

ORDERS NEW FILTER TO HAVE CAPACITY OF 500,000 GALLONS

WATER BOARD DECIDES ON IMPORTANT AND EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Increase Capacity of Plant by Half—Bought Now to Allow For Delays in Shipping.

The board of water commissioners, C. H. Caulfield, president; J. E. Hedgewood, secretary; and T. L. Charman, met Tuesday evening and decided on an important and extensive improvement to the Oregon City water works. The present capacity of the filters is one million gallons a day. It was ordered by the board at their meeting that another filter with a capacity of half a million gallons should be installed, thereby increasing the present capacity by half.

It is not likely that the improvement will be installed until about April although the order is to be sent in immediately. The board anticipates that lack of adequate transportation facilities and the probable necessity of slight changes in the filter in adding it to the present plant, will cause delay until about the time mentioned, the latter part of March or the first of April.

Routine business in the way of auditing bills and accounts occupied the attention of the board for the rest of the meeting.

COURT ROBIN HOOD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

CHOSEN BY LOCAL COURT, FORESTERS OF AMERICA—F.O.E. SELECT LEADERS.

Court Robinhood No. 9, Foresters of America, held its election Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served after the business meeting and a social time followed. Grand Secretary A. Brauer and Grand Treasurer Leitze were guests of honor at the meeting. The officers elected were the following: Past chief ranger, J. T. Searle; chief ranger, W. P. Rahl; sub-chief ranger, W. A. Smith; treasurer, J. A. Moore; financial secretary, G. Nichols; recording secretary, F. Koenig; senior woodward, L. L. Hueston; junior woodward, R. Warner; senior beadle, T. Fay; junior beadle, Jess Crippin; lecturer, Dr. M. C. Strickland.

The local aerie of the Fraternal order of Eagles has elected the following officers: R. L. Graves, worthy past president; E. J. Noble, worthy president; Thomas Murphy, worthy vice-president; W. Wilson, chaplain; W. A. Dimick, secretary; G. B. Dimick, treasurer; George Simmons, conductor; A. W. Newmann, inside guard; Paul Newmann, outside guard; Dr. W. E. Carl, physician; R. L. Greaves, F. L. Oswald, L. E. Jones, trustees.

FORECLOSURE SUIT AGAINST Y. M. C. A.

Jennie U'Ren vs. The Young Men's Christian Association is the title of a foreclosure case begun in the circuit court, Tuesday afternoon. The complaint alleges that the association executed a promissory note and mortgage for the face value of \$2000 in February, 1904, for one year with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. Three amounts, \$10, \$80, and \$40, are all that has ever been paid and suit is brought for the \$2000 and interest from March, 1905, and \$250 attorney's fees, together with costs. The mortgage covers the property described as Lot 1, block 9, Oregon City, the premises now occupied by Phillips & Olds' roller rink.

CLACKAMAS GRANGE HAS 5 APPLICATIONS

New Members Being Rapidly Added—Churches Will Have Christmas Trees.

Clackamas, Dec. 4.—Grange 298, P. of H., held regular day meeting Saturday. After dinner the regular order of business was taken up. Five applications for membership were received. The new class were instructed in the first and second degrees. A motion for a grange Christmas tree was lost as the two churches have prior claim. The season was an earnest and protracted one, but all questions were

BROWNELL SAYS STORY IS ANCIENT HISTORY

CLAIMS IT WAS ALL THRESHED OVER FULLY THREE YEARS AGO.

Ex-Senator Says He Has Had All the Politics He Wants But Promises a Statement Later.

Ex-Senator George C. Brownell when interviewed Wednesday relative to charges printed in *Colliers Weekly*, was inclined not to treat the matter very seriously, declaring that all that was mentioned was old history, having all been threshed over fully three years ago. "I am not interested," he said, "in the outcome of any of the political fights or controversies. I have had all the politics I want and in due time will have something to say, but at the present time nothing."

The gist of the charge made in *Colliers Weekly* is that a secret agreement was entered into between Senators Fulton and Mitchell and Hall to secure Hall's reappointment as United States District Attorney. Hall was to protect Brownell and Campbell from indictment and prosecution. To support this interpretation a letter is printed from Senator Mitchell to Geo. C. Brownell and indorsed by Senator Fulton. It is alleged that G. C. Fulton offered Brownell \$500 for this letter.

Senator Fulton in an interview says: "The charge that I tried to protect Brownell from indictment and to do so promised to support Hall for reappointment on condition that he would not prosecute Brownell, is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. As concerns the Mitchell letter it is not improbable that I did indorse it."

Senator Fulton's brother, G. C. Fulton, brands as a "deliberate and characterless lie" the charge that he tried to buy any letter from Brownell.

The facts are the story in *Colliers* is an old one peddled around in Washington last spring and refused by the newspapers.

As far as J. U. Campbell is concerned, it is believed here that, though an effort may have been made to have him appointed district attorney, there was no call for immunity from prosecution as there was no accusation against him.

