

BIG FOURTH OF JULY FOR OREGON CITY

Committee of Eight Appointed to Solicit Funds of Merchants and Citizens

\$1500 AMOUNT DESIRED

Considerable Sum Already Subscribed—Big Event Always Proves Good Advertising Feature for Live Community.

The attendance at the meeting called to consider the feasibility of holding a Fourth of July celebration in Oregon City was fair, with an abundance of enthusiasm. It was decided to have a celebration, the precise condition centering on the raising of the necessary funds.

A committee of eight was appointed to solicit funds, and papers were drawn up and placed in the hands of the committee and the work began bright and early this morning. The committee is receiving a cordial reception, but certain interests are not writing as large figures as the committee had hoped to receive.

Those having the matter in charge would like to raise \$1500. It is claimed that such a sum is necessary for a record-breaking celebration and that is the kind those interested wish to see. Members of the committee say that every citizen ought to do his share in the work and that the easiest way for some, and the soonest ended, is to subscribe \$5 or \$10, and have it paid while the collector is with you.

There can be no doubt but that big Fourth of July celebration widely advertises a city. Those who come to Oregon City for entertainment on that occasion, and given a royal reception, are sure to come again. And subsequent visits mean trade for Oregon City merchants.

The committee did not care to have its names published broadcast, as every prominent citizen will be seen by one or more of its number. Any who wish to contribute and are overlooked can phone their desire and the sum of their contributions to the Star.

QUEER TALE DISCLOSED.

Edward Sam Gordon of Coos Bay is pursued by a female Nemesis who asserts she is his wife and furthermore has a marriage certificate that shows Edward Sam Gordon and Bertha Etta Lerch were duly married at Vancouver, Wash., on Oct. 21, 1905, by Rev. Robert Yeatman, the Baptist minister, in the presence of W. E. Wilson and Oro Mobley, witnesses.

But Edward Sam Gordon, who is a wealthy man and owner of considerable property, says the marriage did not include him; that he was not present in person or spirit, and that it was only a part of a scheme of Bertha Etta Lerch to get an interest in his property.

The woman has long claimed to be Gordon's wife but he didn't bother much about her until after the Vancouver episode. He claims she came to Portland, found some old fellow

to impersonate Edward Sam Gordon, go over to Vancouver procure a license and have a marriage ceremony performed. Then she went back to Coos Bay and backed her claim to be his wife by showing the certificate and this has especially annoyed him in selling property as she would go to intending purchasers and warn them not to buy as she was the wife of Gordon and wouldn't sign the deed.

Gordon says he went to Vancouver and secured the affidavit of Rev. Yeatman to the effect that he (the real Gordon) was not the bridegroom of the Gordon-Lerch wedding. Mr. Gordon owns property in Clackamas county and he therefore will bring suit in the circuit court here through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, to quiet the title. He will ask the court to decree him the absolute owner in fee simple of the property, that Bertha Etta Lerch has no right, title or interest therein, and to prohibit her from claiming or asserting she is his legal wife.

PUSHING WORK ON THE DAM

OLD FLUME REPAIRED AND NEW PART WILL SOON BE READY

The work of repairing the old flume at the woolen mills is completed and the workmen engaged on it have been added to the force at work constructing the new extension.

The new extension, or upper portion, will be nearly 300 feet long and is being built from the new coffer dam to the old flume, further down the basin. About fifty workmen are pushing the work as fast as possible, and it is promised that the water can be turned in sometime tomorrow.

Her Eye Severely Injured.

Little Leota Smith, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carothers, at Canemah, received a very severe injury to her right eye, while playing at school Tuesday. She picked up Earl Paddock's hat off the ground. He is a little boy about her age, and thinking she was in the side against him, he threw a nail at her that struck her in the eye. Dr. Mount is treating the eye and believes, although it will always bother her, that he can save it.

BAND WORKING HARD.

The Oregon City Band, recently reorganized, is hard at work in preparation for public appearance later. Many citizens can remember about a dozen years ago Oregon City had one of the best bands in the West, and hopes are entertained that the present organization will continue to improve until it can win back the honors of those days gone by.

TWO SUITS FILED.

Fairclough Bros. have brought suit against J. C. Zinser for rent of building at Main and Tenth streets. Clarence F. Highbee has brought suit for divorce from his wife, Grace O. Highbee. They are a Portland couple.

