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SWAN SONG SANG FOR WILLAMETTE

OREGON CITY PASSES SOUTH FORK PROJECT BY A VOTE OF 7 TO 1

WEST LINN GOES 30 TO 1

Greatest Victory for Oregon City in Twenty-five Years—Opponents Have Hard Fall

The swan song of the old Willamette was sung yesterday. The voters of Oregon City rendered the doxology to the tune of 7 to 1, while the West Linn populace warbled the requiem with a 30 to 1 vote.

For Against	
Oregon City No. 1.....	298 55
Oregon City No. 2.....	596 91
Oregon City No. 3.....	282 24
West Linn.....	1176 170
West Linn.....	214 7

TOTAL VOTE.....1390 177

The grand total shows that 1390 people wanted the new system, or pure mountain water; that 177 preferred to lap up the old Willamette with all its filth.

It was undoubtedly the greatest victory for Oregon City that has taken place in the old mill town in 25 years. It was apparent from early Wednesday morning that there would be a landslide in favor of the pure mountain water, as the first fifty or sixty votes cast in each precinct were all for the plan, and the voters lost no time letting the judges know on which side of the proposition they stood. By ten o'clock it was reported about town that the plan would carry by a vote of 3 to 1. As the voters continued to stream to the polls during the afternoon hours it looked as if a 5 to 1 shot would not be amiss.

Large crowds gathered about the polling places when the count was made following the closing of the polls and in one of the wards it is reported that the first 40 votes counted were unanimous for the pure water. The final count showed that a 7 to 1 vote had been cast favoring the scheme in Oregon City, while West Linn was practically solid for it, seven scant votes being registered against the plan.

The water commissioners, who were opposing the plan made the mistake of attempting to "slip over" an eleventh hour pamphlet on the voters, containing an argument in opposition to the pure water project, which was so ridiculous and absurd that it undoubtedly acted as a boomerang and made votes for the South Fork plan. It was quietly circulated among the local voters early in the week but fortunately got into the hands of members of the Pure Water League who dissected the argument through the local press, and clearly pointed out its apparent fallacies to the voters. The circulation of the pamphlet brought out many voters who otherwise might not have known of the election, or might not have taken enough interest in it to get out and vote. Had the opponents not resorted to this last minute scheme, the vote would not have been more than 4 or 5 to 1, according to the statement of a well known member of the water league Wednesday evening.

The article circulated by the commissioners had just about the same amount of foreign matter in it as the Willamette River water. From force of habit the voters boiled it thoroughly before drinking it down. The result was a 10 to 1 vote against the present system.

All of which shows that the folks who do the voting are not the boobs some people might imagine them to be. Dignified hilarity reigned Wednesday night about town when the news of the landslide was spread about—dignified hilarity befitting a dry town of course. There were a few war-whoops by a few members of the old guard who have been dodging the typhoid bugs for some twenty years, and a few of the good sisters who have kept the boiling pot on the kitchen stove for the same length of time, pinched themselves to see if their long-cherished dream of pure water had come true in reality. Aside from this no other pinching was reported for the evening.

MAY HIRE ENGINEER

County May Employ Road Builder in Early Spring

A road expert may be employed by the county to work during the months when road building is at its height. Action will probably be taken before the end of the present term of the court which began Wednesday. Practically every road supervisor was present part of the day and they were about evenly divided on the question of employing an expert.

SESSION COST \$83,000

Scrub Tax Payer Wax on Recent Legislature

"It all depends on whose ox is being gored," says the scrub taxpayer in a Salem exchange.

"It is apparent that the recent visitors to our legislative halls pledged themselves to a little more than being merely economic. For instance, upon the first day of the session, there were about four hundred aspirants for clerkship, etc., in the lobby. They came from Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Oregon in droves. When the question of clerical hire came up in the House of Representatives economy was laid down by the road side for the time being and every member of the house, not already 'hired' his wife, daughter or son or sweetheart as clerk or stenographer, struck out sailor fashion for the best jobs on the list for their respective favorites for 'hum.' Some few family men ranted around like all possessed at the manner in which their fellow members sought positions for those to whom jobs had been promised while the promised ones who went hme unsuccessful, were full of rage and vowed revenge by every political method known.

As a result the dear public coughed up wages for just an additional fifteen of the interested visitors from the aforesaid villages and towns throughout the state.

