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ROSEBURG AGIN' THE STATE'S PROGRESS

Drain and Yoncolic Also Oppose Oregon's Development.

County Seats Always Selfishly Oppose County Division Regardless of Immensity of the Territory Involved.

The Roseburg Review of Tuesday evening had the following to say about Drain's "resolving" not to be included in the proposed new county, in which they are not included, nor wanted: "A mass meeting was held at Drain Monday evening to discuss the proposed county division and the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OPPOSE DIVISION.
Whereas, there is a movement on foot, originated by the citizens of Cottage Grove, to organize a new county out of the southern part of Lane county and the northern part of Douglas county;

Resolved, By the citizens of Drain, in mass meeting assembled, that we are unalterably opposed to the said movement and will do all in our power to defeat it.
Unanimously adopted.

YONCALLA ALSO OPPOSES ACTION.

At Yoncalla a similar mass meeting was held on Monday evening and they also adopted resolutions opposing any division of Douglas county. At the Drain meeting several letters from prominent citizens of Elkton, Scottsburg and Gardiner were read, and they, likewise, were unanimously opposed to county division, as proposed by the Cottage Grove people. While a portion of the residents of the northern part of this county, especially in the down-the-river districts, would be glad to have a county of their own, they realize that they still have too few people and too small a volume of taxable property to bear the necessary expense of carrying on a county government. Then as to going to the county seat to transact their necessary business they much prefer coming to Roseburg rather than going to Cottage Grove. The Elkton, Kellogg and Scottsburg people can come by team direct to Roseburg, if they so desire, whereas it would be almost impossible for them to reach Cottage Grove except by train from Drain or Oakland.

RESMITH, NOT BOHEMIA.

Cottage Grove gentlemen announce that they have not given the name Bohemia to their proposed new county, as heretofore published. Instead they have selected the name "Nesmith," in honor of a pioneer U. S. Senator from this state. They believe the name "Bohemia" would carry a wrong impression to those not acquainted with the local conditions.

SOME LOCAL OBJECTIONS.

As heretofore indicated, it is more than probable that nearly all those people living south of the Calapooia mountains, except in a small portion of the Bohemia mining district, will strenuously object to being placed in the proposed new county. Those settlers along the North Umpqua river would be very seriously inconvenienced. They could hardly reach Cottage Grove without coming via Roseburg. As to that part of the Bohemia district now lying within Douglas county, it is not probable that any serious objection will be made to its being added to the proposed new county, as the matter of building a road in there from this side of the mountain range has been found to be too expensive to be undertaken with the business there no greater than it is at present. All of north Douglas is now on record as being against the creation of the proposed new county, with boundaries as herein stated, and it is certain that the remainder of the county will support them in their objections to being cut off and placed in a new county where they do not want to go.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PROPERTY LOSS

Nattie Martin and Frank Jordan went to Roseburg Wednesday at the request of the Commercial Club to ascertain the amount of taxable property and population of that part of Douglas county included in the proposed new county. They received very courteous treatment at the hands of the Douglas county officials and found \$1,485,569 taxable property and a population of about 800 or 900 in the Douglas territory included in the new proposed county of "Nesmith." A similar committee sent to Eugene to ascertain the same facts have not as yet made a report.

Mass Meeting at Creswell.

A large delegation of Cottage Grove citizens went to Creswell Thursday afternoon to meet and discuss the new county project with the Creswell people. They report a very cordial greeting and encouraging expressions from our Creswell neighbors.

NEW COUNTY BILL DRAFTED

Boundary Lines Mapped Out and Drafted

REPORT WAS ADOPTED

Leona, Anlauf, Comstock, Lorane and Coast Fork Citizens Make Enthusiastic Speeches for Nesmith

A large and enthusiastic crowd of representative citizens from north Douglas county, including Leona, Anlauf and Comstock, and also from the Coast Fork and Lorane valleys, assembled with the citizens of Cottage Grove in the Commercial Club rooms in this city Tuesday evening to listen to the reading of the bill providing for a new county which was drafted and presented by the Commercial Club committee, Hon. R. M. Veatch, G. L. Rees, C. H. Burkholder, J. F. Spray and C. E. Stewart, assisted by Attorneys J. S. Medley and J. C. Johnson, and which will be presented for passage in the Oregon legislature, which convenes next Monday at Salem. This bill fixes the boundary lines for the new county, provides for county organization, fixes salary of officers at from \$100 to \$1200 per year, in fact, was drafted from the new Hood river county bill, which new county organization is running along so economically and smoothly and there is no reason why our new county, if secured, will not succeed equally as well. As stated in the last issue of the Leader the boundary lines of the new county begin at a point on the Douglas and Lane county line about 30 miles from the coast and runs east about one mile north of Creswell to a point in the Cloverdale vicinity, thence in a southeasterly direction along the summit of the middle fork watershed, leaving the middle fork valley all in Lane county, the new line intersecting the old county line on the east at the lower end of Waldo Lake, thence south following the present county boundary line to the headwaters of the north Umpqua river, thence west down the north Umpqua river in Douglas county to the Willamette Meridian, thence north west nearly following the present boundary line to "a point northeast of Drain, thence west following a section line between Drain and Leona, but nearer the latter place leaving Drain in Douglas county, thence to a point northeast of Scottsburg, thence north to the place of beginning. This leaves Elkton, Scottsburg and Gardiner and the lower Umpqua country all in Douglas county and only includes the Bohemia mines and Pass creek country from Leona north, and the headwaters of Smith river in the new county. The name recommended for the new county was Nesmith, and the entire bill and boundary lines as proposed by the committee, were unanimously adopted amid much enthusiastic tumult.

