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ANOTHER RAP AT HON. C. SCHUEBEL

LETTER SAYS GEORGE STORY HAS SAVED CITY MONEY FOR LEGAL HIRE

STORY IS CAPABLE LAWYER

Members of "Knights of Double Cross" are Slammed. People are Not Fooled

Oregon City, Feb. 21, 1917.

To the editor:

As to George L. Story's ability, I want to state that for a number of years he was a teacher in the public schools of this state and in Washington, and that he held and still holds a life diploma to teach in Oregon. He had the honor of receiving the highest standing in a class of 80 applicants for admission to the bar. He has been a student all his life, loving knowledge for its own sake.

He has never joined the "Order of Knights of the Double Cross," and people that he did business for when he began practicing law are still his clients.

I will admit that he has not made as much money as some others claim to have done—there have been cases which he has refused to take on by other lawyers. When his "working partner" sometimes asked, "Why shouldn't you have had that money as well as the other fellow, since the case was 'aired' in public anyway?" he has only said, "I don't want money had enough to do that kind of work."

In fact there are several ways of making money that do not appeal to him, such as charging 20, 30 or 40 per cent "commission" when loaning money for his clients (said "commission" being, of course, strictly within the law).

Mr. Story has already saved the city the expense of holding an election, which would have been illegal. Yet Mr. Schuebel and Mr. Stipp did not know any better than to try to do it. Mr. Schuebel means to try it again in the matter of buying a fire truck for the city. When Mr. Story informed the council that it could not be done legally, the answer was that they did not care—legal or illegal, they would have an election in March anyway.

Because some of the city attorney's work that should have been done has been left undone, Schuebel has cost Oregon City \$5000. I refer to sewer bonds that should have been issued and were not. By the way, the sewer assessments have not been made.

Schuebel claims to have saved the city thousands of dollars in his three years in office. What were the savings, and what about the city's loss of interest on bonds? When he asked for re-election to "finish" work that had begun two years before, and should have been done long before, he contrasted his own salary, \$900 a year, with that of attorneys who had served the city before him. He mentioned no names, of course, leaving people to suppose that Mr. Story had been in charge when the largest salary had been paid. As a matter of record, Mr. Stone was the attorney who was in charge of the city's affairs at that time. When Mr. Story and Mr. Stone held the office of city attorney the salary was paid through fines, of drunk and disorderly cases, mostly.

When Oregon City went dry Schuebel saw that something was needed, lest his salary become only a sad, sweet memory, so he asked the council to pay him a monthly wage, in lieu of fines which were not likely to materialize, and the council, loving him as a good brother, was, no doubt, glad to help him out—at least they passed the resolution asked. Behold how good and pleasant it is for a council to work together in harmony. Fine indeed for the council, but what about the common people who sweat and scrimp to pay the taxes?

Fine no doubt for Councilmen Buckles and Councilman Friedrich to sell supplies to Oregon City. Once present the bill to the council, sure that said bills will be ordered paid, but what about the people, who elected them to office as a public trust, not as a private snafu?

What about the councilman who has made "Oregon City" a byword by his conduct, who was recently arrested and paid a fine for driving an automobile through Portland streets while drunk; who more recently was arrested for a like offense in this town and was fined and released on parole; who declared if he were expelled from the council he would mount a soapbox on the street corner and tell the public all he knew of the inner workings of said city council? Nay, verily, nor is he likely to be until the people rise up and read the riot act.

"You can fool all of the people part of the time—you can fool part of the people all the time—but you can't fool all the people all the time."

BERTHA M. STORY.

CIRCUS AT SALEM IS ENDED AND PRAISED

GOVERNOR SEES MUCH GOOD THAT LEGISLATORS HAVE DONE FOR FARMERS

The biennial legislative circus at Salem is ended. The two houses of the 29th session officially adjourned on Monday at midnight, although both senators and representatives labored for several hours into Tuesday morning. Clackamas county's representatives and Senator Dimick are home, together with all others from this county who were officially concerned in the sessions—and most of them are glad the seige is passed.

Ninety days from the official adjournment, May 20, all bills passed during the session without the emergency clause become effective immediately upon being signed by Governor Withycombe.

