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FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1891.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue Mr. J. M. Lawrence comes into the management of The Enterprise by the purchase of a half interest, and will hereafter have editorial control of the paper. Mr. Lawrence is a journalist of long experience and is a writer of ability. The business management will remain in the hands of the undersigned, and it will be the fixed policy to push The Enterprise and keep it the leading paper of Clackamas county.

Chas. Meserve.

Business, Not Politics.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Courier, in chronicling the transfer of a half interest in The Enterprise last week observed:

In this deal the young republicans got away with Louis Barin, Apperson, etc., who also tried to obtain Judge Switzer's interest.

There is a bit of real news in this observation; but it leaves an inference that the facts hardly warrant. If anybody else wanted to buy The Enterprise they were not necessarily "gotten away with" because they did not do so. The purchase was not made to "get away with" anybody. It was a square business arrangement in which the matter of political expediency was not considered by the purchaser. The present proprietors of the paper have no political axes to grind. They are not buying chances to "get away with" respectable citizens, politically or otherwise. To publish the best county newspaper in the state is their aim, and their energies will be exerted to that end.

But the political interests of the people fall within the lines of duty marked out for The Enterprise, and it shall urge those measures of government which experience has shown to produce the greatest prosperity for the people at large. Politically the paper shall continue to be republican, but it shall not wear the collar of any ring or faction. The situation in Clackamas county seems to possess unusual interest just at this juncture. This is an important period in the development of the county, and every man in it may be better employed than in "getting away with" his neighbor. We are here to do what we can to promote the best interests of the people of the whole county, and the specific job we have in hand just now is the publication of a good newspaper.

The Seventh Street Improvement.

Progressive citizens have taken a good deal of pride in the improvement in progress on Seventh street. Where an ill-conditioned wagon road wound its tortuous way among the rocks and hills a city street is being built, and the work necessitates making cuts through the hills and filling in the low places. It is expensive work, but it is unavoidable. The change in the appearance of that part of the city that has already been made by reason of this improvement, would seem to justify the hopes of the most sanguine as to the ultimate benefit to be derived from it. The moment the enterprise was determined upon there was a distinct rise in the value of property in the district penetrated by the street. Private improvements at once began to be planned and they are being carried forward. It is safe to say that by the time the contractor is done with Seventh street it will surpass any other thoroughfare in the city in attractiveness and in the evidences of business enterprise and public spirit which it will display. Visitors cannot but be favorably impressed by such improvements, and they will be an inspiration to our own citizens.

More than two-thirds of the owners of property abutting on Seventh street, presumably with a clear knowledge of the probable cost and the means of paying it, petitioned the city council for the improvement that is now in progress. Not one has failed to recognize the increased value it gave his property. But a large number are searching for a legal technicality that may shift from them the expense they so eagerly besought the city to permit them to bear, with the idea that the general taxpayers will have to foot the bill. Many have promptly paid their assessments, but a number are still delinquent. Among the delinquents are some of the largest property owners, those who reap the greatest benefit from the money expended.

Independent of the equities in the case—for equity doesn't count for much if not sustained by law—the course pursued by many of those who are seeking some means whereby they may avoid paying their street dues ought to bind them in honor to promptly pay their assessments. Understanding perfectly that they were expected to stand the expense of improving the street in front of their property they prayed for a municipal order to have the work done. They virtually promised their fellow citizens who are taxpayers in other portions of the city that they would pay the bills if permitted to do so. All the administrative expense attending the job is borne by the city at large, and there is no grumbling about that. But there is very audible growling at the bad faith displayed in the manifest disposition of some Seventh street property owners to try to wriggle out of paying their fiddler. The few who have opposed the improvement from the beginning are probably honest in their opposition, and it would not be surprising if they should use every lawful means to avoid paying the assessment. The council had this element to consider from the beginning, and there is no deception about it. But those who sought the improvement in the beginning and now want others to pay for it have not even the credit of consistency to place against the debits they carry.

The Liquor Habit.

A good deal of attention is being given the question of curing drunkards. This phase of the temperance idea has been superficially treated in medical conventions for years, but it does not appear to have received really serious consideration heretofore. The saloon has managed to occupy the chief place in discussions having reference to the liquor evil, and those who imbibe have too often escaped the condemnation they justly deserve.

At the recent international congress of hygiene and demography, held in London, a careful and scientific examination of the subject was made. Dr. Norman Kerr, who had given much study to the matter, estimated that 40,000 inebriates came to a premature death annually in Great Britain. "To this direct annual premature fatality of 40,000 inebriates," says Dr. Kerr, "there should be added double that number of deaths of individuals occurring, not directly from their own habits, but indirectly through accident, violence, starvation, neglect and disease occasioned by the alcoholic indulgence of persons other than those slain by alcoholic poisoning."

Dr. Kerr is of the opinion that this wholesale slaughter is avoidable. It might take generations to wholly eradicate the disease, but he believes the evil could be remedied and submits the following plan:

1. By recognizing inebriety, or "narcomania," as a disease, and drunkeness as very often but an effect or symptom of disease. Were this disease recognized and treated at an early stage of the malady Dr. Kerr had no doubt that the majority would be cured.

