

PERIODICALLY BY ONE OF COMMITTEE

John F. Spray, of Cottage Grove, Writes About Fight on Varsity Fund.

PARKISON IS ANSWERED

Origin of Trouble Traced to Campaign for New Nesmith County and Downfall Is Laid to "Grafters"—Cates Rapped.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—John F. Spray, of Cottage Grove, who testified at Salem that forged names were used with the knowledge of the committee, has written a letter to the Lane County press, answering the attack made upon his testimony by H. J. Parkison. Mr. Spray declares that the referendum movement against the university was taken up as a club to force Eugene prominent to the resignation of Nesmith County, and accuses H. J. Parkison of collecting money for names never delivered.

Mr. Spray writes: "I did not intend to answer the attack that has been made upon me through the newspapers since I testified in the referendum campaign, but as H. J. Parkison's Company appears to think they are the only pebbles on the beach, I will attempt to write this matter up from beginning to end, and then let the people be the judges. "About two years ago at a mass meeting of the people of Cottage Grove there was a committee appointed to further the creation of a new county, I being a member of that committee.

New County Fight Lost.

"About the first thing they did was to get together and name the baby. Next in order was to get before the Legislature and try to pass a bill for a new county. On that job the committee spent night after night and day after day, doing the very best we knew, but lost, and I assure you that there was none worse hurt than the committee. Next step another meeting was called, and I believe, Mr. Cates added, or he was elected secretary. Shortly after the purpose of the committee was to get a tentative petition before the voters of the state, which they did. This took many more days and nights, with the result of one more defeat. Still the same old committee was ready to go before the Legislature, and, as you know, was again beaten. Then a mass meeting was called while I was still at Salem, and I, with the remainder of the old committee, was instructed to get up and circulate a referendum petition against the University Appropriation.

"Now right here let me say if I had not thought it was for the purpose of putting the Eugene bunch in a hole so they would be willing to agree to a new county, I would never have accepted the appointment on that committee, as I have never fought a school, church or town.

Parkison Is Engaged.
"Now comes the chapter in the career of the committee on which some of the people are mixed. The committee had printed the petition ready for distribution, and in casting about for support we were informed that the people of McMinnville were starting a similar move against the Oregon Agricultural College, and our secretary got in communication with some of their supporters. Among the rest was Mr. Parkison, who purported to be a high labor unionist, and had got the names necessary in very short time, for both the Oregon Agricultural College and University of Oregon.

"The committee had secured 3000 names at 2 1/2 cents each, or 7 cents for the two names, or 7 cents for as fast as delivered. The committee had received but a small portion of the 3000 names when Mr. Parkison wanted money advanced, which was forthcoming. All was well until the committee was informed that there were 800 forged names in the 3000 with a request from Mr. Parkison that they be returned to him as he wanted to protect one of his clients. The committee had made up the names for 3000 names when Mr. Parkison furnished 800 good names in place, and also ordered 1000 more names of Mr. Parkison, and on his representation that the names were hard to get advanced the money to him.

Suspicious Is Aroused.
"At this point some of the committee, I fear, became suspicious of the acts of Mr. Cates and Mr. Parkison and made a motion to put the names in the First National Bank for safe keeping. At that time Mr. Cates got very angry and wanted to resign, but concluded to stay.

"Next Mr. Parkison wanted all the names sent to Salem and put in a Salem bank subject to the order of H. J. Parkison and Lew A. Cates. They were informed that never could they be sent to Salem, and that they would take care of them. Mr. Parkison came up and tried all kinds of persuasions and threats to get the names sent to Salem, but he departed with seven or eight thousand of his names, he claiming to have that many against the University of Oregon Agricultural College, but five out of seven of our committee stood pat and demanded the names we had paid him for or our money back. But the money for the names never came back.

Untruth Not Shown.
"Now Mr. Parkison, Mr. Cates & Co. attacked my testimony, saying that it was indefinite, or, in other words, was not true, but didn't point out wherein it was not. Mr. Parkison says that he believes that the committee had agreed to destroy the petitions. It had them; why didn't it? Because it had agreed to leave it to the people what should be done with them. The majority of this committee believed that there should be an agreement made with the people of Eugene that would be for the best interests of all. I will take the most of that statement as I tried at several different times to effect a deal with the Eugene people, for the reason that I believed our people were the new county above all else, and as it stands, what have we got?

Parkison and Cates Rapped.
"Now, in conclusion, I have a word for Mr. Parkison and Mr. Cates. They have said what they believed about me, and I will say what I believe about them. First, Mr. Parkison was well paid for all his shenanigans, and it is probable that most of them were forgeries. Mr. Parkison getting pay for 4000 names and only delivered 1000, 800 of which were admitted forgeries, and it is probable that most of them were forgeries. Mr. Cates got about \$500 as secretary and nearly all the printing, amounting to nearly \$1000. Now, what did they do? I believe, they tried to get in possession of all the petitions for the purpose of one of two things; either to get the Oregon Agricultural College crowd to put up to file against

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the University of Oregon and destroy the petition against the Oregon Agricultural College, or they wanted to get them so as to be in the limelight as heroes. At any rate, I would like for Mr. Parkison to tell me what was his reason for not filling the Oregon Agricultural College petition, and how much he expects to get out of the Eugene bunch when he gets out with his initiative petition to move the University of Oregon to Corvallis. Please paste this in your hat.

