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FRIENDSHIPS ARE SEVERED OVER O. & C. LANDS

Representative Bean Charges Colleague From Own County With Unfair Tactics

Sponsor of Bill to Put Property Back on Tax Rolls Warmly Defends His Position Despite Eminent Opposition.

By ELBERT BEDE.

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—(Special to The Sentinel).—Representative Bean's bill directing county assessors to place the O. & C. grant lands back on the tax rolls, and which will come up for a vote of the people at the special June election, resulted in one of the most stirring scenes at this session of the legislature. Representatives Bean and Eaton were accorded the courtesy of the senate in order that they might explain the measure to the senators. In his speech before the senate, Representative Bean charged his colleague with having taken advantage of Mr. Bean's sickness in bed to get the bill recalled from the senate. Mr. Eaton did not at that time answer the charge but has since explained that his purpose was merely to stop action on the bill in the senate until Mr. Bean could be present. This explanation was not satisfactory to Mr. Bean, however, and he was not loath to express his entire disbelief in the statement.

In his speech before the senate Mr. Bean also exposed his bill and quoted from the records to show that his position was the correct one. Mr. Eaton was equally as emphatic that Mr. Bean's position was untenable and quoted Attorney General Brown to that effect.

Mr. Bean agreed to an amendment to the bill whereby it will go on the ballot and in that form it obtained a majority of one in the senate.

If the bill had had to wait two years of consideration by the people that might have been considered a technical defeat for Mr. Bean. With the election but a few months away, the victory, temporarily at least, seems to be on his side.

Although Mr. Bean has usually been on the minority side in his position upon this question, and although eminent authority has opposed his views at all times, and while the decisions of courts and congress are not as definite as they might be, I have always felt that Mr. Bean had the right twist on the situation.

Why he should go so far in attempting to enforce his views, I, of course, do not know, but I do not think the statement frequently made here that he has in mind the possible benefit to the railway is true. Another suggestion that as a heavy taxpayer he does not wish to see the assessed valuation of the state permanently decreased would be more sane and reasonable.

Ex-Governor West, representing the government, and backed by the Portland Journal, has been opposing the placing of these land grant lands on the county assessment rolls. One of his arguments has been that the state should keep its hands off in order to obtain the back taxes for which appropriation has been made by the government. He has argued that in placing them on the rolls now the counties would not get the taxes now due.

Senator Fulton and Mr. Bean point out that it is necessary at this time for the state to act and place the grant lands on the assessment rolls so as to assert absolutely the fact that title to these lands has passed out of the possession of the government and that therefore they never can be taken off the tax lists, whether the government itself or the Southern Pacific company should be the victor in the supreme court decision.

Another strong point made by Representative Bean is that when the government ceded the grant many years ago to the Oregon & California Railroad company, the title passed out of the hands of the government.

Representative Bean in his speech on the passage of the bill in the house quoted utterances by Secretary of Agriculture Houston showing that it is the proposal of the department of agriculture to put the grant lands into forest reserves, or to tie them up to the same extent.

The Brown Lumber company has let the contract to S. L. Godard for the construction of a bungalow office building. The building will be 28x32 and will contain a modern concrete vault. The interior of the building will be finished in select Oregon fir and the outside will be rustic stained. Construction work will start as soon as weather conditions will permit.

MODERN HOSPITAL OPENS FEB. 26

Entire East and South Sides of Taylor Block Have Been Remodeled for the Purpose.

The Cottage Grove hospital which is being established in the Taylor building at the corner of Main avenue and Seventh street by Dr. S. M. Wendt, recently of Tillamook, will be open to the public Monday, February 26, when everybody is invited to call and inspect the institution.

For the present the hospital, which will be modern and complete in every detail, will occupy the entire east and south side of the second floor of the building and the rooms have been completely remodeled for hospital purposes and steam heat installed.

The east side of the building will be devoted to private rooms and wards, while on the south side of the building will be the reception rooms, private consultation room, surgery, laboratory and X-ray room. The latter is being especially fitted up for X-ray work and one of the most powerful and fastest X-ray apparatus manufactured is being installed.

There will be rooms especially arranged for the care of confinement cases in order to give the comforts of home.

Graduate nurses will be employed and from time to time there will be an opportunity for young women to get training in nursing, under the direction of competent trained nurses.

The hospital will be open to all kinds of cases except contagious diseases, and to all physicians with every privilege and courtesy extended to them in any general hospital. Every comfort and attention will be given by the nurses in charge, that the place may seem to the patient more like a comfortable home than a hospital.

Dr. Wendt is a graduate of Hamlin university, of Minnesota, and has practiced for 19 years, 12 of which have been nearly entirely in hospital work.

