

# SILVERTON WATER CASE AIRED AT OPEN MEETING

## OFFICIALS AND USERS PRESENT MOOT POINTS

Silverton—At a meeting of the so-called "water users organization" called by the president, Robert Scott, for the chief purpose of allowing Mayor L. C. Eastman to place before the members some necessary facts Monday night at the armory concerning the ins and outs of the workings of the Silverton water commission, the most progressive portion of the program was the suggestion and motion made by Attorney A. H. O. Nelson that Scott appoint a committee of three to wait upon the water commissioners and come to some definite and reasonable terms of settling the difficulties that have already advanced to no small proportions.

Judge P. L. Brown seconded the motion with the advice that the committee be made up of one reasonable and constructive demands and solutions advanced for the satisfactory adjustment of affairs between the users and the commission. Scott announced that he would appoint the committee within the next two days.

Mayor Eastman read a communication from the city attorney declaring illegal on practically every point of its presentation the initiative petition that was signed by 388 taxpayers asking the city council to induce the right of electing the water commissioners by a vote of the people for a term of two years instead of by appointment from council and mayor for a term of six years as the charter now provides. Should this question again be petitioned, Mayor Eastman explained the unwisdom of electing a completely new water board each two years, or any two years. Attorney P. E. Sylvester defended the demands of the people in asking the right to vote on the choice of water commissioners, and suggested that the desires of the people were made known and could be placed on the ballot if the council would it so.

The question of discrimination in rates and the results of refusal to pay exorbitant demands for the use of water held no small place in the discussions. Among the users representatives, statements were presented by Shepherd, Stalker and Thomas and a number of others as to the desires for reduced rates and the right of the people in the running of their own plant.

Mayor Eastman was introduced by Chairman Scott as speaker, and one who would attempt to answer the questions and aid in the solution of the problems that were the cause of the contention. The large group were one in appreciation of Mayor Eastman's efforts, and unanimously responded to the suggestion of Attorney Sylvester that a rising vote of thanks be extended the mayor for his help.

Eastman reviewed the history of the systems which include two, the Abiqua system and the city system. He told of the aid of the Silver Falls Timber company in assuming the cost burden of a large proportion of the Abiqua system, and gave the acquired figures in proof. Also how the charter was amended so the appointed commissioners could serve for six years rather than three years, which shortness of term had proven unsatisfactory; that the people had a right to the demand of published financial affairs of the commission; that the water commissioners, themselves, and not the council be approached on these subjects of dissatisfaction since the people had, in 1921, voted an amendment to the city charter taking the control of the water commission from the council and granting them power to act independently; how the rate change was made in May to benefit, in equalization of use of water, more than 70 per cent of the users; the sinking fund and other reserves made by the commission in case of emergency, or natural deterioration demands, necessitated such; the demonstration of the immediate need of many such repairs made positive by the showing to the people present the decayed condition of two large pipes that without doubt needed replacement; that the overflow of the open tanks was not a "waste" of water, but for sanitation; and the reading of numerous comparative reports in support of a reasonable amount for emergency funds and many conferences.

The mayor mediated successfully between a determined mass of people who wanted adjustment of rights and a commission of his own appointment who apparently were not pleasing these same people nor heeding their demands.

The brief summary of the trouble dates from the month of May when the commission equalized the rates.

## Elect Former Pastor To Be College Trustee

Hazel Green—The retiring pastor of the local church, Rev. Samuel Long, was elected a trustee of Philomath college at the annual conference of the United Brethren church held recently in Portland. Rev. P. N. Pontius, superintendent of the conference and Rev. Mitchell were also elected trustees.

## DANIELS WILL TALK AT ALBANY

Albany—Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the United States navy, during the Woodrow Wilson administration, and at present publisher of two state-wide papers in North Carolina, will speak Friday night in Tulelake Park. Carl Donough, state chairman of the state democratic committee, and Veri Williams, state publicity chairman met with Linn county democratic central committee to make arrangement this week-end.

The Benton county central committee will extend the invitation to Benton county residents to attend the meeting Friday, it was also announced.

