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The Enterprise is the only newspaper that prints all of the news of the growing county.

This is our weekly edition and contains a very complete report of the news of the entire county for the busy farmer.

SHOT HER IN SELF-DEFENSE

ROAD SUPERVISOR THINKS McCABE WAS DRIVEN TO ACT BY STRUGGLE

BELIEVES SHE MADE THE ATTACK

Stories Told to Boss Lead to the Conclusion that Fight in Hall of House Preceded the Crime

SANDY, Ore., Nov. 24.—(Special)—"I believe that Thomas F. McCabe killed his wife in self-defense and then, after deliberating upon his deed, committed suicide." This was the statement of James Deschazer, a farmer of Firwood and a neighbor of the McCabes, Monday to a representative of the Morning Enterprise.

"I am road supervisor and when McCabe came to work on the roads for the last time, he showed me his banded hand and told me that his wife had one of her 'crazy spells' and that she had hit him. He said that his wife would lose her mind and become violently insane. At such times she would go after him with her teeth and hands.

"Mrs. McCabe was naturally a robust woman while her husband was hardly her equal. He told me that when she lost control of herself she would become violent and, with all the strength of an insane person, would go after her husband and children."

"I saw him again, shortly before the murder and suicide, and he told me that affairs at his home were growing worse," said that his wife was becoming more and more violent and that her "crazy spells" were wearing on him so that he was becoming weaker. He said, she is growing stronger all the time. If she has another 'fit' I don't know what I shall do. I believe that she would over-power me.

"A bullet was found in the wall just above the floor and I think that it was fired during a struggle, for McCabe would not have missed that far.

"I have known McCabe for some time and I have always thought of him as a mighty fine sort of a man. I know that he loved his wife and his children and would not have killed Mrs. McCabe unless driven to it."

SCHNEIDER DENIES MARRIAGE REPORTS

Arthur N. Schneider, of Woodburn, former husband of Anna Schneider, made the following statement to the Enterprise Thursday, relative to the divorce difficulties between himself and his former wife.

"Instead of leaving her destitute at the time that the decree was issued, I gave her \$1600 in money and property and a valuable piano. The decree gave the children to us at alternate quarters. I had them for three months and she had their custody for the same length of time. I did not make an effort to get the children though she was an order from the court giving her their custody and the court did not 'fail' my attempt as the statement said that it had."

FRUIT GROWERS TO ORGANIZE

FIRST EFFORT MADE TO GET COUNTY FARMERS TOGETHER

ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED

Number Confer in Willamette Hall Over Plans for Forming New Association and Marketing Products

In order to connect the Clackamas county farmers with the North Pacific Fruit Growers' association, the great marketing center of over 50 per cent of the fruit grown in the northwest, an initial meeting was held and a temporary organization was effected Friday morning in this city when a number of farmers gathered in Willamette hall to discuss the matter.

Another meeting is planned for some time in the next two weeks when the details of the plan will be worked out and a more permanent organization made. It is thought that within the next two months the "Clackamas County Fruit Growers' union," the name of the body, can become a regular branch of the great parent concern and in such a position as to receive the full benefits.

The North Pacific Fruit Growers' association is divided into smaller units or sub-divisions and these sub-divisions are again re-divided into the individual growers' unions. The produce of the various unions is marketed through the main concern each box or package of fruit inspected, graded, and classified, according to established regulations which are fixed by the by-laws of the northwestern association.

It is considered that such an organization will be a great benefit to the farmers of the county as they can cooperate with and receive the aid of such a concern as the North Pacific Fruit Growers' association.

SANDY PREPARES FOR ITS CITY ELECTION

SANDY, Ore., Nov. 25.—The annual city election will be held here December 1, when a mayor, recorder, treasurer and three councilmen are to be chosen. For mayor, P. P. Moising; recorder, C. D. Purcell and U. W. Rodgers; treasurer, R. E. Esson; councilmen, P. B. Gary, L. E. Hoffman, J. Seale, P. T. Shelley and Martin Lennartz. Judges for the election are: T. D. Phelps, J. R. Maroney, E. F. Grunert, clerks, Casper Junker and F. E. Beckwith.

A lecture course will be given here this winter under the auspices of the Women's club of Sandy. The first entertainment will be on December 5, when the Wood orchestra will furnish a musical entertainment. On January 14 D. Ernest Randall, a cartoonist, art lecturer and chalk talker, will be present.

Special Thanksgiving services were held at the M. E. church Sunday evening before a large audience. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Smith, conducted the services and special music was furnished by the choir.

Two boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Strack on November 20.

