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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

A RANK INJUSTICE

Rev. Geo. R. Varney, a Baptist minister of Baker City, is just now the butt of The Oregonian. His crime appears to be that of "too much to say."

How can any man claiming to be a law-abiding citizen, much less a professed Christian, live in Baker City which is notorious for its wide-open policies, and not agitate the question of law enforcement? Reverend Varney is trying to do what every loyal citizen ought to do, urge the enforcement of law and order in his town.

The farce enacted by C. A. Johns, mayor of Baker City, in saying "I will enforce the law if the majority of the people want it enforced" is sufficient to brand him as a traitor to good government and unworthy the respect of a civilized people. Mr. Johns as an attorney at law knows what the law requires of public officials. When he took his oath of office he swore to uphold the laws of the country and the wishes of the minority or the majority of the people had nothing to do with it, unless you admit that years before, the majority of the people said these laws should be enforced. His duty was mapped out clear and plain and he knew it. By his own statement he admits he can enforce the law if he wants to, but he doesn't want to unless the majority of the people petition him in no uncertain way to do so.

It is this kind of rot, this malfeasance in office on the part of public officials that is the cause of so much crime. Evil deeds ought not to remain unpunished; impunity affords continual incitement to the delinquent. And none know this better than The Oregonian. Why then turn its batteries loose on the one little God-fearing, fearless, loyal citizen who has the grit to stir up public sentiment in favor of law enforcement? Why not rake the guilty officials and assist in forcing them to do right? There are others beside the versatile editor of The Oregonian, who know this man Varney, we may truthfully say thousands of them scattered all over this Pacific coast, who know him to be a fearless man, an honorable man, a highly educated, capable, far-sighted man, a Baptist theologian of national reputation whose only wish is to help men and women to be better, who is assisting the right with all his might and is just as aggressive in denouncing the wrong wherever that is found.

And because of this, and the sympathy The Oregonian evidently has for those accused by Varney, it undertakes to flay poor Varney alive. Why? Because Varney happened to speak rather harshly of the Baker City clique. The Oregonian says Varney lied. It will take something more than the statements of The Oregonian to convince Varney's friends that he has lied or come anywhere near it.

"Home, the best place for a married man after business hours. The place where we are treated best and grumbled most."

The condition of the roads in the vicinity of Pleasant Home is somewhat appalling to those who have to travel them. Numerous reports have reached this office as to their condition, which should receive immediate attention from those whose business it is to see that they are kept in proper condition for travel. The Buoy road has become so bad that it is almost impossible for a team to pull an empty wagon over it. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Ekstrom, Clark and Streibins have been selected by the taxpayers of that vicinity to make an investigation as to the expenditure of the \$5140 that is supposed to have been spent on the roads in their district during the last six months. This committee is composed of substantial citizens who should have no difficulty in convincing the county court that it is time to do something.

There is no good reason why party should influence a man's vote in the choice of city or county officers. One's views on tariff, trusts, railroads and other matters of national importance have no more to do with his fitness for a county office than his opinions on medicine, diet or religion. The question is, not what does he belong to or what does he believe, but is he the best man for the place? His honesty, integrity, fearlessness, associations and abilities should be considered—and nothing else should be, in choosing a county officer.

If good citizens would generally disregard party in their voting for local officials, not only would machines and slates be badly broken, to the public benefit, but the advantage of nominating the best and fittest men would become increasingly evident to politicians. It is matter gratification that the independent vote is growing larger. When voters are free of the party harness the interests of all the people, rather than those of some of the people, will be served by their ballots. Pick out the best men next month, whether they are on your party ticket or not.

If the republican party is going to the bow wows the members of the republican party are to blame for it. If they want to revive it they may do so by complying with the will of the people; if they want to insure its disruption they may easily do so by sticking to machine methods.

The legislature and educational benefits to be derived from initiative and referendum laws can be greatly enhanced by poor Varney alive. Why? Because Varney happened to speak rather harshly of the Baker City clique. The Oregonian says Varney lied. It will take something more than the statements of The Oregonian to convince Varney's friends that he has lied or come anywhere near it.

Taxes will become delinquent the first Monday in April. If the full amount is paid on or before March 15, a rebate of three per cent will be allowed. If one-half of the above taxes is paid on or before the first Monday in April, the time for the remaining half will be extended to the first Monday in October; if not so paid and become delinquent, a penalty of 10 per cent and 12 per cent interest will be added.

Don't grumble at poverty; remember that the world has been enriched more through the poverty of its saints than by the wealth of its millionaires.

"Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

NEW ORDINANCES FOR GRESHAM

ORDINANCE NO. 35.
AN ORDINANCE granting to the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, franchise and privilege to erect and maintain poles and fixtures and string wires thereon; to construct underground conduits and lay wires thereon; and to string wires along, over, upon and across the streets, avenues and public places of the Town of Gresham, Oregon, or as the same may hereafter be extended, for the transmission of electric energy to be used and sold for light, power, heat and other purposes; and to establish, maintain and operate an electric light, power and heating service within the Town of Gresham, Oregon.