RATES ON FIR LUMBER TO CALIFORNIA ADVANCED

Revised rates on fir and hemlock lumber, in carloads, from Portland and Willamette valley points to California points, will be placed in effect March 15 by the Southern Pacific railway.

The new rate from Portland and Willamette valley points to San Francisco, Oakland, Port Costa, Davis, Sacramento, Wheatland, Marysville and points between, by way of Roseville and Benches, will be 20 cents per 100 pounds. This is a reduction of 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds in present rates from Portland and an advance of 2 1/2 cents from Willamette valley points.

To points south of Sacramento, San Francisco and Oakland, some adjustment will be necessary to conform with changes to main line points.

Cases Are Dismissed.

The following cases of interest to Cottage Grove people were dismissed in circuit court this week:

C. E. Thompson against George W. McQueen and others, dismissed without costs.

August J. Labach was given a judgment against L. S. Long, J. S. Milne and George W. McQueen decreeing that a certain judgment be set aside and held for naught and that the action against J. S. Milne and George W. McQueen be dismissed.

LANE COUNTY PEOPLE MAKE CHAUTAUQUA TRIP

Mrs. Daisie Middleton and Miss Ruth Davis have gone to Portland and are registered at the Carleton hotel there. They will soon make a chautauqua trip through eastern Oregon accompanied by Frank V. Badollet.—Eugene Guard.

Mr. Badollet, a flutist, is a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon school of music, and is known at Lathum, where he owns an orchard tract.

"EUREKA CLOVER" IS NO GOOD, SAYS N. S. ROBB

Exploiters of a species of smart weed which they name Eureka clover are trying to sell "starting roots" to Lane county farmers says N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, who brands the plant as forage. "Experiment stations have tried it out and found it practically worthless," he says. "The plant which was formerly exploited under the name of 'Sachaline,' is valueless as compared to clover or alfalfa. I advise the farmers of the county to beware of dealers in the weed."

Lane Has Most Graduates.

Thirty-six Lane county students have graduated from the state normal school at Monmouth in the past five years. This is the largest number of graduates from that institution from any one county in the state.

Latham 19; Hebron 6.

In a recent game of basketball at Hebron between the public school teams of those places, Latham outplayed and defeated Hebron, the score being 19 to 6.

Under the Big Dome at Salem

By ELBERT BEDE

State Capitol, Salem, Ore., Feb. 20.—(Special to The Sentinel).—The twenty-ninth legislative assembly came to an end early this morning, after an all-night session. The adjournment over to Monday, even though that compelled members to work a couple of days without pay, was probably a wise thing as far as the state is concerned. The session could not have completed its work Saturday night without jaiming important legislation through without sufficient consideration. As it was, members had an opportunity to rest up over Sunday and they resumed work Monday refreshed in mind and body and in a condition to give legislation the careful consideration it deserved.

The \$6,000,000 road bond issue was without question the most important piece of legislation of the entire session and this was not enacted until the closing day.

While there was some difference of opinion as to how the people at home would feel about a bond issue of that size for that purpose, and while members wished to carry out the wishes of those whom they represented, no one seemed to doubt that a comprehensive road program is the only thing that will make it possible for old Oregon to keep in the procession with its neighbors.

Of course, there is no doubt that the paving companies were deeply interested in seeing the bond issue put over. In fact they made no effort to conceal their interest. That was the one thing that made many members hesitate. They felt that if the issue should prove unpopular they would hear many undesirable things about standing with the paving trust. While they were convinced that the bond issue was the proper thing, it was with trepidation that many of them voted their own convictions upon the subject and they would only do that when the opportunity was given the people to speak upon the subject through a special election.

It does not appear to me improper that the paving companies should show an interest in this matter, even though they were to be large beneficiaries, but there has been so much alleged graft in connection with paving in the past that support of any big paving companies gives legislation a kind of bitulithie smell that alarms the honest legislator and causes him to view the situation with suspicion.

After all, however, it is not a question of whether or not the paving companies will benefit. The question is: Will the state reap sufficient benefits from the road program to repay it for the expenditure and will the paving be laid at a reasonable profit? That depends a whole lot upon the highway commission to be appointed by the governor.

In connection with the road bond bill, residents of the Cottage Grove country owe a debt of gratitude to Representative Roy Griggs, of Comstock, for it was his bill that carried the measure through.

HURD AND ROBB SPEAKERS FOR GRANGE MEETING

Public Generally Invited to Hear Speeches by State Organizer and County Agriculturalist.