Speech making followed, among the speakers being the following prominent citizens from north Douglas and other outside points: Frank Anlauf of Anlauf; C. M. Henderer, Leona; Roy Griggs, Comstock; Mr. Allen, Anlauf; W. W. Jackson, Lorane; Wm. Moore, Lorane; Levi Geer, London, all of whom spoke enthusiastically in behalf of the proposed new county and pledged their hearty support in bringing about the passage of the bill providing for the formation of the new county, and proved their sincerity by subscribing liberally to the fund to be used in pushing the bill through the legislature.

over \$500 being subscribed in less than five minutes in voluntary \$10 to \$50 contributions. This looks very encouraging for the new county project and completely refutes the statement of the Roseburg and Eugene papers that north Douglas citizens are opposed to the new county proposition. As the project becomes understood by Lorane, Creswell and north Douglas, their people fall in line immediately, many of whom having formerly signed a remonstrance having already withdrawn their names from it and had them placed on the petitions for county division. "Nesmith county" is a sure winner, if not now, in 1910. Paste this in your hat.

Facts About the New County.

A few facts and figures of the proposed new county of Nesmith. Total area 1956 square miles. Total assessed valuation \$4,915,933. Total population 7964. Total number of school children 2810. Total number of school districts 42. Assessed valuation per capita \$617.26. \$3,430,364 of this valuation is from the south portion of Lane county included within the boundaries of the new county. \$1,485,569 is from the northern portion of Douglas county included within the present boundaries of the proposed new county. The present county and state levy is 12 mills giving the proposed new county at the same rate, a revenue of \$58,991 20, 7.30 mills of this amount is county tax or \$36,033.78 for the proposed new county. Cost of county officers, fixed salaries: Clerk per annum.....\$1200 Sheriff per annum.....1200 Treasurer per annum.....100 County Judge per annum.....600 Assessor per annum.....900 School Superintendent.....400 Total fixed salaries.....\$4400 Two county commissioners \$3 per day each for actual time served. Coroner's salary paid by fee. The salaries of the above county officers are practically a duplicate of the Hood river county officers. The probable cost of officers salaries per year including commissioner and coroner will not exceed \$5500. This amount deducted from \$36,033.78 leaves a balance of \$30,533.78 for public service.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Grants Petitions for New Regulation Sidewalks

AFTER THE BILL BOARDS

Election Called to Vote on City Park Proposition Wednesday January the 20.

The following report was crowded out of the last issue of the Leader by special county division articles:

The city council met in regular session in the city hall Monday night, all members being present. A large amount of business was transacted. A petition for a sidewalk on the west side of Honey street was read, as was a remonstrance on the width, which is the regulation as recommended by the city charter. On motion the council voted that the sidewalk be built the full width, five feet and four inches.

A petition for a sidewalk on the east side of First street from Main to the north end of the street was read and on motion granted.

A petition asking for a sidewalk on East River street in the south part of town, was read and also on motion was granted.

The marshal was notified to instruct the property owners to build the sidewalks as granted and to see that the work was done within the next ten days.

A complaint from Geo. Mote that the ditch near the railroad had become filled up, was read and turned over to the street committee for action.

The report of the city treasurer was read for the street fund since March 1, 1908. Since that time there has been received \$5256.14. Of that amount there remains a balance of \$7.78 in the treasury. Balance being paid out on warrants.

Outstanding warrants since May 5, 1908 in the street fund amount to \$3,120.12. The report was approved and ordered placed upon file.

An initiative petition asking for an amendment to the city charter was presented to the council with the necessary signatures, asking that the city purchase five acres in the tract known as Long's addition to Cottage Grove for the sum of \$3,000, the tract to be used as a city park. Payment to be secured by a special tax levy for two years. The council voted a special election for January 20, 1909, and ordered the same judges and clerks to officiate as at the last election, and to use the same polling places.