Renews His Objections.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The name of District Attorney Bristol was referred to Senator Fulton today and he sent back the nomination to the judiciary committee with a note calling attention to his position in the matter at the last session. The name will now go to a sub-committee composed of Senators Kittredge and Foraker, and it is more than likely that Bristol will be disqualified.

TRESTLE VICTIM SLOWLY IMPROVING

Ed. Barrett of Redland is Recovering—Personal News And Notes.

Redland, Dec. 4.—Ed. Barrett, who was hurt while passing under the trestle at 14th street, is slowly improving.

Will Stone, who is attending school in Salem, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at home.

F. Wilcox came home from Garfield to visit his folks for a few days.

F. Allen has been ill for some days past but is now able to be around.

Several from here ate Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Viola.

A fine girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett a few days ago.

GROWERS WILL SPRAY AT MARKS PRAIRIE

Marks Prairie, Dec. 2.—Avon Jesse returned to school at Forest Grove, Monday.

A large amount of fall wheat is being sown by farmers in this vicinity. Macksburg was well represented at the dance at Aurora and the young ladies from there were the envy of the Needy girls. The masquerade costumes of the Macksburg ladies were superb.

Born to wife of John Goetz, twins, Mother and babies doing fine.

Ben Wolfer will have his house lathed and plastered this week. R. W. Zimmerman will do the work for him.

Oglesby Bros. will put up a picket fence around the house and garden this week.

Ralph Gribble and Avon Jesse's

overcoats were stolen at the Aurora dance.

Mr. Ball killed a coyote near here last week. There seems to be quite a number around here this fall.

Oglesby Bros. will give a dance in their hop house in the near future.

The Misses Gribble were at home to spend Thanksgiving. They are staying in Portland at present.

Wade Gribble is attending a business college at Portland.

The Woodmen of the World at Needy will have a special meeting Wednesday evening, December 12, to transact important business.

Farmers are getting ready to begin work on their orchards by pruning and spraying them. J. K. Gribble sprayed his orchard last summer and has fruit equal to the fancy Hood River apples. It certainly pays to spray fruit trees.

SLOW COACH MAIL SERVICE TO STAFFORD

DAYS FOR LETTERS A FEW MILES WEST TO REACH OREGON CITY.

Stafford, Dec. 4.—It seems of no use to write items as it appears they never get to the editor too late, since our mail goes clear round Robin Hood's barn and stops all night at little place called Sherwood. When we had mail direct from Oregon City, we got it the same day, while now the Enterprise reaches us Monday or Tuesday of the next week. I remember I said in last week's items which have not arrived yet, I suppose, and they were sent Tuesday morning, instead of Wednesday as heretofore—I said if the citizens had any "get-up-and-get," there would be a change.

My wife says she is minded to start out a la Mrs. Woodcock to see the President about it, but she adds, philosophically, "What's the use of fretting; things adjust themselves in time, and we live in hopes of a better mail service."

The children and grown people who have been under the doctor's care for lung and bowel trouble are all out of danger. Little Mildred Howard's broken elbow is doing fine, Dr. Mount says.

We are having pleasant days which makes us all put on a smile that don't come off, till the next protracted rain.

The conference meetings at the Baptist church closed with an illustrated lecture.

Mrs. Ella Sweek, Mr. Gage's oldest daughter, started for her home in Burnes, Harney county, Monday morning. Mrs. Holton, her sister, intended to return with her, but received a telegram when she got as far as Portland, Sunday, to the effect that there would be no more desert land claims issued for six months, and as a claim was what she was going for, and incidentally to visit her sister's family, she gave up the trip for the present and will soon return to her home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Powell visited Oregon City Monday. She caught a ride to the car line with Mr. Howard, who was taking his little daughter to Dr. Mount to have her arm dressed.

Minnie Schatz of Oregon City came home with her uncle Henry, Sunday, and will stay a few days to help her aunt, as the baby was so sick and needs constant care, and the old grandmother has been quite ill also, but is better at this writing.

Miss Bee Gage came from St. Mary's to spend Thanksgiving with relatives, returning to her school Monday morning.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters unclaimed for at Oregon City postoffice for week ending Dec. 4, 1906:

Minton, Mrs. M. R.; Magers, Mrs. Jane; Marchard, Miss Mary; Robinson, Miss M.; Arguett, Joe; Gray, Emmett (2); Heiser, R. C.; Murdock, J. L.; Paden, Arthur; Rassner, Rainhold; Steinhoner, Geo. Wm.; Smith, E.; Wormdahl, T. H.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our little child had eczema 5 years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking 7 bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 at Howell & Jones' drug store.

UNCLE SAM'S BUYING OR BUILDING LOCKS WILL BE DISCUSSED

BOARD OF TRADE WILL CONSIDER IMPORTANT QUESTION ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

McLoughlin Memorial, Public Library and Financial Report Among Other Matters to Come Up.

The Oregon City Board of Trade will meet Friday night and take up various matters of considerable interest and importance to the community at large. For one thing the question of urging the government to put in new locks or else purchase the old ones will be taken up and proper steps taken to bring the matter to the notice of the authorities.

The McLoughlin memorial will also come in for consideration and it is likely that some agreement will be reached to suggest a suitable place and a suitable monument to be erected in honor of the pioneer of this city.