President Moser and Speaker Stanfield spent Tuesday signing bills passed Monday and Monday night. It is believed the governor will veto but few, if any, bills passed during the closing hours of the session.

"The legislature made a good record and has to its credit much sound legislation," said Governor Withycombe Monday in commenting on the session. "The bills which have probably attracted most attention concern road and prohibition legislation. The bone dry bill met the expressed will of the people to the letter."

"The new highway commission law, backed by the Bean bill, which makes it possible to obtain the big federal road appropriations, will, I believe, give us a fine start on highway improvement upon an adequate scale. If the people approve the large bond issue Oregon will in a few years be a notable 'good roads' state."

"Among very important pieces of constructive legislation which have been placed on the statute books may be numbered the insurance code, the irrigation code, the rural credits bill, the military and fish and game codes. All represent much hard work and will go a long way toward simplifying and bettering our laws. The men who worked them out deserve great credit."

"With the passage of adequate rural credits legislation, with provision for cheaper lime and grain inspection, I feel that the all-important agricultural interests have been especially well cared for. The lime bill, and the bill to give state aid to crippled children, were of especial interest to me and their passage is highly gratifying."

BOYSEN RELEASED

Having lived up to the terms of his parole for six months, Fritz Boyesen, former proprietor of the notorious Hotel Belle at Milwaukee, was released from his bond by order of Judge J. U. Campbell on Tuesday. Boyesen was convicted of violating the prohibition laws and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Upon his promise to leave the state he was paroled under a \$200 cash bail, which the judge has ordered returned to him. Boyesen returned to the state only once after his exile, and almost got himself in hot water for violating his parole. He explained, however, that he was forced to return to sell his hotel and was released. It is understood that Boyesen is running a road house at Reno, Nev.

MAMA INTERFERES

Stern Parent Blights Young Romance That Was About to Bud

Ma' got into the game of hearts just in time to keep her young son uncontaminated by the marriage market. The young heart of Frank Brazda pines, lonesome and alone; the young heart of Nettie White pines, alone and lonesome. The boy's mother was willful in her determination to keep her son to herself until he has grown old enough to know better than get married or until he knows enough to do it. So the romance of Frank and Nettie was blighted. Mrs. J. Brazda of Portland last week sent this note to County Clerk Iva Harrington:

"Please do not give a marriage license to Frank Brazda and Nettie White, as he is not of age."

The youthful pair did not apply here for a permit to seal the pledges of their young hearts.

MISS TALBOT SPEAKS

Grange Will Hear Discussion of Montessori System

The Montessori system of education will be outlined and explained before the Abernethy grange on Saturday afternoon by Miss Gertrude Talbot of Portland. The grange members have opened the meeting to the public that Miss Talbot's talk may be heard generally. County Jpdge H. S. Anderson at the same meeting will talk on several phases of county government and his daughter, Miss Lillian Anderson, will give a series of readings.

COUNCIL'S COUP IS CLEVER DEAL

ALBRIGHT LEADS SUCCESSFUL FIGHT TO MAKE SCHUEBEL CITY ATTORNEY

ISOM BRIDGES NOT PRESENT

Andrews Occupies Seat First Time Since Circuit Court Upheld His Contention

Quietly entrenching themselves in the chambers of civic righteousness in the city hall on Thursday, the five tried and true members of the Schuebel faction of the city council occupied all advantages and made a successful attack upon all ground heretofore gained through the questionable vote of Isom C. Bridges for the anti-Schuebel minority at previous meetings.

The result was the complete ratification and confirmation of the resolution passed at the December meeting appointing C. Schuebel city attorney. The force of attack was led by Councilman J. F. Albright, whose absence previously permitted the minority to refuse to recognize Mr. Schuebel. The Albright henchmen, armed with verbal instruments of war whose use was not necessary in view of the absence of every member of the minority against Mr. Schuebel, were Councilmen Metzner, Friedrich, Buckles and Cox. E. B. Andrews occupied his seat but did not vote.