2. By amended legislation to provide for (a) compulsory reception and retention of inebriates too demoralized to apply of their own accord; (b) for reception of voluntary applicants on a simple agreement without appearance before justices, and (c) for the care and treatment of the poor and those of limited means.

In the discussion in the North American Review it seems to be conceded that the habit of alcoholism can be cured; but curing a drunkard is a long and expensive process. Dr. Crothers says:

Like insanity, drunkenness is cured, not by drugs alone, but by building up the body through all the avenues of nutrition, healthful exercise, regulated mental and physical surroundings, and appropriate drugs. Drunkenness must be recognized as a disease legally, and the victim forced into conditions where he can live along the best lines of health; where medical treatment and control can be exact and perfect, and where physiological and hygienic training in its broadest and best sense can be applied."

The best plan and the one that the wise will adopt is not to get drunk.

There is a great dearth of rentable houses in this city. This week three families coming to town have sought diligently over the city for eligible houses, and nothing at all suitable could be found. Modern cottages of from five to eight rooms would rent readily at a good price, and the lack of them is keeping desirable people away. There are a number of houses in the city that are empty, but the reason they are not occupied is that they are out of repair and no one of cleanly habits and good taste will consent to live in them. This would seem to be a good field for capitalists to make paying investments in neat and comfortable cottages within a reasonable distance from the schools and the business portion of the city. More cosy homes are one of the city's greatest needs at present.

Every editor and publisher in Oregon that did not attend the press association at Astoria lost something.—Independence West Side.

Indeed they did. They lost an opportunity to see an organization that should possess intelligence and self respect, prostituted to achieve the personal ends of an ass. Every act of the association bore the mark of the beast. But those who did not attend this convention are distinguished from those who did attend also by the fact that they did not lose their temper.

The mayor of Portland has refused to receive a salary. There was an earthquake the same day.

Ipswich.

In Ipswich nights are cool and fair,
And the voice that comes from the yonder sea
Sings to the quaint old mansions there,
Of "the time—the time that used to be;"
And the quaint old mansions rock and groan,
And they seem to say in an undertone,
With half a sigh and with half a moan:
"It was, but it never again shall be!"

In Ipswich witches weave at night,
Their magic spells with impish glee—
They shriek and laugh in their demon flight,
From the old Main house to the frightened sea.
And ghosts of eld come out to weep
Over the town that is fast asleep,
And they sob and they wail, as on they creep:
"It was, but it never again shall be!"

In Ipswich riseth Heart-Break hill,
Over against the calling sea,
And, through the nights so deep and chill,
Watcheth a maiden constantly—
Watcheth alone, nor seems to hear,
Over the roar of the waves anear,
The pitiful cry of a far-off year:
"It was, but it never again shall be!"

In Ipswich once a witch I knew,
An artless Saxon witch was she:
By that Saxon hair and those eyes of blue,
Sweet was the spell she cast at me!
Alas! but the years have wrought me ill,
And the heart that is old and battered and chill,
Seeketh again on the Heart-Break hill,
What was, but never again can be.

Dear Anna, I would not conjure down,
The ghost that cometh to solace me;
I love to think of old Ipswich town,
Where some what better than friends were we.
For with every thought of the dear old place,
Cometh again the tender grace,
Of a Saxon witch's pretty face,
As it was, and is, and ever shall be.

—Eugene Field, in Chicago News.

FROM BARLOW.

BIG RAILROAD MEETING AT MARQUAM.

Prominent Railroad Men Will be Present.

Two Thousand Dollar Residence Under Way of Construction.—Personal and Other Notes.

Railroad Meeting.—Our citizens are looking forward with pleasure for the 25th to roll around when they will go from here in a body to the railroad meeting to be held at Marquam on the 25th of Sept and at the same time take in the county fair at that place. Your correspondent has not heard anything from Mr. Hartman, the special canvasser for the road, but our people in this vicinity are daily looking for him to put in an appearance, when they will all be glad to assist him in the work and subscribe very liberally themselves. A letter was received by one of our citizens that Hon. D. W. Smith and other railroad magnets from Port Townsend would be present and that they would expect on their visit to see quite a liberal subsidy gathered. It is to the interest of every man owning property on or near the route where the proposed railroad will run, to be present at the meeting and be prepared to donate as liberally as he possibly can. You cannot find railroad men and capitalists every day now that you have the matter in your own hand. Come out and show yourselves and see what can be done.

Three Little Maids from School in Bathing.—It has recently leaked out that three young ladies—Misses Bessie Sheppard, of Denver, Col., Veva Tull, of Barlow and Nettie York, of Hillsboro, Or., while in bathing in the Molalla river, some ten days ago, had a narrow escape of being drowned. The young ladies had been accustomed to taking their morning dip during the hot weather and feeling over confident in themselves as swimmers, ventured on a small plank down the stream. They were enjoying a good ride when all of a sudden they came upon some rapids when two of them were fortunately thrown off the plank and left upon the shoal rapids and with a little difficulty were able to reach the shore. At this juncture Miss Sheppard was the only one that held to the plank, yet her hold was not so firm but what, when she reached deep water just below the rapids, she being unable to reach bottom, became frightened and at once sank, but fortunately when she came up the current carried her nearer the shore, when the two girls were then in reaching distance. She was at once taken out and after a few moments thought and consideration of mind, she declared she would never go near the water again.

