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ENGINEER IS LET OUT

OFFICE DECLARED VACANT BY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT.

Heated Discussion Precedes Vote Which Resulted in Dismissal Mr. Himes.

When the towering form of Alderman Knight rose to its full height in the council chamber last night, and that gentleman moved that the office of engineer be declared vacant, he started something that was hard to stop. Even the mayor's efforts to terminate the heated discussion that followed fast and furious were without avail. Charges and counter charges, almost as varied in their character as the hues of the rainbow, were hurled back and forth with a viciousness that plainly showed the bad blood that existed between those aldermen who sought the official head of the engineer and that officer. During the time the question was open for discussion Mr. Himes, who was but recently elected to the office, declared that Mayor Van Orsdel has stated to him that a mistake had been made in connection with the septic tank site, and as "we had to blame some one, we laid it on you." This brought forth a quick denial from his honor, who heatedly declared that he had never said such a thing to Himes or any one else. Mayor Van Orsdel endeavored to stop the engineer's further use of the floor, but succeeded not, that individual continuing his inquisitorial proceedings by calling upon each alderman individually to express himself as to what he had against the engineer. The result, however, was that Mr. Himes' official head fell into the basket by a vote of 4 to 3. Aldermen Gohrke, Hayter and Westover voted to retain, while Aldermen Barber, Young, Miller and Knight voted affirmatively on the motion.

When Alderman Knight, near the close of the session, presented the motion to vacate the office, Alderman Hayter remarked that the action appeared to be rather sudden, and asked if the council was to let a man out without a hearing? If Himes had done anything to warrant dismissal then throw him out, but the action should be justified.

Mr. Himes, by permission, got the floor and held it to the bitter end, but no boquets were tossed those who were after his scalp. He could not understand the reason for the motion, as he had just been elected by the council by a vote of 5 to 2. The alderman who made the motion, he said, was among those who voted against his election. He had heard that there was some dissatisfaction between the street committee—Barber, Miller and Knight—but he could not imagine where the friction was. Here the engineer asked the permission of the mayor to interrogate the aldermen and upon having his honor's consent he went to it with a determination to ascertain the true condition of affairs.

Himes first trained his guns upon Alderman Knight, but he refused to engage in conversation, simply remarking that "we don't work well together." When asked if he had ever asked the engineer to do anything, Mr. Knight replied in the negative, adding that "the dissatisfaction is there just the same."

Mayor Van Orsdel said, addressing Mr. Himes, that the street committee and engineer could not work together harmoniously and the engineer better quit. The mayor charged that when the septic tank matter came up, he and Alderman Sibley had worked together and it had made trouble; that he had by his figures given a wrong impression concerning the Brown tract by reserving sixty feet on the plat he had prepared for road.

Alderman Hayter was upon his feet in an instant to correct the chief executive, saying that the statement was an injustice to Himes. The alderman presented the figures made by the engineer, which showed that Mr. Himes had presented the matter correctly.

"Well, I understood you read sixty feet for a roadway, any way," retorted the mayor.

"I am not responsible for your misunderstandings," came back the alderman.

Mayor: "I am sorry about this, indeed I am. I understood the 60 feet was for a roadway."

Mr. Himes did not appear to be satisfied until he found what dissatisfaction existed between himself and Knight, and continued to interrogate that gentleman without success. Turning his attention to Alderman Westover and then to Alderman Gohrke he propounded the same question, and both replied that they had no fault to find. But when he reached Alderman Miller he found where that councilman was dissatisfied without much difficulty. Miller said he had never found the official unwilling to perform his work, but that there was anything except harmony between the engineer and the street committee. He held that Himes had made a mistake in his figures about the

amount of water each person would use in the sewer, to which charge Mr. Himes replied that it was simply a slip of the tongue; that he had later given the information correctly. Miller told the engineer that if he were in his place, and couldn't get along with the committee he would walk through the door.

When questioned regarding his position, Alderman Barber said Himes had never put his work before the council as an engineer should, and especially was this true about plats. He held that Himes had erred in changing the size of sewer pipe from 20 to 8 inches. Mr. Barber said the engineer had made mistakes in the past and that he did not feel that he should be retained through the septic tank construction period.

Mr. Himes: "Is that all?"

Mr. Barber: "Isn't that enough? If I had that much against me I would go out in a minute."

