; Harris, 1378; McBride, 2878; McNary 1545; Richardson, 1108.

Attorney General
Republican—Brown, 1566; Farrin, 567; Grant, 865; Johnson, 789; Lord, 694.
Democrat—Lewis, 3064; Stockman 930.

Railroad Commission
Republican—Miller, 2415; Patton, 1339.

State Senator
Republican—Dimick, 4044.
Democrat—Risley, 1454.

Representative
Republican—Grisenthwaite, 1946; Hunt, 2515; Kraxberger, 3040; Olds, 1374; Parrish, 1723; Schuebel, 1991.
Democrat—McBride, 6; Clemens, 2; Dimick, 2; Risley, 3; Hedges, 2.
Socialist—H. S. Clyde, 85; E. D. Olds.

Joint Representative
Republican—Hurlburt, 2119; Lofgren, 1723.

County Judge
Republican—Anderson, 2787; Mulvey, 2269.
Democrat—Cook, 329.
Progressive—Anderson, 17.

Commissioner
Republican—Harris, 1680; Knight, 1926; Oglesby, 1197.
Democrat—Smith, 1292.
Progressive, Harris, 9.

Sheriff
Republican—Albright, 1655; Klemens, 759; Wilson, 2267.
Democrat—Koehler, 852; Streibig, 476; Thorne, 404.

County Clerk
Republican—Casto, 1494; Harrington, 2630; Lisberg, 786.
Democrat—W. C. Green, 1349.
Progressive, Iva Harrington.

Treasurer
Republican—Dunn, 2365; Nelson, 1444; Pardee, 783.
Democrat—J. O. Staats.

Recorder
Republican—E. P. Dedman, 1419.
Democrat—Democrat.

Surveyor
Republican—Johnson, 2989; Smith 1309.

Coroner
Republican—Hempstead, 2583; Schmidt, 1761.
Democrat—Tom Myers.

Justice
Republican—Stevens, 1449.

Constable
Republican—Frost, 1199; Terrill, 413.

The road bonds were beaten by a vote of 6462 to 1348.

CARVER LINE ACTIVE

Grading for Road up Clackamas Valley is Being Rushed Along

Without any brass band tactics Stephen Carter has been busy during the past several weeks with his proposed electric road eastward through the Clackamas Valley, and not only has much right-of-way been acquired, but grading has been started at several points. In East Clackamas, one mile up the valley from the place where the Carver line will cross the Southern Pacific, a considerable stretch of grading has been completed beside the county road in front of the Haworth place; and similar strips of roadbed have been made ready elsewhere.

The Clackamas Valley line was started by Mr. Carter when negotiations for the entrance of his Portland & Oregon City railroad into Oregon City seemed about to fall through. So much enthusiasm over the valley road was shown by the farmers and residents that Mr. Carter was encouraged to rush work on the branch line first, and quite likely cars will be running from Portland out to the Clackamas valley before they will be running over the Oregon City division of the Carver line.

George and Frank Anderson, who reside near Carus, were Oregon City visitors on Wednesday.

Girls Wanted

To Operate Sewing Machines in Garment Factory

(Over 18 years of age)

A Business Course for Sale

A full business course at the Behrns-Walkers business college, Portland, will be sold at a big reduction. Ask at the Courier office.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

W. C. Green, Democratic Nominee, Will Make Aggressive Campaign

"The Democrats have nominated me for County Clerk and when the time comes I am going to make a thorough campaign of the county," said Mr. Green this week. "A Democrat has no right to accept a nomination unless he will work his hardest for election, and this I will do."

Mr. Green is not by any means an old man, but he has lived many years in Clackamas County, and there are very few voters who can say a word against him. He is a capable, clean square fellow, with a wide acquaintance and a host of friends, and as past political history shows such Democrats can be elected to office in Clackamas County.

A Beauty Spot

McLaughlin Park is indeed a beauty spot, showing what care will do—the care the ladies exercise.

Largest Class in County

Out of a class of 335 in the county, 262 of the pupils will pass from the eighth grade—the largest class in the county's history.

Nearly Got 'Em Both

According to the official count, Judge Anderson did not lack many votes of being nominated by the Democrats for county judge, as well as Republicans, as nearly enough Democrats wrote in his name to nominate him.

Needed and Appreciated

The drinking fountain at the head of the Seventh street stairway, and the moving of the horse's water bowl to the center of the triangle, are needed and appreciated improvements.

Splendid—Try It

The Salem Messenger says Marion county is talking strongly of putting an independent state ticket in the field. They figure that as all the four candidates for the governor, orship — Smith, Withycombe, Gill and U'Ren are looked upon as "wet" element in the State can be elected.

The Opening Guss

The "Oregon Day" campaign begins in Oregon City on Sunday morning next. Speakers from the State Anti-Saloon League will occupy the pulpits of the Congregationalist, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and in the afternoon a conference of friends of the dry movement will be held in the Presbyterian church.

To Take Care of Boys

Bennett's plan to put defeated candidates to work on the roads is about the only way that is left to get the highway work done. We propose Geo. Oglesby for foreman, Grant Dimick for timekeeper, and Geo. Brownell for water boy—Aurora Observer.

MAYOR LOSES WATCH

Motorcycle Riding Proves Disastrous to City Executive and Aide

Anybody finding a perfectly good gold watch, gold fob, and Masonic charm between Oregon City and the cemetery will please return same to Linn E. Jones, mayor, and receive thanks and an ice-cream soda.

All this because Mayor Jones permitted Benedict Rotter, one of his efficient clerks, to take his new car on the hurricane deck of a motorcycle Wednesday. His honor wanted to inspect new sidewalk work near the cemetery, and Benedict volunteered to get him there in a hurry and he did. Benedict and his motor cycle took the mayor up Ninth street hill at top speed. Part of the time his honor was on the after deck of the motorcycle, and part of the time he was not. Finally the flying machine went round a corner. So did Benedict. But the mayor kept on going due east, describing a parabola through the air and landing on his left knee and right ear.

When he sat up again a small boy was looking at him, and asked: "Did you fall, Mr. Jones?"

"No," said his honor, "I lost my watch." It was a good watch given me by my father 20 years ago, and I value it highly. Look over near Mt. Hood, will you sonny, and see if it has landed yet?"

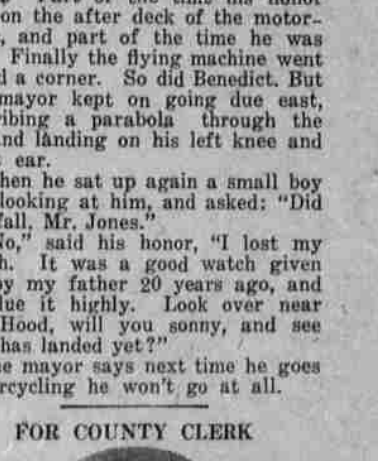
The mayor says next time he goes motorcycleing he won't go at all.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

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