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SCOTT RESIGNS AGENT'S OFFICE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

R. G. Scott, for the past two years, agricultural agent for Clackamas county, has handed in his resignation to take effect January 1st, 1921. Mr. Scott gives as his reason that he has accepted a position as field agent with the Oregon Dairymen's League, which has jurisdiction over the state. Mr. Scott, although having been up his mind to resign nearly a year ago, hesitated to hand in the resignation in the face of the opposition to retain the county agent's office, Clackamas. Many delegations from the county were due to attend budget meeting held Tuesday at courthouse, and in order not to disappoint his friends, who were working in his behalf and also for the continuance of the office, Scott held the news in check until late Tuesday afternoon.

His successor has not been appointed as yet, although it is rumored that a man will be sent out from the O. A. C., as soon as possible. Scott will instruct the new agent in the work as pertains to this locality.

TERK SUED FOR \$100 BY ZINZERLING

Geo. P. Zinzerling entered suit Monday in the circuit court to recover alleged damages in the sum of \$100 to a motorcycle when Joe Terk, of the firm of Terk Bros., ran into the motorcycle with a truck. Zinzerling alleges that while traveling on the highway near Parkplace with his motorcycle with a side car attached, Terk did not allow him enough room to pass, and the Terk truck crashed into the motorcycle, throwing his wife who was in the side car of the vehicle to the ground and damaging the machine to the amount of \$100. Zinzerling also asks the court to allow him \$50 additional for the non-use of the machine while it was laid up for repairs.

THREE MORE INSTITUTIONS ARE STANDARD

Three more schools of this county have been put in the Standard class by Superintendent Vedder. They are Jennings Lodge, Concord and Clackamas. The latter three came up to requirements of rules as sent out from the state superintendent's office, and after an inspection held last Friday by Mr. Vedder, they were pronounced in excellent condition.

Another inspection to be held by the superintendent will take place some time this week, when schools in the Northern part of the county will be investigated.

NO DEATHS FROM "MOON" HERE X-MAS

While the story has been going the rounds during the past two days that a young man of this city had died from the effects of drinking "moonshine" liquor on Christmas day, no such fatality took place. Although there were several men in Oregon City that were quite sick from such practice, nevertheless.

ONCE CROOK, THEN HERO, MEETS DEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"Monk" Eastman, once leader of a notorious gang that terrorized the lower east side, a convicted felon, but restored to citizenship as a reward for heroism in the war, was slain Sunday by "someone unknown."

Eastman's body bearing five bullet wounds was found by a policeman in a street. Nearby lay a revolver with five empty shells.

In the dead man's pockets were \$140, a watch and chain, and a Christmas card. The police say they believe the killing was the result of a vendetta.

Portland Firm Files Papers to Incorporate

Articles of incorporation were filed in this city Monday afternoon by the Rex Investment company, located at Portland. The business of the new firm will be real estate, and the following Portland men are named as officers of the new corporation: Geo. W. Baldwin, L. Quimby and Henry S.

AUTO BANDIT CAPTURED BY NIGHT 'COP'

Night Officer Surtus late last night captured a thief, who gave his name as Ashell, and claimed that he lived in Estacada. The man was in the act of removing tires from an automobile owned by Fred Gio, and had stolen the machine from in front of the Gio residence at 4th and High streets.

The Gio family had just arrived home late in the evening and had parked the car on the street in front of the residence. Mrs. Gio discovered a few minutes later that the car was gone, and telephoned Night Officer Surtus. The officer got busy and caught the thief in the act of removing tires, tools, and accessories from the car at Third and Center. The thief alleged that another man was with him but made his get-away upon approach of the officer.

Surtus placed the bandit in jail, where he will be brought before the court today. Gio, owner of the car, is for the Pacific Telephone company.

BONUS BILL CARRIES HUGE EXPENDITURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Passage of the soldiers' bonus bill would cost the government approximately \$2,500,000,000, Secretary Houston estimated today before the senate finance committee considering the soldiers' aid measure.

The treasury secretary declared enactment of the bill meant an added burden in the way of taxes, reiterating a statement made before the committee last week that the treasury ought not to be called upon to assume any additional burdens.