"The Nesmith County committee prepared to go about two years, putting in its time and more money than any one else without pay, and as it turned out, without thanks. Five of the committee wanted to make an agreement with the Eugene people that would, as we believed, give us a new county, but the grafters got in and kicked us downstairs."

Cates Makes Reply.
Mr. Cates makes reply to Mr. Spray's article as follows:

"I have read with some surprise the statements of Mr. Spray and stand prepared to prove the veracity of his assertions as unqualifiedly false. When Mr. Spray says the Nesmith County committee paid Mr. Parkison for 1000 signatures which it never received he states that which is not so. As secretary of that committee I have vouchers for every cent disbursed by it, and I say that the records disprove his allegations. The man says that Mr. Cates was well paid for his services, having received \$500 and all the printing—this is true. I received \$500 for my service, and it is likewise true that I contributed \$270—more than any other single individual—to the county fund for the printing of the petition. Mr. Spray exaggerates several hundred dollars. And as to the charges made for the work, if it is not more than 20 per cent less than the same work could be had for elsewhere, I will refund every charge for printing ever made against the committee, and one member of the Nesmith committee prepared one line of argument sent out to voters, nor a single letter in connection with promoting nearly a year ago, and night to this work, and as a reward received \$200 net and the abuse of such people as John F. Spray, I defy John Spray or any other individual to prove that I was in anywise 'implicated' with Parkison in anything unfair or against the best interests of the community.

As regards the 3500 names secured by Parkison, 800 of which were supposed to be forgeries, these names were, very rightly, ordered them placed in the First National Bank for safekeeping. It did not, however, appoint me to destroy the petitions, but appointed a member of the committee to do so, whereupon feeling that inasmuch as I had faithfully acted in all other matters without being questioned, if I were 'turned down' at that time it would be promptly did, when the gentleman who made the motion and those who had voted favorably upon it backed up, apologized for their action and urged me to reconsider the resignation, which I candidly admit, was tendered in no pleasant mood. I am under obligations to no living man. I have endeavored to do so, faithfully, conscientiously and well, and I do not propose to sit down with folded arms and permit men of the John F. Spray type to vilify me. I trust there will be no further controversy over this referendum matter."

Botany Instructor Is Chosen.
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made by the pathological department that Mrs. H. C. McPherson has been appointed instructor in botany, the appointment of an extra instructor has been made necessary by the large increase in the size of the department, there being 75 per cent more students taking this work at present than there were last year. Mrs. McPherson is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where she received honorable mention in botany and scholarship for graduate work in advanced botany. She left Chicago in 1899 and for two years was instructor at the Michigan Agricultural College.

The Springs Coterie of West Virginia Has Decided.

COOKING DIVORCE CURE

COLLEGE GIRLS TAUGHT HOW TO KEEP HUSBAND'S HAPPY.

Woman Professor Says Wives Are to Blame for Nine-Tenths of Jars in Married Life.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Divorce evils may be eradicated by a liberal application of home economics, which outside of college is known principally as good cooking, according to Sarah M. Hummel, A. B., instructor in the subject. Miss Hummel further declares that the college girl as a matrimonial possibility is a fable. In a splendid address before the class in economics Miss Hummel said:

"The study of home economics will in time bring about a destruction of divorce. It is ignorance of just such simple things as how to cook that causes disagreements, quarrels and finally separation between husband and wife. I firmly believe that the wife is more to blame than the man in nine out of 10 divorces. "Consideration of such subjects as sanitation, beauty and comfort in the home; dietetics, or the relation of food to health and how much a husband should have to eat to keep him good natured; domestic management; the science of making both ends meet; home architecture and decoration and, above all, sensible dress make for happy wives and a congenial atmosphere in the home. "When this study becomes well established in the high schools and colleges of the United States, divorce and its attending harms will disappear as a question for sociologists to puzzle over."

DEACONESS CLUB MEETS

Officers Are Elected and \$200 Is Voted for Nurse Support.

Members of the Deaconess Aid Association, of the Oregon Conference, held an all-day conference in the parlors of Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church Monday. A splendid attendance and enthusiastic interest characterized the meeting, which had for its object the discussion of the interests of the various enterprises conducted by the society.

The morning session was devoted exclusively to business, and at its close a basket dinner afforded the basis for a delightful social hour in the interval before the programme, which had been arranged for the afternoon, was taken up. Addresses were made by District Superintendent McDougall, Rev. A. E. Ayers and Samuel Connell, president of association, and Miss Hilmar Gustafson, conference deaconess-evangelist, led the singing and gave several solo numbers.

