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A common song in Oregon City—"I didn't do it; I don't know who did it."

Having made a lurid failure of every attempt against Dr. Van Brakle, the city physicians are at it again. Their stand is far better than their judgment.

The election of Mrs. W. A. White for a school director will help to eliminate the factional fight now on among its members—and which is a disgrace to the city. She should be elected.

We understand Bennett refuses to become a Jonathan Bourne sacrifice and will not run as an independent candidate for the liquor interests, and that the proposition for a "wet" candidate has been abandoned.

Councilman Templeton started in with a speech hot with "economy" and the citizens are calling a mass meeting to see if means cannot be devised to stop the street committees "economy" system.

Oregon City pays out one dollar in coin and gets back about forty cents in service—and then we put on bonds to cover the shortage. How long would a business concern stay above water run in such a system?

Post, the cereal manufacturer, who killed himself in Los Angeles, left a fortune of \$50,000,000. He made it in less than 25 years. The breakfast tables of the country contributed this great fortune in excessive prices.

"Let big business alone," is the cry of the interests. Such deals as the New Haven plundering show it is not safe to leave them alone. Big business should have no more immunity from crime punishment than a petty larceny rascal.

As we understand the law, while a governor may appoint the state board of health he cannot remove them no matter what the charges, neither can the people recall them. The coming legislature should get busy and break up this cinch.

Last week Judge McGinn reversed a municipal court decision, which fined two keepers of disorderly houses \$100 each, on the ground that their money was "tainted." Should this decision establish a precedent and become common law the government might as well call in the general coinage.

"Is Doctor Withycombe a wet or dry candidate for governor," is the question that is being repeatedly asked in western Oregon, and it is not being answered. And we understand the temperance people propose to smoke him out. The doctor has a reputation of dodging issues, and the people recall that in 1906 that he could not be made to line up on Statement No. 1. This year, however, a candidate simply must line up, and it is better to come out than be smoked out.

Councilman Templeton says in the Enterprise he and Commissioner Babcock came to the Courier office and told the editor the truth about the Fifth street deal and asked him to print it. Councilman Templeton simply asked the Courier to state: "I didn't order the work done." We had stated time and again, and once more we state—Councilman Templeton says he did not order the Fifth street re-surfacing and he (says) does not know who did order it. He is chairman of the street committee, and it would seem as if he ought to know.

This is the way an Oregon City thinker sized up the three candidates for governor the other day: "Can either Withycombe or Smith point to a single thing they have ever done for the people as private citizens? Has either man ever spent an hour or a dollar for the good of Oregon? Has either ever initiated or worked for any movement for the good of the people? And on the other hand W. S. U'Ren has worked for years, neglected his private business, and spent his own money to help through the many reforms in Oregon that other states are adopting as fast as the people get power to adopt them. U'Ren is unquestionably the friend of the people, and an honest, sincere advocate of honest reforms. Voters who stand for honesty in Oregon's government should have no doubt as to who they should support for governor."

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CZAR CALVIN

On June 5th all doctors and undertakers in Clackamas county were supposed to turn in their formal reports of deaths, contagious cases, and other matters to the county health officer. And on June 5th all of the physicians and undertakers in the county except those in Oregon City did so. The Oregon City gentlemen apparently forgot that the county court had sometime ago appointed Dr. J. A. VanBrakle county health officer, and they sent their reports direct to the secretary of the state board of health.

Sunday's Oregonian told the reason. Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health, was quoted as saying that he had instructed Oregon City physicians to turn their death certificates and other reports directly into him. In explaining why he did this, Dr. White said that the Oregon City gentlemen had ruled that an osteopath was not a "graduate of a reputable medical college" as the law interprets the term, and that therefore Dr. VanBrakle, who is an osteopath, could not legally serve as county health officer. And on this ruling, Dr. White added, he had some time ago declared that there was no county health officer in Clackamas county and had "several times" asked the county court to name such an official.

Maybe so. BUT WHY DID DR. CALVIN S. WHITE CONFINE HIS INSTRUCTIONS ENTIRELY TO THE PHYSICIANS OF OREGON CITY? Why did he permit other physicians in the county to send their reports as usual to the only county health officer that the county court has named?

Vital statistics are important things. They sometimes mean a great deal to just common people. They occasionally are the only legal proof to be had in settling involved probate cases; and at other times they are the only legal proof that some person was born an American citizen. They should not be made the subject of "petty politics" and no member of a state board of health has any right to discriminate in regards to vital statistics from one part of a county as against similar statistics from another part of the same county.

IF DR. WHITE WAS SINCERE AND WANTED TO BE CONSISTENT, WHY DID HE NOT NOTIFY EVERY PHYSICIAN IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY THAT THERE WAS "NO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER" LEGALLY IN OFFICE?

Such an action at least would have had the merit of being apparently honest. But he took no action in regard to the whole county, he merely says he took it in Oregon City. As a matter of fact he probably didn't take the action at all—he probably broke loose at the last minute when the Oregonian called him up and acted as the "goat" for the clique of Oregon City physicians who are trying to oust Dr. VanBrakle from his position.

