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GRAVE PARTY MISTAKES.

One year ago the Republican party nominated Furnish for governor. In an election that polled overwhelming Republican majorities, he was defeated. He was not the choice of the Republican party but of a ring that controls it. At the polls, the people simply passed their vote of censure upon the men and methods by which Mr. Furnish was nominated. From this incident the party leaders might have got the pulse of the people.

Instead of heeding the lesson, they went down to Eugene and nominated Binger Hermann. The convention was, for the most part, an assemblage of political tricksters. It was generally conceded that the candidate nominated there would be elected. The Record did not oppose the election of Hermann, as that would be to favor the election of Reames, and the policies of the Republican party would be advanced more by the Republican than by the Democrat, even though the former's personality were unsatisfactory.

The outcome of the election is very satisfactory. Strong Republican counties have set the stamp of their disapproval on the party's action in nominating men that the people cannot endorse.

The machinery that lands these unsatisfactory men in office, is set in motion at the primaries. There is a large class of voters of high moral convictions that never attend primaries. They should constitute the safeguard of our institutions, but they have no selfish interest in politics, and as selfishness is to a considerable extent the impelling motive to action, those who seek self advancement are left to control public affairs.

The party imposition of men that are unfit to hold public office on the people however, will arouse our best citizenship. The primaries will not be left to the control of a few heeled, and we may in the future hope for better things.

REAL VALUE OF LAND.

The rapid development and change of ownership of real estate now taking place in Clackamas County has not been equalled for years. One may travel south on the Molalla road for a dozen miles and there will be hardly a mile of his journey that he will not pass a farm that has not changed hands within the last two years. The same may be said of the thoroughfares leading north, East, and Southwest.

Though this condition exists, many people are waiting expectantly for a "boom" in real estate. There is not likely to be such a wild speculation period as is looked for. A good, steady market exists now for farm lands that are offered at the right price. A boom such as was experienced in the early 90's signifies nothing more than a tidal wave of immigration bearing on its crest an army of "suckers". Any farm has a certain earning capacity.

On this one feature depends its value. The man offering it for sale however, usually bases his price on the amount lately paid for a nearby farm. Most frequently on the amount the best farm in the community has sold for. If a sale is made of over valued property, the result is generally a dissatisfied farmer—the place still for sale—and the owner of a farm waiting eagerly to regain the sum sunk by him in a poor investment. The fact that so many places in this county have been sold on inflated valuations, and these being to a considerable extent, the properties that are for sale now, places a barrier in the way of thrifty farmers seeking western homes.

A good plan for all concerned is

to put real estate down to valuations based on productive capacity, thus offering the most substantial inducement to homeseekers. The interest of the county will be in this way served and in the end the interest of the holder of real estate with which he is dissatisfied.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Junia Failing, of Portland, was in this city during the week, and was the guest of Miss Nellie B. Hart.

Rev. D. G. Stevens and wife, of Woodlawn, were in this city Wednesday visiting Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Beard.

NEW ROAD VIEWERS

KINNIARD AND LEWELLYN TO ACT WITH SURVEYOR.

The county court is holding its regular June term this week and adjourns tomorrow.

The court ordered that the improvement of the Randall and Penman hill providing that Randall and Penman will contribute \$25.

The road supervisor in District No. 19 was ordered to build a new bridge known as the Holman bridge.

The supervisor in District No. 25 was ordered to repair the bridge on the Oregon City and Silverton road near Weismandle's.

The petition for the vacation of a part of the Shockley road and for a new road in the place of the same was referred to the county road viewers.

The supervisor was ordered to rebuild the Krause bridge in District No. 31.

Superintendent Sprague was ordered to proceed with the improvement of the Springwater road in District No. 12 in accordance with his plan of procedure.

The petition of I. L. James and others for a road in sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 and the vacation of a part of the Eagan and Garret Mill acquired by travel was referred to the road viewers.

The county clerk was instructed to inform Joseph Carr, of Bridal Veil, that he must care for his sister, Sarah Carr.

