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OFFICERS FOR 1916 CHAUTAUQUA ELECTED

There Will Be Change of Program Each Day This Year.—Enthusiasts Meet and Arrange to Make Undertaking a Financial Success.

ERNEST PURVANCE IS PRESIDENT THIS SEASON

Witepskie's Royal Hungarian Orchestra and Mr. Franzke Are Only Numbers on Program Last Year That Will Have Place This Year.

Plans for the most successful chautauqua Cottage Grove has ever had are under way. The following officers were elected at an enthusiastic meeting of boosters at the commercial club Monday night:

President, Ernest Purvance; vice-president, C. E. Umphrey; secretary-treasurer, Roy Smith. The president was authorized to appoint an advisory committee to assist him in the work of selecting committees for the active work in making the big meet a financial success.

The program will change each of the six days this year and there is a large array of the best talent on the program.

Witepskie's Royal Hungarian Orchestra, which was here last year, will be the musical piece de resistance.

Witepskie and his musicians form a most pleasing combination. Every member a musician and soloist, the ensemble work of the organization is without equal. Witepskie is coming back because the people demanded him and no other could fill his important place on the chautauqua program.

Elizabeth de Barrie Gill, harpist, contralto singer and entertainer, is a delightful "three-in-one" concert. Mrs. Gill is one of those rarely gifted people who touch nothing that they do not adorn. Her \$1000 gold harp is one of the richest toned instruments in America. In her hands the harp becomes as popular an instrument as the piano or violin. The sounding board that will be built for the chautauqua platform will accord perfect acoustic properties. Mrs. Gill has a sweet contralto voice and sings to her own accompaniment those home ballads and folk songs best adapted to the evening murmur of the harp.

S. Platt Jones is the chautauqua's prescribed tonic for the risibles. Mr. Jones is an entertainer with a wealth of drollery and refined fun. He cannot be classified, imitated or counterfeited. Jones, the inimitable veteran of the chautauqua and lyceums of America, where he has in his remarkable career, won the hearts of the enthusiastic thousands who have been privileged to hear him, is as distinct a character as the famous humorists to whom he is so often compared—Mark Twain, Bill Nye, and Petroleum V. Nasby. He appears on the first night of the chautauqua.

The Boston Lyric Opera company will present an enlightening program of popular and classic selections, featuring a costumed rendition of that most delightful of comic operas, Martha. The members of the company are singers of wide experience and accomplishment, particularly in light opera.

Ernest J. Sins, the community development man, is coming to chautauqua. Mr. Sins is a heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder town organizer for better business, social and educational facilities. He has made this subject a life study.

In chautauqua parlance Elliott A. Boyd is known among managers everywhere as "a sure thing." He not only makes good as a lecturer, but he has never appeared anywhere that chautauqua and lyceum managers all over the country have not been besieged with requests for a return date. Mr. Boyd is both an inspiring and entertaining speaker.

BIG BOND ISSUE NOT TO BE ON MAY BALLOT

Petitions Lacked 275 Names When the Time Limit for Filing Expired.

There will be no \$700,000 bond issue on the primary ballot in Lane county in May.

The time limit for filing the petitions expired Thursday and the petitions lacked about 275 of the number of names required, according to W. J. Sheridan, representative of the Warren Construction company, who has taken an active part in the campaign.

"Although we shall not bring the issue up in the primaries, we have not abandoned it altogether," said Mr. Sheridan, "but will go ahead with the petitions and have them ready by the November election. We did not push the matter at this time because we did not wish to put upon the county the cost of a special election. Then, too, we have been unable, in the month we have been working on the proposition, to reach a sufficient number of voters."

Sell and buy with Sentinel want ads

Commissioners Downed at Spelling Contest

"Spell 'Wednesday,'" said the teacher.

"W-e-d-n-e-s-d-a-y," came the cautious response from George M. Hawley, county road supervisor.

"Go to the foot of the line," commanded the teacher. "Wednesday is spelled with a capital."

"Spell 'twenty-one,'" she demanded of the next in line.

J. R. McKy, a brother road inspector, tried this one.

"T-w-e-n-t-y-o-n-e," he carefully spelled.

"Go to the foot of the line," again commanded the teacher.

"You forgot the hyphen."

The two road inspectors were on a trip through the McKenzie river country, inspecting roads. They stopped in Leaburg Friday night and were prevailed upon to attend the Leaburg school and participate in a spelling bee held that night.

M. H. Harlow also was on the trip and was spelled down, but just what word he went to the foot of the line on, the reporter could not ascertain.—Eugene Guard.