GRAND JURY HAS INITIAL REPORT

RETURNS SEVEN TRUE BILLS AND FOUR NOT FOUND TO CIRCUIT COURT

NEARLY ALL OF THEM OLD CASES

Have Passed Through Grist in the Justice Courts—Harry Clark Held on Murder Charge

Seven true bills have been returned by the Clackamas county grand jury and four of those presented were reported "not true bills" to the circuit court Saturday.

Most of the cases for the past week have been those that have already passed through the justice court.

Harry Clark was indicted on a charge of the murder of Indian Henry Yelke, the last chief of the Molalla tribe. The two were last seen together and the grand jury thought the evidence sufficient upon which to base the charge.

S. Hoffman was held for the alleged concealing and purchasing of stolen brass that had been taken from the plant of the Crown-Columbia Paper company. Wom Bo is held on a charge of assault with intent to kill Wong Ying, a laborer on the Portland Eugene & Eastern at Canby, September 11; Alonzo Haskins, performing acts that tend to contribute to the delinquency of Bula Marcum; James McDonald and Roy LaDoux, theft of brass from the plant of the Crown-Columbia company; Eric Polo, daylight burglary in the house of Marie C. Gelinsky at Lakewood; James V. Reece, threatening to kill Aliene Reece.

The grand jury reported on the indictments that had been found and returned to its work for another week, at least.

FAMILY FIGHTS OVER CHILDREN

HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD COME IN TO COURT TO ASK FOR GUARDIANSHIP

IS AN ECHO OF FIRWOOD TRAGEDY

Parents Begin Quarrel Soon After News of Murder and Suicide is Reported—Property Values Small

The possession of the minor children and the administration of the estate of both parents has brought the heads of the two households into the county court to ask that the appointment of W. L. McCabe as administrator of the property of Thomas Francis McCabe be set aside.

A short time ago, McCabe killed his wife and committed suicide at their home in the Firwood district near Canby. W. L. McCabe, his brother, was upon the application of Thomas McCabe, the father, appointed administrator of the estate and guardian of the children.

The parents of Mrs. McCabe immediately came into the county court with a petition asking that the order be set aside and that W. H. Kune, her father, be appointed instead. In the meantime the brother of McCabe still has the children and will continue their guardian until such time as the county court makes its decision.

The matter was before Judge Anderson most of the day Tuesday and testimony was taken on both sides of the case. According to the petitions that have been filed, McCabe has an estate of \$1500 and his wife separate property to the value of \$500. The main issue in the action, however, is the custody of the children.

SANDY PLANS BETTER ROADS

LEVIES SPECIAL TAX AND PROPOSES TO BUILD A NEW HIGHWAY

START WORK AFTER JANUARY FIRST

Thoroughfare Gives Excellent View of Mt. Hood and Valley—Portland Donates Sum to Aid City and Its Club

After years of isolation and many promises of railroads, Sandy at last is assured of a means of keeping in touch with the outside world during the winter months.

The Sandy Commercial club, with the aid of the Portland Automobile club and a special tax levy, will build a traveled thoroughfare from Sandy to connect with the Multnomah county line. That body has raised \$1000 the Portland association has donated a like sum, and this and next year's road tax will be 10 mills.

Actual work will be started on the first of January and it is thought that by the first of June the work can be completed. The highway in its present route is called the "bluff road" and skirts along the edge of the bluff which borders the Sandy river. The view of Mt. Hood is considered one of the best from the Sandy valley. The length of the road will be about seven miles.

The present route to Portland is by stage to Boring and then over the rails of the P. R. L. & P. company. To truck freight to the city, the wagons must go over some of the poorest roads in the western part of the state. Most of the winter they are considered practically impassable.

In the past years this city has been almost isolated from outside points. Only the most determined of travelers could make the tiresome and muddy trip over the Boring road.

POWER COMPANIES TRANSFER TITLES

A transfer of title and franchises from the Molalla Power company and the Aurora Electric company to the Molalla Electric company is on file in the office of County Recorder Dedman. The consideration is one dollar.

The transfer recites that all franchises and property of the companies in the towns of Canby, Harlow, Hubbard, Aurora, Donald and the territory surrounding those cities is given to the electric company for the consideration. Water rights on the rivers where the companies have filed patent, franchises through the towns, and all of the rights, titles, and interests are given over to the other concern.

The deeds are signed by J. R. Hurst, president of the Molalla Power company and of the Aurora Electric company himself as president of the Molalla Electric company.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FIGURES IN BOOKLET

The Oregon Immigration commission has just issued its foreign booklets which may be seen at the public office of the commercial club. The set contains three volumes, one book of 64 pages, one of 32 and an album of 194 pages and are printed in the German, Swedish and Norwegian languages. The album contains 18 photos of Clackamas county, which is seven more cuts than is shown by any other county. This is due to the department's having secured photos and seeing to it that Clackamas county had its share of publicity. These booklets will be sent out in sets to those who do not read the English language.