Mr. Himes said the whole matter resolved itself down to one man on account of a few little mistakes. He said further that Barber had done no work with him.

Barber: "Why then did you want me off the street committee?"

Himes: "That's a dead issue; there is nothing to it. I never wanted you off."

Mayor: "Say, men, what are you going to gain by this? This discussion amounts to little or nothing."

Himes: You want to dismiss me, and I am here to defend myself against your charges. The information regarding the septic tank was of a private nature, and not authorized officially. The doctor offered to pay me for my work." And the alderman substantiated this statement.

The roll was then called with the result given above. Mr. Taylor will probably succeed Mr. Himes as city engineer.

POLK ROADS ARE OILED

DALLAS AND INDEPENDENCE CITIZENS AID COUNTY.

Stretches of Thirty-Six Miles Treated and Way Between Towns Is in Good Condition.

During the past season, according to Roadmaster Finn, a total of approximately thirty-six miles of Polk county highways have been oiled, which includes the main roads between the larger towns. The road oiling began when the two and one-half mile stretch between Independence and Mouth was oiled last year. Realizing the value of this work, the county court offered to put up dollar for dollar with any club, individual or community to oil the roads of this county. The Dallas Commercial club took up the proposal and raised money to oil six miles east on the Salem road. Independence then oiled six miles north to the point where the road meets the Salem-Dallas road. A committee composed of W. V. Fuller and A. Muir, of the Dallas Commercial club, and President Macy, Secretary Cooper and E. M. Young, of the Independence club, met a committee from the Salem club and made arrangements to oil the remaining six miles to Salem. Since that time the main roads out of Dallas and Falls City have been oiled, the roads from Mouth north and south, leading to Independence, and three miles south of that city have all been oiled. The oil makes them as level as a water-bound macadam. The roads will probably be oiled until the county hard-surfaces the roads.

SAWMILL RESUMES TODAY.

After Making Necessary Repairs "Old Reliable" Is Again in Action.

The sawmill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, after having been closed down for a week, during which time several necessary improvements have been made, among others being an extension of the slab chute, resumed operations this morning. The machinery has also been thoroughly overhauled and some minor repairs made, while the machinery in the woods has been "trimmed up" somewhat.

Although the lumber market has been demoralized for months past, and is still in very unsatisfactory condition, the plant of the Willamette Lumber company has operated continuously, giving employment to about 175 workmen in mill and woods. This concern is Dallas' most substantial industrial institution, and one on which it depends to a considerable extent for its continued prosperity. While agricultural and horticultural products are, of course, its chief source of revenue, the absence of this concern would be greatly felt throughout this entire section, because it is always ready money.

Hardening for the Campaign.

Fred J. Holman, republican candidate for county treasurer, accompanied by his wife, is on an outing in the coast country. They went to Newport by rail and at that point will continue down the beach on foot, fishing and camping as they go.

The New Independence

Thoughts Gleaned From a Patriotic Sermon by Pastor Bennett Sunday Morning

Epochs in national history have always been marked by the appointment of festivals and holidays. Towering characters who have led their people to victory, and shaped their nation's destiny have always been honored in the national calendar.

The senate of ancient Rome gave the month of July its name in honor of Julius Caesar for his eminent services as a warrior, as a statesman, and as a historian. The birth of Christ, and his resurrection, which so intimately concern our moral and religious lives, have been honored with places in the calendar as Christmas and Easter. And so in these later times, the birth of Liberty and the rise of Democracy will be forever remembered in the celebration of Independence Day.

The glorious Fourth! In that day the American heart exults. It marks a new era in political history, the eclipse of that old barbaric principle—the divine right of kings—by the enlightened principle, the divine right of the people. On that eventful day the American colonies emerged from vassalage to independence and sovereign power, American independence was born in the war of the Revolution. It was decreed in the blood of 25,000 patriots in fifty-five hard fought battles, and the noble principles in our constitution and our institutions were all founded in the courage and wisdom of patriots and written in the blood of heroes.

The growth of Uncle Sam has astonished the world. Look out upon our vast domain, so recently a savage wilderness, crossed only by the runways of wild beasts, and the trails of the roving redmen, but today crossed by two hundred thousand miles of railway. This vast region of forest and plain, now covered with 1500 thousand miles of electric lines. Where once was heard the cry of the wild beast and the war-whoop of savage men, now resounds the hum and whir of industry. Where once stood the hovel and wigwag of the wild man, now stand 4000 cities and villages inhabited by an intelligent and industrious people. Where once were practiced the cruel orgies of the heathen, now rise 190 thousand churches and 400 thousand schools to light the way of truth and knowledge.