A special open meeting of Cottage Grove grange will be held at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in W. O. W. hall, at which time State Organizer C. J. Hurd will deliver an address upon "Making the Grange Serve Everyone of the Community." County Agriculturalist N. S. Robb will speak on "County Agent Service and Its Relation to the Community," and will also take up the question of mole and gopher poison. The public generally is invited to this meeting.

At the meeting Saturday two candidates were initiated in the first and second degrees. After dinner an open lecture hour was held and an interesting program rendered.

Harry Tibbels writes from Myrtle Creek: "Have missed one of the most interesting newspapers for the past couple of months. Please change my address to Myrtle Creek."

Mrs. Nelson Durham and her sister, Miss Mabel Goodridge, are in Portland, where Miss Mabel will probably undergo an operation.

Lewis C. Beebe, formerly of this city, but now attending the U. of O., is a member of this year's debating team.

Mrs. Griswold's music class will give a recital in the Baptist church March 12. The program is now being arranged.

Nathan E. Manock arrived yesterday from Corvallis for a visit at the Van Nortwick home.

Van Allison is quite seriously ill at his home. A pain over one eye refuses to give way to medical treatment, indicating the possibility of a gathering in the head.

The Cottage Grove band will give a dance in Moose hall tonight.

There is no question that the 6 per cent tax limitation measure enacted by the people at the last election saved the state many thousands of dollars in appropriations at this session. The requests for appropriations were many, but it was impossible to meet them and the paving knife had to be used quite freely. Many of the appropriations asked were so reasonable and seemed so necessary that they would undoubtedly have been allowed but for the fact that there was not enough money to go around. It is not likely that any function of government will suffer to any great extent through this fact and economy will be enforced that will prove a blessing in disguise. The state university, Lane county's only state institution, suffered a cut in the appropriation asked by it. Both it and the agricultural college were given \$65,000. The university will use its appropriation for the construction of dormitories for women and the agricultural college will use its for the construction of a library building. Both institutions are sorely in need of these improvements. They could have been made from funds derived from the millage tax but for the fact that the receipts from this source have decreased during the past few years instead of increasing.

Representative Jones' bill increasing the salary of county commissioners of Lane county from \$3.00 to \$4.00 a day passed the senate Monday forenoon without opposition.

A small appropriation in which Lane county was particularly interested was that providing aid for crippled children. The movement for this appropriation started in Lane county and a number of Cottage Grove people were deeply interested in the matter.

Congressman Hawley is being quite freely spoken of here as a prospective candidate for the seat of Harry Lane in the United States senate. His ability as a vote getter is such as to make him a formidable candidate against any opponent.

NEW INDUSTRY WILL BE ESTABLISHED

Ready-Cut Houses and Barns Are New Line for Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company.

The making of ready-cut houses and barns is a new industry for Cottage Grove, which has been added to the business of the Cottage Grove Manufacturing company. W. C. Applewhite and J. R. Ford, of Eugene, who have been in the ready-cut business for some time, have become associated in business with Mr. Smith, owner of the manufacturing company, and will devote a large part of their time to the ready-cut house and barn business. Mr. Ford is an architect and will do the designing. Plans that will go with the buildings will enable anyone to put his own house together, all pieces being made to measure before leaving the factory.

Messrs. Applewhite and Ford have already developed quite a business in ready-cut cottages for summer resorts and it is expected that this business will increase rapidly.

A new office room is being built for this department of the business and some new machinery will be added.

Houses will leave the plant here complete, even to the paint and hardware when desired.

C. S. Whitlock Dies.

Channey S. Whitlock, aged 61 years, died suddenly Sunday evening at the home of his son, 3 1/2 miles south of the city. Funeral services were held yesterday from the Mills chapel. Mr. Whitlock had been a resident of this section about 15 years. Four daughters and three sons survive.

Report of Suicide Untrue.

The report circulated here last week that Mrs. Jennie Elam (Menter) had committed suicide at Portland has since proved to be untrue. As far as known there was no foundation for the report and she is in the best of health.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD HERE MARCH 3

County Superintendent Moore Is Among Those on the Program.

A teachers' institute for teachers of the southern part of the county will be held in the local high school assembly room Saturday, March 3. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions.

Besides a number of Cottage Grove teachers participating, Miss Pheme Miller, of Creswell; Prof. K. K. Robinson, of Dorena; Prof. T. O. Hutchinson, of Divide, and County Superintendent E. J. Moore will speak. State Superintendent J. A. Churchill planned to be present and address the teachers but has been prevented by official business. It is probable that a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon will be on the program.

All people interested in the work of the public schools will be cordially welcomed at these meetings. The full program will appear next week.

Big Night in Moosedom.

