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TOO MANY BIDS FOR LOCAL BONDS

ENTIRE ISSUE OF REFUNDING SECURITIES DISPOSED OF UNDER NEW SCHEME

LOCAL BANKS TAKE MAJORITY

Council Authorizes Minor Change in Details of Issue, and offers are Made to Extent of \$285,000

After considerable campaigning between Friday night of last week and Monday night of this week, the entire issue of \$275,000 worth of refunding bonds, authorized by the voters of the county seat last fall, has been disposed of. Oregon City's three banks will absorb all but \$50,000 worth of the securities, and this allotment will go to the Lumbermen's bank of Portland.

The offers of the four banks were accepted Monday night in a special meeting of the council, which authorized the finance committee and the city attorney to complete the deal, and also to make certain slight changes in the form of the bonds which would make it possible for the issue to be handled with but a seven-mill levy for this purpose.

When the deal was closed Mayor E. C. Hackett said that he was very glad the issue had been absorbed virtually by the home banks, as it reflected great credit on the city's financial standing, and would also keep the money and interest at home.

"The council must obey the people," said Mr. Caulfield. "They can't consider paying somebody a commission to sell the bonds. Such a plan to get around the requirements of the bond amendment is too shallow even to be thought of."

"Follow the law," replied Mr. Caulfield. "If you can't get par for these bonds, come back to the people. The principal objection that the bond buyers have made to these securities has merit; they claim that the assessed valuation of the city does not warrant the proposition that a seven-mill levy will care for the issue."

Mr. Haines, representing Clark, Kendall & Co. of Portland, pleaded for a change in the optional date of taking up the bonds, as well. He suggested that the optional time ought to be extended from two to ten years, so that the securities would be more attractive as an investment.

Mr. Caufield again favored the special election plan, saying that if the council went before the people and frankly confessed failure to sell the bonds as things were now, that the responsibility would be transferred entirely to the people.

BAD EXAMPLE SET

County Seat's Councilmanic Wrangling Leads Milwaukie Astray, Too

First it was Gladstone that adopted the Oregon City scheme of "playing horse" in its council meetings, and now Milwaukie has climbed on the circus bandwagon, and is attempting funny stunts.

At present things have progressed no further, but an interesting fight promises to commence the minute the council tries to get rid of Riley.

JOB FOR FOUNDRY?

Promoters of Gold Separator Seek Plant That Will Build Machines

H. L. Sherwood and J. L. Sherry arrived in the county seat this week, seeking to form connections with a foundry which would manufacture a gold separating machine which they are promoting. The device is a modified form of oscillator, and is said by the promoters to be found in Southern Oregon or in California; and are also hopeful of developing with their device platinum deposits which they say they know of in the neighborhood of Bandon.

Mr. Sherwood, who does the talking for the pair, is a genial, white-haired man, with a ready fund of conversation which he illustrates by photographs, drawings and a miniature demonstration screen. When not engaged in boosting his device, he is also a ready talker regarding modern scientific miracles, such as wireless telegraphy, wireless telephony, and such subjects.

F. T. GRIFFITH NAMED

W. V. S. Directorate Passes into the Hands of P. R. L. & P. Co.

At a directors' meeting of the Willamette Valley Southern last week, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, was named chairman of the board of directors of the valley road. Grant B. Dimick continues as president of the line. The election of Mr. Griffith is taken to show that control of the line has virtually passed into the hands of the big Portland company, and radical changes in management and operation are expected. Among other things it is believed that the "overhead" expenses of the system will be cut to the bone.

George A. Harding was re-elected vice-president. O. B. Eby was elected secretary instead of C. M. Baker of Portland, who desired to resign, since the secretary should reside in Oregon City. Mr. Baker, however, continues as auditor of the road. W. A. Huntley was continued as treasurer.