The very air of America is pregnant with independence and emancipation. The poor and oppressed of the world are flocking to our shores—20 million in seventy-five years. Why do they come? They come to enjoy the blessings of our free institutions.

RED MAN STABS COUSIN

NOW LANGUISHES IN POLK COUNTY BASTILE.

Altercation Took Place on Huellet Ranch, on Grand Ronde Road, Near Willamina.

Sheriff Grant observed the national holiday by taking an early morning spin to Willamina and bringing back a Grand Ronde Indian named Fearn, aged about 28 years, accused of stabbing Cephas Tipton, a man of about 45. They are first cousins and the accused stabber hails from near Drain, Oregon, while the stabbee is one of the residents of the reservation. Alcohol seems to have been at the bottom of the assault.

Judge Holman, after the Indian had waived a preliminary trial, named a \$500 bond for appearance before the grand jury and the prisoner is being fed and bunked with the sheriff's regulars.

It appears that the combatants, in company with another of the tribe, Philip Warner, visited Willamina Thursday night absorbing a sufficient amount of "brick dust" to arouse latent love of peace and good cheer with the result that Tipton has an even-break for life, according to the opinion of a Willamina physician who attended the stricken man.

The fracas took place near the Huellet farm, on the Grand Ronde road, and the constable at Willamina kept the assailant in custody until the sheriff arrived. Tipton, the injured man, occupied a place in the county jail some three or four years ago. It is said, on the grounds of assault.

Celebrate at Salt Creek.

Several families in the Salt Creek neighborhood assembled at the J. A. Roberts place on the Fourth and indulged in an old-fashioned picnic. Among those attending were Leo Roberts and family, Herman Leonard and family, J. H. Brown and family, Dale Ridgeway and family, J. L. Brown and family, J. A. Roberts and family, J. W. Morrison and family, J. S. Shanks and family. A basket dinner was served, after which games and other amusements were indulged in.

ings of civil and religious and industrial liberty. They seek a better life. They see in American principles and institutions the promise of the best social and religious life. The high privileges of American citizenship foretell good things in store for the oncoming millions. Consider the industrial record of the nations. Russia in her national period of 350 years produced by her industries three and one-half billion dollars, Austria in 1,000 years produced two and one-half billions; Germany in 1100 years produced four billions; France in 1100 years produced four and one-half billions; England in 800 years produced five and one-half billions—while the United States in 100 years of independence produced fifteen and one-half billions! Uncle Sam with his bumps of genius and energy has transformed a wilderness into the garden spot of all the earth, where the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuits of happiness are guaranteed to all, and a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is assured.

The Revolution was a turning point in world history. All great conflicts have had their brilliant feats of heroism. No more striking example of patriotic devotion is to be found in British annals, than the last speech of Lord Chatham in Parliament, toward the close of the Revolution. After France had made a treaty of friendship and commerce with the struggling colonies, certain leaders in England demanded the recognition of American independence. At that critical moment Lord Chatham, pale and emaciated, and wrapped in fannels, entered Parliament leaning upon crutches and supported by friends. He was very weak but his spirit was all aflame. As he listened to an address his eyes flashed and his soul burned within him at the seeming affront to his country. Slowly rising he said, "I thank God I am able to come here this day, to perform a most solemn and sacred duty. I am old and infirm—tottering on the verge of the grave—but I am risen from my bed as from the tomb in defense of my country, perhaps never to speak again." His great soul throbbled in his feeble body. His lion-like courage was fully aroused. "I rejoice," he said, "the grave has not yet closed upon me, and that I live to raise my voice against dismemberment of this ancient and most noble monarchy. Shall we tarnish the lustre of this nation by a most ignominious surrender of its rights and fairest possessions?" (Continued on page two.)

HAYDEN IS VERY ACTIVE

TAKES EVERY PRECAUTION TO GUARD AGAINST FIRE.

Threatens to Have Grand Jury Investigate Action of Several Dallas Fishermen.