Ponzi Sends Out Christmas Greetings

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Charles Ponzi today sent from a Plymouth jail a Christmas greeting to his thousands of creditors, bidding them be of good cheer. His letter was written on expensive engraved bond paper.

The one-time financier, who is serving a five-year sentence for using the mails in a scheme to defraud, expressed a hope that the mishap to his creditors' investments would not mar the spirit of the Christmas season, and asked them to look forward with him to the day when he would step from the jail a free man to aid them in recovering their losses. He asked that if his yuletide message found any response among them that they send "a word of sympathy and encouragement" to his wife and mother.

GREAT TENOR IS STRIKEN X-MAS DAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The condition of Enrico Caruso, tenor, who was stricken Christmas day with an attack of pleurisy, was unchanged early Monday according to a statement by the management of the hotel where he is staying.

Man Takes Chance and Draws 10 Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Assistant District Attorney Sullivan, in general sessions court today, held five charges against Lawrence Hawthorne, 21, held on \$100,000 bail for his part in the Hotel Astor holdup last week. Beside him sat the prisoner, waiting to plead to them.

"I'll draw one card and plead guilty to the indictment on it," Hawthorne said.

"Which one?" asked the assistant district attorney.

The indictments ranged from assault to burglary in the first degree punishable by not less than 10 years in state prison.

"Anyone will do," Hawthorne drew at random.

He picked "burglary in the first degree," the severest of the lot.

"Guilty to the charge, your honor," he said.

Then he was led back to the Tombs where he will be sentenced Christmas eve.

Naterline Is Delegates to Big Convention

Antone Naterline left Oregon City for Seattle Monday morning to attend the Pursa Seafishermen's convention, which was held in that city Tuesday. Mr. Naterline left here as a delegate from the State of Oregon, and will address the conference in the interests of the purse sein fisher-

ETHERIDGE SAYS HE IS ANXIOUS TO FACE CHARGE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—John L. Etheridge, in custody here, is eager to return to Portland to face the charges developed against him since leaving there last week, and today offered to start west at once. He offered to pay the expenses of a guard to be supplied by the Minneapolis superintendent of police to travel with him, or go alone. He claimed his books will show that he is not liable for the Morris House crash.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Salient developments brought to light yesterday in the investigation into the tangled affairs of the wrecked house of Morris Bros., Inc., included: The initiation of a thorough probe by United States District Attorney Humphries into the methods employed by John L. Etheridge, ex-president, to procure his naturalization, and the connection of Fred S. Morris in this phase of Etheridge's meteoric career in Portland.

Announcement by District Attorney Evans that he had uncovered evidence showing that the firm of Morris Bros., Inc., was under contract to pay Fred S. Morris, ex-head of the firm, \$500 a month from last September for a period of five years.

Marquam Hill Road Has Big Mud Slide

Mud slides which blocked the Marquam hill road late Sunday afternoon and later closed traffic on Terwillinger boulevard had not been cleared away at a late hour Monday afternoon. Crews of men employed by the county were removing the mud and clay as rapidly as possible, but traffic cannot be reopened till some time today. Additional slides are anticipated if heavy rain falls.

Terwillinger boulevard was blocked Sunday with a stretch of about 20 yards of mud and stumps, roots and other debris carried down with it.

Many motorists found their way blocked by the mud slides late Sunday afternoon on their way to the city were forced to turn back and detour.

The roads have now been closed and warning lights placed.

McLoughlin Alumni to Give Costume Ball

The McLoughlin Alumni association will give a costume ball on next Friday evening, New Year's eve, at the McLoughlin hall here. The affair will attract many, and prizes will be offered for the best costume and for the most comical get-up. Those in charge of the ball are Andrew Naterline, chairman; Kathryn Long, Joe Gatke, Marie Michels and Nick Michels.

SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN A TRIAL HERE

The free demonstration of Community Service (Incorporated) offered by H. W. Arbury, representative, for Oregon City has been accepted through O. D. Eby and Arthur Beatie, representing the Commercial club. The service will start soon, which will include a program for recreation for the young and old alike.