These Oregon City physicians never recognized Dr. VanBrakle and they have never sent their reports to him, except when he forced them to. And the fact that he leaked out that he had taken the same thing with regard to their reports probably made it seem expedient to Calvin S. White to give the Oregonian the interview that he did. It looked better—it made it appear as if Dr. White was not shutting his eyes at an open and deliberate violation of the law.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT

REPORTED TO BE \$9,000

Mystery Regarding Amount Cannot be Solved till Late in Month

There is a general impression in local circles that the Oregon City financial district is in rather unpleasant condition. It is said that while a year ago the school district was free of debt, that at present it is behind some \$9,000. Whether this is so or not seems difficult to discover, E. E. Brodie, acting clerk of the board, saying that he cannot tell whether the district is in debt or not.

Mr. Brodie was told that it was generally reported that the district would find itself heavily in debt at the end of the fiscal year, and was asked if there was any indication at present of that condition. He was also told that the reported indebtedness was placed at approximately \$9,000. Replying to this Mr. Brodie said: "Possibly the books will not show things in as good condition this year as last. But that may be accounted for by the fact that last year there was a premium offered for the full and early payment of the special school tax, and all the incoming funds were on hand to pay accounts at the end of the year. This year there is no such condition, and only half the taxes have been paid. The remainder of the special school tax is yet to be paid—there is no rebate to be had for early payment. So possibly there will not be as much money on hand. There is a floating indebtedness of something like \$6,000 at present, I believe, and whether there will be sufficient tax money to take care of this I cannot say."

Beyond this Mr. Brodie could offer no information as to whether or not the present board of school directors had run the district heavy into debt or not. The annual school election is to be held on the third Monday in June, and on that day also Mr. Brodie's report, as acting school clerk, will also be due.

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM

A Few of the Bad Blunders Chargeable to a No-Head Management

Like the state government, when Oregon City gets enough of an unbusinesslike and expensive administration—when the people get all they can swallow and lose their taste for more—then will they get together and frame up a management that will run this city on business lines, and provide a responsibility one can put his finger on.

The present government is as good as we can get under the system. The councilmen get mighty little credit and all kinds of criticism. The trouble is the business of the city is too big for the charity management, and the result is all kinds of leaks and buncoes are slipped over. No one is responsible, every man can dodge, and such a condition simply invites short-changing, extravagance and bungling.

Honest, it's a fright how some things are mismanaged and the price they cost. During the past two years we put in a fire alarm system. System is fine and works well, but look at the oil derrick and the engine house, beauty-marring, unsightly structures erected in the most sightly place in Oregon City and sticking up like a sore finger with a rag on it. The heads that located these two horrors at the head of Seventh street stairway should qualify as architects for phosphate pens.

The public elevator—was there ever such a bungling job? A year and a half ago the people voted it, and there the tower stands like the monument of a rich man in a country cemetery—and of more expense and less account.

The whole deal has been a farce—a laughable one, if it was not so expensive. A bunch of school boys could have managed it better. They would have at least bought a lot in the cemetery before they ordered the tower, and they would have had built it hugging the bluffs, with a tunnel under the S. P.—as B. T. McBain and others tried hard to have it built—and they would have owned the land on which it was to operate. But there it stands, a monument of dollar marks, and only the Lord and the water commissioner can guess when the "going up" call will be sounded.

The Fifth street "slip over" of \$1,600 that nobody knows anything about. What kind of management do you call that? Men in big corporations going to prison for this kind of work. Illegal, a plain bunco from the general fund, yet not a man of the nine on the council knows who did it, or finds out. Nice work! The Seventh street improvements, at the head of the stairway. Can any of you remember when it hasn't been torn up and when a gang of men was not working on it? Plans have been changed, added to, taken from and one man dumping responsibility onto another until the poor old street hasn't many entries left to remove.

That handsome waterfall that pours out cold air in place of water, cost about \$21,000, so the contractor is informed. It was to have been a scenic bit of beauty. The street was ripped up, the stomach taken out, the colon removed, and a beautiful underground river bed made of solid cement.

It went on a vacation and last itself. How it escaped from the cement conductor, no one knows, for its all out of sight—channel, river and expense. But what's the use?

We could go on with a yard of mistakes. When you get enough, then get busy.

It would be far cheaper to have a responsible head and business administration. As it is there is no head, no responsibility and mighty little of official record.

The public meeting called for May 20 is to see if this extravagance and bungling cannot be stopped. If our citizens will only get up to the front and help it will be stopped.

Help Fight Booze

The "Dry" forces are arranging for a mass meeting to be held in the Woodman Hall, Oregon City, June 23th. All the different temperance offices of the County will be represented in this gathering. If you believe in the annihilation of the booze business, come and come early. Put your shoulder to the wheel and fight bravely. Never did opportunity offer better than this. Be on hand. Do your part, man or woman, anybody. Everybody who wants to help clean our state and country from this most dangerous traffic.

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Property Owners Scent Flaw in Proceedings and Talk of Suit.

