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## A WORD IN ADVANCE AN APPEAL FOR A BETTER DAY IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

A CONTRACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE, FOR THIS QUARTER PAGE OF ADVERTISING SPACE, FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IT IS VERY GENERALLY AGREED That Oregon is on the threshold of a splendid development along material lines. Already our local capitalists, aided by abundant money from the east, are erecting mills and factories, building railroads and projecting improvements that has and will go on quickening the business and industrial life of every community in the State. Immigrants with money to invest are rapidly buying up available lands, houses are being erected, farms are being opened up and improved, orchards are being planted, good roads are reaching out into every settlement and altogether a march of prosperity is on us and yet to come that will double the wealth and population of Oregon in the next five years. Portland is making giant strides in population and growth of commerce, every city and hamlet in the State has awakened to a new day and opportunity.

Oregon City and Clackamas County must receive their full share of this incoming tide of prosperity. It will be our part to aid in this great work. It will not be expected our effort will be entirely unsuccessful, but for every farm sold, for every new dwelling erected, for every new bank deposit, for every new wheel put in motion our whole community will be benefitted. The possibilities of Clackamas County in material development have been but scratched on the surface. With its 1500 square miles of territory, boundless forests of timber and vast areas of the richest clover land in Oregon, suitable for the production of all varieties of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables peculiar to the Willamette Valley, we could easily accommodate and profitably employ the whole present population of the State of Oregon.

Oregon City with its great manufacturing plants ought to have a present population of twenty thousand people. The proximity of the garden, fruit and truck farms of Clackamas County to Portland, the market and distributing center of the Northwest Coast, means wealth and comfort to those who fortunate enough to take advantage of such opportunities. A great day is upon the people of Oregon. We are to grow faster in the next ten years than we ever grew in our lives before. The great boundless, limitless west has come to its own.

It's for every man, woman and child to appreciate the westward move, and get in step with the procession. There are riches and opportunities all around us, if we have sense enough to see them. Let us line up for progress and all pull together for Clackamas County.

H. E. CROSS.

### WILL GO IT ALONE

#### Clackamas County Democrats Refuse to Fuse.

#### For First Time in Twelve Years Minority Party Proposes to Name Straight Ticket.

The Democrats of Clackamas county expect to have a straight party ticket in the field in the election next June for the first time in twelve years. This was the consensus of opinion and practically the decision reached at a meeting of the county central committee of the minority party held in this city last Saturday. It is the belief of the Clackamas county Democrats that fusion and the placing of a hybrid ticket in the field is injurious to the best interests of the party and the party in the coming campaign proposes to stand on its own merits and receive the united support of its own followers. Fourteen precincts in the county were represented at the meeting Saturday.

The Democrats of Clackamas county have been needlessly and excessively flattered by the showing that was made in the recent congressional election in this county, when Reames, the Democratic nominee, carried the county by 265. Strife among the Republicans made possible such a result. Relying on this showing and the alleged unpopularity of certain of the present Republican county officers, who will be up for re-election, the Democrats hope to elect some candidates at the coming election. The offices, legislative and county, to be filled at the June election for Clackamas county, are: Three representatives, one joint representative, one county commissioner, sheriff, clerk, recorder, treasurer, assessor, school superintendent, coroner, and surveyor. Without one exception these offices are now filled by Republicans, who, with the possible exception of the legislative candidates, are serving their first term and will likely be candidates for re-nomination and re-election.

### DARING ROBBERY AT SHERIDAN.

#### Bandits Demolish Bank Safe and Escape With \$7000.

Sheridan, Or., Oct. 26.—Burglars entered the banking house of Scroggins & Wortman at this place at 3 o'clock this morning, blew open the safe with giant powder, secured \$7000 in coin and made their escape before the sleeping residents of the town could be aroused. The bank is situated in a brick building in the center of town, and was established 12 years ago. The principal depositors are the farmers of the surrounding country. Considerable business had been transacted on Saturday, and it was generally supposed that a large amount of coin was on hand. The robbers took the most opportune hour for their work, as the town was deep in slumber and enveloped in a dense fog. No watchman was on duty, as there never has been any need of guarding property.

### ROBBERS WOKED QUIETLY.

The quiet manner in which the men worked enabled them to force the front doors of the bank and drill a hole near the combination sufficiently large to insert a heavy charge of giant powder and blow the door of the safe from its hinges, but not heavy enough to wreck the building.

### ONE MAN AWAKENED.

The shock of the explosion awakened Mayor E. H. Eakin, who resides over his store, diagonally across the street from the bank. At first he was in doubt as to the cause of his sudden awakening, but upon looking from his window, saw a man standing a short distance from the bank, and as Mr. Eakin noticed a bright light through the fog from the bank building, the man, who was evidently standing guard, quickly joined his companions and the entire party jumped into a vehicle and started to drive toward the south.