COMMISSIONER KIDDLE DIES AT LA GRANDE

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 28.—Edward E. Kiddle, state highway commissioner and for years prominently identified with business interests in this section of the state, died early this morning from acute indigestion. Mr. Kiddle had remained alone at his suburban home at Island City last night while members of his family came to La Grande to attend a concert, and was apparently in the best of health. When the family returned he was sedulously ill and died two hours afterwards.

Boy Breaks Vow, Girl Faces Death

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Viva Howard, 15-year-old high school student of Ramona Acres, died in a hospital at Alhambra, near here, early today last night when she jumped from a moving automobile, according to reports on file in the sheriff's office from a fracture of the skull received here.

According to officers investigating the matter, her act followed the breaking of his engagement to her by Earl Pyle, 17, grocery clerk of Ramona Acres. Pyle is in the county jail pending completion of the investi-

Better Marketing

The farmers of the country are very bitter, says a writer in the Country Gentleman, about the break in the price of wheat. "Fully half of their year's efforts has vanished. They have done their part in the face of almost insuperable difficulties, and now that their crops are ready for market some force or forces over which they have no control clip off three billions of dollars from their revenue.

"Not knowing exactly whom to blame, the farmers have blamed everybody in any way connected with the transportation and marketing of their products. They blame the railroads, the grain and produce exchanges, the millers, the grain brokers and the Government, but chiefly they blame the exchanges.

"There is a deep-seated prejudice against these market centers. The average farmer believes they perform no useful service for agriculture and that their principal function is to provide a place where gambling in food-stuffs may be carried on safely and profitably by those on the inside."

The farmers are not alone in blaming the marketing forces of the country for the present situation, nor are they alone in the prejudice against the exchanges. Nor is wheat the only commodity on which farmers—and city people, too—are losing money. Says an editorial in the same magazine:

Last year the farmers lost heavily on all livestock, actually lost millions of dollars. Some good farmers lost nearly all they possessed. Yet in spite of the fact that meat prices were abnormally low at the point of production, the great consuming public never paid more for their steaks and chops. Who was to blame? We make no accusations. We merely point out the facts. What was the effect on the farmers? They said to themselves that our present marketing system is rotten; the day would come when they would smash it."

It is quite evident that the farmers did not profit in this last year. Neither did the buyers. Somebody must have profited. Every consumer must needs recognize that "the marketing system is rotten," and ought to be radically bettered.

German-made locomotives are now reported to be underselling all rivals. This seems to bear out the comment of a foreign merchant, applying to any article of trade before the war: "America invents it, Britain makes it good, Germany makes it cheap." When America adds to her inventive genius enough patience and perseverance and hard work, maybe she'll do all three.

The principal problem of the unemployed is dodging the things their wives can find for them to do around the house.

Any good shopper can pick up a lot of good resolutions this time of year which are only slightly shopworn, and have never been used.

LEGION NAMES OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

At a meeting of the Willamette Falls Post No. 5, local American Legion, held in Oregon City Monday night, the following members were nominated as officers of the organization for the coming year:

M. R. Cooper, commander; Stephen Mead, vice commander; Julius Spagle, adjutant; Gus Vasselin, sergeant-at-arms; G. Watts, treasurer; Simon McDonald, chaplain.

The regular election will take place on January 10th.

GIRLS TURNED BACK WHEN DISCOVERED

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eva Georgianna Fritz and Anna Lapina, two Russian girls smuggled to the United States on the steamship Cross Kings early in November, have lost their fight for admission to the United States and must now be deported to Siberia, according to a telegram received today from Washington by H. M. White immigration commissioner.

LEGION PLAYS SANTA CLAUS TO DISABLED

Members of the American Legion today carried the Christmas spirit to 20,000 sick and disabled veterans of the world war in 1,400 hospitals in many parts of the country. Entertainments and presents were given by each Legion post near a hospital in which veterans are housed. Many Christmas messages have been sent to the disabled heroes by F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander of the Legion.

LOST TWO DAYS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 23.—Fletcher Decker, lost for two days and nights while hunting, returned to his home in Keno yesterday. He found his way out alone. Searching parties were hunting him. Decker lost his way in the storm, but found shelter in an unused cabin and fell

MAYOR HOLMAN REVIEWS WORK OF PAST YEAR

In reviewing the work of the past year, Mayor Holman, in an interview with an Enterprise reporter, speaks of his retirement from office the first of the year, and tells of the work of the city council for the benefit of Oregon City.

