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## ANTAGONISM GROWING

### Says Editor Brodie in the Oregon City Enterprise

Here's the very note, and this is what he wrote:

"THERE IS A GROWING SPIRIT OF ANTAGONISM between the Estacada section and the rest of the county, which, during the last few weeks, has made itself evident several days.

The bill, now before the state legislature, which provides that counties may be split without giving the old county a voice in the affair without even an election, was introduced at the request of Estacada men acting with residents of another town in a similar condition. It is true that probably the motive for the Estacada boosters is largely the desire to make the town a county seat for the new county, but behind that there is general ill feeling against Oregon City.

The Estacada Progress voices the sentiments of this faction that would stir trouble between. This paper finds fault with the heading on the monthly publication of the Oregon City Commercial club, "Oregon City and Clackamas County Publicity," in a story which is captioned "Oregon City First." The Live Wires of the Commercial club, a body of real boosters, are held in contempt and with each week's issue there is some insinuation against them.

The interests of eastern and western Clackamas county are the same. There is no feeling here against people of the Estacada section. The eastern part of the county is considered as important in the county as a whole as Colton, Canby, Molalla or Wilhoit.

The Progress, with its constant plugging, is probably responsible for this factional feeling which in time may cause serious trouble. The election held several years ago to divide the county showed that the voters as a whole believed the county should be preserved as a unit.

The Enterprise feels that whenever the majority of the people of eastern Clackamas county want to create a new county, and can do so without injuring in a material way the real interests of Clackamas, that they should be allowed to go. But they must first show conclusively that they are entitled to a new county, and that the best interests of their own people demand it. It must have more sentiment behind it than the desire of a thriving little town to become a county seat and the ambitions of a few people to become political leaders."

The first assumption is correct, for there is a growing spirit of antagonism between the Estacada county, as the nucleus of this part of the county and Oregon City, but not against the rest of the county.

This feeling has evidenced itself in several ways in the past few

years, the principal one being the desire for a division of the county, with a county seat nearer home. While the instigators of the late lamented New County Bill felt that the chances were decidedly against its passage, they undertook the work with a fighting chance in view and with the object of showing Oregon City that county division has ultimately got to come.

The Enterprise, either from lack of knowledge or with a view to belittling the cause, tries to insinuate that this dissatisfaction is only current among a few business men of Estacada. If they will investigate thoroughly they will find that this faction embodies workers and sympathizers in all sections, from Highland to Barton and Sandy and that the call for a square deal is growing each day. Ninety-nine per cent. of this faction is made up of landed property holders, and people who are paying taxes on an average of 40 acres or more of improved property.

Paragraph three states that the Estacada Progress voices the sentiments of this faction, and they are correct. The Estacada Progress tries to voice the sentiments of this part of the county in all matters, and will continue to call attention to present abuses of power in county and home matters, and will as readily give due credit for all good work done and improvements made.

The Progress takes issue with the assertion that it has cast any insinuations against the Oregon City Commercial Club's organization of hustlers, called the "Live Wires." A reference to the Progress of the issue of February 11th, will prove that this paper and its publisher have always been and are great admirers of that band of boosters. In a humble way the article, referred to, pays them a tribute and calls upon Eastern Clackamas to form and maintain a similar organization, if for no other reason than to combat their workings, for naturally their aims are to a large extent devoted to personal gain, although in many instances their work has benefited the entire county.

In union there is strength and the Live Wires by working together and being at the County Seat, have been able to exercise a strong power in this county. Naturally with their membership of lawyers and business men, they dominate politics and their suggestions and requests bear great weight with the county court and other powers that be. Of their entire membership, what proportion of their active members are farmers or agriculturalists?

As to the change in name of the Live Wires' monthly publication, from "Oregon City Publicity," to "Oregon City and Clackamas County Publicity," it was a wise move and was timidly suggested to Mr. O. D. Eby, one of their officers, by the publisher of the Progress, who, with Mr. Eby, had found that its value as a band to hand advertising medium for the entire county, was being handicapped owing to

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## Cream Route Discontinued

Richard Davis of Garfield, who for sometime past has been handling the collection of cream in that vicinity for the Damascus Creamery, notified his customers that Wednesday, the 24th would be his last collection date. Owing to the low scale of wages paid for this work, he cannot afford to continue the route.

This will prove a serious handicap for the farmers in that district, for individually it will hardly pay them to make butter. F. E. Saling of Currinsville, who now handles the cream collection for the Clear Creek creamery, cannot enlarge his route to cover this vacancy.

This situation again brings up the need of a creamery at Estacada, although it is doubtful if there is a sufficient supply of dairy produce to warrant it now. Such an institution would possibly pay if all sections tributary would cooperate. If anyone wishes to start the ball rolling, advise this office and it will do its share to get the crowd together.

## Log La Barre Pleases

About one hundred people were present at the delightful party given by the Garfield Dorcas Society last Saturday night, at the newly finished Log La Barre resort. With the Garfield band dispensing popular and classical airs and with the big fire place to make the main hall cheerful, games and all sorts of amusements were enjoyed. A delicious supper was served and much credit is due to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. La Barre, assisted by Mesdames Trowbridge and Dunlop. The only incident to mar the festivities was the late arrival of Bose Deming, Jerome Schultz and their sisters, who, for several hours, were lost in the wilds of Upper Garfield.

## G. M. Califf Dead

Last Wednesday morning, Gilbert Mitchell Califf passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Strunk in Springwater. Mr. Califf was in his 87th year and was born in Pennsylvania in 1828 and moved to Oregon about 12 years ago from Tennessee.

The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters being O. D. and Oliver Califf of Estacada, Mrs. Ed Strunk of Springwater and Mrs. Stella Monette of Teetz, Colo.

The funeral services, in charge of undertaker Henthorn occurred at 2 o'clock at Zion Church with interment in Zion cemetery Thursday, February 25th.

## News Notes From All Sections

Eagle Creek Grange met last Saturday and after the regular excellent chicken dinner, a class of four were initiated in the third and fourth degrees. A profitable and pleasant day was spent, although a few were disappointed because the Lents' Degree Team failed to come as promised. Among the visitors were Mrs. Freda Kirchem, Miss Delia Rynning, M. V. and J. M. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kitching of Currinsville are receiving the congratulations of their friends, on the birth of a son, Sunday the 21st.

Mrs. Henry Trapp of Garfield, received word last Saturday of the death of her father, A. W. Standish of Brownsville, Or. She left Sunday for Brownsville, where she attended the funeral, returning to Garfield Thursday.

Supervisor McCormick is taking steps to standardize the Eagle Creek school in the near future. This school, with Miss Hedin as principal and Miss Appleman in charge of the primary department, is doing excellent work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bode of Salina, Colorado are visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. Chas. Hitchbotham of River Mill. After a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. M. L. Sevier of Viola, they will return home by way of San Francisco Fair and other points.

Representative Guy T. Hunt of Garfield returned to his home last Sunday night, at the close of the legislative session, which continued all of Saturday night. He made a more than creditable showing, for this his initial effort in the legislative halls, and another session, if he is returned to Salem, should find him one of the leading law makers.

Born - to Mr and Mrs. Bell of Eagle Creek, Sunday Feb. 21st., a son.

Owing to an epidemic of "impetigo", a skin disease, the George school has been closed for a week.

John Ely of Currinsville finally decided to get rid of his troublesome appendix and last Sunday, Dr. Adix removed the obstreperous organ at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Last reports show the patient to be getting along finely and another week should find him back at work.

Mrs. M. J. Howlett of Eagle Creek entertained a number a number of friends last Sunday at dinner.