In addition to the support of the Methodist Deaconess' Home and the regular lines of work for which the organization stands sponsor, a deaconess settlement worker has been provided and plans are on foot to secure a nurse deaconess for the city work.

Officers were elected as follows: the office of president not being supplied: First vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Ayers, Woodstock Church; second vice-president, Mrs. B. H. Holbrook, 1259 East Thirtieth street; North, third vice-president, Mrs. Esther Waldfoegel, 620 Wasco; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. C. Jones, 545 East Twenty-seventh street; recording secretary, Mrs. C. D. Ott, Sixth and College; treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Hale, 108 East Nineteenth street; supply secretary, Mrs. J. M. Lane, 766 Hancock street; mita box secretary, Mrs. W. J. Douglas, 36 East Eighth street.

Demented Man Flees Officer.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Axel Nordell, one of the five patients recently deported from the State Insane Asylum to their native state, en-



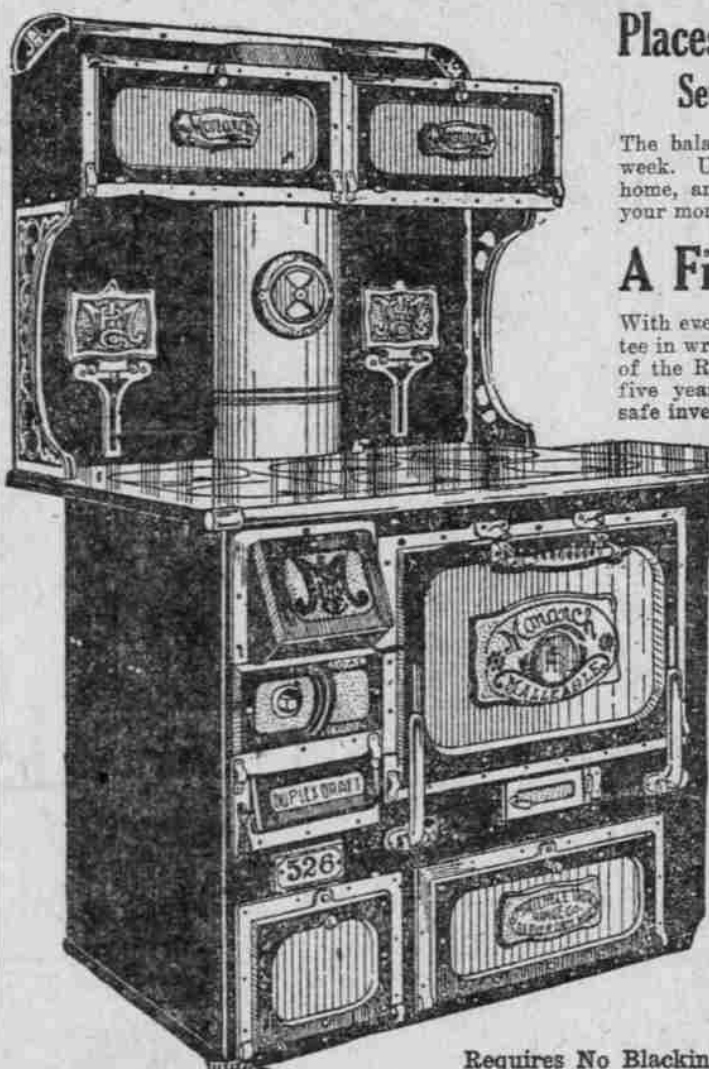
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BOY GUNTOTER CAUGHT

Lad Who Shot Playmate Seized as He Flees From Theft Charge.

Fleeing from expected charges of larceny and assault with a deadly weapon, Oscar Zimmerman, 14 years old, was arrested by Patrolman Grism, of the harbor police, in the Albina railroad

Woodcraft Campaign Active.

The Good Fellowship Campaign Committee, Women of Woodcraft, is busy with the work it has in charge. The following circles are represented, each with a committee of five: Mount Hood, Oregon, Astra, Royal, Arbuthnot, Portland, St. Johns, Woodlawn, Montavilla, Sunnyside, Arieta, Lentz, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Oswego, Gresham, Cedar Mills, Piedmont, Woodstock, and Sunnyside and Vancouver Circles of Van-

Indian Drowns in Chehalis River.

MONTESANO, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Tom Gwallie, an Indian, who had been a familiar figure around Montesano and vicinity for a number of years, was drowned in the Chehalis River this week. He was seated in his canoe and was being towed up the river by another Indian, who was pulling a skiff. In some unexplained manner Tom fell out of his canoe and, before help could reach him, was drowned.

Zimmerman Dred a Pistol.

Zimmerman dred a pistol Halloween night and struck Benny Schmitzer in the mouth. The weapon, an automatic .38-caliber pistol, with several dollars, had been stolen by Oscar from his father, who lives at 107 Nebraska avenue. It is alleged. Ever since the shooting, the police have been on the watch for the boy, who failed to return to his home. He was turned over to the Juvenile Court.