WEST LINN DISTRICT GETS ITS TAX LEVY

At a meeting of the voters in the West Linn school district, held in the Sunset school Friday evening, the school tax was set at four and a half mills. There was a representative crowd present although the number was small.

No improvement of importance is planned in the two school buildings, which are in the district. Minor changes and alterations will be made in the Bolton building.

At a meeting to be called next week, the matter of the steps up the Bolton hill and the wagon which will carry the children, who live at a distance to and from school, will be discussed.

CONDITIONS OF STATE HEALTHY IS REPORT

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20.—That financial conditions in Oregon are healthy is reflected in a report of the conditions of the banking institutions at the close of business October 21, as announced by Will T. Wright, state bank superintendent, today. Mr. Wright says the statement is one of the most gratifying ever made in the history of the department. It will be the last one this year, and virtually the last one of the conditions for the year.

ARGUES FOR STATE PROHIBITION IN 1914

Those who heard Captain Charles Stanley, the "converted comedian and rapid fire orator," were delighted. Captain Stanley goes like a regular cyclone sweeping everything before him that is contrary to decency and good government. He spoke at the rate of about 300 words per minute. He is unlike anyone else who ever came to Oregon City; having been twenty years upon the stage as a comedian and actor he is anything but dry, keeping all laughing with his wit funny stories and songs, which he acts out in his unimitable way. He sang his own songs, two of which were entitled "You Must Unload," and "Dear Old Oregon."

There was not a dull moment. He made it clear that the people of Oregon City must now get in and help vote Oregon dry in 1914 and also get together and elect a Prohibition administration to effectively enforce the law. Secretary Taylor spoke briefly, explaining the "Out to Win" movement, and told how enough voters had already been enrolled in Yamhill and Benton counties to elect a Prohibition ticket.

This meeting was the opening of a vigorous campaign to be conducted in Clackamas county by S. McDonald, who has been delegated by the state and county committees for this purpose.

THREATENS TO QUIT EFFORTS

CARVER GETS TIRED OF ALL THE KICKS THAT ARE MADE TO CITY FATHERS

HE INTENDS NO INJURY TO VALUES

Unless the property owners along Water street realize the value of a competing line into the city and withdraw their objections to the construction of such a line, Stephen Carver may quit.

At the council meeting Monday night, the franchises of the Clackamas Southern and the Carver line were under consideration, section by section. The property owners were there in force objecting to the construction of the line on the ground that it would injure their values along that street. Finally, matters came to such a point that Mr. Carver arose in the meeting and declared that he would no longer press his application for the franchise along the street unless the owners quit making the fight that they had made upon him.

Not intended to injure. "When I applied for this franchise, I did not believe that the presence of a competing line in this territory would so badly injure the city as the property owners would now lead me to believe. I thought that the improvement of the street according to our plans, the erection of an expensive steel bridge and such other improvements as would be necessary for our road would be of benefit to a growing city. I believed then, as I do now, that there is a big future ahead of this city if the people but take a hold on the opportunities for development that are brought to them.

"I do not care to impose upon the people. If this city council and the property owners believe that the construction of such a road would be an imposition and that it will hurt the town, I shall at once withdraw my application and shall no longer make the fight for the franchise. If this is the case, I am sorry that I have fooled away so much valuable time when there are other cities that have been asking for the road.

Logan Wants it. "Logan, for instance, wants us to take it into consideration. We want to come to Oregon City but propose to do nothing that will injure the city nor its people. Another point has been raised over the possibility of our selling the franchises after we have secured them from the various city councils. Under the terms of our Portland franchise, it would be impossible for us to sell to a competing line. We cannot sell to the Southern Pacific nor to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co."

The members of the city council and some of the protesting property owners at once objected to the charge that they were against the entrance of the new road into the city. They wanted the council to provide proper guarantees to the people and the Water street property owners do not like the idea of the road passing in front of their homes. They hope that the line can come into the city—by some other route.

BLOODY SKIRT FOUND

AURORA, Ill., Nov. 21.—Workmen unloading lumber for the Johns Brown Wash Factory, of Aurora, today discovered a girl's blood-stained undershirt, a school reader and an empty revolver. The articles were found in one end of the car. Hood was splattered about and there was every appearance of a struggle.

