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## SNODGRASS EXONERATED

### Cottage Grove City Officer Not Guilty of Assault in Making Arrest

Regarding the inquiry into the Cottage Grove City Marshal affair of last week wherein one Jas. Turmeier, sustained a broken leg in a skirmish with Marshal Snodgrass, the Eugene Register says:

SNODGRASS IS EXONERATED.

The witnesses subpoenaed by Prosecuting Attorney G. F. Skipworth came down from Cottage Grove Wednesday and with them came City Marshal Snodgrass, accompanied by his attorneys, Johnson & Medley, who demanded that the warrant for his arrest be served at once and that he be given a preliminary hearing. Constable Plank served the warrant and hearing was at once heard before Justice R. S. Bryson.

A number of witnesses were sworn and testified, but their evidence along the line of Mr. Snodgrass' treatment by his prisoner was conflicting, but it was generally conceded that the prisoner Turmeier was intoxicated and resisted arrest.

The testimony showed that Snodgrass was the duly appointed and qualified marshal of the city of Cottage Grove and was acting in that capacity at the time; that there is an ordinance in force making it a misdemeanor to be found intoxicated on the streets; that the prisoner, Turmeier, who is a strong, muscular logger of 190 pounds weight, was intoxicated in the streets, and that Marshal Snodgrass had warned him a half hour before the attempted arrest to get off the streets or he would be run in; finding him later in the same condition, Snodgrass told him he was under arrest and should come with him to jail; Turmeier refused to do so and grasped a telegraph pole with both arms, when Snodgrass, after some effort of pulling him loose, rapped his knuckles with his club to make him let go, and proceeded to take him along. When they came to the next telegraph pole, Turmeier grasped it in the same manner and Snodgrass then hit him on the side of the head and a scuffle ensued in which the marshal fell or was thrown down, Turmeier running to a livery stable near by, followed by the marshal who attempted to arrest him and take him to the calaboose, and again a scuffle ensued, Turmeier steadfastly resisting. Some witnesses testified that Snodgrass used his club on the prisoner at this time, but the officer said he did not; he called on by-standers for help, but none of them responded. He finally got Turmeier to going and after taking several steps the latter stated that his leg was broken and he fell down. It proved to be true and Snodgrass, with the help of several others, carried him to a doctor's office, but not finding him at home, he was taken to another doctor, where he was left and his injuries attended to.

Judge Bryson decided that under the evidence Marshal Snodgrass was not acting beyond his authority as a peace officer in a case of a man resisting arrest and he was

discharged from custody.

Mr. Snodgrass has been marshal for Cottage Grove for a number of years, and during his incumbency has captured a number of desperate criminals and murderers and has proved himself a very efficient officer. He may be impulsive at times, but there is not a spark of cowardice about him and he has risked his life many times in the capture of thugs and desperate criminals. He left on the evening train for Portland where, he will give evidence before the federal court in the trial of Morton Mills, the depot and postoffice burglar captured by him at Cottage Grove, in which Mills tried to both shoot and stab him, rather than submit to arrest.

## COTTAGE GROVE BOY IS ONE OF THREE DEBATERS

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 14, 1909.—Three men trained in the Oregon High School Debating League have just won first honors in debate at the University of Oregon, having been chosen after a series of hard try outs in which a large number of men competed, to represent the University against the University of Utah in their annual debate on January 28th. The team chosen is as follows: Percy Collier, a leader of the Eugene High School League team of last year; Carlton E. Spencer of Cottage Grove, a graduate of the Roseburg High school and leader of its team two years ago against Ashland; with Howard Zimmerman, a graduate of the Salem High school and a member of the Salem team last year, an alternate. The Utah debate is considered one of the most important debates that the University enters. On account of the distance between the two schools, each team is composed of two men. In previous contests the University of Oregon has won one and lost one.

Cottage Grove has figured prominently in the University of Oregon debating teams for many years past, John Veatch and Miss Antonette Burdick of this city having won honors for the U. of O. during their recent attendance at that institution of learning.

Bales Brothers shipped a fine Black Orpington cockerel to a customer Thursday. This is a new breed in this community and the Bales Brothers have as good birds as can be found on the coast.

## MERCHANTS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING AND A FINE BANQUET

### Will Close Their Stores all Afternoon on Christmas Day--Wives Give Merchants Surprise at Festive Banquet Board

A meeting of more than ordinary interest and importance was held in the Commercial Club rooms by the Cottage Grove merchants Tuesday evening at which time several matters of commercial importance were discussed. It was decided to keep all of the local stores open until noon on Christmas and then close for the remainder of the day. At 9:30 o'clock the merchants repaired to the Woodman Hall over the First National Bank where a splendid banquet, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie, of the Home Bakery, awaited them.

Here they met with an agreeable surprise. The committee in charge of the banquet had extended a special invitation to the wives of the merchants to assemble at the Woodman Hall and enter the banquet room in a body just before their husbands were seated about the festive board. The plan was well carried out and resulted in a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

H. O. Thompson served as toast master in his usual pleasing manner and many toasts were responded to. H. H. Veatch, president of the merchants local association, was the first speaker. He reviewed the banquet occasion of last year when the wives of the merchants, not being invited to attend, held a "hard time" social on the same evening, invited their husbands to attend after their banquet was over and seated them to a spread of dried apples and water. Mr. Veatch concluded by saying that he hoped this kind remembrance of the ladies at this time would make up for last years apparent slight. Ben Lurch was called upon and made a few humorous remarks on the subject of collections. About this time the old pioneer miner J. H. "Bohemia" Sharp appeared at the door, was invited in and seated at the banquet table. He addressed the com-

pany and gave a brief but interesting account of his early career before coming west, his graduation from Knox College and his intimate acquaintance with General Geo. B. McClellan before the civil war, when he was but an obscure civil engineer. Mr. Sharp demonstrated his ability to still be able to make quite an entertaining talk. He came to Oregon by way of Panama in 1858.