"Whoop!" yelled the economy booster when he first stepped into the legislative halls. "We're for economy, even if we hev ter work without help."

"My, how this cry of the wild subsided when the question of who's who in the clerical line came up. Not a yelp came from the gent who had no family to bring with him. Instead, there was a great fuss in motion straight off. Representative So-and-So wanted this and that, economy to the contrary notwithstanding. Well he got it. So did the tax payer. About one thousand dollars' worth.

"But then," concluded the Scrub Taxpayer, "What's the use of crying over spilt milk. The legislature is a grand old institution. We've always had it and for that reason I suppose we shall have to keep it." (The session cost the state \$83,000, including the cost of printing.)

HOLD UP AT CANEMAH

Daring Robber Enters Car and Escapes with Fares of Conductors

Conductors P. W. Kreyer and T. H. Cople and Motorman McMarran, of the P. R. L. & P. Co., were held up in their car in Canemah Tuesday evening, by a lone bandit who, at the point of his gun, relieved the carmen of their fares and made his escape. Up to the present time the bandit is still at large, though descriptions of the man have been sent to Portland and all points up and down the valley.

The train had just reached the end of its run and the conductors, T. H. Cople and P. Kyer and Motorman J. E. McMarran had seated themselves in the trailer to await the time to start on the return trip when a man wearing a blue handkerchief over his face walked in at the front door of the trailer, pointed an automatic pistol at the group and said:

"You fellows get busy and dig up what money you have got, and hurry up. No fooling about it."

"I have no money," said Motorman McMarran.

"No, I know you haven't. I used to work on the front end myself," said the robber. "I want the company's money only. It's hard times now and I need the money."

The conductor said he could have what money they had and the robber promptly took it. They were not certain how much loot was taken, but estimated it between \$45 and \$50.

"You have got my change there," said Conductor Cople, as the highwayman started to leave the car. "But if you give me your address I'll send it back to you by parcel post."

ENTERPRISE HAS FIT NUMBER TWO

NEIGHBOR DOWN THE STREET HURLS SECOND VOLLEY BUT GUNS MISS FIRE

COURIER VERBAL HASH HOUSE

Argues that Business is Good, Prosperity Around the Corner, But Still Pities the Courier

The first issue of the Courier under the new management announced it would support the Democratic party and administration.

The Enterprise came out of its trance and expressed sympathy for one newspaper that would take this position.

It felt sorry for the Courier. It has always had a deep interest in the paper—and it just seemed too bad for us to support an administration that it claims has put the skids under business and brought universal hard times to this country.

A week later, after the Courier's reply to its criticism, it felt sorry again, but as the policy of the Enterprise changes every time the editor changes his socks, the editor this time concluded to let business revive and just feel sorry and it said this:

"Business is good, summer is coming, prosperity is just around the corner despite the efforts of the Democratic administration with its bungling currency, tariff and ship par-chase measures—such is the creed of the Enterprise. In no place does the name or the institution, Courier, figure in the deal.

"But the Enterprise, with the determination of an honest conviction, still believes that any paper, whether it be in Oregon City or Onalaska, Wis., that must defend the bungling, mistake-making papers that be in the national capital is to be pitied."

Just read these two paragraphs again, when you are through laughing.

In the first paragraph business is good, prosperity is just around the corner, and summer is coming—all under a Democratic administration.

In the second paragraph the Enterprise feels sorry for any newspaper that sustains an administration under which "business is good and prosperity is just around the corner."

It's an old saying that it is a waste of lather to shave a mule, but we have the lather and the Enterprise has the mule.

That paper asks us to cut out the "can't, bunk, sarcasm and hot air and give some reasons WHY we support the Wilson administration.

Yes, dear.

To the man with red blood in his veins the very fact that President Wilson has kept us out of the war hell is above every and all reasons.

He kept us out of a war of conquest in Mexico, and received the hearty endorsement of William Howard Taft for the way he handled that dangerous situation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

City Fathers Decide to Protect Water Street Interest of City in Courts

The city fathers have decided to protect the rights of the city along the southern end of the water front. The action was taken at council meeting Wednesday evening and it was decided to fight the case, even thru the supreme court if necessary.

