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SOME OLIVER TWISTS OF JACKSON COUNTY

THAT FINAL CRITIC, the general public, is very justly censuring the piteous appeal of certain newly elected officers of Jackson County for substantial raises in salary. Their constituency has every reason to be disappointed at this display of official greed from those who, as candidates, were perfectly satisfied with their prospective emoluments, and willing to wage a long and expensive campaign to be entered on the public pay-rolls.

Sheriff Singler, Treasurer Cronemiller, and others of the official family, are reported to have petitioned the Jackson county delegation at Salem for fresh legislation along the all-important line of putting more plums in the duff. If any of these gentlemen, as candidates, had expressed the opinion that services would be worth more than was specified, their shrift at the polls would have been short. Realizing this, these gentry bided their time until safely in the saddle, before voicing their plaint for the greater grab.

County Judge TouVelle sums the situation up to a nicety in discussing the official dissatisfaction with pay-day at J'ville. Says the Colonel, himself recently promoted:

"Every official became a candidate for office knowing what salary was provided. He agreed to accept the office upon that salary and made a campaign for it, knowing what remuneration was provided. If the salary was insufficient, he should not have become a candidate.

"The offices have been conducted in the past for the amounts the law provided. There is no more occasion now for the taxpayers to pay more than they have been paying, and I am sure if the amount is too small to pay for the officials' sacrifice and a resignation is forthcoming in consequence there will be no dearth of applications.

"Unless some good reason exists, the county court will oppose increases in salary to newly elected officers."

PUBLICITY OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

THERE IS NOTHING—or at least there should be nothing—about the municipal business of Gold Hill that requires concealment. The civic business is the community's affair, and the voters themselves are no whit less interested or concerned in its transaction than the officers they have elected to superintend it.

The tendency of the present council is lamentably toward the "sneak session" habit—quiet little legislative gatherings to which the public is not forbidden, but to which it is neither expected nor requested to come.

Regular sessions of the city council are announced by the bell, but not all of the more important transactions of the board are put through at these public meeting nights. More frequently they are devoted to the humdrum of routine, or the ratification of official acts and measures already passed and authorized at sessions of which the public had no cognizance.

A case in point was the special session of the council on Monday evening of the present week—called without notice to the public—at which but two citizens, in addition to the councilmen, were present.

The deliberations of this meeting were of at least ordinary importance and interest—inasmuch as they had to do with the disbursement of public funds, a subject in which many of our citizens are, perhaps, "tolerably" interested.

This special private session of the council authorized the drawing of a city warrant to the amount of \$25, to defray the expenses of Mayor Kelsey to Salem there to lobby in the interests of his home county and city against the reopening of Rogue River to commercial fishing.

At the same time it authorized the expenditure of \$100 for the development of the High Line spring as a possible source of city water supply; appointed councilmen Wilmarth and Walker to engineer the project, and thus again violated Section 43 of the city charter. This section expressly provides, that "No officer of the city, elective or appointive, shall, during, his term of office, be interested in any contract, the expenses of which are to be paid out of the city treasury." Plain enough, isn't it?

Perhaps the citizens of Gold Hill—for all cannot be councilmen—would have liked to express an opinion upon the closed river, and the citizen best qualified to represent the city at Salem. Perhaps they question, however fearfully, the qualifications of a lobbyist on the fish bill who admittedly knows nothing of either fish or fishing.

As for the future water supply, its development occupied one day and a half, and was halted by the reluctance of Nature to provide more than a trickle.

Even councilmen are prone to error, and the public business will not suffer from the discussion of lesser citizens. If the city council has any business of sufficient public importance at hand to warrant a special session, the taxpayers should be duly notified.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured) B. H. L.

"Little Sister"

Poor kid, the wisdom of the world was not for such as you, too soon upon your laughing eyes is laid the heavy dew; and feet that should have danced in play, and hands that should have skipped flat stones across some placid pond, to music wilder lipped than all the woodland echoes have reeled in wilder steps; your place a mother's fireside—your fame a demirep's. Too soon upon your laughing eyes the heavy dew is laid, too soon your foregone sisters cry to you from the shade; and yet, I wist, wherever your childhood's wraith has passed it finds a kinder welcome, and friendlier than this last; far friendlier than the world that reached with mottled hands of shame to press upon your childish brow the wreath of lurid fame. To press upon your childish brow among the lifting curls a diadem of sorrow, mock rubies and sick pearls; to stain thy lips with carmine, to rouge your girlish cheek, to teach your lips to utter the jests the madames speak. Ah, bleak as winter sorrow; ah, chill as autumn rain, the world it gave you welcome and made you kin to pain. And made you kin to pain, poor kid, such pain as Mary knew, the pastime of the alleys, of gentile and of jow; too ill at soul to wonder—a childish atom whirled from God's immortal playground to the mercy of the world. In that far vale of shadows where earthly shadows fly, dream of the world's compassion—the sick at heart may die!

Near Neighbors

Debenger Gap

By Norman Gage.

J. B. Hannah, of Debenger Gap, took a load of beef to Central Point last Saturday, returning Sunday.

Dr. Bowen and Russell Thornbrue, of Beagle, and Burdette Dodge, Jr., of the Riverside ranch, were visitors at the Debenger Gap ranch last Sunday.