RICH STRIKE AT PLACER MINE REPORTED

Mud Is Said to Be Panning Precious Metal at the Rate of One Thousand Dollars a Yard—Other Rich Strikes Indicate Active Season This Year.

A strike of ore than pans \$1000 to the yard has been reported from the placer mine being operated by Medley brothers on Steamboat river in the Bohemia district. This is the first big placer strike that has been reported for a number of years, but it is reported that a strike at the Champion mine some time ago uncovered the richest of many rich strikes made in quartz mining in the district. It seems certain that there will be an unusually active season in the district this year.

VISITOR IS MUCH PLEASED WITH THE GROVE COUNTRY

Former Baptist Pastor Is Spry of Mind and Body at the Age of 84 Years.

Rev. W. H. Dorward of Eugene, who visited here during the past week, has been very much impressed with the Cottage Grove country, of which he saw a great deal while here. He was delighted with the beautiful scenery and took long hikes into the numerous valleys about the city. Having served as pastor of the Baptist church, most recently at Modesto, Calif., he attended services at the Baptist church here and spoke highly of the work of Pastor VanGorkum. Rev. Dorward is a friend of forty years of Rev. E. G. O. Grant, pastor emeritus of the local Baptist church. Rev. Dorward returned Monday to Eugene, where he is receiving medical treatment. He is 84 years of age but is quick and spry both of mind and body. While here he was the guest of his nephew Max Dorward, his cousin William Dorward, and of Cyrus Handy, Rev. Grant and others. He missed his absent brother, George.

Frank Woodruff Again Fire Chief.

The following officers were elected by the Cottage Grove Volunteer fire department at their meeting Monday night: Chief, Frank Woodruff; secretary-treasurer, Worth Harvey; captain of east division, S. R. Smith; captain of central division, Chet Churchill; captain of west division, George Matthews; manager chemical engine, W. A. Ward. Reports of officers were read and the meeting was followed by refreshments at the Elite.

Legal blanks.—The Sentinel.

FLIES FEWER, RESULT OF ANNUAL CLEAN UP

Health Officer Active in Enforcing the Laws About Allowing Breeding Places in the City.

The cleanup campaigns of the past few years have had a material effect upon the number of flies, in the opinion of Health Officer Oglesby, who says the difference in the number of filth carriers was very apparent last year. Dr. Oglesby strictly enforces the ordinances regarding keeping manure and fly breeding filth cleaned up and treated in a manner to prevent the hatching of the flies.

He will probably declare a clean up week during April but says there is no reason why the commercial club should not promote another during May. There cannot be too much cleaning up, in his opinion.

County Clerk Is Mad, Mad, Mad

Letter to Editor of The Sentinel Is Ridiculous Display of Temper, Bile and Venom, Seasoned to Taste With Peppery Billingsgate.

Sentinel's Assaults Upon Extravagance at the Court House Have Stirred County Officer Almost as Much as Taxpayers.

The war on extravagance is proving as contagious as the war in Europe. In two weeks the whole county has taken up arms. Taxpayers are freely making assertions about the conduct of affairs at the county seat that we cannot put into print. The Sentinel is every day being requested to investigate charges made of extravagance or neglect of duty by county officials. We are investigating the charges as far as we are able, but will not state what the charges are until we satisfy ourselves whether or not they have foundation. We wish to be fair to those concerned.

Several taxpayers have asked us to investigate how a large amount came to be wasted in postage a few years ago by sending a tax statement for each piece of property, resulting in one person receiving a dozen or fifteen letters, when one would have sufficed. There is no question that this happened and we expect to give the facts in connection therewith in an early issue.

We had expected this week to take up the affairs of another part of the county government, but the demand upon the part of the county clerk that we publish correspondence that has passed between us makes it necessary to devote another issue to that office.

Some time ago we learned that a county officer received his campaign cards as a gift from one of the Eugene printing offices which is favored with most of the county business. While it might not be a great crime for a county officer to receive such favors, it seemed to us that such action would indicate that too high a price was being paid for county printing.

As the county clerk's office has the largest amount of printing we wished to know if favors were extended in proportion to that office. Knowing positively that such favors were extended to an office having but a very little printing, we might easily have taken it for granted that an office having a large amount of printing would be similarly favored.

But we wished to be fair with the county clerk, so we wrote the following letter, sending it by registered mail:

Mr. Stacy M. Russell,

Eugene, Oregon.

DEAR Mr. Russell: For use of the ordinance department, will you kindly inform me whether or not it has been customary for print shops to which you have given printing to furnish you with campaign cards or other campaign printing? I know that it has been done with at least one other officer and I presume you have been no exception to the rule. Do you anticipate that you would be furnished with any printing free this year (in return for favors shown) in case you should need any? I trust that you will give this immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT BEDE.

