

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

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June 27 In American History.
1829—James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, died; born 1765.

1863—The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia under General R. E. Lee reached Chambersburg and Carlisle, Pa., on march of invasion.

1873—Hiram Powers, sculptor whose "Greek Slave" gave him worldwide fame, died; born 1805.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Evening star: Mercury Morning stars: Venus, Saturn, Mars, Jupiter. East-northeast, the length of the cross formed by constellation Cygnus. Is nearly horizontal along the Milky way.

ADMITTING Some days ago The EN- THE CHARGE terprise expressed the opinion that M. J. Brown, editor of The Courier, was abracadate to his own pettiness. In the last issue of his paper Mr. Brown quite playfully admits it editorially, and then on the front page of his sheet proves it by deliberately printing the inexcusable statement that the members of the county court had rebated their own taxes. Just to enlighten Mr. Brown as to the meaning of "abracadate," he will find in any good and complete dictionary that the word signifies blind. The unsupported charge that the members of the county court have rebated their own taxes proves, to any fair minded man, that Mr. Brown is not only blind to his own littleness, but that he so biased in his attacks upon the county commissioners that it matters not to him whether his charges be true or false.

A political fight, even if unwise and founded upon personal spleen, will excite many things; but it will not excuse such an unwarranted attack as The Courier makes upon Messrs. Beatie, Blair and Magoo in its last issue. In trying to explain his innocence in the matter, Mr. Brown has said that he printed the substance of the tax-rebate charge as a part of the county records in a previous issue, that he did not read this matter, but that one of his subscribers called his attention to it, and that

NEW HOUSE AND 1/4 ACRES
OF LAND

5 minutes walk from car line. New 6-room plastered house, will be completed this week, full basement; good location, land all improved; fruit and berries. Here is a chance to work in Oregon City and for 5 cents and 20 minutes time be in your own home and garden patch, \$2000.00; part cash, balance on time.

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therefor he commented upon it. Asked how it happened that he printed such a thing as a part of the court records, when no such statement was in the county record. Mr. Brown maintains a discreet silence, and admits that he cannot explain it as he destroyed the copy furnished him of the county proceedings.

Such excuses will do. Especially will they not do when this charge is the climax of a long series of attacks upon the county court, all of which have had the same animus. The county proceedings never contained any statement to the effect that taxes had been rebated to the members of the county court, and Mr. Brown must have been aware of this, for his eagle eye would doubtless have found it long ago, had it been there, when he was searching for flaws in the procedure with which to bolster up his charges of malfeasance in office. Had there been any such record The Courier would have blazoned it seven columns wide in screaming headlines, and Mr. Brown

will not repair the error, in this case. In fact it is difficult to see what can be done in the matter, save for Mr. Brown to admit that in his blind and spiteful fury against men who never did him any harm he has overstepped the borders of even newspaper license. Blind devotion to a cause may be a soul-satisfying proceeding, and may make a man fancy that he is a martyr in the cause of righteousness; but even Mr. Brown's blindness should be banished by this piece of cowardly attack. It is time for him to cut loose from his crew of disgruntled advisors, and to publish a newspaper instead of a spleenetic pamphlet.

By the publication in The Courier of the intimation that members of the county court have paid themselves back out of the public funds money

that they as citizens have paid in as taxes, The Courier stands in a very precarious position. In brief it is liable for libel—criminal libel, if the apparent animus of the matter be considered. The slur cast upon the commissioners is more than any man in public office should be called upon to bear—in fact its vulgarity is just about the limit of rabid, blind, unreasoning sensationalism. Particularly is this so, as there is not an iota of circumstance upon which the charge could have been rightfully placed. If this is the stamp of proceedings and thought behind the recall movement there will be no need of a vote to decide the matter: fairmindedness will itself defeat the plot.

WATER TO One hundred and twelve DRINK years ago today Philadelphia patted itself upon the back over its water supply, for on June 27, 1801 the City of Brotherly Love first quaffed from its myriad fountains the typhoid-laden water of the Schuylkill river. Since then Philadelphia has been drinking this water when it had to, and the rest of the time has been furnishing dividends for firms selling distilled water. Also it has been spending some millions for filtration plants and other methods designed to clear the river water on its contamination.

Philadelphia is a long way from Oregon City, and never in its history was the water of the Willamette as much of a menace to this city as is the water of the stream that washes Philadelphia's sewers and quenches the thirst of her poor. But nevertheless, Oregon City has had enough of river water as a beverage, and is now seeking another supply. The last effort to find such a source of water has been a test well to the northeast of the city, and there seems to be a general idea about town that the fluid found in this well is merely Willamette river seepage. Whether this is so or not, tests soon to be made by the special water committee will show.

It is so, Oregon City does not want this water. Elsewhere in these columns will be found a report in regard to this well and the popular idea regarding it; and also the statement of the chairman of the special water committee. It will be well for citizens to consider this matter carefully, and to gain the fullest information upon it, for it is now the plan of the water committee to submit the matter to a vote of the people. If there is reason to suspect that this well is tapping river seepage, the chances are that the people will not want it. If, on the other hand, the water supply is not from the river, the people should approve the well without prejudice, and thank the committee for its untiring efforts in the public behalf. The councilmen of the committee have worked hard and earnestly for the public welfare, and if they have succeeded in uncovering a supply of unquestionably good water, the greatest of credit should be given them. Fairness to the people demands that there be no doubt about the water; and fairness to the committee demands that their labors should be received with gratitude and due credit. The committee is trying to do the right thing, and its report should be regarded as the best that it can accomplish.

Read first time and ordered published at a special meeting of the City Council of Oregon City, held on the 25th day of June, 1913, and to come up for second reading and final passage at a special meeting of the city council to be held on the 9th day of July, 1913, at 8 o'clock p. m.

L. STIPP, Recorder.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Young man or high school boy to work early mornings, or all the time if he proves useful. Wages depends on the ability of applicant. Address, E. B. care Enterprise of Oregon City.

furnished by Oregon City. The right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid considered most favorable to Oregon City is hereby reserved by Oregon City.

Each proposal must state the time required for the completion of the entire work and said construction work must be done in accordance with the ordinances of Oregon City and the charter thereof and the plans and specifications governing such work.

This notice is published pursuant to an order of the City Council of Oregon City.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Washing and housecleaning by day or hour. Phone Main 1881.

MISCELLANEOUS

SUB-CONTRACTING, repairing old roofs and shingling a specialty. Strictly first-class work only, reasonable prices. W. M. Price, 118 Seventeenth street, Green Point, Oregon City.

L. G. ICE, DENTIST
Beaver Building
Phones: Main 1221 or A198

NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. —

An Ordinance declaring the assessment for the improvement of J. Q. Adams street, Oregon City, Oregon, from the south line of 8th street to the south line of 14th street.

Oregon City does ordain as follows:

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