Chairman Donough told of the state's plans for the coming campaign throughout the state. Donough predicts a landslide for Roosevelt in the presidential race this fall.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW TO OPEN SCHOOL 19TH

Mountain View—On next Monday, September 19 the school bells will ring again at the Mountain View schoolhouse on the Orchard Heights road, with the Misses Georgianna and Eleanor Briggs of Hermiston as teachers. This is their second year here and this year they will find school improvements made in the building during the summer by the school board. Mark A. Scheller did the work consisting of laying a new floor over the old, adding new eave troughs to the roof and re-laying all blackboards.

It is possible that a furnace will be installed before winter to replace the inadequate stove heating now in use in the rooms.

## Change Announced In School Affairs

Silverton—A decided change in the managing of the finances of St. Paul's parochial school has been arranged under the direction of Father Charles Raymond, rector of the parish. The schools, which will open September 19, will admit the pupils with no charge for tuition nor for school books as has been the former custom. The running expenses are taken care of by the efforts of the school maintenance club which provides a number of divisions in the parish, each resident group being responsible for the raising of certain amounts of money mainly by the giving of social events during the school term. Heads of each division are working on entertainment affairs for this purpose.

## At Health Meet

Amity—Mrs. J. A. Breeding, Mrs. George D. Thomas and Mrs. Clara Brownell attended the meeting of the Yamhill Health association held at Newberg Friday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Bilmeyer of Portland, a member of the state board of health, gave a talk on "The Economy of Disease Prevention."

## RICHES AT PORTLAND

Waldo Hills—Mrs. C. R. Riches, who has been confined to her bed for the past few weeks, is rapidly improving and was able to be up a part of both Saturday and Sunday. Friends are hoping that she will be able to be out again within a short time.

The objections to the users in a protest petition, the reversion to the old rates, the second petition, and the unheeding of the requests of the final petition.

The solution of the difficulties is now in the hands of a committee to be appointed by Scott, chairman of the users organization, who shall confer with the commission.

## IN THREE AUTO WRECKS SINCE FIRST OF JULY

Rickreall—Miss Doris Goodell, daughter of I. W. Goodell, rural mail carrier, was in a broken arm above the elbow early Sunday morning when the car in which she was riding on her way to the beach with four young companions, failed to make a sharp turn at Dolph corner near Salt Creek, turned over and skidded for some distance on its top.

The other occupants of the car, which was driven by George Gettemann, of Independence, were uninjured.

## FALL TERM TO OPEN SEPT. 19

Monmouth—The Oregon Normal school and training school, which is Monmouth's grade school, will open Monday, September 19 for the fall term. Among the new members on the teaching staff of the Normal school for this year are Miss Helen Anderson of Ashland, who will hold the position of Dean of Women; Miss Clara Trotter, who is to be supervisor of teacher training; Miss Eloise Buck, teacher of English; Dr. Barrows of Providence, Rhode Island, and Dr. Elmer Pendell, who comes here from the University of Oregon. He will teach history and economics. Supervisors in the training school will be Dora Scholtzky, Florence Beardsley, Neva Dallas, Lucille Wall and Ruth McClure.

The high school, which begins a week later, on Monday, September 26, will include all four years. The junior high school has been a part of the training school for several years. This year the freshmen classes have been returned to the high school building. F. M. Roth will again be principal. Other members of the teaching staff are Edith Clark, teacher of languages; Alfred Allen, manual training; and J. S. Bliven, J. Alfred Cox, recently assistant at the Normal school, will succeed R. E. Hathaway as coach.

Two new courses are to be added to the high school curriculum this year. Last year the students were taught the use of hand tools in the course of manual training which was offered for the first time. This year a hand-saw, lathe and a joiner will be added to the department. The other course will be domestic science, made possible through the courtesy of the board of higher education when it voted at the recent meeting in Portland to offer the use of the Normal domestic science equipment to the district.

