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WALDPORT PEOPLE WANT LINE MADE 'COMMON CARRIER'

Representative Public Service Commission Holds Two-Day Hearing Here on Evidence for and Against.

Citizens of Waldport are of the opinion that the Aisla-Southern logging road of the Pacific Spruce corporation should be made a "common carrier" and have made demands on the State Public Service Commission to allow them to prove their assertions. As a result of the demand T. P. Kerrigan, member of the state commission, conducted a hearing at that place Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21st. H. D. Wagon and an attorney by the name of Richardson represented the citizens.

A detailed report of the evidence introduced by the plaintiffs is not at hand but, according to W. K. Patterson, district supervisor of the U. S. Spruce Production corporation, who was present at the hearing and was called upon for information by both sides in the controversy, it was attempted to show that the Osea valley promises enough future development to warrant making the road a common carrier and that it had acted as same up to and after being taken over by the Pacific Spruce Co. These charges were denied by the defendants and witnesses. The Manly Logging Co., C. B. Johnson, J. H. Thomas, J. E. Eby and Mr. Ruben Day, appeared as defendants in the hearing. They were represented by Judge McCambert.

The following persons were examined favoring declaring the road a common carrier: H. W. Morris, Guy Hays, C. B. Knowles, James Harrison, W. Ernest, Sam Hays, Mr. Hartley, Dan Smith, Geo. Wedcombe, J. B. Everson, R. A. Wagner, R. Van De Bogart, H. J. King, Lee Doy, W. S. Evans, M. S. Brooks, Willis Everson, Mrs. Alice Barry, T. A. Ward, Frank Atwood, Isaac Banta, Clyde Starr, Mrs. Dr. Linton, Fred Mayhew, C. W. O'Brander, A. Moser, C. B. Hallmark, J. L. Walker, G. H. Gilnes, C. W. Goucher, C. M. Harrison, Bert Barkley and C. W. Peterson.

C. D. Johnson, in testifying against the common carrier plan, stated that he appreciated the position of the citizens in their demands and that he would likely take the same stand if he was in their position. However he is of the firm opinion that the road is not a common carrier and he believes the evidence and investigation will prove this assertion.

CAPITALISTS WOULD INVEST HUGE SUMS TOLEDO BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce Receives Communications Inquiring as to Possibilities of This City and County.

A party of Florida capitalists have made inquiries of Peter Frederick, secretary of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, relative to the advisability of investing in retail business lines here. This company of men have \$500,000 to invest in coming Oregon towns, according to the communication, and they have made inquiries as to the possibilities of other towns including Vernonia and Kelso where recent development of resources have caused considerable publicity.

Names of the capitalists were not divulged but, according to Mr. Frederick, the request for information was urgent and the communication came from a thoroughly reliable source.

MERRY-GO-ROUND CLUB RAISES \$21 SATURDAY

The Ladies of the Merry-Go-Round club are more than satisfied with the success of their silver tea given in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday afternoon. The "tea" was given for the benefit of the Domestic Science department of the high school. A total of \$21 was cleared above expenses. According to Mrs. Peter Frederick the affair was an even greater success than had been expected as the six dozen cakes provided for the affair were far from being enough and the Toledo Bakery was called upon to supply another four dozen. A total of 125 men and women attended the affair.

NELSON GROWS LARGE POTATOES IN OLALLA

Monroe Nelson, who owns and operates a farm in the Olalla valley, has a crop of Burbank potatoes that are likely the largest of any to be found in the state. Five of the "spuds" was exhibited at this office one day last week and they were magnificent specimens of what Lincoln county soil will produce. The five weighed 10 1/2 pounds.

PORTLAND TELEGRAM OCCUPIES NEW HOME

On Saturday, October 14th, The Portland Telegram moved its entire plant and offices from the quarters in the Pitcock Block which it had occupied for eight years to the new Telegram building at the corner of Eleventh and Washington streets.

The Telegram was founded April 16th, 1877 by the Oregon Publishing Company, by which it was conducted until July 24th, 1914, when it was sold to J. E. Wheeler and L. R. Wheeler. The latter assumed actual control of The Telegram the day the World War began, July 28th, 1914. Since that time it has made wonderful progress.

