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## BEST CONVENTION YET, EDITORS DECLARE

Newspaper Boys Hold Semi-Social Get-Together Meeting, in Which Only Active Newspaper Men Take Part in Discussions.

E. E. BRODIE SUCCEEDS TO THE PRESIDENCY.

Oregon City Proves Royal Host; Banquets Come Thick and Fast; P. E. L. & P. Co. and Pulp Mills Vie with One Another as Entertainers.

"The best convention and the most profitable one in the history of the Association," was the unanimous opinion of those who attended the annual meeting of the Oregon State Editorial Association at Oregon City Friday and Saturday. No one took part in the program but active newspapermen. Retiring President Bede of this city delivered the concluding address of the session.

Oregon City was voted a royal host. Editor Brodie of the Oregon City Enterprise was rewarded for his untiring efforts in making the entertainment part of the program a success by being elected to the presidency. Phil Bates was informally re-elected secretary. Sam Evans of Klamath Falls was elected vice president.

Fifty editors were present and every one entered heartily into the shop talks. The entertainment features were many but were not allowed to interfere with the business sessions.

Manager McBain of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co. gave a luncheon Friday. The Oregon City Commercial Club gave a banquet Friday night. The P. E. L. & P. Co. gave a banquet at Estacada Saturday afternoon after taking the editors through the big power plant and the Portland Commercial Club gave the editors a banquet Saturday evening.

Two of the most noteworthy addresses of the session were given by Sam Evans, of the Klamath Falls Northwestern, on "Foreign Advertising," and by L. A. Fernsworth of the Banks Herald. Lee Hendricks, editor of the Oregon Emerald, made a pleasing address, telling what the journalism department of the University of Oregon is doing.

The newspaper boys were much interested in the visit to the paper making mills.

## ANOTHER DISCUSSION OF PROHIBITION

A. L. Ruth, for over twelve years a member of the state legislature in Washington, and an interesting and entertaining speaker, will hold a meeting in the Armory at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, October 28. He will discuss the proposed prohibition amendment which is to be voted on at the forthcoming November election. Ex-Senator Ruth has been a student of political economy for many years. Admission will be free.

## String Beans Growing in Cottage Grove Gardens

String beans are still being picked in the Cottage Grove country, where there has as yet been no frost. Those with family gardens have been eating beans regularly and some have been sold through the stores. It is almost impossible to keep things from growing in the Cottage Grove country.

## Carpenters Would Repair Newly Completed Bridge

A good joke has leaked out on a couple of carpenters, whose names are withheld from publication.

It seems that City Engineer Nichols sent them to look at the Currin Park foot bridge to see what repairs would be necessary to put it in safe condition. Evidently not familiar with the bridges in that vicinity, the men found the newly constructed Tyler Street bridge and had spent considerable time in trying to find flaws in the wood work before they realized that it could not be the bridge that had been condemned.

## FIRE WHISTLE HAS VALVE TWO FEET HIGH

Cottage Grove's fire whistle has arrived. It is a monster affair, the valve being two feet in length and four inches across. The whistle was made necessary by the fact that so many did not hear the bell, especially at night. There seems little reason to doubt that the whistle will be heard.

It will be installed at once at the electric light plant. Fire Chief Woodruff plans to try it out Monday night at the regular drill and has asked citizens not to become alarmed on that occasion.

After you have read this copy of The Sentinel, pass it along to a neighbor, if you have one who doesn't take the paper and you don't wish to keep it for reference.

## Berries Still Ripen Around Cottage Grove

The year-round prolificness of the Cottage Grove soil and climate is testified to by the fact that strawberries are still in the market and bring only a moderate price. Some from the J. A. Prophet ranch have been on sale during the past week. Mallie Miller and James Groom have ripe raspberries, the fruit appearing on this year's growth.

## Grove Escapes Again.

Cottage Grove seems to be fortunate in escaping injury from the storms that create damage elsewhere. While injury to property is reported from down the valley in the heavy wind Sunday, so far no damage has been reported in this section.