SECOND SMOKER SET

Boxing Exhibits Will Feature Meeting at Armory Thursday

Encouraged by the success of last week's smoker, members of the Oregon City Athletic club will stage some more boxing bouts at Armory hall Thursday night of this week. Alex Trambetus, a brother of Valley Trambetus, will be in the headline act, being matched against an unknown at 105 pounds.

Other boxers who will be seen are Kid Weston and Tuffy Winger, Nagel and Bill Gold, and Matt Story and "Blacksmith" Martin. Jackie Schultz, a local "comer" will try his luck with Sam Gordon, who is a brother of the much-touted Abie Gordon whom Schultz chased round the ring at the last smoker.

believe that the bonds could be absorbed in Oregon City and Portland by warrant holders and the local banks. He said he knew of several men who would be willing to buy small blocks of the bonds, and knew other people who were willing to buy small blocks of the bonds as an investment.

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COUNTY TEACHER HAS NEW SYSTEM

MAPLE LANE INSTRUCTOR SAYS HE'S SOLVED DRUDGERY OF 'TIRESOME ARITHMETIC'

'BUSINESS' AND 'MONEY' USED

Robert Ginther Completes Method of Instruction after Sixteen Years of Careful Experimentation

Editor, Courier: It is a daring proposition for a "common" teacher to come forward with an announcement that he has developed something that is far in advance of present methods, but I wish to say to the educational interests of this county, yes, to all patrons of our schools, that after sixteen years of spasmodic attempts, or rather experiments, I have this winter here in my school finally developed a system of teaching Arithmetic from the 5th grade to the 8th grade inclusive, that is a revolution in itself.

For instance, after having put a day or two in studying page 44 and 45 in White's Arithmetic, I start each pupil in business with \$2,000 cash; have him make his bookkeeping set of three books out of a 10 cent, 5-inch width tablet; show him the simple science of bookkeeping, the beginning of it, teach him the first principle that underlies entries, i. e. Debit—what you receive, Credit—what you give, and have him make two transactions each day, one buy and one sale.

Does it work? It certainly does! The 22 boys and girls in my 5th and 6th grade at the end of their first two weeks work for themselves, get their trial balance, closed their accounts, gained in business, all with the exception of six pupils, ranging in age from ten years to 14 years.

We have our bulletin board, with the prices changing alternately each day, and the instructions for the pupils for the day's work. The 7th and 8th grades also get a thorough review of pages 44 and 45 before beginning. They eventually do work in their grade such as buying merchandise for note, etc., or at a discount, etc., their personal, individual notes and work.

Of course a teacher must be a master of Bookkeeping and Business methods. In my opinion, this plan must eventually drive out the old plan we have so long wearied ourselves with. Measurements must of course be kept in a place by itself. Even this can be made practical. We make our merchandise out of the backs of tablets and shoeboxes. The children make this under my direction, also our money. We make our money out of tablet paper, about 2 by 1 inches in size, red ink being used to write the denominations with. To explain all the details would require too much space, but I wish to simply give a general idea of the plan.

Anyone wishing to see the plan in successful and pleasant operation, just visit us at Maple Lane and investigate.

ROBERT GINTHER.

PECULIAR WELL FOUND

Two Kinds of Water Pumped From Same Hole in Ground in Florida

In their investigation of the wells and underground waters of Florida the geologists of the United States Geological Survey have noted many interesting things. Among these is a well at Welaka, on St. Johns River, from which two kinds of water are obtained.

This well is 309 feet deep. The length of the casing is 110 feet. The well was first drilled to 160 feet, and from this depth ordinary "sulphur" water was obtained. The drill was then carried to a depth of 309 feet, where it encountered a strong mineral water, having a disagreeable, salty taste. In order to use both kinds of water an inner tubing was run nearly to the bottom of the well. Both this and the outer casing were connected with pumps, so that ordinary water and mineral water can be pumped at the same time. A favorite job played on visitors is to give them a drink of the weaker water in the first glass and to replace it with the brine in the second.

Not more than a half dozen wells of this kind are known in the country, but there is no reason why similar wells can not be obtained in regions where the waters in the upper strata differ from those lying deeper.