FORMER TOLEDO TEACHER DIES AT ASHLAND, OREGON

According to word received here by Mrs. Ebern Bateman from Ashland, Oregon, Miss Winifred Spencer died at that place Monday morning. Details of Miss Spencer's death is not at hand. She was a teacher in the public school here for three years and was a visitor at the Bateman home here this summer.

SUPERINTENDENT SAYS UNIT PLAN AID TO CHILDREN

Takes Issue With Mr. Hassman Who Disapproves of New System; Boosts Equalization in Taxation for School Purposes.

To the Editor:
I read with much interest the article by Mr. Hassman, in your last issue of the Leader. I want to say, I have known Mr. Hassman for a number of years and have always known him to speak his thoughts as they were and always sincere in his statements. I believe he will do what he thinks is right. But I don't agree with him when he says, in substance, our present system is better than the County Unit Plan. The Unit Plan says we should be taxed equally for school purposes. Our present system taxes some two and one-half mills, and others twenty-two and seven-tenths mills for school and the one paying the higher taxes gets no better schools. In other words the school taxes in the different district are from two and one-half mills to twenty-two and seven-tenths mills. The average being about six and one-half mills. Two and one-half mills is the general levy and the special district levies added to this make the total school tax paid by the taxpayers in the different districts. This is unequal and it is unequal as I see it. The special levies to be equal should not be more or less than four mills. 2nd. Under the present system we do not furnish schooling for all our pupils. There are at present some 25 pupils who do not have the advantage of schools though their parents pay more than they should, that is they pay more than others in comparison to what they are worth. The Unit plan will make provisions that all may have school at a common expense.

As to the closing down some schools, and furnishing transportation, that will be done only where it can be done at a saving of money and as good or better advantages be given. One district has closed this school year and are transporting their pupils at a saving of about \$35.00 per month. It can be done in other districts where the roads will permit. Should it be necessary, and it is, to board pupils away from home, the parents will have the say as to where they are boarded. No pupil will be taken without the consent of its parents, but if the parents want their children boarded, there will be means of doing it. At present, in some cases, children cannot be boarded unless the parents pay the board.

TOLEDO HIGH DEFEATS NEWPORT AT FOOTBALL

It is reported that some days ago the Toledo high school gridiron was victorious in a game with Newport by the score of 14 to 0. The game was played at Toledo and the Toledo team was administered a drubbing to the "pigskin" artists of that valley metropolis to the tune of 13 to 6. This game is reported to have been played some two weeks ago but the local school must have wanted to keep it a secret, as we are just in receipt of the "news" of the county seat boys' victory. The Leader has offered a full column to the high school for the purpose of telling the public what is being done at the school and also to announce coming events. We are football enthusiasts and thoroughly enjoy writing up such "battles," but unless we know when they are coming off we cannot be on the job. It pays to advertise, students. Try it and see by using your column in the Leader each week.

BALLOTS OUT FOR GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7TH

Olcott Believed to Be Strong Favorite Here; Sheriff's Office Only Has Opposing Candidate.

The ballots for the general election for Lincoln county are off the press and Deputy Sheriff McEwain will soon be on his way distributing them to the various precincts of the county. The exact duplicate of the official ballot as it will be handed to each individual voter is published in this issue of the Leader on page three and it should be studied closely by the voter before he or she casts their respective votes. The ballot as it appears in the paper is complete in so far as the state, and county is concerned. The ports and districts for each individual precinct are different, thus making it impossible to publish the ticket for each district. The district appearing, "South Toledo," was the last set of ballots printed.

From street talk and letters that are being received from various sources over the county it would appear that Governor Olcott is a strong favorite over Walter M. Pierce, Democratic nominee. The governor, who has been "unheard" up to the past week is now conducting an active campaign and by his speeches stands squarely behind his record as chief executive as to the necessity of keeping the Republican administration in power in this state, while Mr. Pierce who has been actively conducting his campaign for the past several months, claims that untold extravagances are being paid for by the taxpayers of the state and that should he be elected he will "cut them (the taxes) in two."

