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LET US HAVE ORGANIZATION.

It is unfortunate at this time that Oregon City has no active commercial body to take up the work of finding a site for a fruit-canning establishment here and to assist and co-operate with the Clackamas County Horticultural Society to that end. With the offer of S. T. Britten, of Melrum Station, to finance such a plan, providing a site is provided, there should be little difficulty in meeting that gentleman half way, but the situation at this time does not look at all promising. It is only by united and concerted action that these things are accomplished.

Some months ago plans were started to organize a commercial club in Oregon City, and now we find that in the place of this organization there is to be formed a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with the probabilities of a club feature attached. The Elks are all very well in their way, and as a rule here are a lot of jolly fellows, but they cannot fill the place of a Commercial Club or a Board of Trade, and no one expects them to do this.

The Enterprise will subscribe a liberal amount towards the formation of an institution whose primary purpose shall be to promote the interests of Oregon City and Clackamas County and to bring thousands of people here to settle up this fine country of ours, that is inviting Eastern people to make their homes in a place that offers such wonderful advantages as does Clackamas County.

Oregon City shall and will have a material growth during the next two years, if for no other reason than the establishment of a new paper mill within its limits. The population of the town will be increased by at least 1000. New residences will have to be built, more business houses will be established, and the south end of the city, so long deserted, will become a scene of industry.

Perhaps we shall have our long hoped for commission house. Who knows?

U'REN NOT A CANDIDATE.

William S. U'ren, whose name is so closely associated with Clackamas, has announced, in response to current rumor, that he is not and will not be a candidate for United States Senator this year. It is a safe bet that the machine antagonism to the power of the people will breathe a sigh of regret at this intelligence. They would have dearly loved to get a whack at Mr. U'ren through the medium of the ballot. While Mr. U'ren has, like all of us, made some mistakes, and will probably, also like the rest of us, make other mistakes, we believe that the great masses of the people think of him as an earnest, thoughtful man, who is entitled to respect, no matter what his politics have been or are. The alleged funny flings of some newspapers at his theories and practices read well, but are merely surface matter.

The refusal of Hon. Thomas A. McBride, judge of the Fifth Judicial District, to retire in order to become a candidate for the supreme bench, is not a matter of regret to the people of Oregon City and Clackamas County. They want Judge McBride to stay, because they believe he is an honest and upright judge and because they know him and trust him. But if "Tom" McBride should ever conclude to become a candidate for higher judicial honors, his friends of many years' standing would pull off their coats, irrespective of politics, and present him with an overwhelming vote in Clackamas County. This is probably true in no less degree in the counties of Clatsop, Washington and Columbia.

The announcement that the indictment against George C. Brownell is to be dismissed is very gratifying to his many friends in Clackamas County. While Mr. Brownell will probably not soon be a candidate for a county office, it is expected that he will insist upon having a voice in the councils of the Republican party, in which he was a leader for so many years. Of course, he will never again regain his old position as the dominating force. Under the direct primary law, these things are in the hands of the people, who will not relinquish them.

Jovial Tom Richardson, the popular secretary of the Portland Commercial Club, whose work in bringing thousands of homeseekers to Oregon is everywhere recognized, will talk to the people of Oak Grove next Thursday evening at a meeting of the Improvement Association of that place. Tom Richardson is one of those men whose face is full of kindly sunshine, whose brain is ever active, and who, when he goes to his everlasting reward, will stand beside St. Peter and reject the mossbacks of Oregon.

The new Masonic Temple in the center of the business district is nearing completion. It is a slightly structure that is a credit to Oregon City and Multnomah Lodge. In a few weeks the building will be ready for occupancy, and where, a year ago, was only a vacant lot will be located the finest and most costly edifice and lodge building in the city. The members of the lodge have shown their unbounded faith in the future of Oregon City by their large investment. Let us hope that their profit will be in accordance with their faith.

Feeling good over their partial success of two years ago the Clackamas County Democrats are already preparing to open the coming county campaign, with the expectation of electing a sheriff and of placing some other officials in the courthouse. The Republicans of Clackamas, while resting on their oars with a normal majority that is immense, should not become lazy and cocksure. Politics, like a poker game, is never out until it is played out, and all bluffs should be called.

The attempt to wrest valuable mining properties from the Ogle Mountain Mining Company will be frowned on, and will probably come to naught. The Fairclough boys and other investors have spent a great deal of time and money in developing the property, and that they should have protection is only natural. The claim that they are protected by the United States land laws is not only just, but is generally conceded.