Complaints were received from the Pacific Timber Co., the Odd Fellows lodge and T. K. Campbell, against the sewer assessments on the east side, asking for a reduction in the assessment. On motion the council ordered a 25 per cent reduction, said reduction to be paid by the city.

On motion the city recorder was instructed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the painting of objectionable advertising matter in public places, on buildings and on fences, and to prevent bill posting in any such manner which may also be deemed objectionable by that body.

On motion the chief of the fire department was notified to report on the number of volunteer members of the two companies, their attendance and the extent and condition of their fighting apparatus.

The following bills were presented and on motion allowed: J. C. Johnson, attorney fees.....\$ 10 00 J. E. Young, recorder fees..... 11 33 Phillips & Jordan, bill \$6.15 allowed..... 60

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COUNTY TAX LEVY MADE BY COURT

The county commissioners court late Wednesday fixed the county tax levy for 1909 at 15 mills, segregated as follows:

State	3.08 mills
County School	3.56 mills
Masonic lodge, rent	2 00
High School	1 mill
Library	.05 mill
County	7.31 mills
Total	15 mills

SEASON'S FIRST FALL OF THE "BEAUTIFUL."

Following Thursday heavy rain, the wind in the evening changed around to the north and then silently during the night the snow came drifting down with the thermometer registering exactly at the freezing point.

This Friday morning found a mantle of five inches of snow smothering the roses, the buttercups and daisies, and at the same time gave the fellows who said "it never snows in Oregon" a complicated attack of grouch, while the fellows who had predicted an unusually severe winter were in feendish glee. However, the school children and many of the grown ups were in a rollicksome mood and had the time of their lives snowballing and "washing faces."

The queer feature of the snow fall here is the fact that it came two days later than it did at Eugene and other points north as well as south of us and was unaccompanied by wind or freezing weather. As the ground is soft it is not likely to lay on but a day or two.

It is the heaviest snow fall at this place in many years.

Buy Fine Walnut Farm

Melvin Hansen of Eugene was in Salem yesterday. He has closed a deal for 80 acres of land, including 15 acres of walnut orchard—the orchard that bore the fruit that took the gold medal at the Lewis and Clark fair. The land is 12½ miles south of Salem and formerly belonged to J. A. Weed. Mr. Hansen has ordered 2000 more trees, which are already on the ground, and he expects to make other improvements. He expects to have all the land in fruit and nuts in the near future. The purchase price is said to be \$14,000.—Statesman.

NORMAL SCHOOL PROPOSITION

Plan to Form Districts and Levy Special Tax

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Drain Would Work Normal on Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties

The anti-county division (as it proved) mass meeting at Drain Monday night, also found time to talk over the proposed districting of the state into five Normal school districts, each to decide for itself whether or no a state normal school shall be conducted therein, and if so, to levy a special tax for the maintenance of the same. Should this be done by the legislature at its coming session, it is probable that this district will include Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, with an assessed valuation of about \$60,000,000. Upon this a special tax levy of one-half of one mill per annum would yield a revenue of \$30,000, which would be ample to maintain a Normal school. The Southern Oregon district would include Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake and Harney counties. The remainder of the state would be divided into three other districts, placing one school presumably at Monmouth, one near Portland and the third at its present location at Weston, Umatilla county.

OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF DEATH LOSS

Rome, Jan. 6.—The official estimate places the dead in Calabria and Eastern Sicily at 110,000, but there is reason to believe this may be greatly exceeded. No news has yet been received of the Americans thought to be in the devastated district, excepting Rev. David Sessums of New Orleans and daughter Alice, who are safe at Rome.

Ambassador Griscom is about to start from Rome for the south to endeavor to secure information concerning American travelers.

W. W. Jackson and Wm. Moore of Lorane went to Eugene Wednesday to try to make arrangements with the county court to send one of the rock crushers to the summit of the hill between Lorane and Cottage Grove to crush rock with which to improve the hill road.

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DIVORCE GRANTED MRS. WALKER.

Judge L. T. Harris handed down his decision in the divorce case of S. J. Walker vs U. G. Walker, both of Cottage Grove, giving the plaintiff her decree. This was the case tried last fall which created such a sensation and in which so many witnesses were used. The finding of facts are of such a character as not to warrant publication and therefore no reference is made to them.

Besides getting her divorce, the plaintiff is given the custody and control of the minor children, Myrtle, Alva and Donald, until the further order of this court, and defendant is required to pay to plaintiff the sum of \$7 per month for each child during their minority or \$21 per month in the aggregate for the three children, payable on the 10th of each month and commencing January 10, 1909. The defendant has the right to visit each child at all reasonable times, without being hindered or hampered by the plaintiff or any other person. The court also decided that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of one-third of the property, to-wit: Lot 1, block 9, Long & Landess addition to Cottage Grove; lot 1, in block 4, Shield's addition to Cottage Grove and certain other property described by metes and bounds.—Register.

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