## Weather Pleases

Woodburn—Mrs. A. E. Mason of Hopkins, Minn., who has spent the summer at the farm home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buschowsky, left Sunday for Portland where she will spend a week and then return to Oregon by her husband who returned to Minnesota after a visit of 10 days. This is the first visit of Mrs. Mason to Oregon and she is much impressed with the peaceful and quiet atmosphere after the violent storms of Minnesota.

## Hip Broken

Silverton—Mrs. Johanna Reese was taken to the Silverton hospital Monday morning where she is receiving medical care for a broken hip bone. She slipped and fell down some steps at her home on Chadwick street. She was taken first to a physician's office and later to the hospital.

## HAVE GUESTS

Woodburn—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler and son Eugene of Salem, and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballard of Salem were guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Beitz, Sunday. Mrs. Fowler is a sister of Mrs. Beitz.

## AT BREITENBUSH SPRINGS

Amity—J. W. Walling, rural mail carrier and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Newby are spending their vacation at Breitenbush springs. Newby is proprietor of the Amity meat market.

## Cowles Funeral Held In Montana

Woodburn—Word has been received from Montana that the body of Don Cowles, former Woodburn boy, who died at his home at Livingston Sunday morning, will not be brought here for burial but that funeral services will be held at Livingston Wednesday and interment will take place there. His mother, Mrs. E. H. Cowles of Woodburn, arrived in Livingston last week and his sister, Mrs. Cheestre Cox of Salem left for Montana Monday morning.

## GLEASON WILL FIGHT NUTTING

Albany—Albany's city election for November 8 began to show signs of activity yesterday, when petitions for the offices were being circulated. Vacancies exist in every city and councilmanic office this year.

City Recorder P. E. Nutting, for many years municipal judge, will be opposed this year by Ray Gleason of Albany, formerly of Brownsville, J. Q. (Dick) Rogers, city marshal, will be opposed by Leslie Minton, E. B. Williamson so far is unopposed for city treasurer.

It is understood that most of the members of the city council will be candidates for re-election. A strong rumor also persists that W. L. Jackson, one of the publishers of the Albany-Democrat-Herald will throw his hat into the mayoralty ring, as V. L. Galvan, mayor for several terms, does not expect to be a candidate this year.

## POPCORN SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 19

Orchard Heights—At the meeting of the school board of the Popcorn school held Tuesday evening, September 6, it was decided to begin school on Monday, September 19 as most of the workers in the fall harvest would be through by that time. Miss Josephine Smith of Portland will begin her second year as teacher of the school. The well at the school was to be thoroughly cleaned out and things to be in readiness.

Members of the board are Gene Southwick, James Best and Adrian Withers, re-elected at the annual meeting with L. Edward Reed the newly elected clerk.

## Monte Leonard Gets Fifty Dollar Fine

Silverton—Monte Leonard was arrested by local officers Saturday for possessing intoxicating beverages, pleaded guilty in Judge Brown's court of justice, Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was given a fine of \$50 and costs, which was reported paid by the offender. The raid was made at the apartment of Leonard near the offices of the Inter-urban Telephone company, where seemingly a party was in progress.

Silverton—John Rice and Joe Lytle returned yesterday from a visit in Vancouver, Wash., at the home of Lytle's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Specht.

## SEEK JUDGMENT AGAINST SALEM MAN IN DALLAS

Dallas—Three actions were filed in the clerk's office here Saturday. In one, Oscar Harty is seeking a judgment against F. N. Woody for the sum of \$145 and costs and disbursements. He alleges that he was employed by the defendant as an attorney in the case of Woody vs. F. M. Burk, E. C. Burk, and Clall Thomas. He states that this case was prosecuted to the final decree and that a reasonable fee for his services is \$150. Only \$5 of this has been paid.

Another case is that of A. H. Craven vs. I. M. Ivanovich. The plaintiff is seeking a judgment for \$300 and costs and disbursements. He alleges that the defendant drove a truck into a flock of sheep which were being driven along the Salem-Dallas highway near the Molson bridge and killed three ewes valued at \$300. The ewes were registered Romney sheep. He states that the defendant did not give warning of his approach, did not slacken his speed, was driving at a high rate of speed, and was driving in a careless and negligent manner.