## Candidate Booth May Come Here.

Robert A. Booth, candidate for the United States Senate, may speak in Cottage Grove the Monday before election. His friends here have been urging him to spend one day here and that is the only open date he has between now and election.

## SMITH'S ADDRESS IS CONTRAST TO THAT OF WEST

Confines Himself to Telling of Own Qualifications for Office; Does Not Speak Word Derogatory to Candidates of Other Party.

The address of Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, made here Saturday afternoon, was a remarkable contrast to the addresses being given by West in the interests of the candidacies of Smith and Chamberlain. Dr. Smith's talk was a straightforward discussion of national and state issues and was free from abuse of the opposing candidates or of any candidate on the opposition ticket.

Dr. Smith simply told the people what he stands for and promised to carry out a few reforms already inaugurated by his predecessors in office, George E. Chamberlain and Oswald West. He said he had a mission that he would be glad if the people of the state would give him an opportunity to carry out.

One of the principal topics discussed by Dr. Smith was the enormous rate of increase in the taxes in this state. He declared that while the population and wealth of the state have increased only 50 per cent in a given time the taxes have increased 240 per cent. He declared that one of the main reasons for this great increase is the large appropriations made by the legislature. He declared that Dr. James Withycombe, his opponent at the election, advocates harmony between the legislature and the governor but that harmony, in his opinion, would mean still larger appropriations and a larger tax rate. "I believe in harmony and peace," said Dr. Smith, "but I do not want to pay such a price for it." Dr. Smith stated that had there been harmony between Governor Chamberlain and the legislature and harmony between Governor West and the legislature the appropriations would have been several millions of dollars greater than they were.

Dr. Smith said he favors economy; that he does not believe in extravagance in governmental affairs any more than he does in his own private business affairs. "If I am elected governor I want to do something in a business way for the state. I want the business of the state conducted on the same plane and basis as anyone's private business affairs are conducted," said the doctor.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. W. W. Oglesby.

When you get The Live Wire you get something.

## Oswald Is Afraid to Meet Booth

Records Show Reasons Why Governor Hesitates and Sidesteps When Challenged to Debate With Candidate

ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR WEST has been forced into tentatively agreeing to a debate between himself and Senatorial Candidate Booth, in which he will attempt to buck up his attacks upon Mr. Booth with proof of their truth, his attempt to evade the proposed debate shows that he is afraid to meet an audience where Mr. Booth will have an opportunity to defend himself as the charges are made. The Sentinel wouldn't be surprised if the intrepid governor would become suddenly indisposed just in time to prevent such a debate. The governor is resourceful in finding ways not to do what he don't want to do and The Sentinel is not at all certain that Oswald will stand up to the music.

WITH BLARE OF TRUMPET and glare of limelight, our modest governor announced some time ago that unless Booth supporters danced to West music, he would tell how Booth got his money, insinuating that he was keeping to himself information that would be harmful to the Republican candidate. He was surprised to find that the Republicans were not thus intimidated, that they honestly believed their candidate worthy and wanted to be un deceived if they were supporting a candidate who was not worthy. They demanded that West tell what he claimed to have "on" Mr. Booth instead of peddling blind insinuations. Oswald was forced to tell, but what a flat story it was. He told not a thing that had not been mouthed a thousand times during the campaign.

But, uncharged, Oswald continues his "carrion feast" and is traveling up and down the state accusing Booth of crimes that would put the latter in jail for the rest of his natural life were there any truth in the accusations. Knowing that he can prove that Governor West is maliciously lying, Mr. Booth has challenged West to a public debate in which West shall attempt to prove his promiscuous charges.

But the intrepid Oswald, the conqueror of Copperfield, the gory gladiator who falls absent foes with a snafroid that would do credit to the mightiest warrior of all times, gets wobble-legged when asked to meet his opponent face to face. He side steps. He hedges. He evades the issue. He trembles. He doesn't give a direct answer to the challenge. He is afraid to. He fears that he will be hooted out of court when Candidate Booth presents the real facts in opposition to West's frenzied frothings.

