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THE BANNER-COURIER JUSTIFIED

The Banner-Courier's declaration that the laws of Oregon City can be enforced by her officers when all stand together in a determined effort to enforce them has been justified. It required simply an order from the Mayor supported by only a majority of the council, after declaring their determination to "Clean up" the city, to close the poolrooms over Sunday tighter than the proverbial miser's pocketbook. And now the Banner-Courier makes this further statement that with the same effort and courage the council, city attorney and mayor now show, the city will be a far cleaner and better place in which to live than it has been for many "moons."

There are, of course, those who will question the justice of closing all these places in order to prevent a part of them only from running in an objectionable manner. The council should, however, be credited with the desire to completely remove objectionable features from the entire number of places in operation and having acted in the closing of all upon the belief that the means justifies the end. With the closing there was a notable lack of street loafing common to other Sundays.

Genuine commendation is due the council for its stand at the Friday last meeting in regard to law enforcement general. It is the first duty of parents to see that boys and girls are at home or properly chaperoned at night and the proposition to take into police custody those who are loitering on the streets without visible business or destiny whether young or old, should awaken parents to their responsibilities, lessen juvenile crimes; and also to put a crimp in the activities of moonshine, bootleg spotters and pimps who now infest the city in furthering the booze traffic.

The pool room windows should be unobstructed, and the council granted authority to revoke licenses for disobedience to the city's regulations. Law enforcement should work no hardship on the pool rooms or other places engaged in legitimate business. And when all shall obey the regulations their business will increase and public approval will more generally follow.

With the same sincerity of purpose with which the Banner-Courier condemned the council and its officers for their attitude toward the law enforcement last week it commends them in this issue for their efforts to enforce the city's laws and regulations.

NEW JOURNALISTIC VENTURE

This week there is launched in Clackamas county a new weekly periodical.

The incorporators are J. D. Brown of the Farmers' Union, H. H. Stallard for several months past the organizer of the Non-partisan League in Clackamas county and its editor, M. J. Brown, who for the year past has been one of the editors of the Banner-Courier and formerly editor of the Oregon City Courier.

It will be published at the Banner-Courier printing plant. It is not, however, connected with or a part of the Banner-Courier. The name, The Producers Call, is suggestive of its policies and purposes.

The Banner-Courier recognizes the right of this and all other competitors to genuine good will; congratulates her upon her attractiveness and wishes her success in her every effort toward improvements political, moral and industrial in her chosen field.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

The Banner-Courier ever since its establishment has furnished open columns of space for the discussion by any one of every problem of interest to all classes of people. It has been persistent in its demands for a square deal for the farmer, for those engaged in industry of all kinds and for the business man also.

It has condemned unsparingly unfair practices commercial, financial or political. In politics it has maintained strict independence while its columns have been open and free to advocates of every political creed or belief.

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For the farmer it has demanded the square deal and to his especial interests it has devoted each week nearly a page of its space; and to the farm bureau, grange, and other progressive, helpful organizations it has given encouragement and commendation for all constructive efforts.

And in keeping with the spirit of the season we have had New Year resolutions—among them the publication of; brief comprehensive market reports; a resume' of the most important court actions; and a list of real estate transfers in this county each week.

Among resolutions renewed is a persistent demand for everything that will increase the prestige and the glory of Clackamas county and Oregon state.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The spring of 1922 promises, according to government reports, the biggest road building boom this country has ever experienced. With more than a billion dollars provided and \$75,000,000 available for the coming year it is predicted that new impetus will be given to labor through this building program.

The furnishing of materials will require thousands of men, the work of preparing and laying the road bed will require thousands more all of which will put into circulation millions of dollars which should stimulate all lines of business and industry of the country.

The roads, wherever built, will decrease along the lines the cost of transportation and even of trunk lines only, will make it possible to build more market roads than it would be possible to build without this government aid. And too, it is an absolute obligation on the part of the nation to aid in this and in every other way to reduce the cost of transportation to the farmers and producers.

OUR WISH

At the close of 1921 the Banner-Courier bade good by to the best year in its history and upon the threshold of this new year it looks out into the future with faith in continued progress and improvement.

Our patrons, friends and readers who have encouraged our efforts we wish a most Happy, prosperous New Year.