Kirkpatrick's Body Found

The body of Charles Kirkpatrick, a young Portland bank employe, was recovered this week in the river near Linnton. Kirkpatrick was drowned off Rock Island on Lincoln's birthday, when he tried to make a trip from Salem to Portland by canoe. With him at the time was also drowned Harry Gammie, another Portland bank clerk. The second body has not been recovered.

DON'T KICK ABOUT IT; REGISTER, AND THEN YOU CAN VOTE FOR REFORMS

Don't talk so much about high taxes, the inefficiency of our law-makers, or other things that don't please you. Talk doesn't amount to much. Go to the county clerk's office, or to the office of one of the district registrars, and register before April 18. Then you can vote at the primaries. And you can also vote at the general election.

If you don't register before April 18, you can't vote. Get that into your head now. Then go and register. After you have registered you can vote against high taxes, inefficient officers, or anything else that you don't like; and you can vote for the men whom you believe will do better. Voting is better than kicking.

But if you want to vote YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 18.

GRAND STAND DOWN

Recent Wind Storm Left Trail of Ruin Down Clackamas Valley

Among the other things it did besides taking roofs from barns in the neighborhood of Clackamas station, the tempestuous wind of a week ago Sunday also blew down the roof of the grand stand at Gladstone park, damaging that structure so much that it will have to be entirely rebuilt for the coming Chautauqua season. The gale also uprooted a dozen of the gigantic trees that in the past have added so to the beauty of the grounds.

Along the right-of-way of the Carver line, between Milwaukie and Dedman station, the gale felled trees by the score. Owing to a peculiar freak of the wind, however, none of the trunks fell across the rails; though many smashed through the fencing on either side of the track.

The wind also ripped out many trees along the cutoff road between Dedman's farm and the rifle range, blocking this thoroughfare in many places. The farmers' telephone line on the Bakers Bridge road also was wiped out.

\$15 LEFT OVER

City of Willamette Had Something in the Treasury When It Quits

The former city of Willamette had fifteen dollars left in its treasury when it quit this week, after all bills had been paid and its accounts wound up. This \$15 was given to West Linn, along with everything else that Willamette had, for the merger of the two communities is now officially completed.

Willamette joined with West Linn chiefly to avail itself of South Fork pure mountain water, which it will obtain as a portion of West Linn. The only other way in which Willamette could have obtained this water would have been by buying it direct from Oregon City and constructing a pipeline; and the people figured out that it would be more economical to merge with the new manufacturing town on the west side of the river.

HOME IS DESTROYED

Failure to Get Aid from Neighbor Causes J. P. Strahl Bad Loss

The house of J. P. Strahl caught fire Sunday afternoon and burned to the ground. Mrs. Strahl and father, Mr. DeMoss, were visiting at the time with Mr. and Mrs. Brasch, who live nearby. Mr. Strahl and son Leslie were at home, and along about 2 o'clock found the house was filling with smoke and after investigating, discovered that it was on fire. It is thought it caught from the stove-pipe or flue, as the fire was on the inside, between the ceiling and the roof.

As Mr. Strahl could not reach it from the inside he climbed onto the roof, and pulling some shingles loose, it blazed forth. As they could not make the Brasch family hear; they shouted and discharged the gun, but to no avail and having to fight it alone, were unable to save the house, although they saved a little of the furniture.—(East Clackamas News.)

MOLALLA COACH BURNS

Excitement at Canby when Southern Pacific Relic Catches Fire

Wednesday afternoon of last week the historic relic used by the Southern Pacific to haul passengers between Canby and Molalla caught fire, and great excitement resulted. The old coach caught fire from an overheated stove while it was standing in the Canby yards.

A bucket brigade was formed, and by strenuous efforts managed to keep the aged car from complete destruction. The car is said to be one of the oldest still in use in passenger service.