The third suit filed against Ivanovich since the above accident is that of Beulah H. Craven vs. I. M. Ivanovich. She seeks damages to the extent of \$250 and costs and disbursements. She also alleges that the defendant drove into the flock of sheep and killed a Romney ewe known as Tipina 281 and valued at \$250. She charges the defendant with driving at a high rate of speed, driving carelessly and negligently, failing to give warning of his approach and failing to slacken his speed or stop when he sighted the sheep.

C. W. Carroll, who with an assistant was driving the sheep at the time of the accident has also filed a suit against Ivanovich for killing four Romney ewes belonging to him.

## SEXTON DRAGGED BY ANGRY HORSE

Ballston—Kenneth Sexton had a painful accident Sunday afternoon. After catching a horse in a pasture he proceeded to go to the barn when the horse started to run and Sexton having a rope around his body, was dragged for one-half mile. When the horse jumped a fence the rope broke thereby giving Sexton quite a jolt but freeing him from the rope and the fleeing horse. The extent of his injuries is not known.

## HOLD PUBLIC SALE

Perrydale—Herman Muller, who lives a few miles north of Perrydale is announcing a public sale to be held September 15, starting at 10 a. m. A free lunch is to be served at noon. Muller is disposing of his cows, horses and farm machinery and equipment. N. P. Nelson of Newberg will be the auctioneer. The Muller family is moving to the J. S. Parker place south of town which he recently purchased.

## Traffic and Booze Have Police Busy

Independence—Several traffic violations were reported by the officers on Saturday night owing to the congested traffic. Liquor charges were also filed in the local justice court and these will come up for hearing early this week.

There has been by far the largest registration of foreign cars in this vicinity, of any previous year during the months of August and September. A number of these are being held here pending compliance with the traffic regulations, some with expired licenses, others expired permits and others for violations of the traffic laws.

## 30-OLD CLUB HAS NEW OFFICERS

Amity—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the Amity Thirty Year club was held Friday evening in the Baptist church. All officers were re-elected to serve for another year. They are: President, M. T. Henderson; vice-president, J. M. Umphlette; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Ruble. It was voted to hold the annual program and banquet October 21 in the high school building. The various committees for this event will be appointed by the president.

## HOB0 PARTY AT ORCHARD HEIGHTS

Orchard Heights—The Orchard Heights neighborhood have greatly enjoyed a novel series of social affairs this summer, some of them being all day picnics, and lately a new feature, that of evening bonfires, is proving very popular.

The first was a "Hobo" party, with a big black kettle of "stew" cooked over an out-door fire at the Mcner Downells, the next was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Scheller and was a "ragamuffin" supper followed by group singing and outdoor games and at this one an invitation to attend a similar affair at the Spring Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Worthington was accepted. These are neighborhood activities and at some of them almost 100 have participated.

## Many Bear Signs

Solo—John Rockwell, foothill farmer, who was in Solo on business a few days ago, stated that bear signs in his section were becoming noticeable and that some of the farmers had reported losses of sheep, goats and poultry. Rockwell expects to lure some of the marauders into his traps.

Amity—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright of Salem were Saturday guests at the home of Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Dora Walling.