The financial report will be brought before the meeting, and will show a clean record for the first time. There is no debt and new enterprises may now be projected by the board.

It is more than likely that the advancement of horticultural interests will also be taken up and discussed, and ways and means devised of helping matters along.

There is a possibility that the board may also look into the public library project and make some decision as to the stand it will take in the matter, and what proposals would be likely to meet with general approval.

IGNORANCE AND POVERTY Fundamental Causes of the Social Evil

An Open Letter to Captain C. O. Brandon, Evangelist.

Reverend Sir:

Your reply to my challenge has been received. I was surprised to find a "man of God" so illtempered and snappish. I was still more surprised to note that you had "no time" to discuss such a momentous question. When a man occupying a position of respect and reverence issues a pamphlet and delivers lectures to brand a certain cause as infamous, and then marshals evidence to prove his conclusions, he must be sure that his evidence is reliable, and the institution he assails is inherently destructive of the better side of human nature. For in this free country of ours where popular education has developed the thinking capacity of the average man, you will find individuals who are not anxious to swallow every pill prepared by Doctors of Divinity who declare they are always and positively right (in their own mind), tho frequently wrong by common consent.

Among the institutions you so harshly assail, in fact brand as one of the devil's twins, is the art of dancing; and were it not for the stupendous errors you make in your assaults, it would not be worthy of attention. But knowing that your "glaring facts" are untrue, and being uttered with your characteristic ability produce false impressions, I believe in justice to truth and that great majority of the human family who believe in the dance, someone however humble in position, should take public exception to your misstatements. It was for this reason I desired to debate with you on this question among the people you have been trying to save.

You say the greatest evil of the ballroom is, that it is there that young women take their first step toward prostitution; that 85 per cent of the fallen women today owe their position to dancing; that it is the mother of prostitution, etc. If this were true, dancing ought to be abolished by legal enactment and destroyed by the strong arm of government. But these statements are as misleading as they are untrue. Close every ballroom in the civilized world in compliance with your wishes; deny the harmonious action of body and mind to the ennobling strains of instrumental music, and think you for one moment that prostitution would be reduced 85 per cent?

The statement is absurd. I say to you, Captain, that ignorance on the part of children, lack of training, poverty, unnatural passion due to parental excesses, are the fundamental causes of prostitution. Demand of boys and men the same standard of purity you

demand of girls and women, and you take the first step toward protecting the coming woman from the dangers that now threaten her welfare. When a young man deceives a young woman, the church tries hard to save the erring young man, but brands with infamy the poor girl he has deceived!

You tell us that 85 per cent of our young women are led astray through dancing. I have a paper before me of November 27, 1906, stating that congressional investigation reveals a shocking condition in traffic in girls through employment agencies; that 50 per cent of the agencies are licensed for no other purpose than to secure girls for houses of ill fame at \$50 each! Yes, poverty, Captain, causes no less than 75 per cent of unfortunate girls to fall victims to fiends in human form! Our wealthy employers of labor and their sons are one of the worst enemies of our sisters today. I would advise you to buy a copy of *Traffic in Girls* and work of Florence Crittenton Missions, and inform yourself of the true causes of the evils you try to trace to the ballroom. A young man who harms a girl in the ballroom does the same thing in church. This principal holds true in every position.

In conclusion let me say to you that if you will call the attention of parents to right living on their part, good training of their children, and give lectures on "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," you will do more permanent good in this world than you are now doing. Although honest, you are deceiving many people by your inconsistency.

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MOLALLA NEWS.

Have you joined the wolf club yet? If so, you have aided in killing ten coyotes and ten wildcats within the last two months.

T. M. Cross has been dipping his goats. He thinks while it is just the thing to do, it resembles work more than anything he has tackled lately.

O. W. Robbins, Adams and son, and W. J. E. Vick have been making a showing on the new church recently.

Some wheat was sown in the foothills last week.

Plowing is going on in good style again.

Grandma Dart has been quite ill for the last week. Mrs. Dunton is laid up with a broken ankle.

Frank Schatzman has a new plank fence in front of his residence, horse high, too.

Charley Thomas has been hauling lumber from Trullinger's mill to build a new house.

It seems like there is a great deal of procrastination about starting off the county fair we heard so much about a year or two ago. Canby is the most appropriate location in the county for a county fair grounds, by the nature of the soil, most easily approached from all parts of the county. Grounds should be secured at the junction of the Molalla Electric Ry., if it can be had, somewhere between Canby and New Era and there would be a good site for one of the model orchards.

TWILIGHT GLEAMS.

Miss Eva Smith spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Newberg.

Several visitors attended school Wednesday afternoon to listen to a well rendered program by the pupils.

Mrs. Martin was in St. Johns several days this week visiting her mother.

The families of D. L. Boylan, C. Swick and H. Scheer, took dinner Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Grimm. In the evening more guests were invited, and a general good time enjoyed.

Mrs. William McCord made a business trip to Portland this week.

In Praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective, and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Locke, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it. For sale by Howell & Jones.