Only those councilmen who have heretofore shown their desire to retain Mr. Schuebel's services attended the meeting. Early in the day this group, constituting a majority of the members of the council, called on the mayor to order a special meeting. An effort to call the meeting off was made by members not in sympathy with its purposes, but the others refused to be "called."

Councilman H. M. Templeton, leader of the minority four, the faction against Mr. Schuebel, came to the meeting but left immediately. Isom C. Bridges, declared ineligible by Circuit Judge Campbell, did not attend, although he has appealed to the supreme court. In his seat was E. B. Andrews, defeated for re-election last December by Mr. Bridges. Mr. Andrews did not vote, but occupied his seat under a charter clause which says a councilman shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified. City Prosecutor George L. Story was also absent, but C. Schuebel, confirmed as city attorney, was present.

Mr. Schuebel notified the council in writing that he would start action to recover his fee for the prosecution of a recent case for the city unless he was retained as city attorney or paid for his services voluntarily. With the reading of the communication Councilman J. F. Albright passed a resolution to ratify and confirm the appointment of Mr. Schuebel and Councilman Cox's motion to order the recorder to draw a warrant for Mr. Schuebel's salary for January was passed.

In the absence of Mayor Hackett, who refused to attend the meeting, Councilman Metzner, president of the council, occupied the chair. With his vote every action taken was unanimous. An order for a warrant for the fees of George L. Story as city prosecutor was passed.

Councilmen Metzner, Buckles, Albright, Cox, Friedrich and Andrews constituted the quorum. This action is declared entirely legal, inasmuch as Andrews did not vote, and as five councilmen can force the mayor to call the meeting, thereby making it official. The entire proceedings, including the confirmation of Mr. Schuebel, did not occupy 15 minutes. There was no debate and no speeches.

The council adopted the ballot title for the special fire truck election March 5.

According to Mayor Hackett, every effort will be made at coming meetings of the council to overthrow the action of the five members and to rescind the action in ordering a warrant drawn for Mr. Schuebel's salary. The members who transacted this business are a majority of the council. Opposed to them are four councilmen and the mayor.

H. M. Templeton, whose efforts are responsible for the failure of the body to recognize Mr. Schuebel at the regular meeting some time ago, believes that the transactions of the special meeting, attended only by those favorable to Mr. Schuebel, will not be held legal if the matter is taken before the courts. As a basis for this belief he points to a state law which says that the business of special meetings called by a certain number of councilmen must be specified in writing in the call that is issued to the members by the mayor. The five members who held the meeting Thursday prepared the meeting notices which were furnished to the mayor. They call the session "for the purpose of adopting a ballot title for the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4000 or so much thereof as may be

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NEW SCHOOL BOARD MAY BE HAD HERE

HEDGES AND EBY ONLY ONES SECURE IN FACE OF LEGISLATION JUST PASSED

Governor Withycombe on Tuesday signed the last of the school bills which were passed during the recent session—house bill 106, introduced by Representative Laurgaard, and reducing the terms of school directors in districts of the first class. Previously the governor had signed Senator Orton's tenure in office bill for Portland school teachers; Representative Sheldon's bill permitting non-taxpayers to vote for school directors, and Senator Eddy's bill, extending the recall to school directors.

The Laurgaard bill reduces the terms of school directors in districts of the first class from five to three years, thus affecting Oregon City, which is a first class district. Further, it provides that two shall be elected at the next school election, two at the following election and one at the next election.

Joseph E. Hedges, recently elected, is the only member of the local board of school directors in office until June, 1918. H. A. Rands will be automatically retired if he remains in Alaska for six months; James Roake is holding office by appointment until the next election. George A. Harding is the other member of the board and he will be relieved at the next election.

Under the present law one director is elected annually. This makes the school board a close corporation, and in a considerable number of districts the board has been converted into a political machine, and ruled with an iron hand regardless of the wishes of the people. To secure new blood on the board under the present law is impossible, for after a director is elected he is confronted with the old directors, and he has the choice of either becoming a part of the political machine they may have brought into existence or of remaining a figurehead. This condition of affairs caused S. P. Lockwood recently to resign from the Portland school board.