It was ordered that a warrant for \$18 a month in favor of Mrs. S. E. Valentine and C. C. Lewis be drawn every month until further notice.

The application of Joseph Simon for redemption of land from sale for taxes to Clackamas County for 1889, 1900 and 1901 was received and it was ordered that upon payment of \$410 that the county release all claims upon land mentioned in the application for those years.

Ordered that the offer of W. H. Bonney to furnish lumber for the Abernethy road be accepted at \$6.75 per thousand feet to the extent of 100,000 feet to be delivered in June at such places on the road as may be directed by Superintendent W. H. Counsell.

D. W. Kinniard and John Lewellyn were appointed members of the board of county road viewers to act with the county surveyor.

Forty-five dollars was appropriated for the expense of Greenleaf Chute's funeral.

R. and Lettie Schuebel deeded lands in sections 4 and 9 of township 4 south of range 2 east for road purposes.

Road supervisor ordered to remove obstructions from Perdue and Struthers road as per survey to be made by county surveyor.

A petition was filed by citizens of Boring remonstrating against granting a liquor license in Boring precinct. The petition was filed. No petition for a liquor license at Boring has been presented to the Court.

Supervisor was ordered to open a county road petitioned for by P. C. Miller et al, provided the labor of petitioners and donated work is sufficient to make it good and safe road.

Report of viewers in favor of a road petitioned for by John Strauss et al was filed. S. F. Bridge has filed a claim for \$100 damages. J. R. Morton, W. H. Boring and A. W. Cooke were appointed as viewers of damages.

The Vancouver Maroons will play Oregon City at Canemah Park next Sunday.

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CRITIC IS SEVERE FINAL ORDER MADE

GROWS SARCASTIC OVER RECENT ACTION OF SCHOOLBOARD.

Suggests That Abolishment of Principalships Follow in the General Reduction of Expenses in Conducting City Schools.

When Mark Twain wrote, "God practiced on fools and then made school bonds," he certainly had not in mind the progressive body of intelligent men who control educational affairs in Oregon City. The proposed action of that body in abolishing the City Superintendent is one that commends itself to every one who appreciates economy in the administration of public affairs. As soon as the people become satisfied that there is no loss in efficiency to offset the gain of a thousand dollars thus secured. They will be prepared for a further reduction of expenses by the abolishment of principalships. This, indeed, will be the logical sequence of doing away with the superintendency. Do away with high priced principals, and substitute cheaper "teachers," allowing each to conduct her own department as she may see fit. We shall thus secure the exercise of greater individuality, and consequently more earnest effort and better results than under the present system; especially as each teacher must stand or fall on her own merits, having neither principal nor superintendent on whom to shift the responsibility for any failure.

However, the very best theories sometimes fail to work. It is barely within the possibilities that it will be found necessary, in order to carry out details of administration and to secure some degree of uniformity in our school work, to restore the City Superintendent. If so, economy may still be practiced. A thousand dollars per year is a salary out of all proportion to the services rendered. An efficient superintendent should be secured for sixty dollars per month, as he has nothing weightier than the minds of our children to look after.

Of course, a physician, who looks after the care of the body, should be liberally rewarded; or a county officer or a bank official, who attends to financial matters, should receive a greater emolument; even a dispenser of drugs or of beef should be able, in the course of a lifetime, to accumulate a competency; but a school teacher—bah!

Economy might also be practiced along another line—indeed, one step has already been taken in the dropping of the eleventh grade. Why not drop the ninth and tenth? The members of our set can well afford to send their children to Portland, or even to the east, to be educated; indeed, we prefer doing so, as we do not desire our children to associate with the "common herd." As for the children of the poorer classes, we have done enough, if not too much, when we give them a common school education. It is the education of the masses that produced so much unrest among the lower classes. Limit their education and thus limit their power of doing mischief, and you contribute to their happiness as well as to our security.

Go on with the good work, members of the Oregon City schoolboard, and the people will rise up and call you blessed.

Teachers Elected.