Saturday evening will be an eventful one in the history of the local Moose lodge. At that time the losing team in the membership contest will banquet the winners and the new members. Of the latter there will be 50 or more. It is expected that there will be between 25 and 50 visitors from Eugene. The initiatory work will be put on by the Eugene team.

V. S. Goff is captain of the "Go Get 'Em" team and L. R. Long is captain of the "Sign 'Em Up" team.

SNOWFALL STOPS LUMBER CAMPS AND SAWMILLS

The first real snow of the season fell Tuesday and streets and sidewalks have been slushy. In the logging camps at Rajada the fall was about 12 inches and operations had to be discontinued for a few days, resulting in the shutting down of the mills here.

Plaster Falls at School House.

A large block of plaster fell from the ceiling of the eighth grade room in the high school building Tuesday afternoon just after school had been dismissed. It had been observed that the plaster was cracked and no pupils had been using the seats in that part of the room for some time. A second block of plaster was removed from another room yesterday for fear it would fall.

Will Act as Toastmaster.

Prof. Jewett leaves this afternoon for Salem, where he will act as toastmaster at a banquet of Willamette university letter men. He will visit the Salem schools tomorrow and spend the week end in the capital city. The announcement that he would go to Salem last Thursday was just a week previous.

Slaughtered at Oakland.

The Cottage Grove boys' and girls' basketball teams were slaughtered in an alleged doubleheader basketball game at Oakland Friday night. The hall is small and there was much rough play and interference from spectators. The scores were 62 to 15 and 31 to 4.

FUNSTON, HERO OF ARMY, LOSES LAST FIGHT

Major General Drops Dead While Conversing With Friends in Hotel Lobby

Capturer of Aguinaldo and of Vera Cruz Was in Early Years a Resident of Oregon City, in This State.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 19.—Major General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department, United States Army, since February, 1915, died suddenly at a hotel here tonight a few minutes after he had finished dinner. He collapsed while seated in the lobby of the hotel talking with friends. General Funston was 51 years old.

Ever since March, 1916, when he was placed in command of all United States forces on the Mexican border, General Funston had worked at an unusual pace. At critical times in border developments he frequently remained on duty 24 hours of the 24. The handling of regulars disposed at various stations on the border, the Pershing expedition and, of late, rearrangement of regular troops while providing for the return of guardsmen, have entailed an enormous amount of detail work, probably exceeding that which fell to any commanding general of the United States army since the civil war. Only today General Funston completed orders for the return of the guardsmen.

The picturesque and dashing capture of Aguinaldo, the Filipino chief, was the achievement which brought Funston prominently to the attention of the American people, but he performed many services for his country besides that which were probably more difficult. His administration of affairs in Vera Cruz, where he carried out the president's orders with a firm hand, simply holding the city when every influence about him was centered upon forcing the American army into actual fighting with the Mexicans, probably was the most notable service of his career.

The American troops had been in possession of Vera Cruz only a few days when one of the Mexican generals sent in a message saying in most polite terms that he was unable to longer restrain his troops, and that they were about to advance and drive the Americans into the sea. "If you can't hold your troops back, I can," was the laconic message Funston sent back.

General Funston resided at Oregon City, Oregon, at one time, but this was before he attained military distinction.

OREGON LANDS FORFEITED

Area Now Opened to Oregon Settlers, Is Court Decision.

Ninety-six thousand acres of Oregon lands lying between Coos Bay and Roseburg were ordered forfeited to the government in a decision handed down last week by the United States circuit court of appeals in San Francisco, sustaining the decision of the Oregon court, and throwing the land open to settlers.

The land was granted to the Coos Bay Wagon company by congress in 1867, with the provision that it should not be sold at more than \$2.50 an acre nor more than 160 acres to any individual. Subsequently it fell into the hands of the southern Oregon company, the defendants, against whom the government brought suit to recover title, alleging violation of the provisions of the grant.

Basketball Games Played.

A hotly contested basketball game was played at the armory Monday night. The Methodist church team won from the Walker high school team by a score of 34 to 17. The Sutherlin high school team won from the Cottage Grove Flying D's by a score of 35 to 19. Both games were hotly contested.

Feed the Birds.

The heavy fall of snow the past few days has covered the feeding places of the birds, so that they will suffer severely unless their human friends make arrangements to feed and water them. The birds quickly find any food that is put out for them and show their appreciation of kindnesses shown them.

Sell that piece of furniture that is in the way through a Sentinel want ad. 29tf.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK AT LATHAM

The old section house at Latham was destroyed by fire Thursday evening of last week. The fire was discovered about eight p. m.

It was the oldest house in the town and had long been one of the landmarks of the place, but had been unoccupied for several years. It was built about 1870.