## PLANS GO AHEAD FOR MT. ANGEL ANNUAL EVENT

Mt. Angel—A meeting of the bazaar committee, appointed by Rev. Father Berthold, O. S. B., was held Sunday afternoon in the music room of St. Mary's school, in order to make arrangements for the coming annual bazaar. The committee included Frank Aman, John T. Bauman, Joseph Berni, Charles Bochsler, Cletus Butsch, Alfred Plicker, Alois Keber, Joseph J. Keber, Joseph Lebold, Joseph L. Wachter, Joseph Walker, Otto Wellman, Frank Hettner, Joseph Schmitt, Mike Weinacht, Fred J. Schwab, Joseph Sprauer, John Beyer, Albert Diehl, Stanley Duda, Charles Gilles, Philip Lutz, Jacob Berchold, and John Stecklein. The officers which were elected are as follows: Stanley Duda, chairman; Joseph Berni, vice-chairman; Alois Keber, secretary; and John T. Bauman, treasurer. It was decided that the bazaar this year will be held a month earlier, which will be October 23, instead of Thanksgiving day. A set aside for the bazaar in previous years. All soliciting committees, chairmen of other committees and assistants are requested to be present at a meeting which will be held Friday evening, September 16, at 8 o'clock in the St. Mary's school library. The country solicitors include Joseph Schmitt and Emil Zack for the Douglas road; Paul Wachter and Andrew Wachter, Jr. on the Marquam road east; William Fessler and F. Geschwill on the Marquam road north; Steve Seifer and Frank Frommel on the southwest; T. M. Marx and J. P. Erpelding on the North Howell road; Charles Gilles and Henry Humpert on the southeast road; M. Weinacht and David Brydon on the McKee road; Roy Fennimore and A. J. Ettlin on the east road; Norbert Butsch and Werner Hemmhorn northeast toward Gervais and Baron roads. The city solicitors include: business men solicitors, Mrs. M. J. Dardis and Mrs. George Lasser; northeast city, Phil Lutz and W. S. Smith; Otto Wellman and William Conrad on the north; Elizabeth Unger and Claudia Hasting on the southeast; John Hassler and Davis Shepard, west of the track. The raffie committee includes Mrs. R. O. Appleby, chairman; Mrs. Pauline Ecker, Misses Ann Erwert, Clara Keber, Marie Eberle, Dorothy Keber and Hilda Eberle. (Young men's sodality), couriers construction committee includes Jacob Bartnik, Henry Baker, Jacob Koppe, George Lassar, Henry Berning, Joseph Weiss, Joseph Stadler, Herman Nuttman, Joseph Foltz, Joseph Frank, Joachim Doll, P. H. Nehl, Joseph Weisner, Joseph Albert, William Conrad and Elmer Hittner.

Fred J. Schwab was appointed chairman of race track No. 1, and Joseph L. Wachter, chairman of

race track No. 2. Mrs. A. A. Klinger is chairman of the Beano table. Meals will be in charge of the St. Ann's society with Mrs. Anna Diehl as chairman. Candy booth will be sponsored by the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters with Mrs. Rose Ebnier in charge. Young men's sodality will take charge of the ice cream, sandwiches and cigars with Sylvester Schmitt, chairman. Pauline Salfeld will be chairman of the needlework; Theresa Dehler, chairman of the fish pond; Mrs. R. O. Appleby, chairman of the country store; E. J. Rehbert, poultry custodian, and the music will be under the direction of John Stecklein.

## ST. BENEDICT'S HAS 124 PUPILS

Woodburn—The 29th year of St. Benedict's school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 124 pupils. The teachers are Sister Mary Felicitas for the upper grades, Sister Mary Loba for the intermediates and Sister Mary Catherine for the primary grades.

Sister Mary Clementine will be Sister Superior and will teach music again this year. High school pupils desiring to earn a credit in music will have the opportunity.

## TWO NEW TEACHERS AT KEIZER SCHOOL

Keizer—School will open Monday, September 19 with two new teachers this year and two being rehired.

Several improvements were made at the schoolhouse this year, one being hot and cold water at all times. All the pupils are asked to come Friday, September 17 to receive their book list and be ready to go Monday. A much larger attendance is expected this year as several new families have moved in.

## Stumbles On Rope And Fractures Arm

Silverton—Mrs. Roy McEwen of Donald, and here on a visit with relatives, stumbled over some rope Thursday night while delivering milk at a neighbor's home and broke her right arm near the elbow. The elbow joint is also fractured in possibly two places. It is reported McEwen was away at the time, employed drying hops. Mrs. McEwen was brought from Donald to a Silverton physician Friday morning where it was determined that the bones could not be set until Thursday. The arm is badly swollen.

## TEACHER RETURNS

Amity—Mrs. Ina Pearl Allen who has been spending the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Olive Allen, east of Amity, left for Hillsboro Saturday where she is a member of the high school faculty. The Hillsboro school opened Monday.

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