The board of directors met last night and elected Miss Addie E. Clark superintendent of the city schools at a salary of \$85 per month. She will teach the ninth and tenth grades. The eleventh will be abolished next year and the studies embraced in the tenth grade. Mrs. Viola Morris Godfrey was elected assistant superintendent. Miss Margaret Williams was elected to teach the primary grade in the Barclay school, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Gertrude Netzger. Miss Clara Boring, of Damascus, and Miss Helen Genson, of this city, were elected teachers, to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Miss Rebecca Smith and Mrs. Nellie Glass. Assignments have not yet been made and it is not known who will be principal of the Eastham school.

The marriage of Miss Amy Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kelly, to Mr. Eber A. Chapman will be solemnized in St. Paul's Church in this city, June 17.

SOUTH END ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT DELAY.

J. E. Hedges Succeeds T. L. Charman As Water Commissioner—Jackson Street Improvement Will Soon Be Made.

The city council last night decided by a vote of 3 to 4, to place the \$1000 appropriation, together with the funds raised by subscription, in the hands of the committee on streets and public property of the council, William Sheahan, C. G. Huntley and E. F. Story, and the citizen's committee, Charles Albright, Franklin T. Griffith and Elmer E. Charman, with instructions to expend the amount in the construction of the South End road with the least possible delay. This decision came through a motion of Councilman Kelly. He was seconded by Councilman J. W. Powell and by C. D. Latourette, both of whom favored the immediate construction of the road. Councilmen Sheahan and Huntley advised postponement of action, but the council by a close vote ordered the road constructed. Koerner, Kelly, Mason and Powell voted for the action and motion. Huntley, Sheahan and Phiester were against it. Councilman Scott and Story were absent.

J. E. Hedges was elected a member of the board of water commissioners last night to succeed T. L. Charman, whose term has expired.

A petition from restaurant keepers asking that church suppers and matters of a similar nature be taxed \$10 was placed on file.

The report of the board of assessors of Sewer District No. 3 was read and placed on file. The ordinance assessing the cost of the sewer to the property owners of Sewer District No. 3 was ordered published.

Councilman Kelly introduced an ordinance licensing restaurants and eating houses and it was referred to the finance committee.

The ordinance providing for the laying of six-foot sidewalks on all unimproved streets was ordered published.

The ordinance providing for the improvement of Jackson street from Fifth to Thirteenth streets was passed and the improvement will be made as soon as practicable.

The chief was instructed to notify all property owners to connect water closets with sewers within five days. If this order is not complied with the offenders will be arrested.

The ordinance establishing fire limits was ordered published. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent the further construction of wooden buildings on Main street from the Portland Flouring Mills to the Congregational Church. While a majority of the councilmen favor it, a protest has arisen from many people and it is doubtful if the ordinance can be passed except in modified form. One of the provisions is that any wooden building partially destroyed by fire must be torn down and cannot be repaired.

The ordinance granting an elevator and street railway franchise to Thomas F. Ryan will come up for consideration at an adjourned meeting of the council, June 22.

Dogs frequently choke. A bone, a nail or a piece of tin gets in the throat, and there is great danger of death before the arrival of the surgeon. Many of them do die, but there is no reason for this, for it is easy, without the slightest danger of getting bitten, to put the hand in the mouth of a dog and to draw out or push down the obstruction that is choking it. A bandage—a handkerchief or towel will do—is passed between the teeth and over the upper jaw, and in a similar way another bandage is passed between the teeth and over the lower jaw. One person, holding the ends of these two bandages, keeps the dog's mouth wide open. A second person can then with perfect ease and safety put his fingers down the animal's throat and relieve it.

Water Birds.

Water birds, singular as it seems, are the only ones whose skins never by any chance get touched by water. So long as they are alive and long after they are dead they float with an air chamber all round their bodies, cunningly contrived of waterproof feathers closely overlapping each other. Thus, in a sense, water birds may be distinguished from all others by the fact that they never wash, though we can hardly blame them for that, because if water could penetrate between their feathers the poor things would never be dry.

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