Wallace Buried at Canby

Richard P. Wallace, who was last week killed at Mulino by a delayed blast of stump powder, was buried in Zion cemetery at Canby Thursday afternoon. Mr. Wallace was a native of North Carolina, and came to Clackamas county some score of years ago.

LIGHT TURNED ON IN FESTIVE WAY

SECRETS OF CONGRESS TOLD IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS WORTH THE READING

SOLONS LIKELY TO OBJECT

Publication Devoted to Getting Its Readers 'Acquainted' with Representatives is Refreshing

The Courier doesn't like to "clip" things over much, but once in a while it runs across something that has already been printed that it thinks worth passing on to its readers. Such is "The Searchlight on Congress," published at Washington, D. C., by the National Voters' League, and devoted to "acquainting the people with their law-makers." This little publication is sponsored by a group of 10 members of an executive committee; and among the sixteen are Irving Bachelier, Ida M. Tarbell, Mrs. Alice G. Brandeis, and "our own" William S. U'Ren.

Aside from giving roll-calls on many of the important votes taken in congress, the publication has a department entitled "Day by Day," which gives a brief and enlightening review of the labors of both branches of congress. These reviews are so very enlightening that the Courier herewith takes the liberty of reprinting a few for the education of its readers—who do not often get such a clear vision of what congress does, we are sure. Here is some of the "Day by Day" record:

January 21. Senate—Rested. House—Sherwood resigned from Committee on Claims because too busy as chairman of Committee on Invalid Pensions. Passed second urgent deficiency bill. Decided to have ten hours of general debate on Shackleford post roads bill, and speeches began. Numerous leaves-to-print granted.

January 22. Senate—Not in session. House—Resumed "general" debate on post roads bill. Thirteen got leave to print undelivered speeches.

January 23. House—Held a Sunday session to memorialize Joseph A. Goulden, a former New York member.

January 24. Senate—Jones, of Washington, and Lane, of Oregon, appointed members of the Joint Select Committee on the Disposition of Useless Papers in the Executive Departments. Passed an omnibus pension bill. Debated the Philippine measure. Went into secret political session to consider a district judge and some postmasters.

House—Session began and closed with promiscuous permissions to print undelivered speeches. More talk on good roads bill. Houses took first official notice of seven election contest cases, which should have been considered at very beginning of Congress.

January 25. Senate—Created a few more clerkships. Considered the possibility of repairing the old frigate, "Constitution." Resumed on Philippine bill. Closed with a postmaster session.

House—Mann made a preparatory speech. Passed Shackleford road bill, 282 to 81, with 71 not voting. Everybody granted privilege of "extending" remarks on the measure. Back of record contains several undelivered discussions.

January 26. Senate—Smoot called attention to fact that at least one-half of matter appearing in Congressional Record was never read or spoken in either House or Senate. McCumber, chairman of Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, which never meets, asked for additional clerk for that committee. Lane resigned from Committee on Disposition of Useless Paper; Phelan elected to the place. Continued on Philippine bill. Locked the doors for a postmaster session.

House—Took up Keating Child Labor bill. Southern Democrats filibustered and prevented a vote.

Senate—After long characteristic Senatorial wrangle over petty parliamentary matters, resumed on Philippine bill. Forty-six postmasters confirmed and one rejected in secret session.

House—Met at noon as usual. Found several errors in the Congressional Record. Practically the whole session given to campaign speeches, under guise of consideration of a bill to appropriate \$40,000 for our part in an International High Commission, to continue the work of the First Pan-American Financial Conference held in Washington. Adjourned at 4:33 for want of a quorum.

January 28. Senate—Arranged for printing much miscellaneous matter in the Congressional Record. Got a little farther with the talk on Philippine bill. Passed the \$40,000 bill for International High Commission to promote South American trade. Cleared the

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FINE TEAM WORK

Sheriff Catches Cow While Chief and Constable Catch Alleged Thief

The purple cow made famous in petry by Gillette Burgess was rivaled this week by a "blue white" cow owned by J. W. Passamore, of Tigardville, which disappeared Tuesday night just before milking time. The color of the cow is vouched for by Sheriff William J. Wilson, who explicitly states that "it is a blue white cow." Maybe it was blue because it was stolen from its Tigardville home.