BOARD'S OFFER ONLY TEMPORARY

NO DESIRE TO TRY TO CONTROL HIGH SCHOOL SITUATION.

There is no "teapot" in sight and no "trouble coming" because of an offer of rooms in the Barclay Building by the Oregon City board of education for temporary use for a union high school. This statement is made authoritatively.

The law stipulates, a member of the board informs us, that when a petition is circulated for a union high school that the petition must set forth the location of the proposed school.

To go ahead and select a site would mean delay and expense in the present instance, and might not prove for the good of the cause. With these facts in mind the local board offered the temporary use of two rooms in the Barclay building. This would meet the requirements of the law as set forth in the petition, and when the school had been decided on, if such was the outcome, a permanent site could be chosen and building erected.

Thus it will be seen that the offer of quarters in the Barclay building was only temporary, and had no reference to the permanent establishment of the school there or in connection with the present Oregon City schools. And members of the local board assert that they would have no jurisdiction in the matter, and desire none—that their offer was simply as a matter of accommodating those interested in securing a union high school, and that without any unnecessary delay.

Members of the local board assert that the Oregon City schools require all the room at the command of the board and that no permanent arrangement for a union high school would be thought of without the erection of new quarters.

As published in the Star several times in the past, the districts that propose to form a union high school are Oregon City, West Oregon City, Parkplace, Willamette, Canemah and Mount Pleasant. The matter is being pushed by the alumni association of the Barclay high school, who are said to be entirely disinterested, hoping, of course, that the school may be located in Oregon City.

NEW HOSE COMPANY.

Petitions are being circulated in Greenpoint asking that the signers be permitted to join the hose company that is to be organized there. At the present writing about nine have signed, but Chief Ruconich says that fifteen members are necessary before the company can organize. The required number should be procured as there is no telling when there will be need of a hose company's services. The Oregon City Mill & Lumber company donated the house, and it has been placed on land donated to the city by Dr. McLoughlin, and as the hose cart is already installed there, it seems that the men of the neighborhood would form a company as soon as possible. Besides the social times the members are sure to have, they are also exempt from poll tax and from being empanelled as jurors.

EVANGELICAL PASTORS.

At the Oregon conference of the Evangelical association, which met in Portland this week, Bishop Thomas Bowman made the following appointments for this vicinity: Salem district, Canby, Rev. C. W. Ross; Portland district, Rev. H. E. Hornschuch, presiding elder; Milwaukie, Rev. F. M. Fisher; Oregon City, Rev. Charles Lucas; Highland Mission, Rev. W. H. W. H. Wettlaufer.

SHERIFF SELLS STALLION.

Sheriff Beate was at Milwaukie on Tuesday to sell the Percheron stallion levied on in the suit of Mullen vs. Hartman. The animal was bid in by Omar M. Mullen for \$516.50, just the amount of his claim and costs.

Ball Game Decoration Day.

Manager Fred Metzner of the Woolen Mill base ball team received a letter from the manager of the Bunker Hill Maroons, one of the fastest semi-professional teams in Portland, asking for a match with the local aggregation on Decoration day. Mr. Metzner has made all arrangements, and the game will be played at 2:30 on that day at Canemah Park.

Marriage Licenses.

Iva Irish and L. E. Durringer.

KILLS INSECTS AND LOOSENS SCALE

Fruit Growers Trying the Effect of Electricity on Their Trees.

Editor Enterprise:

Dear Sir: In our travels over the Northwest country we have noticed many new industries and objects of interest, one of which I wish to make note of and would be pleased to have you add to your news columns. We find no county that pleases us as does good old Clackamas in many ways that we could speak of.

We are entertained with a good old gentleman known as Uncle John White near Dalles, Polk county. One day the fruit tree inspector came and as he was only a few minutes looking at the orchard, our interest was aroused and as we took a walk under the trees we noticed wires running through and from tree to tree. Mr. White informed us it was an experiment he was trying and it was working so well the inspector only stopped to look at a few of the trees. Mr. White has electric batteries stationed in the granary and from thence wires are extended through all the trees, a staple fastening the wire to one of the limbs as near the body of the tree as possible but well toward the top.

The electricity kills all insects and is doing more than was expected it would; it is loosening the scale and moss which is falling off and is being replaced with new bark underneath. He is the only man in Oregon (that he knows of) that is using it and if it proves successful it will be a boon to fruit growers.