The fact that West hesitates to meet Booth is absolute evidence that West knows he has been bearing false witness, that he has not the evidence to prove his nasty, dirty charges. He knows that Booth has got him into a hole from which he can not extricate himself.

IT IS A STRIKING FACT that despite all the vilification of Mr. Booth, not one word has been spoken against his acts in private life. His irreproachable morals, his temperance in habits and speech, his love for home, his faithfulness to friends, his unostentatious charities, were too well known to be successfully attacked. Mr. Booth's qualifications for the position his friends have urged him to seek, his ability to do something for Oregon, have not been questioned.

The only charge that has been made against Mr. Booth is that the companies with which he has been connected (he has never owned more than a one-tenth interest in the Booth-Kelly Company) got some of their timber and lands unlawfully. The specific accusation is that the Booth-Kelly company furnished money to homesteaders with which to take up claims, agreeing to sell to the company when the titles were perfected.

Here are the facts so far as they can be secured from the records: Mr. Booth was one of those indicted at the time of the notorious land fraud cases.

It has since developed that the crimes with which some of Oregon's best citizens were charged were mild compared to the crimes that were committed in trying the cases. Francis Heney will have to answer to his creator for the life of Oregon citizens whose death resulted from his criminal methods of persecution. Those who lived in Oregon at that time need not be reminded of the injustice done at that time in the name of justice.

Mr. Booth was shadowed in his home. He was trailed from coast to coast by detectives. He was hounded by personal enemies and political sleuths supported by the vast treasury of the general government. All the infinite details of the great business of a corporation with which he was connected were gone through as with a fine tooth comb. The methods adopted by the prosecution have been publicly denounced as outrageous and corrupt in an official opinion rendered by an Attorney-General of the United States.

Mr. Booth was indicted by a Federal grand jury, and in spite of his demands for a speedy trial, the indictment was held over his head for nearly four years. At the trial he introduced not one word in defense, yet the jury acquitted him on the first ballot—and now the Democrats are trying the case all over again.

Of all of the thousands of acres that have been owned by the companies in which Mr. Booth is or has been interested, the titles to 99 per cent were initiated before Mr. Booth's companies were even organized. The titles to nearly all the land were perfected long before Mr. Booth ever thought of buying an acre of timber land and in all the persecution the title to 99.9 per cent has never been questioned. The title to but one-tenth of one per cent has ever been attacked. The title to less than one acre out of every thousand has ever been attacked. Where is there a corporation in the country that can show a cleaner record?

Mr. Booth's kind-heartedness resulted in the only cases in which a shadow of suspicion has attached to his company. These cases are now before the supreme court of the United States. These cases were tried in the court of Judge Robert S. Bean, known and respected all over Oregon. The story of Mr. Booth was accepted as true. On appeal it was reversed by a trio of judges in San Francisco.

From that reversal the company has appealed to the supreme court of the United States and until that appeal is settled it is entitled to such a suspension of public opinion as would be awarded to even the meanest criminal.

These cases grew out of four claims taken by two sisters, a brother and a sister-in-law of Mrs. Booth. Mr. Booth, with his usual frankness, acknowledges that locators from his company located these claims for his wife's relatives and that he gave them other material assistance. What husband would not do as much for his wife? The titles to these lands have never passed to the company and there never was any agreement that they should. Deeds to these lands are held in trust as a guaranty. Nothing more.

Mr. Booth says, and thus testified when on trial, that he or his company have never acquired an acre of land dishonestly and never advanced money to anyone who was to secure title to government land for the purpose of selling it to Mr. Booth or his company. The Sentinel believes this statement, which has never been disproved. If it is not an honest statement, The Sentinel would be pleased to be un deceived. If it will give publicity to anyone who will furnish affidavits to the contrary. If no such affidavits are produced it must be taken for granted that the statement of Mr. Booth is true. In that case he is entitled to the votes of those who deary dirty, malicious vilifications without cause therefor.