Andrew Brund was the next speaker and took for his subject "Sending away from home for goods." He said he doubted if there was a man or woman present who was not guilty of doing this kind of thing and said that the hardware man should patronize the home grocer or dry goods man and in return these merchants should patronize the local hardware man instead of sending away for their lawn mower, hose and other things not carried in their stocks. He maintained that the farmer should not be criticised for this kind of thing until it was discontenanced by merchants themselves.

F. D. Wheeler read a humorous poem on Sears, Sawbuck & Co. C. H. Burkholder spoke on the credit system and collections and made some very good suggestions and points. He said a bad bill or bad collection was made when the sale of the goods occurred and that merchants should therefore use care in the granting of credits. He said the managers of big department stores were the brightest merchants of the country and that their system is a cold blooded cash proposition, and they stand no chance to lose or accumulate bad accounts. He said a man who gets mad when presented with a bill for an honest debt is a good man to refuse credit.

Marion Veatch was asked to cut out the subject of undertaking and talk on music. He did, and made some very entertaining remarks.

C. H. Vandenburg said he always imagined it would be an easy thing to sell furniture, until he embarked in the business when he found that the housewife, his principle customer, was quite exacting when it comes to furnishing the home. He said, however, trade in this line in this city is growing rapidly and a better grade of goods was required than formerly.

J. F. Spray spoke on the "Merchant and his relation to a town." He thought it was just and right that a merchant should have a voice in all municipal affairs and the upbuilding of a city. It is he who contributes toward the building of every new road, church and school in the community and these favors should be remembered and returned by the people of the city and neighborhood. It is the merchant who is foremost in the building up of a substantial town.

The ladies were then called upon in turn and many brief and appropriate remarks were made by them and their thanks extended for the pleasure of attending and partaking at this splendid festive board. Mrs. H. O. Thompson said that while the women in many cases were occupied in caring for the home and the little ones they were nevertheless greatly interested in the success of their husbands and their business affairs. She said that like the rest she was pleased to have been taken into the confidence of this commercial circle and afforded an opportunity of hearing the many interesting discussions on both the sunny and cloudy side of merchandising.

The officers of the Eugene merchants association were expected to be guests of honor upon this occasion, but for some reason were unable to be present. Those present were: H. H. Veatch and wife; H. O. Thompson and wife; C. H. Burkholder and wife; Ben Lurch and wife; G. H. Tyson and wife; C. H. Vandenburg and wife; Marion Veatch and wife; W. C. Johnson and wife; Foster Phillips and wife; Delure Hemenway and wife; C. W. Wallace and wife, Lew F. Cates and wife, W. C. Conner and wife. Messrs F. D. Wheeler, Kinter, Walker, Spray, Simeral, Kerr, Silsby, Wilson, Cook, Brund.

Ira Conner, who has been quite ill at the home of his sister Mrs. E. J. Beidler near this city, was able to come to town early this week and visit with his son, W. C. Conner and family and on Thursday returned to his farm home east of this city.

## ADDRESS TO DAIRYMEN

### Some Good Suggestions Offered by Manager Local Creamery

Addresses to the farmers in the vicinity of Cottage Grove.

I have traveled about considerably during my life time, and I have seen many countries, but I have never seen any better land for dairy purposes than in the state of Oregon and especially that surrounding Cottage Grove, as you can grow feed for the dairy cow the year around. I know that you know something about dairying, but I know that the average butter yield from a cow is not more than about 150 pounds a year, which is a very good average as averages go, but it is not good enough and I will do all in my power to help you raise the average. There is very much to learn about dairying. No man lives who has mastered the science of breeding the dairy cow, or the science of feeding her, or getting the most out of her, or taking the best possible care of the product. In order to become a successful dairyman we must study the cow, herself, the dairy machine as a special purpose machine. Get rid of general purpose ideas because experience has shown that those who have become successful dairymen are perfectly satisfied that in order to reach the greatest results, only the special purpose cow will do it. I shall ask you to test your cows, or bring me the milk from each cow you own and I will test all of your cows free of charge. You must weed out your poor cows and keep only those that give you a profit for the feed and the labor you put into them. There are thousands of cows in this state and there are hundreds of cows in our county which today are not paying for the food they consume upon the farm. Some are returning you a loss for the food you give them and it is your duty as a business man to find them out and get rid of them. I am studying the men who bring me the cream to the creamery and I say a man should understand the production of his dairy.

Figuring by acre and by cow, he must study the soil for he is a producer of cow food and then he must be a student of the cow in order to get the largest returns from her. If the farmers don't use their brains I don't care how hard a hand may be if a man's thinking mechanism doesn't work and improve and expand in judgement he can work himself to the grave and die with hands as hard as a hammer, improvident. The day of stupid, heavy labor in agriculture is past and gone. The day of better, deeper, stronger thinking is coming. Wise old Solomon said, "As a man thinks so is he." He did not say as a man labors so is he. Now where is this truer than in agriculture? We must labor, we can't escape that,—but we need strong sentiment spread over Oregon in the value of better thinking.

Yours truly,  
DAN BLURE, Manager,  
Cottage Grove Creamery.

Attorney W. C. Counter was seeing the sights at Saginaw Thursday and looking after some legal business.

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