### FIRING ON THE ROBBERS.

In an instant the mayor realized that the bank had been robbed. He secured a rifle and fired three shots at the men as they disappeared down the road. The firing of the rifle and the screams of Mrs. Eagan quickly roused the citizens, and in a few moments a number of armed men were on the streets.

A hurried inspection disclosed the fact that the robbers had made a clean job of their work, but had taken nothing from the safe but money. Many valuable papers were left intact, showing that the only thing desired by the thieves was ready coin.

### ROBBERS' TOOLS FOUND.

Outside the building a sledgehammer and two picks were found. These tools had been used to force an entrance to the building, and had been dropped when the work was completed, along with a large chunk of putty, which had been used to deaden the sound of their blows. One of the picks has the stamp of the Southern Pacific upon it, showing that those tools were evidently stolen from the railroad.

### SEARCH IS BEGUN.

The bank officials at once notified all points that could be reached by telephone north and south, and Sheriff S. W. Sitton arrived here at 8 o'clock from McMinnville and began an investigation. From the fact that the men had escaped in a rig and had such a start on the officers, the sheriff did not organize a posse, but sent instructions in every direction to guard all bridges and intercept any strangers traveling by team.

There were no suspicious characters noticed around the town yesterday or Saturday, but there was more than the usual crowd of people on the streets during business hours Saturday.

### ALL THE MONEY GONE.

When the bank officials made their examination of the safe they found that all of the money placed in the bank Saturday, \$7000, was missing, but that none of the papers had been taken. While the loss of the coin will be quite a blow to

Scroggins & Wortman, they express their gratification that their papers, which are quite valuable, were not taken.

### PROBABLY THE NEWBERG ROBBERS.

It is the general opinion that the robbers were the same men who attempted to get the contents of the Newberg bank at about the same hour last Monday. The work is practically the same with the exception that in the case here this morning one explosion was sufficient to secure the money while at Newberg nine charges were put off without anything being secured.

A suspicion is current here that the men have been posing as respectable sightseers with headquarters in Salem, as they drove off in that direction. The distance to the capital can be covered in a comparatively short time, as the road leading there is one of the best in the state. Every bridge and byroad along that route is being watched with the hope that the robbers may be intercepted. The Portland police have been requested to be on the lookout for the men, who may strike the railroad and endeavor to get into that city.

### UNCLE SAM IS AFTER THEM.

#### Federal Grand Jury Investigates Frauds in Land Deals.

The investigations of the Federal grand jury into the timber land frauds promises to stir up a hornet's nest of gigantic proportions, says the Oregonian. The hue of justice threatens to get busy in a good many bonnets, and it is estimated that not a few of those numbered in the circle of prominent people of this city and state will be stung. In fact one of the largest and extensive sensations in the history of public land cases in the state is promised. It is asserted that counts sufficient to fill a large-sized book and enough to keep some men in the penitentiary for life if they lived a century have been found by the inspectors. However, as the purpose of the law is to make an example of miscreants and not to persecute, only a few of the counts in each case will be prosecuted.

It is said that a number of prominent and wealthy men will escape the dragnet of the law because of the statute of limitations, which has afforded them a loophole of escape from trial, but will not protect them altogether from exposure. A John Doe mystery, which for the present blankets an unknown actor in the affair, is to be cleared up, and it is intimated that some banks are to be called upon to produce paid checks, which will disclose some sensational facts, and form damaging evidence against men who are not now supposed to be connected with the alleged frauds. According to the representatives of the government, the men in Portland and other parts of Oregon, who are sleeping upon uneasy pillows as the time for the grand jury investigation approaches, are by no means few in number. Present indications are that the grand jury is to be kept busy finding indictments, and the officers of the law will have their hands full throwing the lasso of the law about the necks of the guilty. It is believed by the officials that the jury will begin returning true bills very shortly after the investigation commences.

As the time for the convening of the jury draws nigh, interest in the investigation is becoming intense. The affair is being talked of on every hand. Guesses are being made as to the outcome of the charges against those whose alleged implication is already known, and every one is wondering who else will be caught in the web. The government officers have been and are busy collecting evidence, and it is their belief that they have strong cases against those implicated. The latter, so far as they are known, protest that there is nothing in the charges and they believe their names will be cleared when the case is over.

The investigation will commence with the charges against H. G. McKinley, S. A. D. Pater, and Miss Marie Ware, who are accused of conspiring to defraud the government by false and fraudulent homestead entries, final proofs, and forging fictitious names for entrymen. This count embraces, in fact, two charges, one of conspiracy and another of forgery. Mr. McKinley and Mr. Pater are in the city ready to attend the investigation.