The police believe that murder has been disclosed. The fly leaf of the book, which was a Huss German reader, bore the name of Elsie Heibel Day, Springfield, Ore., and below it the name of Dr. H. A. Day, Colville, Wash., thought to be the girl's father. The girl's age was apparently 11 years.

WETS GET MORE TIME TO FILE

COURT ALLOWS THEM TEN DAYS TO PREPARE AN AMENDED COMPLAINT

ORIGINAL WAS OFFERED TOO LATE

Attorneys Will Now Ask Judge to Set Aside Formal Order on Election Result and a Hearing Will be Set

The wet forces were given 10 days in which to amend their complaint filed against the county judge, H. S. Anderson. Judge J. U. Campbell in the circuit court granted the extension of time to allow the wets to change their complaint and file a different request before the matter is heard.

The original complaint asked the circuit court to restrain the county judge from entering an order declaring the results of the election in Oregon City and prohibiting the sale of liquor here after January 1. It was filed just 45 minutes after the court had issued the order. In the effort to get action on the complaint, the wets will have to amend it and ask the court to set aside the order that had been filed until after a hearing can be had on the matter and the legal status of the case determined.

The same questions are involved in the suit as are to be determined by the courts in other districts where the towns have voted on the question of prohibition. The wets allege that the authorities did not have the right to submit the question at all because of the fact that it was not held at any general municipal election.

The issues will be determined by the circuit judge some time after the amended complaint is filed.

COUNTY TEACHERS IN LOCAL INSTITUTE

J. E. Calavan, county superintendent of schools, has called a general local institute of all of the teachers in the county schools for November 29.

The meeting will be held in the high school building where some of the leaders in education in the state will address the conference. The state superintendent will probably be present as will also Mr. S. Spelman of the normal school at Monmouth, Frank Rigler, for 20 years city superintendent of the Portland schools, and Miss Agnes Jones, representative of the Palmer writing system.

As there will be no annual institute this year, the superintendent takes this method of getting his teachers together for the conference to talk over matters of interest in educational circles.

MYSTERIOUS SHOT INJURIES SMALL BOY

Lew Foreward, 12 years of age, is in the Oregon City hospital with a bullet in his face, discharged by a 22-caliber rifle somewhere in the neighborhood of his home in Ladd's addition to the city.

Sheriff E. T. Mass conducted an investigation Saturday afternoon to determine the direction from which the shot was fired. The boy was playing cards with his brother and was sitting on the bed in their home. He heard a shot fired. The glass was broken and he was thrown to the bed bleeding from the wound.

Drs. H. S. and Guy Mount attended the case. They do not believe that the wound will prove serious although it may give the boy trouble for several days. The boy's mother, Mrs. T. W. Foreward died a few days ago.

MIX BUSINESS AND FUN AT SESSION

E. E. Brodie, editor of the Morning Enterprise, and M. J. Brown, editor of The Courier, attended the meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial association Saturday, where both addressed the convention on matters of current interest.

The association was entertained by the people of Albany. After a luncheon at the Hotel St. Francis, the organization discussed the question of debts and credits in a small daily, the relation of the job department to the newspaper, and other matters. A banquet was held at the Hotel Hammett.

BUSINESS MEN FORM CLUB; ELECT OFFICERS

CANBY, Ore., Nov. 25.—(Special)—Canby Business Men's club held its first election the fore part of the week and choose its first officers. They are as follows: H. P. Bennett, president; A. H. Knight, vice-president; J. R. Newton, secretary; E. A. Priest, treasurer; and W. H. Blair, John Eid and C. A. Bradford, who with the officers, will act as the board of directors.

Rooms have been secured in the I. O. O. F. building and they will be fitted up in keeping with the purpose for which they will be used. Thirty charter members have been secured and 20 more have promised to join so as to bring the total membership up to 50 men.

The annual meeting of the new organization will be held on the second Monday in January while get-together meetings and banquets will be regular monthly affairs.

The ladies of the town will organize a civic club which will co-operate with the Business Men's club to aid in building up the city.

CITY IS ANXIOUS FOR ROAD MONEY

BELIEVES COUNTY HAS HELD MORE THAN PROPER SHARE OF TAX LEVY

THEY CITE ACTION OF GLADSTONE

Call Attention to Decree of Court on Case Presented to Circuit Judge Where Same Issues Were Involved

Oregon City has been deprived of 20 per cent of its road money that has not been turned over by the county into the city treasury.

This statement was made at a meeting of the Live Wires Tuesday when attention was called to the fact that the county is allowed, under the law, but 40 per cent of the road money levied within the city limits and that it has taken the 60 per cent and turned over the smaller end of the fund to the city.