Seventh street property owners, it is rumored, will shortly commence legal proceedings to force Oregon City to refund to them all assessments for the improvement of that thoroughfare, with the exception of a part of the new trunk sewer costs. The action will be brought on the ground that Fifth street has been redressed and the expense thereof charged to the general fund without any objection from the council or other municipal officers. Bills covering the Fifth street work having been audited, allowed and passed, it is held by Seventh street property owners that it is unjust, illegal and discriminatory to charge them for an improvement of the same nature as was given Fifth street property owners free of cost.

An ordinance was passed by the city council in the latter part of 1912, declaring that after December 31, 1912, no repair or resurfacing work on Fifth, Seventh and Main streets should be done save at the expense of the owners of abutting property. There was some doubt regarding the existence of this ordinance, but Councilman Templeton looked the matter up and reported to the council that the ordinance really existed. It was introduced by Councilman Albright.

Since the passage of this ordinance resurfacing and improvement of Seventh street has been ordered, the contract let, and the work partly completed. All costs for the work have been assessed upon the holders of abutting property, and the assessments have been so heavy as to bring forth considerable protest from the property owners. These protests were overruled by the council, and the work ordered to proceed.

While the Seventh street work has been under way Fifth street has been resurfaced with crushed rock. The work was done by the city, the expense was borne by the general fund, and no charge whatever accrued to the owners of abutting property. The city has been ordered to pay for the work, and no official objection to the proceeding has been made.

Such being the case, Seventh street property owners feel that there has been discrimination and injustice done them, and the stand they are taking will probably bring matters to a head in the near future. Main street property owners are also reported to be deeply interested in the matter, for the life of Main street was declared at the same time. Main street people are now facing an apparent intention on the part of the council to order an improvement of that thoroughfare at their expense, and they feel that they ought to be shown the same favor as Fifth street folk and are seeking to have the work done at the city's expense.

The bringing of legal action by Seventh street property owners, who have a strong organization, will bring a determination by some court of the merits of the case, and will fix a precedent by which the Main street middle may be settled. Main street property owners hope that Seventh street people will win their point, and that the cost of the Seventh street improvement will have to be borne by the city.

Hope dies hard—Benson is having the ballots counted again.

Friar Club Indictments. County Attorney Hedgus has secured indictments of three men connected with the Friars' club (Milwaukee tavern), J. Wilbur, William Wilber and B. Parish, and Sheriff Mass arrested them Saturday. They are out on \$1,000 bail each. The charge consists of six counts. It is said County Attorney Hedgus will not stop with these indictments, but will continue the case to the next session of the grand jury.

The trial will commence before Judge Campbell in the Circuit Court Friday.

CLARKES

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wettlaufer were in town last week.

Mr. Fred Zwalen and Mr. Bottemiller were in town last Saturday.

Miss Emma and Tillie Bauer, from Colton, visited Mr. Christ Zwalen and family last Sunday.

Mr. Wettlaufer helped Mr. Fred Zwalen break up new land last week.

Mr. Fred Bauer, from Colton, went through Clarkes last Sunday.

Elmer and Walter Klenshiem were out picking strawberries to White Salmon and have returned home again.

Mr. A. F. Buche went to town on Monday.

Mrs. Glick is building a new house. The Highland Grange band had a dance last Saturday night.

Miss Ida Zwalen is working in Oregon City for Mrs. Harding.

Miss Elda Marquardt, from Oregon City, came out an invited her relatives some time ago.

Meade Post Gives Thanks. At a meeting of Meade Post on Saturday last a resolution was adopted thanking the parents, teachers and scholars of the various schools visited by the Post and Relief Corps during the past two weeks, for the interest manifested in the patriotic exercises of the schools. A vote of thanks was also tendered M. D. Latourette and A. A. Price for the use of their automobiles in carrying the committee to suburban schools and also to the Oregon City Automobile Club for the use of their automobiles on Memorial day. The semi-annual report of the adjutant shows that Meade Post has now a membership of 107, having gained six during the past six months. The Post voted to attend Flag day exercises at Elks' hall on June 14, having received an invitation from that patriotic organization.

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Wright Found Guilty. The jury in the circuit court Tuesday found H. C. Wright, farmer of Stafford, guilty of burglary of grain from the farm of George Schaber, a neighbor, on the night of April 29. Schaber set a burglar alarm and he testified that he caught Wright with a sack half filled with grain. Wright and wife testified he was at home on the evening in question. County Attorney Hedgus was assisted by G. E. Hayes in the prosecution and O. D. Eby defended him.

Mrs. Mary Wickham Dead. Mrs. Mary C. Wickham, a well known resident of Oregon City, who has been ill for several years, died at the home of her son, Alonzo Wickham, Monday morning.

Mrs. Wickham came to Oregon April 30, 1880, from Harden county, Indiana, and has resided in the city since that time. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ferd Curran, two sons, William and Wesley Wickham, all of this city. Her husband, Robert Wickham, died in this city 11 years ago.

Many friends attended the funeral services, which were conducted at the family home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The interment was in the family lot in Mountain View cemetery.

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Date of first publication, Thursday June 11, 1914. JOHN EGLI, Administrator of the estate of J. E. Hooley, deceased. J. F. Clark, Attorney for Administrator.

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