To this we received the following reply:

Eugene, Oregon, Apr. 8, 1916.

Mr. Elbert Bede,

Editor Cottage Grove Sentinel,

Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Sir: Replying to your registered letter of yesterday, in which you demand an immediate reply, and ask if I have

ever received, or expect to receive, any printing of campaign cards or other campaign matter free from any print shop, in return for favors shown, I desire first to say that I consider your letter an insult by implication, but as it is along the same line as your other insinuations, insults, and misrepresentations published in your paper recently, I am not at all surprised. No, Bede, I have never, nor do I ever expect to receive any campaign cards or other campaign matters FREE from any print shop. My experience has been that print shops doing this work have charged full price, and justly expected and received payment in cash for all work done.

I have also been expected, by merchants, to pay for groceries, drugs, clothing, etc.,—however, with these latter persons, I have, on several occasions, been presented free with advertising calendars, almanacs, sample pills and cough remedies, and on one or two occasions, my wife has been presented with a small bag of candy. But from a print shop! No, Bede, I have never received anything free, and from your kind, nothing free but criticism and abuse.

Assuming that I had ever received a gift of the kind, would it necessarily follow that it would have been through motives of illicit gain, that your fellow printers should do these things? Have you followed this practice so much with these motives in mind, that your brain has become perverted with the belief that no printer or public officer does business honorably?

Your letter, Bede, by the insinuations (Continued on page 2.)

Discrepancies Found in Douglas County.

In Douglas county an investigation by an expert accountant has uncovered apparent discrepancies of several hundred dollars in the offices of the county clerk, sheriff and treasurer.

Cutting Down Extravagance.

Salem, Ore., April 10.—By reducing the operating expenses of his department Corporation Commissioner Schulderman has saved the state \$3737.39 during the first nine months of the current fiscal year, according to a report submitted by him to Governor Withycombe.

Taxpayers of Lane county would appreciate county officers of this class.

One Time They Didn't Get Together.

The Springfield News has had quite a bit to say regarding extravagance at the county court house. Commenting on the raw deal when two Eugene printers were told that they "had better get together" and outside printers were refused an opportunity to bid, the News says:

"The Sentinel comments also upon the fact that the two bids submitted on the ballots were so close together—\$16.50 by the Guard and \$16.30 by Yoran & Koke. 'Twas not always so, for Deputy Clerk Lee told us at the same interview, of the bids for large envelopes for use by election judges. On these the Guard bid \$62.50, and Yoran & Koke bid only \$190."

Deputy Assessor Taking Orders for Clothing

A good story is being told on Al Elledge, deputy assessor. He carries with him a large book in which he keeps his blanks to be filled out and sworn to by those who give as near the cash value of their property as they think the other fellow is doing. Mr. Elledge assesses the residents of the country outside the city limits, but finds that he can make quicker time by remaining in town and interviewing the farmers as they come in to do their trading.

A farmer not used to the system had watched Mr. Elledge buttonhole several farmers, write in his book and then get them to sign up.

He made up his mind that he wasn't going to be taken in, so when the deputy assessor approached him he turned him away by saying, "Nope, absolutely nothing doing; I don't want a suit of any kind today."

CITY COUNCILMEN FIND WATER IS PURE

Inconvenience of Mud Not Minimized But Danger of Contamination Found Negligible.—State Health Officer to Make Inspection.

That the danger of contamination to the city's water supply is negligible, seems to be the consensus of opinion of members of the city council and others who visited the Prather creek watershed Sunday. The dirt that has come down in the water as a result of logging operations is, of course, regrettable and has been the cause of much criticism, but there will be no complaint from that source after a few days, except after rains.

The members of the council found conditions just as reported by the commercial club committee. While they found that the distance to the water from the upper camp house is so great that contamination from this source, with the precautions that are taken, is practically impossible, they will probably recommend the digging of the ditch suggested by the commercial club committee, which will encircle the upper camp house and carry all seepage over into the Layng creek watershed.

The council found the logging company ready to do anything reasonable asked of them.

The members of the council have for some time thought it would be wise to take the intake up Layng creek as far as Juniata or Dinner creek, which is above all logging operations, and only lack of funds has prevented this being done. It is possible that a recommendation will be made that this be done.

In the party that made the trip were A. A. Richmond, R. E. Walker, G. O. Knowles, T. C. Wheeler, all members of the council; Mayor Chambers, Herbert Eakin, L. S. Hill and A. J. Armstrong.

State Health Officer Roberg was expected here Monday and was to be accompanied to the watershed by Alderman Kime, but he did not arrive to make the trip. He will probably make an inspection within a day or two.