City Attorney Schuebel went into detail as to the status of the water front title and recommended that the city take up the fight in its own interest. The case goes back to an extended report prepared for the council by Livy Stipp, when he was city attorney, in which it was shown that the city possesses valuable property and water front rights in the southern part of the city.

The improvement of Main street occupied the attention of a special council committee on Tuesday afternoon. The Warren Construction company submitted a bid of \$1.59 for a full improvement of standard bitulithic. The Montague-O'Reilly company submitted three bids: a two-inch redress of asphalt on the present brick street, \$1; asphaltic concrete on a crushed rock base, \$1.25; asphaltic concrete on a concrete base, \$1.60. Andrus & Bode submitted a bid of \$2.70 for vitrified brick and the Oregon Engineer & Construction company \$2.45 for vitrified brick.

The final report of Engineer Noble was read to the council. In the future the city engineering work will be done at \$5.00 per day instead of on a flat salary basis.

Schuebel and Templeton tilted over the proposed barn ordinance, which would drive all commercial barns and stables out of the residence district. The city attorney opined that such a measure would not stick. The usual measure of ginger was injected into the verbal duel.

Chief Shaw's salary was placed at \$90.00, instead of \$75.00, which was the cut first proposed.

Announcement is made that Fred W. Humphreys, Manager of Huntley Bros. Co. Book, Stationery, and Newspaper Departments will leave Oregon City to engage in business for himself at Astoria, April 1st.

Mr. Humphrey has spent most of his life in Oregon City and Clackamas County. He was employed by the Crown mill for several years but quit there to join the 2d Oregon at the outbreak of the Spanish American war. Upon his return he took employment with Huntley Bros. and for the past

16 years has steadily advanced until today he is one of the best informed men in the state in his line.

Mr. Humphrey has a wide acquaintance in Clackamas County; is a member of the Masonic and Elk lodges; a member of the Spanish War Veterans; was twice elected as Fire Commissioner, and is also a member of numerous clubs.

The Courier joins with his many friends in wishing him every success in his new venture.

Proposal to Lease Municipal Elevator For Butcher's Smoke-House

It is rumored about the streets that a proposal has been made by a local butcher to members of the council or other officials, to lease the public elevator for a smoke house.

At the time of going to press it could not be learned whether any action would be taken on the plan.

to meet it with something else than nonsense.

But it never did have a policy. It changes with the wind. It has ever been a joke. It doesn't know what it stands for or where it will stand until someone gives it orders.

BIG VICTORY FOR LOCAL BOOSTERS

SOUTH FORK COMMISSION AND PURE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE CONGRATULATED

WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Oregon City and West Linn Will Probably Be Drinking Pure Mountain Water by Fall

Probably no persons were more pleased at the outcome of the water election than the members of the Pure Mountain Water League, who began the campaign and carried it to its successful end. Dr. L. A. Morris was commander-in-chief of the allied forces; William Andrus was chairman of the South Fork Water Commission, Hal Rands made the preliminary and permanent surveys, and among the other real live wires in the campaign were M. D. Latourrette, L. Stipp, C. Schuebel, B. T. McBain, E. P. Rands, W. A. Long and L. L. Porter, with hundreds of other local boosters for pure water.

The South Fork Water Commission was composed of William Andrus, M. D. Latourrette, W. A. Long, B. T. McBain and L. L. Porter. These are the men who will have charge of the pipe line construction. The new line is to be built of Matheson joint lap-welded steel pipe, considered the best in the world. The general contract has already been let to the Oregon Engineering & Construction Co., of Oregon City of which J. W. Moffatt is the head, and the pipe will be supplied through the Crane company of Portland, coming from the east.

No time will be lost in commencing operations, and it is confidently expected that Oregon City and West Linn people will be drinking pure mountain water at the faucet before next fall.

The pipe line will be 25 1/2 miles in length. The intake will be in the east branch of the South Fork of the Clackamas river, in the government reserve, located in a deep rocky gorge between two large falls, where gorge between two large falls, where supply from numerous springs and careful measurements, taken at dead low water periods, indicate a plentiful supply for a city of 100,000 people.

The South Fork boosters have reason to feel proud of the fight. It was a clear-cut battle from the start and the results showed such an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the plan, that the opposition was floored once and for all. It was a great victory.