The implications contained in political correspondence that J. U. Campbell was threatened with indictment are not serious. It would have been unjust indeed to bring a serious charge against a man because he stood in the way of another man's political ambition. Jim Campbell is too well known in Clackamas County to have ever suffered from any such annoyance.

Comments of the Portland newspapers on the multiplicity of divorces in the Clackamas County Circuit Court are lost on us. More than 75 per cent. of them come from Portland, where the fees are higher and where it is said divorces may be obtained with little publicity. There is nothing in this latest belief, however.

LOCAL BRIEFS

H. W. Strelbig was in Silverton on business Thursday.

Mrs. Belle A. Sleight left Saturday for a few days visit to Shaniko.

Miss Margaret Mulvey has gone to Shaniko to file on a timber claim.

Fred J. Nelson left Monday night for Southern Oregon, to be absent one week.

O. D. Robbins, one of Logan's sterling citizens, was in town on business last Friday.

License to marry was granted Saturday to Johann Williamson and Elsie Wharton.

County Recorder Chauncey E. Ramsby is in Eastern Oregon on a business trip.

Miss Edna Park has taken a position as stenographer in the office of Huntley Bros. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins, of Molalla, spent a day in Portland, returning home last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Elly arrived here Monday from Seattle for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Church.

County Clerk Greenman Monday granted a license to marry to Laura C. Irwin and J. Holt Struble.

Miss Myrtle Cleaver, of Lebanon, is visiting at the home of her brother, City Superintendent McKee.

Thomas Shewmann, of Portland, will arrive here in about a week to assume the management of the Oregon City Courier.

Mrs. Margaret Baity, of La Plata, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Waldrop, at 413 Willamette Street, in this city.

Attorney John F. Clark returned Monday from a business trip to Dallas, Polk County.

Carl Church has taken a position as conductor on the Oregon City division of the Portland Railway, Power & Light Company.

W. P. Kirchem, of Stone, was in Oregon City Friday on business. Mr. Kirchem is one of the enthusiastic farmers of Clackamas County.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company's office will be moved from its present location to the building occupied by Lent's confectionery store.

The Fountain Hose Company has placed in nomination Al Cannon for the position of assistant chief of the fire department for the coming election in March.

A telegram reached here Sunday announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Lang, in San Francisco on Saturday.

Mrs. Lewellyn Adams entertained the members of the Aloha Club Thursday afternoon. Bridge was the amusement of the afternoon and dainty refreshments were served.

A. Croning died Wednesday night at the residence of I. Pringle, aged about 50 years. The funeral was held Friday. Deceased is survived by two sisters, one living in Portland and one in the East.

Carlos Ghormley, who has been studying medicine in Portland, has taken a clerical position with the drug firm of Howell & Jones. Mr. Ghormley was married several months ago to Miss Mae Strange, of Canemah.

M. W. Hunt, general superintendent of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, was in town Wednesday on business connected with the dismantling of the machinery of the local mill. Mr. Hunt has charge of the 17 mills of the company.

P. S. Noyer, who has been in Portland for the past several days on a business trip, left for his home at Molalla Saturday by stage. Mr. Noyer, who is one of the old settlers of Clackamas County, came to Molalla more than fifty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart and Mrs. Raleigh Woods, of Seaside, Oregon, are in the city, where they were called to the bedside of John Boylan, who is lying dangerously ill at the home of his grand daughter, Mrs. W. C. Green, on Seventh street.

DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE.

The Crown Boy's Mining and Milling Co. (a corporation); location of principal place of business, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon (414 Main St.).

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there is delinquent upon the following described stock of said corporation, on account of assessments levied by the stockholders thereof, on the dates and in the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective stockholders, as follows:

NAME	No. of Certificate	No. of Shares	Date of Assessments	Dates When Assessments Became Delinquent	Amount
A. W. Adamson	199	201			
	202				
	203				
	204				
	205	15,000	May 7, 1907	Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	\$12.00
Wm. Beers	213	10,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15, Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	25.00
M. P. Chapman	83	1,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	2.50
G. C. Etchison	189				
	194	16,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	40.00
Heinz & Co.	6				
	7	700	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	1.75
Chas. Moran	175	10,000	May 7, 1907	Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	10.00
Victor Moline	81				
	154	15,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	37.50
M. Moran	89				
	148	12,500	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	31.25
H. B. Nickels	211	10,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	25.00
Stella Hall	30	10,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	25.00
Stacey Nickels	29	10,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	25.00
E. A. Sommers	90	1,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	2.50
C. A. Stuart	18				
	74	1,500	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	3.75
Nick Storey	78	2,500	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	3.75
C. C. Garlick	80	10,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	25.00
Chas. A. Kerr	82	1,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	2.50
Fred Steiner	117	500	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	1.25
J. E. Wassom	186	160	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	.40
Frank Jacquot	187				
	198	3,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	7.50
A. W. Becker	195	1,000	May 7, 1907	May 15 June 15 July 15 Aug. 15 Sept. 15, 1907	2.50