The Laurgaard bill will relieve this condition. It was bitterly fought in both the house and senate by the school board lobby of Portland, and powerful politicians identified with it. After the measure had passed both houses, members of the school board machine of Portland and other districts centered their fire on the governor with the view of prevailing on him to veto the bill. The fight however, was as futile as that made before the legislature. The school board machine and its lobby also strenuously opposed the other school bills.

STEVENS TO PREACH ANTI-FIRE GOSPEL

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PRECEDE SPECIAL FIRE TRUCK ELECTION

The approaching special election at which the matter of the purchase of a modern fire apparatus for Oregon City will be decided by the voters, will be the object of an educational campaign to be undertaken here within the next two weeks by the joint city council and Live Wire committee which has had the plans for the election in hand. Tuesday afternoon the committee met to make final plans for the campaign. It is announced that the first features will be a brief series of lectures by Fire Marshal Jay Stevens of Portland. Mr. Stevens will appear at a local theater to lecture and show pictures on fire protection work.

The city council recently adopted a ballot title for the election, calling for a vote upon an appropriation of \$4000 for the purchase of the apparatus. Probably the entire sum designated will not be required inasmuch as W. P. Hawley, Sr., has offered to buy city property for \$1500 and donate an additional \$1000 toward the purchase of the equipment. A. R. Jacobs of the Oregon City Manufacturing company, and James Tracy, Gladstone resident, have each agreed to donate \$500 toward the fire truck fund.

What the tax payers authorize will be used to pay the rest of the cost of the truck and the expenses of the department for the year. The purchase of the equipment involves a practical reorganization of the volunteer fire department, basing it around the nucleus of a small paid department. The purchase will also mean the remodeling of one of the volunteer fire stations, probably that under the city hall, to accommodate the truck desired.

Women in Meeting

The first meeting of the King's Daughters of the Episcopal church is being held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl W. Joehne, 419 Jefferson street. The women will start upon active work for the year at this meeting.

PETITIONS WANT RECALL OF FOUR

SCHUEBEL SUPPORTERS WOULD BE EJECTED BY LATEST TURN IN BIG FIGHT

FRIEDRICH IS NOT INCLUDED

May Have Trouble in Getting Men as Recall Candidates. Mr. Story Interested

Four Oregon City councilmen, supporters of Christian Schuebel in the fight that has been carried on for the council for two months, are slated for recall in petitions which were put into circulation here today under the direction of George L. Story, city prosecutor and contender with Mr. Schuebel for the duties and salary of the city attorney office.

Councilmen A. B. Buckles, J. F. Albright, F. A. Metzner and Roy B. Cox are those listed for the official chopping block, but the date for their execution at the polls has not been set. This quartet is responsible for the special meeting last week at which no member antagonistic to Mr. Schuebel was present. At that time Mr. Schuebel's appointment was ratified and confirmed by an unanimous vote of the quorum present and Recorder Loder was instructed to draw a warrant for the attorney's salary for January.

Public opinion, according to Mr. Story, is largely responsible for the recall plans that matured today with the circulation of petitions. The public is weary of the banter that has been taking the place of business in the council chambers recently. Mr. Story says that justice has dictated many plans to relieve Mr. Schuebel of his appointment, which was declared illegal, and was vacated at a recent session of the council where his opponents were in the majority, but that every effort had failed. Practically the only legitimate means left at the disposal of those who would oust Mr. Schuebel is the recall.

Councilman C. W. Friedrich would be included in the list against whom the recall movement is brought had he been a member of the council a sufficient length of time.

The council faction in favor of retaining Mr. Schuebel to fight the pending case of the P. R. L. & P. Co. against the city is a majority of the members when J. F. Albright attends the meetings. Those opposed to Mr. Schuebel are the minority four and Mayor Hackett, since the vote of Isom C. Bridges has been declared void.

One trouble foreseen by Mr. Story and his friends is in lining up business men for recall candidates. Those behind the movement are anxious to get the best men in the city into the council seats so that a better business program can be worked out, but the reputation the council has achieved will make the job more or less obnoxious to business men, it is feared.