At all events, Mr. Passamore last night reported the theft of the cow to county seat officers. This morning a man who said he was William Johnson sold a cow with a broken horn, a stumpy tail and plenty of fat on its ribs to the Engelbrecht farm for \$50. Mr. Engelbrecht gave him a check, and the man cashed the check at the Cox poolhall. Constable Jack Frost by that time was close on the trail of the man who sold the cow, and confiding a description of him to Chief Blanchard, asked the chief to keep his eyes open.

A few minutes after this request was made Chief Blanchard saw a stranger on Main street, and calling Constable Frost, suggested that the stranger might be the wanted man. Constable Frost called Frank Cox from the pool hall, and Mr. Cox said the stranger was the man who had cashed the check. So the stranger was pinched. Later he said his name was not Johnson, but was Claude B. Graves, and that he lived in Lents. The cow, he said, had been his sister's property.

Sheriff Wilson, meanwhile, had not been idle. By dint of much sleuthing he traced the cow to the Engelbrecht place, and there apprehended it. So now it is all fixed up; Graves is in jail, the check he got for the cow he sold is in hock, the sheriff has in custody a "blue white cow," and Mr. Passamore of Tigardville has been notified to come in and get his bovine.

APRIL DOCKET SET

Many Cases to be Heard by Juries in Circuit Court During Month

The April circuit court docket for the jury term was set this week by Judge J. U. Campbell, and pending matters will come up as follows:

April 17.—W. Yonce versus J. W. Ferguson; plaintiff asks for \$75 damages for a broken harness and \$45 for the use of a horse.

April 18.—W. S. May versus Robert H. Hunt; plaintiff asks \$150 for a horse defendant rented and which died on defendant's hands.

April 19.—Fern Matthews versus Orella E. Bussa, George Brooks, Art Cotzhausen, J. R. Kelso and A. L. Reed; suit growing out of alleged wrongful seizure of household effects in Milwaukie justice court case.

April 20.—The Willamette Valley Southern railway versus C. T. Toose; right-of-way case.

April 21.—W. W. Graves versus A. E. Bredren; suit to collect bill of \$155.42.

April 22.—John Miller versus Joe Odermatt; suit for rent, appealed from justice court.

April 24.—State versus Mary C. Wells; defendant accused of having caused William Newman to set fire to Oswego houses.

April 25.—Harris Morehouse versus T. A. Snook; suit for \$135 alleged to have been obtained by misrepresentation of stock sale.

April 27.—R. W. Clark, administrator of Davidella Clark, versus Willamette Valley Southern railway; suit to recover damages of \$7500 for death of Mrs. Clark on September 16, 1915.

April 28.—Frank T. Collier versus Friars' club; suit to recover attorney's fees.

April 29.—William Lepinsky versus Carrie Walker; suit to recover \$150 alleged to be due for work done.

LIFE IN MOLALLA

Assorted News Items Show Activities in Up-County Metropolis

J. V. Harless, the new Chief of Police says that hereafter when a fellow is on the streets stewed he is going to put him in the city jail. There has been too much carelessness here in the matter since the first of the year and it is only a matter of time until someone gets pinched.

W. A. Shaver played the hero role Monday when he saved the life of a small white dog that was being chewed to pieces by Mr. Shaver's own big shepherd. "Bill" had an armful of groceries when the battle started between the dogs. Quick action being necessary, he threw the bunch of groceries at the offending canine. The desired result was attained but the groceries got soaked in the mud.

On Wednesday afternoon the residence of C. W. Honeyman caught fire and but for the immediate arrival of help would have been destroyed. Several were in Vick's store and rushed to the house and the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. The walls were badly charred.—(Molalla Pioneer.)