While on a fishing trip into the great Siletz country the latter part of last week, The Observer was greatly impressed by the precautions that are being taken against the starting of forest fires. At the Frank Hayden place, about fifteen miles out of Falls City, we found several men making it their business to follow all travelers along the road and warning them against the leaving of camp fires. Every time a party passes this place, he is followed by a fire warden, and after he has broken camp this warden investigates to see whether or not fire has been completely extinguished. Mr. Hayden is on the road most of the time. From the appearance of the many thousands of acres of burned timber in that section, it seems that had the same precautions been taken in the past the timber owners, as well as the State, would have been saved many thousands of dollars from loss by fire.

The guarding from fire of this wonderful stand of timber is a most worthy thing, and should receive some financial support from the government. At the present time the money necessary to pay the expenses of this patrol is being put up by the individual owners of the timber. Though there are many acres still owned by the government, the government has not, as yet, contributed anything toward the protection of this timber. An effort is now being made to secure financial aid from Uncle Sam for this purpose.

A few days since several fishermen from Dallas left fire in the woods after breaking camp, and Mr. Hayden threatens to have them before the next grand jury.

The Yamhill Sycamores.

A quiet reunion of the Casey family, known as the "Yamhill sycamores," took place in Dallas Friday evening, when Thomas, Jack, William and Joe Casey assembled preparatory

to an old-fashioned time at the family home north of Sheridan. The Caseys are noted in Yamhill for their generosity—also for their stature. The latter attracted the attention of an Observer scout, who learned that Thomas measures six-foot-five; Jack modestly admitted that he was six-four, and "Bill"—or William, to be precise—was six-four and a half. Joe measures with Jack to the six-foot-four line with the quiet assumption that size and height did not count for so much as quality.

Two of the boys had come down from the camps to meet their kin for a royal Fourth on the old homestead of their father, Michael Casey, on route two, Sheridan, and were met here and accompanied to the old home over the auto route. "Tom" insisted that there was some class to the "family of Michael" regardless of the nationality. The boys attracted more attention than any squad of Grand Ronde reservation men, on account of their wonderful physique and wholesome good nature.

SOCIALISTS MASS CONVENTION.

Call Is Issued by Chairman for Meeting in Dallas on July 15.

Mr. James K. Sears, chairman of the Socialist organization of Polk county, has issued a call for a meeting of that party to be held in this city on Wednesday, July 15, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the several county offices. In an interview with Mr. Sears that gentleman said that while personally he did not favor the selection of a county ticket it would remain with the members of his party to decide upon this point. He does, however, favor placing candidates in the field for state representative and state senator, and this is probably the action that will be taken, although it is quite impossible to forecast what action may be taken.

INSPECTION IS MADE

TWENTY-SIX UNSANITARY PLACES FOUND IN DALLAS.

Nuisances Must Be Abated Without Unnecessary Delay By Connecting With Public Sewers.

The city authorities purpose improving the sanitary condition of Dallas, an undertaking that is most commendable, and one that should have the endorsement of every citizen who appreciates the value to health of good sanitation. At last night's session of the council Alderman Young of the Health and Police committee reported that with four other officials he had made a thorough inspection of the city, and had found twenty-six nuisances that should be abated without unnecessary delay by connection with the sewers. These places, he said, are detrimental to public health, most of them being in pretty bad shape. The report of the committee was accepted, and the marshal was instructed to notify the several property owners to connect with the sewers, in accordance with an ordinance covering such cases.

May Organize Hive.

A number of Dallas ladies have been invited to assemble in the club room of the library building tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 to meet Mrs. Addie L. Tillman, who expects to organize a hive of the Lady Macabees of the World in this city. The invitation is issued by Mesdames J. G. Van Orsdel, Eugene Hayter, V. P. Fiske, Hort C. Eakin and Hugh Black, who recommend the order to the Dallas ladies. These ladies have been members of the order for over sixteen years, and during that time the rate of their insurance assessments has only been raised ten cents. They rather doubt if any other fraternal order can beat that record. The L. O. T. M. is strictly a ladies' order, organized and carried on entirely by women.

Ash Street Hill Graded.

Street Commissioner Greenwood yesterday afternoon finished grading Ash street between Lewis and Stump, cutting down the hill about three and a half feet. Nearly 1,000 cubic yards of earth were removed, the total cost being \$127. Levens street, north of the tannery bridge, will now be given Mr. Greenwood's attention.