AUTO TAKES DIVE

Young Men and Car Uninjured After Thrilling Leap

A dive of 50 feet from the bank into the high, swift waters of the Clackamas river near Gladstone Sunday, had two occupants, escaped uninjured. The machine, owned and driven by C. S. Fryer of 420 East Fifty-second street South, Portland, swerved toward the bank and in a flash was in the water below. C. Eisler of Portland was in the car with the owner and the men recovered from their shaking sufficiently to help haul the automobile from the river, damaged only by the water it had absorbed. A block and tackle and a strong team of horses pulled the machine back on the road.

The occupants are unable to account for the accident unless the steering gear went wrong. Mr. Fryer said he had been driving at a moderate speed when the car suddenly swerved toward the river bank. Before he could do anything he found himself and Mr. Eisler standing on the bank viewing the automobile in the river below.

TWO MORE DEPUTIES

County Assessor W. W. Everhart announces the appointment of two additional deputy assessors for the reappraisal which will be started in Clackamas county about March 15. The men named are H. N. Everhart of Molalla and P. H. Garisch of Oswego. These appointments bring the total force of deputies up to 10, and there are two or three fields yet to be supplied.

Once again we suggest that you subscribe to the Courier and four standard magazines. \$1.25.

H. E. CROSS MAY BE ON NEW COMMISSION

LIVE WIRES WILL HAVE PART IN PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ROOM IS READY

The accomplishments and the shortcomings of the recent state legislative session were passed in review before the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their meeting on Tuesday noon. The Wires also made plans for taking part in a campaign of education in connection with the coming special election, when voters will decide upon the purchase of a fire truck.

The Wires extended an official invitation to Fire Marshal Jay Stevens of Portland to come to Oregon City next Tuesday for luncheon and on next Thursday night to lecture and show pictures on fire prevention work. Mr. Stevens will speak at a local theatre under the auspices of the joint Live Wire and city council fire truck committee.

Upon motion of Judge Grant B. Dimick, Harvey E. Cross was endorsed for appointment to the new state highway commission as a recognition of his labors for good roads. That Mr. Cross is being considered by the governor was the statement of Judge Dimick. The Wires voted an unanimous indorsement.

The public reading room which has been contemplated for more than a year by the Live Wires is to be a reality. A. R. Jacobs, chairman of the committee in charge of these plans, announced that he had secured a large room in the Electric hotel building and this will be equipped at once to furnish a lounging place for mill employes. The room is to be supported by contributions from Live Wire members.

Under the direction of the Wires a part of the Commercial club's \$1700 publicity fund will be spent in the preparation of a booklet showing the advantages of Oregon City as a manufacturing center. Thomas A. Burke and Earl C. Brownlee were named as a committee to prepare and publish the booklet, which will go as far as to list available sites for new enterprises that might be operated with some of the 40,000 idle horsepower at the falls here.

MAY REALLY BUILD

Committee Meets for "Further Discussion" of Park Plans

The building committee of the Wilmette Valley Chautauqua association met Tuesday night for further discussion of plans for a new auditorium for Gladstone park, and the result of the session was a recommendation to the board of directors that actual construction start not later than May 1.

The committee has finally decided upon a building with many of the features of the famous Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City. There is still a possibility that there may be a hitch in the proceedings, because \$1500 of the necessary \$5500 for the building is not guaranteed. One member of the building committee is said to be holding the matter in the balance because he refuses to consider such a debt. The building committee and the board of directors will hold a joint meeting on Monday evening for further action.

ESCAPES INVESTIGATION

Jack Albright Forks Over Cash and Battle Lulls

Supplementary proceedings against J. F. Albright were filed Thursday with an affidavit certifying that he had property which he was concealing. Albright had shown that he had no property of record with which to satisfy a judgment handed down in favor of L. Ruconich last week. Following the presentation of the affidavit Judge Campbell ordered Albright to appear Friday morning and advise the court as to his alleged concealed property. Before the hour set for the hearing, however, attorneys for Mr. Albright presented Mr. Ruconich with a check for the full amount of the claim against Albright, amounting to more than \$170, and the proceedings were dropped.