Practically the only county office where any competition is experienced is the election of a sheriff. Mrs. M. Simpson, present incumbent, is the Republican candidate while G. H. Horsfall of Norton is the Democratic nominee. Mrs. Simpson is conducting no campaign whatsoever believing that her record as sheriff is proof to the voters of the county that her term of office has been one of stringent economy and efficient management. Mr. Horsfall is claimed to be well known over the county and favorably so. He has been conducting a fairly active campaign and seeks office on a law enforcement issue, especially effecting the prohibition law.

County Judge C. W. Janes and County Commissioner J. W. Dunn are the other candidates to be elected for county offices. They have no opposition.

SENATOR STANFIELD TO GIVE ADDRESS AT NEWPORT MONDAY

J. S. Smith of Marshfield Will Speak at Waldport, Siletz and Elk City on Issues Facing Voters at Coming Election.

According to word received from G. A. Shumacher of Newport, Republican voters of Lincoln county are to be given an opportunity to hear United States Senator R. M. Stanfield at Newport on Monday evening, October 30. Mr. Stanfield's address will deal with issues facing the voters in the coming election and all persons interested are cordially invited to be present.

J. S. Smith of Marshfield will deliver addresses on Republican issues at Waldport today (Thursday), at Siletz Friday and at Elk City Saturday.

FISHIN' EVEN BETTER ON THE SILETZ RIVER

If the words of several prominent citizens amount to much, this man W. A. Lindsay, "the nifty tailor," is either a clever fisherman or he is "a fool for luck." Sunday he left Toledo at 9 a. m. with a party of pluckers and, of course, took along "th' fishin' tackle." The report has it that he landed between 50 and 60 of the finest speckled beauties that the Siletz can produce. And the queer part of it is he landed 'em without bait, using a No. 8 Gray Hackle fly hook.

DIXON & SON TO RAISE THOROUGHBREED SHEEP

O. F. Dickson & Son of the South Side this week received by express a fine thoroughbred Shropshire buck from the "Four-Leaf Clover Farm" at Macleay, Ore., which will add to the fine herd owned by these Lincoln county sheep breeders. Mr. Dickson stated that he will soon import a fine bunch of thoroughbred Shropshire ewes. They plan on making a specialty of thoroughbreds in this particular breed.

Harry W. Culp and Aurelia L. Norton both of Nashville, Oregon, were married at the local First Methodist church Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. Calm. Mr. Culp is the Southern Pacific agent at that place.

REPRESENTATIVES OFF TO BOOST FOR DREDGING RIVER

Joint Port Commission of Toledo and Newport Send Delegates to Convention of Coast Port Authorities at Oakland, Cal.

At a meeting of the Joint Port Commissioners of Toledo and Newport, held in the beach city Wednesday, October 18, W. E. Ball, of Toledo Port and O. E. Jacobson of the Newport commission, were chosen as delegates to represent the joint commission at the ninth annual convention of the Pacific Coast association of Port Authorities to be held at Oakland, Cal., on October 26, 27 and 28 inclusive.

Mr. Ball and Mr. Jacobson are on their way to the convention with data to present before the convention showing the possibilities and opportunities in Lincoln county that are being held up because of the inability of ocean freighters to come into the bay, due to the shallowness of the channel. These representatives will also attempt to show that there are more natural resources tributary to the Yaquina bay than any other bay on the Pacific coast and that an estimated total of 20,000,000,000 feet of timber is awaiting means of water transportation. It will also be pointed out that the Pacific Spruce Corporation, operators of one of the finest mills in the northwest, at Toledo, is seriously handicapped in their output due to lack of necessary water transportation. This mill could double its output under more favorable conditions. There is but little doubt in the minds of the port commissioners but that the Association of Port authorities will lend their support to the project. The plan is to prove to the United States government officials that an appropriation to dredge the channel is justified.

New Officers Elected.
At the meeting of the joint port commission, O. E. Jacobson of Newport was selected as president and Peter Frederick of Toledo was elected secretary for the coming term.

EDITORS STUDENT GUESTS AT COLLEGE HOMECOMING

O. A. C. Assembly Invites State Newspapers to "Make-up" Party at O. A. C.-U. Football Game

Oregon editors have been invited to join the Beaver rosters for a real "make-up" party at the annual homecoming day football game between the agricultural college and the university, at Corvallis, November 18.