Married Too Soon

Because the statutory requirement of six months had not elapsed between Frank M. Heuenhofer's divorce and his second marriage, Judge Campbell last week annulled his marriage with Willie E. Wilson, of Portland. Heuenhofer's second marriage was on January 19, 1915.

BUY IT AT HOME, AND HOW IT GOES

ENTERPRISE TRIES TO FREEZE OUT OSWEGO NEWSPAPER BEFORE IT STARTS

'TRUST' AMBITION IS SEEN

Weekly Annex of County Seat's Small Daily Prints 'Phony' Sheet on Inside Page to Get 'Ads'

Sometimes ago we heard a lot in these parts about "buy it at home." We heard some of our distinguished citizens get up and make speeches, and tell the people how the home merchant ought to be supported, how the home paper ought to be supported, and how money ought to be kept rolling around at home.

The Oregon City Enterprise was one of these reformers who wanted to knock the spots out of foreign competition, and boost things along at home. The Oregon City Enterprise was a fine little booster for "buy it at home," and for giving the home merchant a square deal, and all that sort of thing.

Sure it was. And then something happened.

E. J. Jones, publisher of the North Portland Record, a thriving suburban newspaper in the metropolis, thought he saw a chance to establish a newspaper in Oswego. He leased quarters in Oswego, moved his plant to Oswego, laid in stock, and got ready to publish the Oswego Times.

Mrs. Jones was going to establish a new industry at Oswego. He was going to give Oswego a local newspaper after a lapse of nearly 25 years. He was going to give employment to Oswego people, to give the Oswego merchants a medium of publicity, to give the people of Oswego an "all home print newspaper."

And did any peep of joy come from the Enterprise?

Not so you could notice it. The Oregon City Enterprise, before Mr. Jones could get his Oswego paper started, printed on page six of its weekly, picked-up reprint annex something that it called "The Oswego Record," a jumble of old-fashioned type and rebashed news from the columns of its daily parent sheet. It butted right into the Oswego field in an effort to throttle the real, honest, Oswego paper before it started.

In its so-called Oswego Record, the Enterprise has a mushy editorial, in which it let the cat out of the bag. It says that the Oswego news it had published in the past had helped its circulation a little bit, and that in order to boost its circulation still more, it was going to make the "Oswego Record" a regular department hereafter.

The Courier has seen tricks like this tried before. They are not new in the newspaper game. But they are contemptible. They show a fear of a "home paper" on the part of the Enterprise, a fear that the Enterprise might lose a few of its very few subscribers. The Enterprise trick of trying to bunk the people of Oswego out of a real paper with that poor page of assorted type, is just the sort of a trick that a tottering and decrepit wreck of a paper would try.

And not only does the Enterprise try to kill the news end of the new Oswego Times, but it tries to undermine its advertising support by accepting at special rates advertising from such Oswego businessmen as it could persuade to become a party to its plan.

It is noticeable that the Enterprise didn't think of establishing its "Oswego Record" until Mr. Jones completed arrangements for putting in a plant for the Oswego Times. Before that a couple of columns of correspondence would do for Oswego, hidden away between patent medicine ads and last week's Oregon City news. But with the appearance of a real newspaper in Oswego, the Enterprise blooms forth with its "Oswego Record"—as plain a grab for the legitimate business of the Oswego Times as could be made.

Talk about a hold-up man going out at night with a gun—such a man is fair in his dealings when compared with this trick of the Oregon City Enterprise.

"Buy it at home!"—trade at home!"—oh yes, they're all fine phrases for the Enterprise to use. But when it comes down to helping a community industry, to extending the warm hand of fellowship to a brother editor who is trying to make an honest living in the community; then it is another matter. Then all the "community helpfulness" is forgotten by the Enterprise, and that scintillating sheet puts on its mask, grabs its bludgeon, and sneaks out in the dark, and grabs all it can grab for the few cents and the few subscribers that might go to the "home paper."

If you want to keep informed about politics—election is near—subscribe for the Courier now. \$1 a year when paid in advance.