TO INVITE TEACHERS

School Children Will Correspond With Illinois Educators

The children of Clackamas county schools will undertake a campaign by correspondence to interest teachers in the state of Illinois in the convention of the National Education association, to be held in Portland next summer. A form letter will be a model for the children to work on and has been prepared by County Superintendent Calavan. Each of the schools of the county will write letters to different towns and cities in Illinois inviting the teachers to the convention and telling them in some intimate way of the delights of a trip to Oregon and especially to Clackamas county.

Dr. Milliken Speaks

Dr. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Oregon City Baptist church, is to give a series of sermons at the Gladstone Baptist church next week and will occupy the pulpit there on each evening except Sunday.

ROAD BOND VOTE SET FOR JUNE 4

\$6,000,000 ISSUE WOULD BE SPENT FOR NETWORK OF STATE HIGHWAYS

CONTRACTOR'S PLOT CHARGED

Dimick's Issue to Be Put Up to Voters at General Election to Save Hundred Thousand

Thanks to the state legislature, which adjourned at Salem Monday after 40 days of so-called work, Oregon voters will enjoy a special election on June 4 to decide whether they want to cover the federal "ante" by issuing road bonds for \$6,000,000. At the last minute the senate passed the road bond measure with an amendment providing for its submission to the people. The house reviewed the bill and concurred in that particular amendment.

There were only four votes against the measure in the senate.

The four who held out against any bonding measure to the bitter end, even after friends of the bill had made almost every concession asked and its ratification by the people had been accepted as a condition of its passage, were Dimick, La Follett, Pierce and Strayer.

While it is proposed not to spend any of the bond money in Multnomah county, leading lawyer members of the house expressed the view that the measure would be unconstitutional if it specifically excluded that county.

Final passage of the bill followed an all afternoon discussion of amendments as reported out by Senator Conrad P. Olson, chairman of the committee on roads and highways, and others proposed by various senators in committee of the whole. Except for one flurry, when Senators Dimick, Pierce and La Follett bitterly attacked the bill, the discussion was of the most friendly nature.

The bill, as amended in the roads and highways committee and the committee of the whole of the senate, provides for an election on Monday, June 4, of this year; carries an emergency clause as far as the special election is concerned to avoid having the bill referred and carried over to November, 1918, and provides that out of the \$6,000,000 bond issue, \$600,000 worth of the bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$500 or less.

It also is provided that whenever any specific present highway is designated in the bill, such as the Pacific highway, that the state highway commission shall be empowered to deviate the route of such highway in a local way only to meet engineering or other problems which might arise over the present routing of such highways.

Senator Dimick was the stormy petrel who provoked the only clash of the afternoon. He did it by moving to strike out the amendment providing for submission of the measure to the people at a special election June 4.

"In place of this special election, which will cost the people of the state more than \$100,000," said Dimick. "I move that this measure be submitted to the people at the general election in November, 1918."

Senator Pierce followed him with an attack on the whole bill, and especially its submission at a special election. He was warmly answered by President Moser, Senator Olson, Senator Huston and others. He wanted the bill held until the general election in November, and said that to be saved it must be held until then.

Senator Pierce, who introduced senate bill 315, providing for increasing the tax levy for road purposes from one-quarter mill to 1 1/4 mills, opposed the special election plan and declared that he was unwilling to see the bonding measure placed upon the ballot without the millage tax being also submitted to the people.

"I do not like the manner in which this legislation has been forced upon the senate. Legislation has been held up pending this action, and this state house smells of bitulithic. This is a job and a scheme of the Warren Construction company to have this measure passed before their patents expire. I am unalterably opposed to the bond issue. The bill calls for the raising of \$6,000,000 in bonds, but roads have been outlined and planned in this bill that will cost the state at the very least \$38,000,000. We are starting too expensive a program, and I give you warning that there will go out from this state capital people who will fight the adoption of this measure, and I am certain that the people of the state will not stand for money being appropriated in this manner."

"I wish to remind the good senator from Union, and all the senators here," replied President Moser, who had left the chair to take part in the debate, "that the people of Oregon last November voted \$18,000,000 of bonds for rural credits. I believe the people will rally just as patriotically

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