Miss Ware is expected here today or tomorrow. Mr. McKinley has been here for some days. Mr. Pater arrived Friday from the East, where he went before the filing of the charges against him. Though there was a warrant out for him some months ago, he was permitted to remain away under his and his attorney's promises that he would be here when the grand jury was ready for him. Yesterday he went before the United States Commissioner and gave bonds for his appearance before the jury.

The grand jury will meet Monday morning, and it will be about two days before it will be ready for the business in hand. This case is set for Wednesday. How long a time it will occupy remains to be seen.

A government official who will be active in the prosecution of the matter said yesterday in discussing the situation: "I am not at liberty to tell the details of what the government has, but this I can say, that all the counts we have discovered would fill a big book. If all the charges we have against single men, in some instances, were prosecuted, we would have them in the penitentiary for life if they lived to the age of Methuselah. But the purpose of the law is to furnish an example to others and not to persecute, so only three or four counts will be pushed in each case. There are a number of prominent men who are just as guilty as the thief on the cross, but we cannot charge them with conspiracy because of the statute of limitations. They are safe from the bars because of this fact, but this won't free them from implication."

"There is a John Doe in the case, but it isn't wise for us to make his identity known at present. He is a man of prominence, and it will create a sensation when the truth is out. It is surprising how many prominent and wealthy men are entangled in this affair. The best of them all have been caught in the net, and it will all out before the case is finished. Some of the most prominent men in the city and state are involved, possibly not directly, for they have acted through

### TO BEGIN MINING

#### Company Formed to Develop Molalla Mines.

#### A Million Dollar Corporation Formed To Work Fairclough Property On Ogle Creek.

In the organization of The Ogle Mountain Mining Company, the initial steps have been taken looking to the development of the Ogle creek mining section in Clackamas county. With a capital stock of \$1,000,000, the corporation has been launched by the following-named incorporators: P. A. and John B. Fairclough, of Oregon City; J. V. Harless, of Molalla, and F. D. Kepkey, of Portland.

The Fairclough Bros., of this city, discovered the mines that assays disclose contain minerals in paying quantities and with the other two incorporators have the money needed for proceeding with the development of the promising property. Considerable excitement locally followed the discovery of the Fairclough's until at this time every foot of the Ogle creek and adjacent districts has been staked out and located. The initial diggings of the Fairclough mine, which constitute the principal holdings of the corporation, have been surprisingly rich and there are already on the ground many tons of good ore awaiting the milling process. The promoters of the company are enthusiastic over their holdings. Of rotten quartz is the formation and imbedded in the decomposed rock, gold is plainly visible.

The par value of the stock is \$1 per share and the corporation will sell 300,000 shares at once, from the proceeds of which a stamp mill and all other necessary machinery will be placed at the mine.

### TWO ATTRACTIONS NEXT WEEK.

#### Manager Shively Dates "Uncle Josh Spruceby."—"Millionaire Tramp."

Oregon City theatre goers have in store two laughable comedies for next week. "Uncle Josh Spruceby," a rural play of merit, will be presented by Frazee & Bates' Company of twenty people Monday evening and Elmer Walter's latest scenic sensation "A Millionaire Tramp" on Wednesday evening. The prices for these two attractions will be 25, 50 and 75 cents.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby" the first of the many rural plays now being presented in the different cities will be seen at Shively's opera house Monday evening November 2. This production is said to be different from all others as it contains much comedy as well as pathos, and the realistic saw mill scene is said to be the most exciting and intense ever produced. The scenes of the play are laid in Vermont and New York which gives ample opportunity for portraying the simple rustic characters in country as well as the many incidents that befall the simple country folk that visit the metropolis. The piece is staged with every attention to stage realism. All the scenes are well mounted and acted. The startling "saw mill" scene is said to be the masterpiece of stage mechanism. Many specialties are introduced and the superb solo orchestra carried by the company all go to make this a very delightful production.

"A Millionaire Tramp," which comes to the opera house next Wednesday, Nov. 4th is the Walters' Brothers latest venture and to say it is the best production by these well known managers, is only making it mild for they have got together a production that not only is a scenic revelation, but a dramatic wonder as it is not like any other "Tramp" show, it stands out more clearly and reaches the hearts. It was written with the view of pleasing all classes. Those who prefer quiet pathetic incidents will be pleased at their beautiful language and sentiment, and those who prefer to laugh certainly they in a large majority will find a rich vein of humor in it. After attending the performance of "A Millionaire Tramp" every one will only have words of praise for the play.

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some one else, using him as a cat's paw. "Some of the banks may be called upon to produce some paid checks that will disclose startling facts in connection with land frauds. There will be genuine surprise when these checks are brought forth, and people will know a great deal more about the extent of this thing than they dream of now. One man wrote his personal check for no less than 43 quarter-sections of land. And there are others."

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