LOCKS ABOUT READY

Press Dispatch Avers that Title Will be Changed Soon

Hold your breath! A late dispatch intimates that the locks at Oregon City will be transferred from the P. R. L. & P. Co. to the government and operate as a free waterway within another month.

The welcome news was received with unheated enthusiasm locally. It is intimated that final request of the government has just been complied with by the forwarding to Washington of copies of the resolutions adopted by the directors authorizing the transfer of mortgages upon the property and clearing away for government operations of the canal.

Until the next news from the front is forthcoming, there will be nothing further to report.

YOUNG PEOPLE UNITE

Representatives of Various Churches Form Organization

The young people's societies of local churches of all denominations and the surrounding country are forming a young peoples' union. A committee consisting of Elbert Charman, president of the Congregational Christian Endeavor; William Miller, president of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor; Emery French, president of the Methodist Epworth League; Miss Rinnearson, president of the Christian young peoples' society, and Lester Brunner, president of the Parkplace Congregational church, together with the pastors of the various churches, will carry on the business of the union.

Well Known Mining Man Makes Trip to Spokane

L. H. Kirchem has returned from a mining convention held at Spokane, Wash., where a large delegation from Oregon, Idaho and Washington and British Columbia districts, consisting mostly of copper, lead and silver.

PAID YOUR TAXES?

State Tax Commission Holds No Penalty on Second Half Taxes

Notice has been sent to all county treasurers by the state tax commission that under the new law passed at the recent session of the legislature penalties or interest will not be collectible on second-half taxes in case the first half is paid before April 1 this year. Taxes this year will be collected under the old law with this important change, the bill providing for two distinct periods of payments, also passed at the recent session, not applying until 1916. Beginning next year, the sheriffs will be tax collectors, a law passed at the recent session transferring the duty to them.

If one-half of the taxes on any property for the year 1914 shall have been paid before the first day of April, 1915, the second half of such taxes may be paid at any time before the first day of October, 1915, without any penalty or interest of any kind or amount.

This act has been signed by the Governor and will become a law on May 22, 1915. In substance, it amends section 3682 of Lord's Oregon Laws (amended by section 20 of chapter 184, Laws of 1913) so that all penalties on the second half of taxes, where the first half is paid before April 1, 1915, will be cancelled on May 22, 1915, and will not thereafter be collectible.

Taxpayers who pay one-half of the taxes charged against their property before April 1, 1915, may pay their second half any time from May 22 to September 30, 1915, both dates inclusive without penalty or interest on said second half. Where one-half is paid before April 1, 1915, the second half will not become delinquent until October 1, 1915.

Taxpayers who do not pay at least one-half of the taxes charged against their property before April 1, 1915, will be subject to a penalty of 1 per cent for each calendar month or fraction thereof on the entire amount unpaid, until September 1, 1915. Where one-half is not paid before April 1, 1915, the amount unpaid will become delinquent on September 1, 1915.

By the enactment of House bill No. 471, the recent legislative assembly provided for certain changes in the manner of tax payments, to become effective in 1916. This act has nothing whatever to do with tax payments in the present year.

BOOTLEGGERS CONVICTED

Claus Krohn and Frank Smalley Get \$400 Fine and Jail Sentence

Claus Krohn and Frank Smalley, two of the three men arrested in a residence just opposite the city jail on charge of violating the local option law, were convicted Saturday and fined \$400 each, in addition to a 30-day jail sentence. The third member of the trio E. A. Churchman, was acquitted as no evidence was given to show that he was connected with the sale of the liquor. Smalley had pleaded guilty earlier in the week and Krohn and Smalley were tried on their plea of not guilty Saturday.

The trial attracted the biggest crowd seen in justice court for many a day. The local justice office was packed long before the trial opened and Judge Sievers transferred the case to the county court, where every seat was taken and standing room was at a premium.

The evidence tended to show the trio were systematically operating a blind pig. Plenty of evidence was secured by the officials in the raid which took place earlier in the week, and three large glass stopper demijohns were introduced. Churchman, however, was not definitely connected with the operations and so was released.

The jury was out about an hour. It was composed of John Llewellyn, E. T. Mass, A. A. Price, Don James, Ed Harrington and D. F. Detz.