MR. BOOTH HAS SPENT the entire 56 years of his life in this state. He started out as a boy of 10 years to make his own way in the world and to help support his father's family. He turned his hand to anything that was offered. He was industrious and faithful to every trust. He was a filial son. He has been a devoted husband and father. He has been a good citizen. He has led an absolutely clean life. In every relation, at home, in business, in his church, in public life, he has measured up to all of the demands and responsibilities of good citizenship. He has committed two crimes. One was in achieving success. The other was in becoming a Republican candidate for the United States Senatorship. If he were today the Democratic candidate for Senator he would have the enthusiastic support of every Democratic newspaper in the state.

Let those who have accused Mr. Booth of crimes prove their case. The columns of The Sentinel are open for that purpose and there is yet sufficient time. If Mr. West dares not meet Mr. Booth in debate, that is sufficient proof that he is not able to prove his charges and that the voters should show their disapproval of the dastardly campaign against Mr. Booth by giving him an unanimous vote.

## Giant Radish Weighs 6 Pounds, 10 Ounces

A giant of the radish family was brought into the city Thursday by R. W. Loomis. The monstrosity tipped the scales at 6 pounds and 10 ounces and might easily be taken for a mangel beet were not the radish markings so plain. It is a hybrid.

## Dr. Withycombe Visits Voters.

Dr. Withycombe, republican candidate for governor, was in the city Thursday. A meeting was planned for him, but owing to its interference with the sessions of the Lane County Veterans' Association, it was given up.

## Row River Lumber Co. Now Running with Full Crew.

The Row River Lumber Co. began sawing Monday morning. They have orders on hand which will keep them busy for at least four months.

## CIGAR AND CONFECTIONERY STORES MAKE CHANGE IN FIGHT

Store Sells to County Attorney, Deputy Sheriff and Own Attorney and Friendly Suit Is Started.

The cigar stores of the county have adopted a new method for testing the Sunday closing law and no injunction will be asked against the county attorney. The first moves in the new method adopted have been made. On Sunday the Club Cigar Store of Eugene, upon agreement with the attorneys, sold cigars to County Attorney Devers, a deputy sheriff and an attorney for the cigar stores. The proprietor of the cigar store was formally put under arrest, tried before the police judge and fined \$25. The case will be taken before the circuit court on a writ of review.

The case is to be a friendly one and the proprietors of the cigar stores and confectionery stores are all willing to abide by the law if the case goes against them in the courts, but are determined to find out for all time whether they will be allowed to do business on Sunday.

A fund thought to be sufficient to carry the case through the courts has been made up by those affected by the recent ruling. Not only have the Eugene dealers contributed but nearly every cigar dealer and confectionery store proprietor in the other cities of the county have paid into the fund to pay the attorneys and to meet all the necessary expenses to take the matter to the circuit court and, if necessary, to the supreme court of the state.

## CANDIDATE KING SPEAKS AT CRESWELL

Is Against Mortgage Tax, Ferninst School Supervisory System and for Prohibition.

Creswell, Ore., Oct. 17.—Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, and Alta King, democratic candidate for representative from Lane County, spoke at the Creswell opera house tonight to a fair sized audience.

Mr. King, who spoke previously to Dr. Smith, came out flat-footed for state and national prohibition, advocated a change in the present system of tax collecting, advocated the abolishment of the tax on real estate mortgages and the abolishment of the present school supervisory system. He also advocated better roads.

The meeting was gracefully presided over by Chester Noland, editor of The Chronicle.

If a want ad. in The Sentinel gets you something you don't want, just put in another ad. and get rid of the article.

## Inspector Stewart Believes County Pays Him Too Much

County Fruit Inspector Stewart of this city is an odd county official. He is trying to arrange things so that the county won't have to pay him so much money. To this end he has conferred with the county court about the appointment of deputy inspectors at fruit centers of the county who would only be paid for actual time when their services should be required.