Scientific men are watching the outcome and we hope with them for its success. This has been in use a year. Last year the crop was large, this year the crop is light everywhere in this section, with the exception of cherries.

It discards spraying and the cost is at least two-thirds less. Since the death of the man at Hood River by drinking from the creek which had been poisoned by the spray used that season, speculation has arisen as to something that will take the place of that needful agency in the care of the Oregon orchards.

This thought had its origin in the grange and time will tell if it will be adopted. As we see no reason but what it would be better than spraying. We heartily wish Uncle John success with his novel experiment. His address is Rickreall, Oregon, R. D. 1.

Wishing the Enterprise and readers success, I am respectfully,
MRS. V. BRANSON, Evangelist.
Permanent address, Dover, Oregon.

FALLS INTO THE RIVER.

A stranger in the city, who is said

CANDIDATES NAMES MAY BE LEFT OFF ESTACADA TICKET

Anti-Reed Faction Nominated By Petition But Fear Foul Play

FIGHT NOW STRENUOUS

Contest in Every Ward—Reed Opposed by Dr. Haviland, Who Says That Conditions Are Very Bad.

to have been drinking freely, took a tumble into the Willamette River this forenoon from the bluff near the foot of sixth street. Several bystanders saw the accident and went to his assistance. He had sunk beneath the surface of the river for the third time before he was pulled out, and doubts were entertained as to his recovery. moned and with the aid of several

Dr. A. E. Sommer was at once summoned and with the aid of several who were present administered heroic treatment. He was rolled across a barrel and given other active exercise until he came to himself.

Papers found in the pockets of the half-drowned man indicate that his name is Elliott. He was too sick for a careful inquiry into the case, but was at once put to bed. No one who saw him could identify him or give any clue as to who he is or as to where he is employed, if working in or about the city.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

Sentiment is Divided For and Against the Project.

There is much antagonism being shown between the taxpayers in favor of the Union High School and those against the movement. Those against the project have been more active since the offer of the board of directors of the Oregon City schools of two rooms in the Barclay school to be used as class rooms till better quarters can be found. If the plans of those in favor of the movement are carried out, the new high school district will be formed of Oregon City, West Oregon City, Willamette, Parkplace, Mount Pleasant and Canemah. Most of the opposition seems to come from the districts outside of Oregon City, but the project would be of the most benefit to them, as some of the localities have no high school grades at all, while Oregon City has a two-year course. Petitions are being circulated by those in favor of the plan, and they were successful in securing the names of many of the taxpayers.

DECLARED INTENTIONS.

Hans Seydel and Arthur Hoenig of Oregon City, both natives of Germany, declared their intentions to Circuit Clerk Greenman, Tuesday, of becoming citizens of the United States. Both men are employes at the woolen mill.

West Side Arrival.

Born, Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moffatt of the West Side, a son.

"The anti-Reed people have already filed nominations for councilman in each ward and for mayor, but whether the names will be printed on the ticket or not we don't know," said Dr. Haviland in Oregon City Tuesday. Dr. Haviland is the candidate for mayor against Reed. He says the nominations were made by petition and were duly accepted by Recorder Johnson, but that Reed carries things with such a high hand that a mandamus suit will probably have to be started to secure the placing of the names on the ticket.

In addition to the names of the anti-Reed candidates published in last night's Star, A. Morrow has been named for council from the First ward and Edwin Mallory from the Second ward.

Dr. Haviland says the condition of affairs over there is even worse than has been published. City contracts are kept in the Boss' grip, important documents and records are carried in the pockets of officials, and no citizen not a member of the gang or one of its henchmen is allowed to see them. If something is not done, the doctor says the reputation of the town will become such that home seekers will not make investments there.

As a sample of what is going on the doctor stated he could macadamize the street in front of his property for about \$35, while under this "Lindsay contract" he would be held up for about \$80 or \$85.

Memorial Day at Warner Grange.

The next regular meeting of Warner grange at New Era, Saturday, May 25, will be observed as Memorial day Mrs. George V. Wilson, lecturer of the grange, is preparing a good musical and literary program.

WANTED

Farms to be listed with us.

WHY?

BECAUSE
We advertise extensively.
That gives us a market.

BECAUSE
We have many inquiries.
That gives us customers.

BECAUSE
We go after business.
That helps us to sell your farm.

BECAUSE
We are wide awake.
That brings quick returns for you.

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