Miss Schoenborn Entertains

Miss Elsie Schoenborn entertained at her home on Seventh and John Quincy Adams Street on Sunday afternoon and evening at a dinner in honor of her birthday anniversary. The hostess was assisted in the entertainment of her guests by her cousin, Miss Edith Bullard, and a most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent following the dinner in cards and games. Many pretty gifts were received by the hostess.

The home of Miss Schoenborn was prettily decorated for this occasion when bunches of red carnations intermingled with asparagus ferns were used effectively in the living and dining rooms.

Miss Schoenborn's guests on this occasion were Miss Clara Weiversiek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoenborn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schoenborn, Mrs. Augusta Schoenborn, Mrs. Fred Bullard, Miss Gladys Schuebel, Miss Edith Bullard, Miss Gladys Bullard, Beverly and Maurine Schoenborn, Messrs. Harvey Schuebel, Mike Rhoden, Henry Schoenborn and Richard C. Schoenborn.

No Postmaster Yet.

There is a hold-up somewhere in the appointment of an Oregon City postmaster. As yet no appointment has been, although Congress has adjourned. Any minute now may relieve the anxious ones.

Now is the time to plant your sweet peas if you want early blooms.

WHAT'S BECOME OF CITY BUDGET?

DIRE RUMORS CURRENT THAT PRECIOUS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN LAID ON TABLE

POPULAR BEFORE ELECTION

Voters Now Wondering if "Economic" Administration Will Make Good on Budget

Why is a budget? This is the question which is bothering a great many Oregon City people at this time. They are wondering whether or not the much-talked of Oregon City budget, which was to be the measure of municipal expenditures for the year 1915, has been laid on the shelf, pigeon-holed in regular senate fashion, or simply forgotten altogether, now that the election is over.

Nothing has been heard or seen of the precious document, which looked so good to the taxpayers about these parts some few months ago.

Some of the real skeptical ones are hinting dire things of the budget; that it has been forgotten altogether by the city dads; that little effort is being made to conform to its provisions or limitations of city indebtedness, and some have even gone so far and have become so impudent as to state that the measure was but political pottage, principally.

It will be remembered that "economy" was the slogan, and "budget" the pass-word of the present administration. In fact some few election promises handed out during the last real warm municipal campaign, were to the effect that some candidates were running on the "budget" platform, and would insist on a strict compliance with the well defined terms and limitations of the document prepared about that time by the strenuous labors of the city fathers.

Again, why is a budget? Oregon City people wanted municipal relief. The economy talk sounded good and the budget idea looked like a best bet. Expenditures had to be reduced at all cost. The city must get down to business.

Anyhow the Jones' administration succeeded itself and the cuts began. The knife was sharpened and it looked like easy sailing for a week or two. Then there slowly developed an antipathy toward the slicing operations.

Wednesday night at council meeting Chief Shaw's salary was fixed at \$90.00, a \$15.00 raise over that decided upon several weeks ago, when the chief's monthly "per" was cut to \$75.00, pursuant to the general economy slogan as evidenced by the budget. It may go back to \$100.00 at the next meeting. Such action would not be surprising to the people of Oregon City.

It's up to the Jones' administration to make good on the economy slogan or a mighty wail will be voiced by the citizens before the year is out.

A promise is a promise and a cut and the knife should fall on political friends and enemies alike.

GRAND JURY MEETS

Investigation of Criminal Charges Being Made This Week

The grand jury has been in session this week, taking up several important criminal actions. The case of Angus McKinnon, charged with giving liquor to the 3-year old baby at Beaver Creek a week or so ago, from the effects of which the infant died, is being taken up, it is understood.

The case of J. M. Starr, the Milwaukee man held on a charge of forgery, is another of the more important matters to come before the investigators. Others are: James Broderick, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor; Chas. A. Rogers, charged with forgery; Joe Kloder, charged with attempting to kill, and T. H. Dodge, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

DEATHS

Henry Bailey died at his home at Maple Lane at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the age of 88 years. Mr. Bailey has been ill for some time with diseases which were complicated by his age. He is survived by five sons and one daughter—Ernest Bailey of Portland; George Bailey, of Portland, and Arthur, Samuel and Henry Bailey and Miss Anna Bailey all living in Clackamas county. He has lived in Maple Lane district since 1891 when he came from England. The funeral was held 10 o'clock yesterday morning from the family home and interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.