It often becomes necessary for Inspector Stewart to go all the way from his home at Cottage Grove to Junction City and other distant points for the purpose of inspecting a small shipment, thereby incurring expenses to the county for the trip. If a deputy were provided at these different points the deputy could do this work, charge so much per hour and save the county the expense of the railroad fare, meals and labor of the county inspector.

It might be well to explain that Inspector Stewart holds the job merely because of the interest he takes in the fruit industry of the county. He is without doubt the most experienced fruit man in the county and the wages received for the work performed probably are not in proportion to the value of the service rendered. He charges the county only for actual time and his proposition of deputy inspectors would be an actual saving to the county and at the same time give Mr. Stewart more time for his other extensive business interests.

## VETERANS UNITE IN BIG TWO DAY SESSION

Old Soldiers from Over Entire County Participate in Sixteenth Annual Reunion of the Lane County Veterans' Association Held Here.

SPEECHES AND PROGRAM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

C. M. Dority Elected President, B. F. Crum, First Vice President, Geo. W. McReynolds, Second Vice President; Ed. A. Kreamer, Secretary.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the Lane County Veterans' Association came to a successful close Friday afternoon, after two days of solid enjoyment on the part of the "old boys."

The first formal feature of the program was the meeting in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, when the following program was rendered:

Music by the Band  
Address of Welcome... Mayor Chambers  
Reply... J. F. Beytine  
Piano Solo... Miss Francis Hamloth  
Address... J. S. Medley  
Male Quartet—"I Can't Always Trace the Way." Messrs. Aldrich, Richmond, Umphrey, Mackin.  
Reading... L. A. Ralston  
Music by Band

Reading... Miss Eunice VanDenburg  
Reading... Miss Thelma Jones  
Reading... Miss Hazel Spray  
Male Quartet—"Hail to Our Country's Flag."  
"The Star Spangled Banner."  
Friday forenoon there was a big parade on the streets and a sumptuous dinner at noon in the Armory. At the business meeting in the afternoon Springfield was selected as the next meeting place and officers were elected as follows: C. M. Dority, president; B. F. Crum, first vice president; George W. McReynolds, second vice president; J. F. Beytine, third vice president; Ed. A. Kreamer, secretary, and James O'Futt, treasurer.

There were present at the reunion 77 veterans of the Civil War, three Spanish war veterans, one Indian war veteran (Continued from page 2)

## DR. FROST IS NOW OFFICER IN MEDICAL CORPS

Dr. C. E. Frost of this city has received his commission as first lieutenant in the medical corps of the Oregon National Guard. He took the examination a short time ago.

The county clerk's force estimates that 16,000 Lane County voters have registered, although definite figures cannot be obtained for several days. A large number of names have been sent in by mail since the books closed and it will take a week or more for the force to transfer these names from the blanks to the books and to make a complete count.

## Seedling Peaches Grow to Eleven Inches in Circumference

C. S. Whitlock was exhibiting some peaches yesterday afternoon that were grown on a seedling, but were nevertheless of delicious flavor and of tremendous size. The largest ones were ten and eleven inches in circumference.

Mr. Whitlock also had some Jonathan apples that were as rosy-cheeked as if raised in a country where the sun never sets.

## FALLS OFF ROOF; INJURIES MAY BE FATAL

L. D. Estes of Silk Creek suffered injuries a few days ago from which it is doubtful if he will recover. He was working on the porch of the new O. C. Leichterhand home when he slipped and fell to the ground. He struck on the side of his head and suffered a severe concussion that has resulted in partial paralysis.

C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, reports that he has found another case of near blight and that prompt measures have been taken to eradicate the pest. This time the blight has been discovered in a small orchard 15 miles southwest of Eugene on Coyote Creek.

W. E. Dodge of West Woodburn was here yesterday looking at a farm on Coast Fork for which he may trade his grocery stock at West Woodburn.