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THE EXPECTED

When the agitation against the county court, which culminated Saturday in the pronouncedly biased report of the committee of three appointed at a "mass meeting" of sympathetic hearts, was first started, the Enterprise took occasion to remark editorially, that the entire affair was a "frame-up" upon the part of some disgruntled folk who were seeking their own ends.

Following the first charge by this paper that the attack on the county court was unfair, biased and personal, the committee of three stalwarts appointed to seek the real truth and light, called upon the Live Wires of the Commercial club, and asked that a committee from its membership be appointed to act with them in the investigation, so that there would be no question as to the fairness of the probe.

The attitude of the committee of three is perhaps best expressed in the words of their own report, which follows: "We received this committee (the Live Wires) with uncaloused hands, and are ready to recall them in the same condition. They were of no use whatever, and as soon as we found the drift of their intentions, we decided to let them work for themselves, and make their own report."

Probably no plainer statement could be made of the fact that the honorable gentlemen from the Live Wires would not stoop to the dirty work of the committee of three.

Well, the committee has had its little time on the stage, and has satisfied itself. It has done its part in the little "serio-comic," and has retired before an audience specially selected to praise it. The members of the committee stand pleased and proud of their work, and believe that they have the vociferous backing of the hundred or so who came to hear fair play at Saturday's session of the joint committee. That this audience did not hear the report of the joint committee, but only of the "steering committee" seems not to concern them in the least; for in closing their verbose conclusions they give vent to this scintillating outburst:

"We... do recommend that the taxpayers insist upon a more accurate way of keeping the records of the transactions as any citizen of intelligence could locate the cost of from the records, which we are satisfied no man can do as the accounts are now kept."

Brothers three in a personal case managed to find these records sufficiently clear so they could base thereon their report. The question arises, therefore, as to their intelligence. Or do they mean that they want the county records so kept that citizens not of intelligence can understand them, and so that intelligent citizens cannot? Intelligent citizens now

seem able to discover what they desire from the records, which evidently displeases the committee of three; so it must be that they do not want such practices continued.

The report of this committee, printed elsewhere in these columns, is submitted to the voters by The Enterprise as the most striking evidence possible in support of its original contention—that the whole miserable business was a "frame-up," and that no twisting of words will ever make it into anything else.

THE OTHER SIDE The Enterprise of THE MATTER in this issue prints the report of the Live Wires' committee that investigated the charges preferred against the county court. This report is published, as was the report of the committee of three that took things in its own hands at the mass meeting last week, as a matter of news in which all citizens of the county should be interested.

Called into the matter by the first committee to see that fair play should be the ruling spirit of the investigation, the gentlemen from the Live Wires had no personal bias in the complaints at hand, and took up each charge with an open mind. The findings of their probe are given in a dignified form, and show a much greater thoroughness than did the superficial and indefinite mouthings of the disgruntled trio who, as this paper has before charged, deliberately organized a protest upon county matters as the initial step in a "frame-up," the object of which was to add strength to their abortive recall movement.

Readers of The Enterprise are urged to read both reports, and then to read them a second time. Each reader is asked to pass judgment in the matter on the evidence submitted in the two sets of findings, and in formulating such judgment is asked to take into consideration the form and wording of the two reports. If this is done, The Enterprise believes that most of its readers will agree that this paper has been justified in all that it has said about the committee of three, its methods and its means of attaining its ends; and will conclude that the county officials have in the main fulfilled their oath to the citizens who elected them to office.

IMMIGRANTS Interesting comment AND OTHERS ary upon the consistency of the American people, and of Oregon people in particular, is to be found in the news dispatches these days. In Portland there are to be held a series of meetings to devise ways and means of attracting to the state settlers from the north of Europe, whom it is believed will make excellent citizens and who will develop the vast agricultural possibilities of the vacant stretches within Oregon's borders.

Without prejudice, it is a safe bet that the Japanese will accomplish more intensive agricultural improvement than will the Germans—to take them as an example, because the first immigration conference is to concern Germans. In the matter of scientific agricultural work, trained Germans

will probably accomplish more than the Japanese; but it is dollars to doughnuts our friends from northern Europe will turn up their Terontonic noses at much of the land that is utilized by the immigrants from the Mikado's realm, and which they make pay his dividends.

Oregon has plenty of land of all varieties. She has some land that nothing short of a miracle will ever make fertile or productive, and some land that just naturally grows crops, whether it is tended or not. With this condition of affairs, and with the nations of the earth differing in their tastes and inclinations, it would seem the part of wisdom for this state not to tag along at the lead of California and draw the dead-line at any particular kind of immigration, as long as the new arrivals had a certain degree of intellectual standard.

declare itself officially against commercial fishing. In speaking of the evils of commercial fishing, Mr. Farrel has the following to say: "In the Willamette river very early in the spring the Chinook salmon gather in their efforts to warmount the falls and gain their spawning grounds on the upper reaches of the river and its tributaries. These fish are the very cream of the cream of salmon. They are the earliest run of this royal fish. If eggs are desired from which the hatcheries may propagate salmon it is from these fish they should be taken. The first salmon that come in from the ocean are always the best."