Ten Thousand Dollar Residence.—W. W. Jesse, our live and active merchant, has had plans drawn by Walter Evans for a two thousand dollar house and accepted his plans and awarded him the contract. The house will be 30x32, two story and have all the modern conveniences. This, when finished will add greatly to the appearance of our town, as the ground on which it stands will be beautiful and great care will be taken of the lawn.

Thoroughly First Class.—Mr. Henry Koehler, our new hotel proprietor, has recently purchased from Barlow & Co., their interest in The Koehler for $2400. Mr. Koehler is the sole proprietor of the house and has a force of carpenters at work making some good and valuable improvements in and around the house.

More Buildings.—Mr. Geo. Schnetiker has commenced the erection of his second building since purchasing property in our town, some three months ago. The building he is now putting up will be used by him for a boot and shoe store. Mr. Schnetiker is an enterprising man, and he no doubt will do a good business, as he has had long experience in the manufacture of boots and shoes.

Everyone Pleased.—The party given under the management of Messrs. Wills & Giesy, at Zeek's Hall last Saturday night was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. There were about thirty-five numbers sold and all good dancers. Quite a crowd of young people attended from Oregon City and Portland and all went home well satisfied. The music by the Aurora String Band was good and together with the luncheon served at The Koehler, nothing was lacking on the part of the management.

Little Homes.—Assistant county surveyor of Clackamas, Mr. Morey, has been engaged for the past ten days by Mr. Wm. Irwin surveying off small tracts of five and ten acres that will be put on the market early next month.

Still They Come.—J. W. Offield has purchased from Barlow & Co., a lot on Main street. He has watched the progress of our town from the start and now is satisfied that the town has reached a point where it is bound to prosper and grow to considerable size.

Circus Day.—Several of our citizens went to Portland on Monday and Tuesday to see the wonderful Forepaugh's Circus. They expected more and returned home as usual with circus headaches.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Woodward and daughter, Miss Hattie Jay, of Portland, Mrs. C. R. Provinder, of Spokane, Wash., Misses Neita Barlow and May Kelly, Mrs. Joe Ganong and Mrs. Marie Howard, of Oregon City were visitors of Mrs. Wm. Barlow a few days this week.

Geo. Gibson of LaGrande and Ben Harrington, of St Joe, Mo. were among the registered at The Koehler.

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Below is given the Oregon City Market Report corrected Sept. 9 from quotations furnished The Enterprise by the local merchants:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, Valley, ℔ 100 lbs.	$1 [illegible]
Oats, per bushel	40c
FLOUR	
Oregon City Mills, Portland Brand	[illegible]
Country Brand	[illegible]
Corn Meal,	[illegible]
Oat Meal	[illegible]
FEED.	
Shorts ℔ ton	25 00
Bran, "	22 00
Timothy hay, "	15 00
Clover hay, " Baled	14 00
PRODUCE.	
Potatoes, ℔ cwt.	[illegible]
Onions ℔ lb	[illegible]
Apples, green, ℔ box	[illegible]
Apples, dried, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Butter, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Eggs, ℔ doz	[illegible]
Honey, ℔ lb	[illegible]
MEATS.	
Beef, live, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Beef, dressed	[illegible]
Mutton, live ℔ lb	[illegible]
Mutton, dressed, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Pork, live, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Pork, dressed, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Veal, live, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Veal, dressed, ℔ lb	[illegible]
Hams ℔ lb	[illegible]
Bacon, "	[illegible]
POULTRY.	
Chickens, young, per doz	$2 [illegible]
Chickens, old, per doz	[illegible]
Ducks, per doz	[illegible]
Geese, per doz	[illegible]
Turkies, per pound	[illegible]

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Clackamas county, dated July 21st, 1891, and to me directed and delivered to me as sheriff of said county and state in favor of C. F. Vonderahe, plaintiff, and against Thomas Jones, defendant, commanding me in the name of the state of Oregon, that if the personal property of the said defendant sufficient could not be found then out of the real property belonging to said defendant. Being unable to find sufficient personal property, to satisfy said execution I did on the 24th day of July, 1891, levy upon the real property belonging to said defendant for [illegible] and interest at ten per cent since the 6th day of March 1886, and the sum of $10 [illegible] accrued cost, and [illegible] attorney fees together with [illegible] since September 23d, 1889. [illegible] Saturday, September 19, 1891, at [illegible] of the court house, in said county [illegible] the hour of ten o'clock, a. m. [illegible] public auction, proceed to sell [illegible] right, title and interest in and [illegible] described real property to-wit: [illegible] of south ½ of south-east [illegible] ship 5 south, range 2 east, in [illegible] Oregon. [illegible]

W. W. [illegible]
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
Dated Oregon City, Oregon, [illegible]

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