And in accordance with law, and an order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, made on the 13th day of January, 1908, so many shares of each parcel or said stock as may be necessary, will be sold at public auction at the office of G. F. Anderson, at 414 Main St., Oregon City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, 1908, at the hour of 5 o'clock p. m. of said day, at said place, to pay said delinquent assessments thereon together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors of The Crown Boy's Mining & Milling Co.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1908 A. D.

D. C. BAKER, Sec.

ESTATE IS LIABLE FOR ALL TAX PAID

MUST REIMBURSE D. L. TRULLINGER, WHO SAVED PROPERTY FROM SHERIFF'S SALE.

County Judge Dimick has just handed down a decision involving a claim against the estate of the late J. G. Trullinger for \$193.30, that amount being for taxes paid on a farm by D. L. Trullinger. It appeared from the testimony that J. G. Trullinger had leased a farm to Dan Graves, and as compensation the latter was to deliver to Trullinger a certain portion of the products raised upon the premises. Before the crop had matured so that it could be harvested, however, Trullinger died and his estate passed into the control of an executor.

D. L. Trullinger paid the taxes on the property after they became delinquent in order to save the land from being sold by the Sheriff, and when Trullinger filed a claim against the estate for the amount, it was disallowed.

The questions involved were whether the claim of Trullinger should be allowed and to determine who was entitled to the crop under the lease to Graves.

Judge Dimick, in his decision, states that the claim should be paid. As to the second question, he holds that the ownership of the crop raised upon the premises belongs to the estate and not to the individual heirs or beneficiaries under the will. Judge Dimick says:

"The principle of law involved has been settled by a great number of judicial decisions; that where a lease is made by a person in his life time, after death, the executor takes the same right and position and is clothed with the same authority as the deceased would have possessed had he lived, and under the circumstances all of that portion of the crop delivered by Graves to D. L. Trullinger should be taken as a counter-claim against the claim for \$193.30 that the claimant paid for taxes and the balance due on said claim, if there be any after the deduction, should be paid by the executor to the claimant."

D. L. Trullinger received from Graves 120 bushels of oats, 17 bushels of wheat and 11 bales of hay, and Judge Dimick rules that the executor should pay to Trullinger the difference between the value of the crop and his claim. The exact value of the produce given to Trullinger by Graves was not determined at the hearing. In conclusion, Judge Dimick says:

"There seems to be other controversy between the parties as to who received the balance of the share of the crop due the estate, but as the testimony was so vague and uncertain, I am unable to determine who should be held responsible to the estate for the balance of the rents and profits due the estate from Graves, and I think that a subsequent hearing should be had and proper testimony adduced in order to show who is liable to the estate for that portion of the crop due as rent from Graves after deducting the produce received by Trullinger, together with the market value thereof."

ROAD LEVY SET ASIDE.

Voters of Harmony Did Not Proceed Regularly.

A. Kanne, who owns considerable property in the Harmony road district, has succeeded, by resorting to legal measures, in setting aside the special levy of five mills made in the district. He brought suit against County Clerk Greenman, seeking to restrain

that official from placing the special levy on the 1907 assessment roll. The County filed a demurrer, which Judge McBride overruled and the decree was obtained by default. As a result, there will be no special road tax in District No. 1. Kanne contended that nothing was done in the manner of proceeding that should have been done, and that the proceedings were irregular in every way.

CITY OF PORTLAND WINS.

Mount Hood Railway Company Not Sued in Condemnation Case.

Judge McBride on Wednesday non-suited the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company in its suit against the City of Portland for the condemnation of a right of way. City Attorney Kavanaugh, assisted by his deputy, J. J. Fitzgerald, raised the point that the company had not complied with the general law, providing that applications for rights of way must exhaust every other reasonable means before resorting to a suit for condemnation. It appeared from the testimony of Mayor Lane and others that the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company had made no attempt to obtain concessions from the city council, until after filing its suit in the Circuit Court of Clackamas County.

Platt & Platt appeared for the company and stipulated with the city's attorneys on almost every point, including the value of the land, which is agreed to be worth \$75. The company asks for a 100-foot strip, as the territory through which the road is to run is very mountainous, necessitating grades on mountain sides. City Attorney Kavanaugh expects that the company will now appear before the city council in the regular way in asking for a right of way on land which is located the Bull Run pipeline of the City of Portland.