THE BUDGET MEETING

With the passing of the county budget meeting there are the usual disappointments and regrets. Much criticism has been directed toward those who attempted to cut off from the estimates. The criticism is not so much of the cutting process as it is of the ruthlessness with which it was done. And this criticism is due—not so much a pruning of some of the items which could stand pruning but that the said pruning should have been done with reference to the needs of the departments as a whole affected by the cuts. For single example, it is pointed out that the county club leader is essential to the success of the local fair and to Clackamas county's part in the state fair and yet the estimate for the leader was eliminated while at the same time the sum for the support of the fair was allowed unanimously.

The fact that a committee from the citizenship of Clackamas county had, with the county court and commissioners, investigated the needs of the county and upon such investigation had based their recommendations of the estimates presented to the voters did not appear to influence those most persistent in their demands for cuts. Another thing which was difficult to reconcile with the payment of taxes for progress occurred in the effort

of many non-taxpayers to cut off those things which a large element of taxpayers present themselves supported. The objection to non-taxpayers voting taxes was reversed on this occasion. The slogan was "cut off" not "add" taxes.

Discord stirred up at these meetings may equal the good which comes out of them it is admitted. But it is equally true that here is an occasion where the temper of the less conservative element is given expression and the sentiment of the entire citizenship becomes better known and felt.

The suggestion that the budget meeting should consist of representatives only from the various county units is frequent. This is a revolt against the exercise of the full and complete democracy which characterized the early period of our nation's history, and it is regrettable that any public forum should be so conducted that such a suggestion should gain ground.

A considerable saving in taxes was made at the meeting and let us hope that the departments affected by this saving will find a way to still serve the county efficiently. If the savings result in injury to the county, socially, educationally or financially, next year will find the voters eager and able to provide more liberally. In the meantime let us all bear with the verdict and push on for a better, greater Clackamas county.

UPPER HIGHLAND

Miller, fell on Monday and broke her hip.

Mr. Edgar Brock and Mrs. Hollingsworth of Oregon City; also Mrs. A. Demoy of Estacada, have been helping to take care of their mother, Mrs. Tenny.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Randle left on Saturday for Kerry, Ore., where he is employed as an engineer at the Elwood Logging camp.

Mr. J. Hanhart visited friends at Portland Saturday.

Will Schmidt was a visitor in Oregon City Saturday.

The folks that spent a pleasant time at the Kandle home Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. F. Grossmiller and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanhart, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stier and son, Florence Hoffman, Ed and Lewis Hoffman, Will Schmidt, Ralph and James Hanhart.

Melvan Schurman came home from Gresham to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Meeker has purchased a Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kandle were business visitors in Oregon City Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Ulfhoffer is a visitor at the Fanender home.

George Rutherford was a business visitor in Oregon City Saturday.

VIOLA

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Jubb on Saturday evening to watch the old year out, and the new year in. The house was filled with neighbors and relatives. Games were played. Refreshments were served and at a late hour everyone wishing everybody a happy New Year, all returned to their homes feeling that a happy and pleasant evening was spent.

We are very sorry to report that Grandma Tenny while spending the holidays at her daughter, Mrs. Ray

Charles Higginbotham and family, and Wm. Higginbotham and family ate dinner New Years at the Serrier home.

Miss Minnie Craft of Portland spent New Year's day with Miss Deulah and Mildred Higginbotham.

Rev. Young of Garfield preached at the Viola church on New Year's day.

FROG POND

Mrs. Ernest Kruse returned home from the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner spent Monday afternoon at Smith Turners. School has resumed its work after a vacation of two weeks, with two new pupils.

The literary met Saturday night and a very good time was had by all present. There were about 150 people present, coming from Wilsonville, Stafford, Advance, Tigard and Portland. The evening was taken up with a short program of which the most important feature was a take-off on "Maggie and Jiggs" by Mr. Slyter and several others. After the program, many danced and supper was served later.

Ida Turner spent the week visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scherner and children spent the week-end visiting Mr. Scherner's sister, Mrs. Herman Iderhoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Oldenstadt spent Sunday with Louis Bruck.

Miss Myrtle Aden spent several days last week at her sisters, Mrs. Eilers.

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