"We have tried to keep within the budget during the past administration and at the same time get the best results for the money expended," says the mayor. "While we have been criticized for many things, and some of the legislation has not met the approval of all, the administration leaves the city's affairs in pretty good shape for the incoming councilmen and mayor."

"We saw the necessity for putting on another night policeman, and included this item in the budget for 1921. I understand that this meets with the approval of the business interests of the city.

"We pruned the budget to the last item, but did not eliminate the necessary expenditures for the welfare of the community. The mayorality is a thankless job at best, and while the retiring councilmen and myself have striven for the best interests of the municipality, I, for one, am glad to be relieved of the office, but will assist the new mayor in any way that I can," said Mr. Holman.

LAND SURVEY CAUSES LAW SUIT HERE

Clara M. Hubbard has entered suit to recover money alleged due from James and Mary E. Marquam, whom she alleges sold her a tract of land on a survey offered by the defendants, and which did not include acreage as outlined in the survey. Plaintiff alleges she discovered she was "shy" several acres when she resold the land to another party on the strength of the aforesaid survey, and asks the court to allow her a judgment against the above defendants in the sum of \$400, which she alleges the balance of the tract is worth.

"Pet Jones" Has Gone He Won Many a Race The Last Was Death

"Pet Jones" won many a race. He came in sometimes first, sometimes last, but he always was trying; he ever put forth his best efforts. As the rest of the bunch came up to the wire ready to go, "Pet Jones" was there with "bells on" and brought forth many a cheer from the multitudes in the grand stand. But now, alas, a sorry ending for the poor old race horse—he was taken to the Milwaukee Rendering company's plant yesterday afternoon to be shot. "And what for," may you ask? For not having any teeth. He was so old, and with no teeth in his head, he caused too much bother for us humans to take care of him. Of course, the horse ought to be shot—he couldn't live much longer and it was better to put him out of his misery than let him live. But after all, it seems a pity, don't it?

"Pet Jones" was owned by J. E. Jones, of this city, and lived to the age of 39 years.

ESTACADA JOINS COUNTY DIVISION PLAN AT MEETING

It is reported that Eastern Clackamas county is in favor of annexation to Multnomah county with the districts of Oak Grove and Milwaukie sections. At a meeting which took place at Oak Grove Wednesday evening, which was called to discuss "good roads" roads were forgotten in the discussion which took place over annexation and the split of Clackamas county.

A large delegation from Estacada was present at the gathering, and a tentative organization was formed for the purpose of furthering the movement to break from the present boundaries of the county. W. F. Cary, of Estacada, was elected president and D. A. Lofgren, of Oak Grove, was voted secretary of the new order, and the officials elected will send out notices all over Clackamas in favor of the "new idea."

It is rumored that several meetings will be held during the coming weeks in different sections to help out on the program, and a line of division as suggested at the gathering was adopted as follows:

Estacada, Boring, Sandy, Milwaukie, Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove, Clackamas and Oswego and Lake Grove will be included in Multnomah county. The line to be established between the present Clackamas and Multnomah counties will be as outlined, between Rhinerson and Jennings donation land claims, about midway between Hull Avenue and Meldrum.

The present agitation is over the distribution of the \$1,700,000 road bonds recently declared valid by the supreme court, and which was voted in this county some time ago. Milwaukie and Oak Grove districts allege that they have been slighted in the program, and propose to split the county in two, either as revenge or other considerations.

What bearing this will have on the taxes to be paid by taxpayers if the proposed "proposition" is carried, remains to be seen in the future.

WEST LINN MAN WANTS RECOUNT OF VOTES CAST

Kennedy McLarty has entered suit in the circuit court here to restrain the chief-of-police of the city of West Linn from enforcing what is known as the "Stock Running at Large" measure, which was voted at the last election in that city. McLarty also alleges that the count on the measure was not properly tabulated, and that several votes against the measure were not counted, which would have turned the tide against the decision. In his complaint, filed yesterday afternoon, McLarty asks the court to have the ballot box reopened and the votes recounted to determine the verdict of the voters, and accuses the judges of the election favoring the law by not counting votes against the ordinance.