FIRST PRINCIPLES.

Sunday Evening Sermons at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

A course of Sunday evening sermons at St. Paul's Church, Oregon City, in February and March, 1908, will be delivered by Rev. T. F. Bowen, as follows:

Feb. 2, "What Makes One a Christian?" Feb. 9, "Personality and Responsibility;" Feb. 16, "Baptism for the Remission of Sin;" Feb. 23, "Confessing Christ;" March 1, "The Laying On of Hands;" March 8, "The Christian Faith;" March 16, "The Church, Its Nature and Purpose;" March 22, "Church Membership and Christian Living;" March 29, "God's Grace Through Sacraments." Services at 5 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these sermons.

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BRITAIN'S AWAKENING

Opinions of Eminent Englishmen on Municipal Ownership.

Increasing Debt and Taxes, Failure to Provide for the Future, Reckless Expenditure and Difficulty in Keeping Good Men as Officials Are Some of the Results They Note—The Open Door For Socialism.

The Yorkshire Observer quotes the mayor of Bradford as saying in a public meeting that on account of the great demands upon the time of members of the council it was difficult to get good men to enter or remain in that body. Yet the corporation had £11,000,000 invested in its undertakings, which must be managed in some way or other, good, bad or indifferent.

According to Dr. Ingram, chairman of the finance committee of Woolwich, that borough reached the verge of bankruptcy under the management of the M. O. party, which tried to show that the electric plant was profitable by the simple expedient of not paying bills. The new administration was faced with a floating indebtedness of \$75,000, which has to be provided for by taxation.

The Yorkshire Observer states that at a meeting of the Rotherham borough council Alderman Gummer objected to the amount which the gas undertaking contributed to the rates on the ground that it had been made possible only by raising the price of gas and thus making its consumers bear an unfair proportion of the rates. This bore especially upon the poor, who use gas instead of electricity.

If a city is well governed municipal ownership is the most dangerous thing imaginable and should be carefully avoided. There is always the danger that the public utilities the city is supposed to own will become nothing more or less than the private property of the people at the head of the government, who will work to their own advantage and the enhancement of their private wealth—William T. Stead, Editor Review of Reviews.

At the fifth annual conference of the Municipal Tramways association G. W. Holford, general manager of the Salford corporation tramways, stated that the probable average life of rails was twelve years. Commenting upon the fact that in many cities no depreciation or renewals fund was being set aside, he "earnestly warned the gentlemen responsible that serious results would follow in ten or twelve years' time, when heavy calls would have to be made upon the ratepayers for the purpose of renewals."

Four years ago London took over its waterworks, with the result that water rates have increased rather than diminished. Referring to the operating expenses, Sir Melville Beachcroft, chairman of the water board, recently said:

"So far it must be admitted that no saving has been effected. I do not think that it was ever anticipated that there would be any saving in the expenses of administration, as the management of a trading concern by a municipal body must always involve expenditure quite outside that which falls on a private company."

In my opinion, the root of the evil is to be found in the too great facilities afforded by parliament for crazy municipal traders to borrow money upon periods of repayment out of all proportion to the lifetime of the work upon which the money is expended. In Huddersfield we are wearing out our third set of tram rails, and yet payment for the first set will not be completed until 1937. In our capital of £414,000 for some thirty miles of tramways there is at least £100,000 for which we cannot produce any asset whatever.—T. H. Moore, Esq., Alderman and Chairman, Huddersfield Corporation Tramways.

An English correspondent writes: "The tram cars in Liverpool until late years were owned by a private company, whereas now they are owned by the corporation. In the time of private ownership overcrowding was unknown; now it is the rule. On inquiring the reason of the change it was told that it was this: The regulations as to numbers remain the same, but they are never enforced. The police dare not enforce it because they are servants of the corporation; the corporation will not enforce it because its enforcement would mean a reduction in the receipts, and the borough bench so largely consists of justices either members of the corporation or under its influence that no conviction if sought for by a private person would be obtained."

Kelr Harlie, one of the Socialist members of parliament, voiced the sentiments of English Socialists when he said at Bradford a year ago:

"It becomes increasingly evident that Socialism in this country will come through the municipalities—municipal trams, municipal water, municipal gas, municipal electricity, municipal bread, municipal coal and municipal land. These things are all putting the people, or will put them, in possession and control of the essentials of life, and that is what Socialism aims at."

Rowell, N. M., has voted two to one against bonding for a city water plant.