Be it ordained by the common council of the Town of Gresham as follows:
SECTION 1. That the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company, a corporation duly incorporated and organized under the general incorporation laws of the State of Oregon, having its principal office and place of business in the City of Portland, its successors and assigns, be and is hereby granted the right, franchise and privilege to erect and maintain poles and other fixtures with the necessary supports, crossarms and attachments, and string wires and cables thereon; and to construct underground conduits and lay wires thereon; and to string wires along, over, upon and across the streets, avenues and public places of the town of Gresham, Oregon, or as the same may hereafter be extended, for the transmission of electric energy to be used and sold for electric light, heat, power and other purposes; and to establish, maintain and operate an electric light, heat and power service within said city.

SECTION 2. That the poles of said Mount Hood Railway and Power Company, its successors and assigns, and the supports, crossarms and fixtures thereon herein authorized to be erected and maintained shall be erected and maintained and said wires shall be placed so as not to interfere with the free and unobstructed use of the streets of the said town, and said poles shall be erected and said wires placed at suitable points and at a reasonable height and subject to the reasonable control of the properly constituted authority of the Town of Gresham in the interests of its citizens.

SECTION 3. That whenever it shall become necessary in the construction, replacement or repair of said poles, conduits or wire system for said company, its successors or assigns, to dig into or in any manner interfere with any public street or any part thereof, said company, its successors or assigns, shall, without delay, put said street in as good condition as it was before it was so broken up, dug or disturbed, and shall remove from the street all surplus sand, dirt, rubbish or other material caused thereby. Provided further that at no time shall there be opened or disturbed more than three hundred (300) feet of any street, alley or public ground and any failure of the said company, its successors or assigns, to at once restore to its former condition any street, alley or public ground opened or disturbed as afore-

Registration opens for primaries January 6.
Close for election, April 7.
Primary election, April 17.
Registration reopens, April 21.
Close for election, May 15.
General election, June 1.
Registration reopens, September 20.
Close for election, October 20.
Presidential election, November 3.

Be careful in choosing companions; Seek only the brave and the true And stand by your friends when in trial, Ne'er exchanging the old for the new. And when by false friends you are tempted To do things wrong, which you know, With firmness, with patience and kindness, Have courage, my boy, to say "No."

"If any little words of mine May make a life the brighter, If any little song of mine May make a heart the lighter God help me speak the little word, And take my bit of singing And drop it in some lonely vale To set the echoes ringing.

"If any little love of mine May make a life the sweeter, If any little care of mine May make a friend's the fleetier, If any little lift may ease The burden of another, God give me love, and care, and strength, To help my toiling brother."

SECTION 4. That the maximum rate or charge for electric energy to be supplied by the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company, its successors or assigns, within the corporate limits of Gresham shall be as follows: For light, fifteen (15) cents per K. W.-hour; for heat and power, seven (7) cents per K. W.-hour, and it is herein agreed that the said corporation, its successors or assigns, shall furnish to the town of Gresham, upon request of its common council, such electric energy for the lighting of said city as may be required at its transmission line voltage and at its sub-station to be established therein, at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) cents per K. W. hour, or will supply incandescent lights for city use as may be ordered by the common council of said Town of Gresham at three (3) cents per K. W. hour.

SECTION 5. The said rights, privileges and franchise hereby granted shall terminate at the expiration of twenty-five (25) years from the date of the passing of this ordinance, and shall commence the day this ordinance comes in force. The common council shall at all times have the power and right to reasonably regulate in the public interest the rights, privileges and franchise hereby granted.

SECTION 6. That upon the expiration of the period for which this franchise is granted the Town of Gresham reserves the right at its election and upon payment thereof of a fair valuation therefor to be made and determined as provided by the charter of said Town to purchase as an entirety and take over to itself all that portion of the plant and property of the said Mount Hood Railway and Power Company, its successors and assigns, which may be situated in, on, above or under the streets, avenues and public places of the Town of Gresham, so far as the same may be necessary for the supplying of the Town of Gresham or the inhabitants thereof with electric energy.

SECTION 7. The work of constructing the said plant of the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company within the city limits of the Town of Gresham shall begin within three months after the final passage of this ordinance, and the said company shall be prepared to furnish electric energy within said city limits within nine (9) months thereafter. Default on the part of said Mount Hood Railway and Power Company in the performance of the provisions of this section shall operate as a forfeiture of this franchise.

SECTION 8. The right of use herein given shall not be exclusive and the common council of the Town of Gresham reserves the power to grant to any other person, corporation or co-partnership like privileges and franchises as herein granted to the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company.