"Yell all you want to, see the big classic, eat all you can, and make a day of it with the other high-brows," is the only condition of acceptance. The gang will lunch at 12 as guests of Sigma Delta Chi, the fraternity of writers, has been and would-be, play high jinks—maybe steal another march for the smokes—ramble around a few minutes, review the Varsity 'O' procession, and see the game as guests of the student assembly at the "later" party in the new big stadium erected by the students.

The students have already sent complimentary season tickets to the editors for all athletic events on the campus, and these tickets are of course good for homecoming day "Party" reservations will be made for all editors of country, town, and farm periodicals who send acceptances.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS TO ENJOY HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Members of the local Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges are planning a Halloween entertainment to be given in the L. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening, October 31. An invitation is extended to all members and visiting members of the two organizations to be present. The program will start at 8 p. m.

Fear expressed in some parts of the state that if the Constitutional amendment to permit Portland to tax itself for the 1927 exposition is approved a move will be made to get the legislature to levy a large tax or make a big contribution to the exposition, has been set at rest by a statement from Mayor Baker, director general of the exposition campaign, in which he says no direct tax is to be asked from the state and no more financial aid is to be asked outside of Portland than is necessary for the state to make a reasonable showing in the form of an exhibit or building equaling the showing made by other states.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, is an advocate of the Oregon 1927 exposition. In a letter on the subject, he says:
"I have a high appreciation of the value of specialized exposition, not only for the spread of knowledge but for the advancement of the arts themselves and I believe that the forthcoming exposition at Portland will be a distinct contribution to the entire country."

Dr. F. W. Kelloge, Eye Specialist, will be at the Lincoln rooms November 2, 3, and 4.

ALL OREGON WILL RECEIVE BENEFIT OF EXPOSITION

One of the unique features during the Oregon 1927 exposition, will be the organization of a large bureau to specialize in excursions to various sections of the state to show exposition visitors activities in which they are particularly interested.

If the state measure authorizing Portland to tax itself for the exposition is passed in November, immediate steps will be taken to organize this feature. Trained men will be placed in charge of the excursion headquarters to be maintained on the exposition grounds.

The plan provides that persons interested in any special line of agriculture, industry, stock-raising, mining or other activity, will be taken to the districts where these things may be seen and studied first hand.

Thus, it is believed that the work of interesting the exposition visitors in Oregon can be greatly amplified. Throughout the exposition every effort will be made to present Oregon's possibilities and opportunities to all who pass through the gates of the fair.

Arrangements are already completed for the carrying on of an international publicity campaign, to begin immediately after the November election, if the state measure is approved. This campaign will also feature Oregon, its resources and advantages.

"PUNCH OF THE IRISH" FELT IN LETTER TO LEADER

Booster of County Unit Plan Uses Strong Words in Urging Voters to Do Away With Old District System.

AN OPEN LETTER.
Kernville, Oct. 19.
To the Editor of the Leader.

Dear Sir:
Your reference to my letter in the Leader of October 12 is quite in place, and I appreciate the motives which led you to put it there. But I must protest against the wording of your note, which seems to imply wrong motives on my part. I assure you I have no "grudge" against any school board nor against any person. I am a writer of conditions that EXIST under the present school system, and I have no doubt (indeed I know) that I would find similar conditions in other barn-school districts. I mentioned these schools in particular to supply concrete cases for public consideration. The facts are so. The school boards are directly responsible. Other similar boards would be no better; but that doesn't alter the case. The root of these evils is the District System which allows incompetent boards to control the destinies of our children.

Mr. Shawe stated in his article in your issue of last week that one objection raised against the county Unit Plan was that "there aren't five voters in Lincoln county competent to serve on a board of education." How much less are there three in every district in the county!

The "spirit of animosity" which you truly say will get us nowhere, is, nevertheless, a factor in the life of nearly every community. We have to fight for everything we get in this world. I am sure you don't mean to suggest that our big organized majority here should give up our fight for better schools because a few of our neighbors don't agree with us. I personally do not enjoy any sensation of "animosity." I have too many worth while concerns to waste time and energy in ill-feeling toward my fellows. If anyone thinks that I wrote last week's protest in anger, I would like him to know that my very good friend, Wm. Scott, is chairman of one of the boards I referred to and that I am on friendly terms with at least two directors of each of the boards that I criticized. It is true that a few people here do not like me; one or two have even tried to hurt me. I feel nothing but sympathy for them. Some time they will make my acquaintance, and be surprised to find me quite a friendly peace-loving citizen.