Mrs. J. A. Abeene Dies.

Mrs. J. A. Abeene died at her home at London April 5 at the age of 35 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Mary Bell Gilham was born June 13, 1880, at Mason Valley, Lyon county, Nev., came to Oregon with her parents when five years of age and was married at Oakland, Douglas county, September 25, 1898. The husband and the following children, all living at home, survive: Harold, Ivan, Zelma, Dortha, Claud and Claris.

LIFE AND DEATH SADLY MIXED IN GROVE HOME

Stork Brings Gift to Mrs. Chas. Pleu-ard While Death Stands Guard in Adjoining Room.

Life and death were sadly mingled at the Charles Pleu-ard home Monday morning. The 12-year-old daughter died shortly before one o'clock a. m. of tuberculosis. A few hours later the mother gave birth to a 7½-pound daughter.

Start something with a want ad.

School Superintendent Elected.

W. B. Beattie of Juneau, Alaska, a University of Oregon graduate, has been elected to the superintendency of the Cottage Grove schools. Superintendent Dunton was not a candidate. All the grade teachers have been re-elected. The high school teachers will be elected at a meeting to be held Saturday. Prof. Truesdale is not a candidate.

ARBITRATION IS URGED UPON TRAINMEN

Commercial Club Adopts Strong Resolution Condemning the Proposition to Tie Up All Railways of the Country Without Seeking Other Remedy First.

TRAINMEN ARE SAID TO BE WELL PAID WORKERS

Business of Pacific Northwest Declared to Be in Position Where It Cannot Withstand Hardship That Largely Increased Wages Would Bring About.

The commercial club is out of sympathy with the railroad trainmen in their threat to tie up all the railways of the country in a demand for largely increased wages. The following resolutions have been drawn up by the promotion committee:

Whereas, It has been brought to our attention that the railway trainmen of the nation have made a demand for an increase in wages that would amount to approximately \$100,000,000 in the wages of this class of railway employees alone, or an increase of about 25 per cent; and,

Whereas, At a time when employment is not any too plentiful this class of labor receives continuous employment at good living wages; and,

Whereas, We do not believe that the condition of the railway business of the country is such that it can stand so great an increase in its expenses without passing the burden along to its patrons; and,

Whereas, The business of the country, particularly that of the Pacific northwest, is not in a position to withstand any further setbacks; and,

Whereas, The action threatened by the railway trainmen would seriously affect the business and prosperity of the entire country and work great hardship, especially upon the Pacific northwest; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we believe it is only fair and just to all concerned that the matter be submitted for arbitration between the railroads and railway trainmen; and, be it further

Resolved, That if the railway trainmen refuse to submit their demands to arbitration, we believe that they will not be showing good citizenship and will not be displaying a spirit of fairness and justice; and, be it further

Resolved, That we are entirely out of sympathy with the railway trainmen in their efforts to tie up the already hard pressed business of the country without first submitting their demands to arbitration.

VEHICLES ABUSE ROAD LAID OUT FOR SUMMER

Road Supervisor Whippis Says That One Heavy Load Made Rut Which Nearly Ruined Highway.

Road Supervisor Whippis reports that those using the Blue Mountain road are making it hard for him to fix up a summer road. He had a good summer road laid out, but it was partly destroyed during the last wet spell when vehicles used it instead of the winter gravel road. One load of wood that went over the road, he says, made a rut that it may take all summer to work out. He says that if those who travel in that district want a good summer dirt road they have got to use the gravel road in wet weather.

MRS. KATIE B. VEATCH IS NEW POSTMASTER

Mrs. Katie B. Beatch, wife of H. H. Veatch and daughter-in-law of ex-Senator Robert Veatch, has been confirmed as postmaster for Cottage Grove and will assume the duties of the office as soon as the bonds and other details are arranged.

The appointment was held in abeyance for some time and the appointment came as a relief to several who had been on the anxious seat. Other candidates were Ernest Purvance, Joe Smith and John Wallace.

Demurrer Is Filed.

Stacy M. Russell, county clerk, through J. M. Devers, district attorney, filed a demurrer Friday in the case of Elbert Bede, publisher of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, in which he seeks to compel the clerk to furnish the entire proceedings of the county court for publication in his paper. The demurrer to the alternative writ of mandamus is sought on the ground that it appears upon the face of the writ that the same does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of suit against the defendant or to entitle the plaintiff or petitioner to the relief demanded therein and for the further reason that it appears upon the face of the writ of mandamus that the plaintiff or petitioner has a plain, adequate and speedy remedy at law.

A Sentinel want ad. may sell something you are throwing away.