SECTION 9. The said Mount Hood Railway and Power Company shall, within thirty (30) days after this ordinance shall be in force, file in the office of the recorder of this town a written acceptance of this ordinance and fran-

chise herein granted; and the failure on the part of said Mount Hood Railway and Power Company to file such written acceptance within the time herein specified shall be deemed an abandonment and rejection of the franchise, rights and privileges herein conferred, and this ordinance shall be forever null and void; and such acceptance by the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company shall be unqualified and shall be an acceptance of all the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this ordinance.

Adopted February 4, 1908. Approved February 4, 1908.
J. M. SHORT, Mayor.
Attest: D. M. ROBERTS, Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 36.
AN ORDINANCE giving and granting to the Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, franchises and rights to erect, maintain, use and remove poles, wires, cables, ducts for underground wiring, appliances and apparatus for conducting and using electricity in, under, upon and over any and all of the streets, alleys, roads, ways and public grounds of the Town of Gresham, in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, within the limits and boundaries of said town as said town now is and hereafter may be bounded and constituted and have its limits, and in, under, upon and over any and all public lands now and hereafter owned, or under the control of said town of Gresham, whether such lands at any time be inside or outside the limits or boundaries of said town as now or then bounded or constituted.

Be it ordained by the common council of the Town of Gresham:
SECTION 1. That Portland Railway Light and Power Company (a corporation incorporated, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, and having its principal office at the City of Portland, Oregon) its successors and assigns, for and during the term hereinafter provided, be and they are hereby given and granted the franchise and right to erect, maintain, use and remove electric light, electric power (and for any and all purposes for which electricity may now or hereafter be used) poles, wires, cables, ducts for underground wiring, appliances and apparatus and other poles, wires, cables, ducts for underground wiring, appliances and apparatus for conducting and using electricity (for supplying the Town of Gresham, in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, and its inhabitants and the public) in, under, upon and over any and all of the streets, alleys, roads, ways, and public grounds of or in said town within the limits and boundaries of said town as said town now is, and hereafter may be, bounded, constituted and have its limits, and in, under, upon and over any and all lands now and hereafter owned or under the control of said town whether said lands, at any time, be inside or outside the limits or boundaries of said town as now or then bounded or constituted.

SECTION 2. That said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, be and they are hereby given and granted the franchise and right to erect, maintain, use and remove electric light, electric power (and for any and all purposes for which electricity may now or hereafter be used) poles, wires, cables, ducts for underground wiring, appliances and apparatus for conducting and using electricity in, under, upon and over any and all of the streets, alleys, roads, ways, and public grounds of or in said town of Gresham, within the limits and boundaries of said town as said town now is and hereafter may be, bounded, constituted and have its limits, and in, under, upon and over any and all lands now and hereafter owned or under the control of said town, whether such land, at any time, be inside or outside the limits and boundaries of said town as now or then bounded or constituted, to enable or assist said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, to carry on and conduct its and their business elsewhere than in said town, as now and hereafter bounded, constituted and having its limits (or as a part of the business or system of said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns) for supplying railroads and other towns or cities and their inhabitants and the public with electricity. Provided, however, that said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, shall place no wires carrying a higher potential than 3000 volts, in, upon or over any of the streets, alleys, roads, ways or public grounds of or in said Town of Gresham, except upon such streets, alleys, roads, ways or public grounds as may, by resolution of the common council of said Town of Gresham be designated for such purposes. And said common council shall, from time to time, upon request of said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors or assigns, designate such streets, alleys, roads, ways and public grounds for said purposes.

SECTION 3. That said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, shall erect maintain and use such poles, wires, cables, ducts for underground wiring, appliances and apparatus so as not to interfere with the free and unobstructed use of said streets of roads, provided that it or they shall not be compelled to erect, maintain or use such poles, wires, cables, ducts, appliances and apparatus so as to prevent said Portland Railway Light and Power Company, its successors and assigns, from carrying on the business of furnishing electricity for light, power and any and all other purposes to said town or its inhabitants or to the public, or any thereof, or to any other town or city, or its or their inhabitants, or to the public.

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8:45	9:30	Troutdale	9:45	10:30
9:45	10:30	Clatskanie	10:45	11:30
10:45	11:30	Estacada	11:45	12:30
11:45	12:30	Scappoose	12:45	1:30
12:45	1:30	Longview	1:45	2:30
1:45	2:30	Wahkiakum	2:45	3:30
2:45	3:30	Walla Walla	3:45	4:30
3:45	4:30	Richland	4:45	5:30
4:45	5:30	Yamhill	5:45	6:30
5:45	6:30	Washington	6:45	7:30
6:45	7:30	Clatskanie	7:45	8:30
7:45	8:30	Troutdale	8:45	9:30
8:45	9:30	Gresham	9:45	10:30
9:45	10:30	Portland	10:45	11:30

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8:20	9:10	Besse Linn	8:30	9:20
9:10	10:00	Curtis	9:20	10:10
10:00	10:50	Patrol	10:10	11:00
10:50	11:40	Davis	11:00	11:50
11:40	12:30	Keedy Hill	11:50	12:40
12:30	1:20	Troutdale	12:40	1:30

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