Kills Two Cubs.

Roy Slater of Pioneer, while near the old Patterson place on Salt Creek caring for some stock last Thursday, discovered two cub bears in a tree and the mother bear hard by in another tree. Having only a shot gun with him, he preferred not to tackle the older of the three, but took a shot at the cubs, killing them both.

Celebration at Pedee.

The celebration at Pedee on the Fourth was one of those old-fashioned observances that is enjoyed by everybody. The attendance from the surrounding country was quite large and the day was most pleasantly spent by all. The midday meal was a feature of the day.

BUYS BROWN PROPERTY

COUNCIL VOTES DOWN THE UGLOW PROPOSITION.

Suit May Be Instituted to Compel Dallas to Comply With Result of Arbitration Board.

At an adjourned session of the city council last Friday evening the council declined to further consider the purchase of the Uglow tract of land as a site for the proposed septic tank, and afterwards voted to buy the Brown property, the latter being priced at \$600 as against \$1500 for the former. Aldermen Hayter and Westover voted for the Uglow site, Aldermen Barber, Miller and Knight casting their ballot against it. Aldermen Young and Gohrke were absent. After this proposition had been voted down, a vote was taken on the Brown tract, the three aldermen who voted against the Uglow land voting for this, and visa versa.

Prior to balloting on the Uglow property, the owner was asked if he would accept \$600 for that part of the land lying in his hop field, and he promptly refused to entertain the offer. He declared that he had disposed of the entire piece to the city of Dallas for \$1500, the price decided upon by the arbitrators, and that he would accept payment therefor with interest at 6 per cent from the date of that decision. From the evidence at hand it would appear that the councilmen have bought two sites for the septic tank—one through arbitration, the other by a majority vote of the aldermanic body. There appears to be no question but that Mr. Uglow will attempt to force the city to consummate the purchase in accordance with its agreement by making payment therefor.

The city council adopted last night a resolution authorizing the purchase of the Brown land for septic tank purposes, all voting aye except Alderman Gohrke, who voted no. Alderman Hayter explained his vote by saying that while he was opposed to the purchase, if he voted no the resolution was lost, and he did not propose to hold up the much-needed improvement any longer. The city, he said, would, however, rue the day it made the purchase.

DEATH OF WILLIAM ROWELL.

Succumbs From Injuries Received in Accident at Rickreall.

William Rowell, who was injured in an accident at Rickreall about a fortnight since, when the team he was driving became unmanageable and plunged over the embankment of the river near the bridge, died from the effects thereof on Sunday last, and the body was taken to Albany on Monday for burial. Accompanying the remains were several Albany Elks, of which order the deceased was an esteemed member, local Elks acting as escorts from the family residence to Derry, from which point the body was shipped.

William Rowell came to Polk county from Portland two years ago and engaged in farming near Rickreall. He formerly resided at Albany, and there he conducted a hotel for many years, during which time he made a large number of friends and acquaintances, all of whom will learn of his passing with profound regret. He leaves a widow and small family, in whose affliction the sympathy of the community is with.

LOGANBERRIES BY THE TON.

A Carload of a Burbank Fruit From Oregon.

Kansas City Star:—A carload of loganberries—about seven hundred crates—was received Friday by a Kansas City commission company, the first time a "straight carlot" shipment ever has been handled on the Kansas City market. The fruit came from Salem, Oregon.

The loganberry is one of Luther Burbank's many products. It is a cross between a blackberry and a red raspberry, having the shape of the former and the color of the latter. It is larger than either, and of delicious flavor. Wholesale prices were \$2 a crate of twenty-four quarts.

Permits to Appropriate Water.

E. E. Lee of Dallas has secured a permit to irrigate 20 acres of land, diverting water from Grant Creek in section 27 T. 8 S. R. 6 W. The city of Falls City has also secured a permit for municipal supply, diverting water from Glaze Creek in section 31 T. 8 S. R. 6 W. and C. E. Sawtelle of Sheridan, for the irrigation of 8 acres, diverting water from an unnamed creek in section 14 6 S. R. 7 W.

School of Instruction.

General Finzer and Col. Martin will arrive in Dallas this afternoon from Portland, and this evening they will hold a school of instruction at the Armory for officers of the O. N. G.

Council meets again tomorrow night.