Two days after I visited the falls the market fishermen with their nets were turned loose on this horde of fish—the fish of all fish wanted for propagation. Prior thereto on the rocks and even on the walls of the pulp mills were the location numbers for the set nets which on May 1 would be spread. Through the pools and reaches below the falls would sweep the gill nets. I think I can say without fear of contradiction that in one night the nets would take more fish than would all the anglers combined during an entire season. In four or five days the large part of this army of salmon are taken and fishing with angling devices or nets is practically at an end.

Oregon's principal need is development. She should welcome any and all races that will come in and help her with the work of attaining her destiny, and who will at the same time behave themselves. She has room for Germans, Scandinavians, Poles and Japanese, as well as all the others. She has land to suit the requirements and pocket-books of all, and she is in no condition to pick and choose. It is most and fitting that she should try to encourage immigration from northern Europe; but as long as the industrious "Yankees of the Orient" are willing to come in and lease bottom land, and make two stalks of celery grow where before was but one skunk cabbage, Oregon has no license to imitate California and mouth about the yellow peril.

BETTER THAN Young women of "SOCIAL WORK" Gladstone have organized a baseball team. Daily they may be observed at practice on the school grounds, and a healthier and happier set of girls would be hard to find. In their exercise they are refuting the time-worn charge that a girl can't throw straight, and are also proving that in baseball, as in other matters, "curves" are primarily a matter in which femininity excels.

AS TO THOSE. It is worthy of note RESOLUTIONS that Saturday's "mass meeting" endorsed two resolutions that had been previously prepared for such endorsement when the psychological moment might arrive. One of these resolutions censures The Enterprise for attacking the integrity and honesty of the mass meeting committee and in the same breath praises a local weekly for its noble stand in the cause of the attack on the county court.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS PICKED Announcements of awards in the essay contest conducted by the Clackamas County School league has been made by Samuel Adler, and are as follows: Division A—Ninth and tenth grades: First prize, Alice Carpenter, of Molalla; second prize, Hildegard Spellman, of Estacada.

A SURPLUS FROM YOUR DAY'S WORK ASK YOURSELF WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR NOT SAVING. HAVE YOU ANY GOOD REASONS, WHEN YOU SAVE, YOU PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE BY STORING UP THE SURPLUS OF EACH DAY'S LABOR.

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At his season above the falls the river is a constant delight to any lover of rustic beauty. The Willamette does not boast the grandeur of the Columbia, but winds between green shores reflecting their foliage in quiet waters and enlivens here and there with peaceful farm houses. Not many towns or even villages are visible from the boat's deck, no towering mountains and Rhinecland castles, but anyone who wants a day's vacation from the demands of civilization can easily obtain it along the peaceful waters of the Willamette.

CITY QUILTS; WINS COURT ADVANTAGE Suit charging George C. Yale with "conspiring" with the mayor and city council to hold office as assistant city engineer, preferred by Henry Mel drum, came up for trial before the circuit court Tuesday. City Attorney William Stone represented Mr. Yale, and put over an unexpected coup upon the plaintiffs when he filed a disclaimer with the court, thereby knocking out the trial.

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FORUM OF THE PEOPLE WILSONVILLE JUVENILE FAIR WILSONVILLE, Or., May 14.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—I would like to say through the columns of your most valuable paper to our juvenile contestants who joined in the Wilsonville Fair in Aug. 1912, and all those who expect to join us in the coming fair of September, 1913, that our Juvenile Fair at Wilsonville, Oregon, shipped and had an exhibition at the State Fair more exhibits than any other individual juvenile fair in the state.

GOOD SPORT SEEN AT ARMORY BOUTS A good crowd saw some rattling boxing and wrestling at the Armory Thursday night, when under the auspices of the Oregon City Athletic club a number of classy bouts were pulled off.

High School Team FAILS AT EUGENE The track team from the Oregon City high school returned home from the big all-star meet, held at Eugene under the auspices of the University of Oregon, without a point.

RIVER'S CHARM IS CITED. OREGON CITY, Ore., May 14, 1913.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—I would like to call the attention of your readers to one of the resources of Oregon City for health and pleasure, which I think has been somewhat overlooked. I refer to the Willamette river and we are constantly reminded of its attractions for fishermen, but how many people have ever discovered the beauty of the river and its banks by taking a long sail up or down it.

BIDS ON ELEVATOR ARE CALLED ANEW Owing to the short time provided by the council in advertising for bids for the public elevator to operate on the face of the bluff at 725 street, but one proposal was received by the special committee handling the matter, of which John Albright is chairman. At Wednesday night's council meeting Chairman Albright brought the matter up, and suggested that possibly it would be better to advertise again for bids.

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Excites Curiosity. The better kind of a front we put up the more people want to know what is behind it.—Puck.

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