Roy Stacy, who has been employed at the Modoc orchard, came home during the stormy weather to visit with his relatives at Beagle, but will resume work on Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Jones, of Beagle, who has been spending the past two weeks in Medford going to school, came home last Wednesday to visit with relatives. She will return to Medford on Monday.

Mr. E. E. Robertson, foreman of the Riverside ranch, sold his team, wagon and hack to Mr. Gale, of Beagle. Mr. Robertson and family will move to La Moine, Calif., where he will work in the box factory at that place.

The deep and continued snowfall in the mountains of the upper Rogue river, Trail and Elk creeks has driven the wild animals and varmints down to the lower hills. Last Thursday night while going from the Beagle postoffice to his home at Debenger Gap, Norman Gage, heard one of the big timber grey wolves give three of its fierce and anything but nerve quieting howls, and especially when it is heard coming from somewhere in the darkness close beside your path. Miss Martha Gage and Jack Daw also heard the howls, but as neither had ever heard the howl of a wolf before, and being at quite a distance from the animal, they were unable at the time to come to any conclusion as to what it was.

Galls Creek

Jolin Johnson is cutting lots of wood at Eaton's.

Miners report plenty of water in Galls creek now.

Thomas Dungey and wife were Gold Hill visitors Monday.

Mrs. George Garrett was a Gold Hill visitor Wednesday.

George Garrett paid a business visitor to Rogueriver Tuesday.

Harry Steelman and wife moved to Portland the first of the week.

The Hard Times dance was well attended and all report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blackington were shoppers in Gold Hill Thursday.

Mrs. Nellie Eaton and Miss Lella Eaton visited at Gold Hill Saturday.

Ed. Woodcock, of Rogueriver, was a business visitor on the creek Thursday.

P. W. Blackert and wife were business visitors in Gold Hill the middle of the week.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence and daughter visited with Gold Hill friends the first of the week.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Preaching by E. W. Barnes, at the Opera House, Sunday, February 2nd, at 11:00 a. m. Bible study at 10:30 a. m. Communion service following preaching.

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School Notes

(By Vera Davidson)

Miss Tuttle was not at school Tuesday p. m. on account of illness.

School clerk Mrs. Patrick was a visitor to the eighth grade room on Monday.

Blossom Beeman substituted in Miss Cesar's place Monday p. m., as the latter was ill.

Rev. and Mrs. Richards visited school Tuesday morning. Mr. Richards spoke before the seventh and eighth grades and the high school, taking as his subject, "Self Confidence." The talk was greatly enjoyed by all and we hope to have them with us again.

Miss Tuttle entertained for the Domestic Science class Saturday afternoon last, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Darling. The time was spent in needlework and telling stories, dainty refreshments afterwards being served.

PROGRAM OF THE REAVER LITERARY SOCIETY FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1913.

Division II.

Edna Proctor, Leader.

Subject: The World of Science
Paper: Smoke, Richard Morelock.
Essay: Aviation, Blossom Beeman.
Original Story: An Automobile Adventure, Ernest Lyman.
Talk: How Science is Aiding Women in Their Work, Agnes Dietrich.
Solo, Pearl Collins.
Newspaper, Ben Haymond.
Paper: Wireless, John Kelsey.
Current Events, Elsie Miller.
Music Number Scientifically Executed, High School.

Debate: Resolved, That the automobile is the best for touring among the western hills. Affirmative, Warren Coppock, Negative, Clarence Van Houten.

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A Dinner For 25 Cents

The best to be had for that price in Rogue River valley at the American restaurant (formerly Good Eats cafe) in Grants Pass. Our vegetables, eggs, etc., are bought direct from farmers and are strictly first class as are the groceries we use. Our kitchen is as clean as the kitchens of the best homes and the cooking is done with the utmost care to have the food appetizing. You will enjoy our coffee and tea as it is freshly made.

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The senate public lands committee has reported favorably the house bill to adjust conflicting claims to lands within the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay Military Wagon Road grant.

The new year is only a few weeks along, but Klamath Falls already has two elections in sight. The first will be to adopt a new charter and the next to vote on the wet and dry issue.

Daniel Bruhn, superintendent of the Porter Brothers' railroad construction gang at Mapleton, was beheaded by a flying rope. The body was hurled into the Siuslaw river and carried away.

Hop-growing will be a course of study to appear in the 1913-14 catalog of Oregon Agricultural college for the

first time. The subject will be handled in the department of agronomy.

T. E. York, an inmate of the Oregon penitentiary, has absolutely refused to accept a pardon at the hands of Governor West. The refusal baffled federal officers who were waiting to arrest him on a government charge.

All road supervisors of Lane county have been invited by the county court to attend a convention in Eugene February 8, when problems of road construction and repair will be discussed by men expert in road building.

The secretary of state has been furnished by the national government with figures showing the exact distribution of the timbered area of the state by counties. The data are obtained by the national forest service, and are used in figuring the apportionment of funds accruing to the various sections from the administration of the forest lands. This sum totals \$42,559.52.