McLarty owns a cow in West Linn, and has staked the animal out in the city limits during the past, and as the new measure favoring the restriction of animals staked out in the city limits during the day time, carried, and which law will take effect on January 1st, McLarty asks the court to hold a recount on the measure and declare it void.

Livy Stipp and L. L. Porter are the attorneys for McLarty, and it is rumored that the case will involve quite a procedure, as the county clerk in declaring the vote carried, will have to either reverse his decision in the matter, or McLarty's cow will be arrested, and the owner, compelled to pay the penalty of violating the law of that city.

This is the second contest of the recent election held at West Linn and although the municipality has not run smoothly during the past three weeks, the above case promises to attract many from that district.

AGENT AND CLUB LEADER ASSURED ANOTHER YEAR

A record attendance marked the annual taxpayer's budget meeting Tuesday in the circuit court at the court house, when delegates from every section of the county packed the meeting and overflowed into the corridors. Economy seemed to be the watchword, and a number of items were admitted only when it was explained that they were mandatory under the law.

The retention of the county agent and the club leader, with appropriations of \$2300 and \$1900 respectively, were the big features of the session, with a strong argument on both sides. The proposition to include the sum of \$2000 in the budget for the support of a county nurse was voted down after a hot debate, and the proposal of the county court to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a site for a county poor farm was downed.

Another evidence of the taxpayer's desire to cut down wherever possible was shown in the vote on salaries of deputies in the office of the county clerk, which resulted in not allowing the increases asked for by Fred A. Miller, county clerk. A motion to set aside \$3000 for a county fruit inspector was also lost.

"Farm produce has been cut down a half in price," said one prominent speaker, and as all other things are coming down this is not the time to endorse large expenditures of money. Our taxes now are higher than they ever have been before and we must economize." This attitude appeared to be the key-note of the whole meeting, which was organized strongly in favor of including the county agent and the county club leader in the budget, and as well organized against retaining the services of a county nurse. An effort to do away with the services of the rural school supervisor, at an expenditure of \$1400 salary and \$600 traveling expense was lost by the vote of 68 to 99, after considerable discussion on both sides.

Sadie Orr Dunbar, secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis Society was present and made a strong plea for the appropriation for the county nurse. Mary A. Campbell, superintendent of the Open Air Sanitarium at Milwaukie was another strong supporter of the movement, which was introduced by Lou Adams. Other speakers included Elizabeth C. Matthews, of Courtney, Mrs. W. C. Green, Mrs. Dr. Norris, Dr. Hugh Mount, E. L. Pope, and Russell Butler. Opposing the plan were a number of farmers who had to be frequently cautioned by Judge Grant B. Dimick, who presided as chairman of the meeting, against their boisterous talking and disregard of parliamentary procedure. A final move to have the matter reconsidered just before adjournment met with such strong opposition that adjournment was taken without further ado.

In speaking for the retention of the county agent's appropriation, Richard G. Scott, present agent, was complimented very highly from a number of sources for the valuable aid he has given the agricultural and livestock industries in the county. It was undoubtedly understood by many that Scott would retain the position, and it was not until later that the announcement of his resignation, to become effective the first of the year, was made.

The final budget, as recognized by the taxpayers will be prepared during the week, said Judge Anderson Tuesday, as the levy will have to be made by the first of the year. No indication as to how closely the court will follow the recommendations was given, but it is thought that the thing will be carried out approximately along the lines laid down at the meeting. It was voted to have the court provide a better meeting place for the next session, as there were dozens of people who had come long distances to attend the meeting who were unable to gain admittance.

SHEEP KILLING CASE ATTRACTS MANY PEOPLE

Charles Howard Thomas, arrested some time ago charged with shooting sheep in the Scotts Mills district, had a preliminary hearing in Judge Stipp's court Monday afternoon and was bound over to the grand jury. Thomas was allowed his liberty on \$200 cash bail to appear for trial. Many neighbors of Thomas from Scotts Mills, attended the hearing and testified in favor of the accused man.

LATE ALARM SOUNDED FOR CHIMNEY FIRE

A chimney burning out at the Electric Annex on Main street caused the fire alarm to be sounded about 11:30 o'clock last night. No damage to the