It hurts me that you refer to me as seeming "sour." I don't get that way. It hurts me to have to correct misunderstandings. It hurts me to have to call people or institutions to task. I would much prefer to sit comfortably at home with my wife, my music and my books—to forget the struggling world that's round about us. But, after all, it's a social world, and the farther it is from perfection, the greater is its need of constructive criticism. I am not an iconoclast, but I am a realist. It is to erect a decent office in its place. If I attack a rotten system it is to build a better system where the old one stands. Our present district system is a failure. Now that we have a remedy at hand it is meet that we should recognize conditions as they are and change them.

You suggest "a little cooperation and less complaining." Perhaps I should say, "my dear friends, let us be quiet and peaceable; let us not

As the result of a mass meeting held Monday evening in the City Council Chamber for the purpose of naming a ticket for the city election November 7, R. S. VanCleve, successful local merchant, was chosen to head what is to be known as "The Citizens' ticket." The meeting was called to order by B. G. McCluskey and he was immediately chosen as chairman. G. W. Hall was named as secretary. Mr. McCluskey explained the purpose of the meeting and called for nominations to fill the various city offices.

R. S. VANCLEVE HEADS TICKET FOR CITY ELECTION

At Mass Meeting of Citizens Held in City Hall Monday Evening Candidates Are Selected to Fill City Offices.

The ticket in full, selected at the meeting Monday evening, is as follows:
Mayor—R. S. VanCleve.
Councilmen—4 year term, Arthur Nye, R. A. Arnold and Thomas Hawkins.
Councilmen—3 year term, N. H. Sherwood, A. M. Gilderleeve and F. N. Hayden.
Recorder—R. R. Miller.
Treasurer—J. B. Booth.
Marshal—Z. M. Derrick.
Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Miller, Mr. Booth and Mr. Derrick are members of the present administration.

A festive vote of thanks was extended to the present mayor and council for the efficient manner in which they have handled the city's business during their term of office.

MAN CONFESSES THEFT; HELD FOR U. S. OFFICERS

Fred Arnett of Newport was arrested last Saturday on a warrant issued by Justice Parrish charging him with the theft of a revolver belonging to the U. S. Government from the Newport armory. Arnett, who is a young man about 27 years old, was taken before District Attorney McCluskey where he made a complete confession of the crime. He is being held awaiting the arrival of federal officers from Portland.

S. G. IRWIN REPORTED IMPROVING AT HOSPITAL

S. G. Irwin of Newport, one of Lincoln county's oldest pioneers, who is now in Portland hospital suffering from a complication of diabetes, is reported to be improving, although he is far from out of danger.

SILETZ PEOPLE HEAR UNIT PLAN DISCUSSED BY SUPERINTENDENTS

Superintendents R. P. Goin and Victor Shawe Speak Saturday in Favor of New Plan for Conducting Schools.

(By DR. CARTER)
As the announcement made by Superintendent Churchill would be at Siletz Saturday evening and explain the County Unit system. But the Superintendent failed to come and Mr. Goin, rather than have the people disappointed, came over himself and brought along Prof. Victor Shawe, superintendent of the Toledo schools. These two educators very satisfactorily filled the place of Mr. Churchill. A good audience of teachers and taxpayers was present.

Prof. Shawe made the first speech, explaining very fully the workings of the Unit. Then followed Mr. Goin with a very elaborate explanation of the whole unit system. These gentlemen both favor the plan. Many questions were asked by persons in the audience and answered by the speakers. Here is the conclusion of the whole business as set forth by these two prominent educators. The old district system had about out-lived its usefulness and something new must be established to take its place. We must get out of the old rut. It is a forward movement. Ten states now have a County Unit system, that is supported by a tax on county unit valuations controlled and managed by a county board of education—usually five in number, elected by the people. Some ten other states have a semi-county unit system that is supported financially by the county unit, managed and controlled by the local boards. In some states there are single county units working under a state option law. At the present time only sixteen counties in the union are working under the old district system and these states are said to be fifty years behind the times.

The most progressive counties introduced the county unit system and proved by actual trial its success. Then the legislature passed a law

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