The organization also wants the city council to ask the county court to account for the expenditure of the 40 per cent that has been used in the road work and wants the charter amended or the laws changed in such a way that will enable the city to get the full benefit of the road money that is raised within its corporate boundaries.

The Live Wires believe that the county has unlawfully retained the 20 per cent and think that the city council should take some action to recover the amount. They point to the action of the city of Gladstone against the county in which the circuit court decided against the county officials and instructed them to return into the treasury of the municipality the 60 per cent to which it was entitled of the road fund.

TO ASK COURT FOR A REVIEW

MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO REMOVE MEMBERS OF THE WATER BOARD

COUNCIL FINDS ANOTHER "CAUSE"

Thinks it Has Grounds For Asking Re-consideration of Case in Which it Lost Contention With Officers

That the board of water commissioners failed to properly discharge the duties imposed upon them by the city charter and that they have consistently refused to furnish water for municipal purposes will be the ground upon which William Stone, as city attorney, will make another attempt to oust the members from office.

He was instructed to make an effort to get the circuit court to review the case and consider the argument that he is now prepared to present. He contends that the failure of the board and its refusal to provide water for municipal purposes is a "cause" big enough to justify the council in removing its members for disobedience to orders but insists that the cause is there upon which he thinks the court will grant him a review of the case and finally determine to discharge the board.

Under the charter, the board of water commissioners supplies water to the city and its inhabitants and the council's attorney believes "the city" in this instance means the whole people acting through the council. He says that the definition of the word "cause" as found in the constitution of the state refers only to the state officials and does not apply to the cities that have been since created by special acts of the state legislature.

VAST AMOUNT IS READY FOR MILL

FLAX PROMOTERS ANNOUNCE THREE-FOURTHS OF STOCK IS NOW SOLD

OREGON CITY TO RAISE \$50,000

Portland and California Investors Place Money in New Scheme and Leave Rest for Investors of City

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been raised already for the construction of a linen mill in Oregon City.

This announcement was made at a meeting of the Live Wires in the rooms of the commercial club Tuesday. The promoters of the plan have been at work for the past few weeks and have pledged three-quarters of the stock that they propose to place on the market before the construction of the mill begins.

They now hope to get from Oregon City \$50,000 in stock. Of this amount, a large share will probably be subscribed by the farmers in the country around and many of them will devote several acres of their land in the experiment with the flax. If the city and county together can raise the \$50,000 that is now needed, capitalists in California and in Portland will produce the rest of the money and the work on the new plant can begin shortly afterwards.

The representatives are not asking the city for a bonus and have simply come to the Live Wires with a proposition to get a certain definite amount of stock. Eugene Bosse, for several years connected with the mill at Salem, is interested in this new proposition and believes that the farmers of the county and of the valley generally can make more by the production of the flax than by raising any other crop of the kind.

May Need 20,000 Acres. It is estimated that the mill will need at least 1500 to 20,000 acres of flax in order to keep its wheels turning all of the time and that a large share of the crops of the valley will include flax within a few years.

The promoters plan to manufacture (twine and heavy cords as a beginner in the industry and that they will not undertake any of the finer work until after the farmers have become accustomed to the new product. According to the figures in the hands of Mr. Bosse, the profit on each acre would be from \$55 to \$150, better than the average grain crop will realize.

Some of the farmers have feared the production of flax on the ground that it would injure the land. The experts declare, however, that, rotated with other crops, it helps the land and increases its fertility as well as bring in revenues at the same time.

THREE FANS GO TO ORIENT

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 21.—After following the world touring White Sox and Giants from Centralia to Vancouver without being able to see them play, Frank Martin of Centralia, H. W. McPhail, of Raymond, and George Carter, of South Bend, took passage for the Orient on the same boat as the ball teams.

The Washington fans declared they were determined to see the two big teams play before they returned home.

DOUBLE TRACK CAUSES STRIFE

OBJECTIONS VOLLEYED ON CITY FATHERS OVER TWO LINES OF RAILROAD

CROSS TALKS FOR MORE BUSINESS

After the wrangling in the city council chambers Monday night, it was practically decided to allow the two railroads that have applied for franchises the right to double track the portion of Water street over which they propose to run and to build such other turn outs and passing tracks as may be needed.

The argument over the double tracking of the street took up a large share of the council session. Some of the members and various property holders objected to this because of the heavy traffic that would pass through the street and cause a loss in value to adjoining property.

Harvey E. Cross, attorney for Carver, declared that he believed it would be a good thing for the city if the business justified the double tracks and thought that the company should be allowed to use all of the trackage that it might need in bringing into the city such business as came over its line.