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COMMUNITY CHURCH FAVORED

Outlying Districts Approve Organization In Town First

The subject of the uniting of the Estacada and nearby churches into a community organization, is receiving the consideration and serious thought of many people, among them being the leaders in religious circles.

At the Estacada M. E. Church last Sunday, Rev. Spiess took as his subject, The Community Church and a similar sermon will be given by either Elder Swander or Evangelist Williams, during their meetings, scheduled to start about March 1st.

The following two letters from men prominent in the Garfield and Zion churches, shows the sentiment of such broad minded men as Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Dillon and they probably reflect the views of their congregations-

Hardscrabble Ranch
Jan. 29, 1916

To The Estacada Progress.

Dear Editor Bob: -

This in reply to your request for an opinion about a Community Church in your issue of Jan. 27th. By a "Community Church" I understand you to mean a Union Church, served by one pastor, using one church house and taking the place of three churches in Estacada and the four outlying districts of Springwater, Currinsville and Lower and Upper Garfield.

From the standpoint of financial economy, Christian fellowship and the wiping out of bitterness engendered by denominational differences, I think the plan is ideally fine. Too good in fact for immediate consumation.

I doubt however, so far as the country churches are concerned, if the union church would serve so many people as at present, at any rate in the Union Services, which have been held, though we have made special effort, we have not succeeded in getting very many to go.

Also in our case if religious services are forsaken here, the property would revert to the original owner. In view of these obstacles, I would suggest the first effort be made with the Estacada churches and when that is accomplished that the country problems be studied, I believe they can be overcome if we go about it right.

While on the subject, I want to say that if you really want to help the church in its real mission namely; to save and uplift your fellow men, there is no need to wait for the consolidation, The church needs bright, hopeful young men like yourself. Get into it and do your best working from the inside.

You will find it a man's job to live the clean life required of its members and when it comes to combating the indifference of the world, you'll go against something worth conquering.

I hope you will publish this last appeal, for while it sounds personal, it is meant to apply to many similar young men, who though raised in Christian homes, have not yet justified their training or risen to their high privilege.

Sincerely yours,
A. O. Whitcomb

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Tax Payments

The following extract from Section 3682 of the General Laws of Oregon, will answer all questions regarding the payment of taxes.

"The first half of all taxes legally levied and charged shall be paid on or before the fifth day of April following, and the second half on or before the fifth day of October following.

Interest shall be charged and collected on any tax or half of a tax, not so paid, at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction of a month until paid.

All taxes remaining unpaid on the fifth day of October next following shall become delinquent and on the fifth day of November next following a penalty of five per cent shall be charged and collected thereon, in addition to the interest provided herein.

All penalties and interest shall be for the benefit of the county."

Notice

To Owners Of Orchards

"In accordance with Section 5487 of the Horticultural Laws of the State of Oregon, we, the undersigned county court of Clackamas County, Oregon, request that all owners of disease infested fruit trees, comply with the above law by proper pruning and spraying of same.

H. S. Anderson,
County Judge."

SUGGESTIONS ON PRUNING AND SPRAYING OLD TREES

First, determine by a close inspection the trees in orchard that are to be cut out, bearing in mind that it is more economical to cut down diseased and unproductive varieties than to clean them up by spraying and pruning. After selecting trees, you wish to save, prune thoroughly by first cutting out all dead and intersecting limbs. If tree are exceptionally tall and rangey, it would be well to cut off the tops, in each case cutting back to lateral limbs in order that the trees will spread out rather than grow tall. After the pruning is finished, it is advisable, where trees are covered with moss, to remove this with a hoe, then follow up by thorough spraying with lime sulfur, winter strength. Where trees are at all mossy, add 2 lbs of lye to each 50 gal. of mixture. Spray trees until drenched.

P. F. Standish,
County Fruit Inspector.

BIG POLITICAL MASS MEETING NEXT SATURDAY

Voters To Decide On Candidate Eastern Clackamas Will Support For Commissioner And Representative

Every man and woman in Eastern Clackamas County, who is qualified to vote at the next election, is urged to be present next Saturday afternoon, February 12th., at a mass meeting to be held in the Estacada Pavillion, starting at 1 o'clock sharp.

That every voter attend this gathering is of the utmost importance, for the success of the rally and the benefits resulting will depend upon a big crowd being present.

The Progress had hoped, when the time came for the calling of this meeting, that a more advanced date could be set, to allow of everyone learning of it in advance, but owing to the Spring farm work, which will soon be due, it was deemed best to call it on shorter notice and get the voters out, as many cannot attend later.

Eastern Clackamas is entitled to a representative in the next legislature and a commissioner in the county court and whether Eastern Clackamas gets it, will depend largely on the interest and stick together spirit, which is shown at Saturday's meeting.

There are small political booms now generating in this section, boosting about a dozen different men, for the office of county commissioner. Every candidate suggested is a good man, but all of them cannot be elected. The same applies to the representative in the legislature, although not so many candidates are mentioned yet.

The purpose of this meeting is to get the voters together, let them select by ballot, their choices for these offices; then allow the meeting by elimination and further voting, to decide on one man for each office, who shall be the choice of this part of the county and by whom the voters will stand together.

There will be no set program of speeches. All candidates who wish may speak or have others speak for them and all selections and eliminations will be by ballot only.

The women are expected to be present at this meeting and the assembly should contain as many of the fair as the sterner sex. If the women have a candidate, let them make it known then.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

MEETS WEDNESDAY

Judge Anderson May Attend Logan Meeting

Every taxpayer in Eastern Clackamas County is invited to attend the next regular meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League, which will take place next Wednesday afternoon, February 16th, at the Logan Grange Hall, meeting starting at 1 o'clock.

The following letter was received this week from County Judge H. S. Anderson, holding out hopes of his being present, where he will speak on the subject of taxation.

Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 5, 1916.
Mr. R. M. Standish,
Estacada, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Jan. 19th, and referring to the resolution passed by the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League regarding the purchase of the Canby fair grounds, permit me to say that inasmuch as this subject was passed upon at the taxpayers' meeting, as were other items of expenditure, and approved by a majority at that time, it would seem that the County Court would not be expected to take any further action in the matter.

I will make an effort to attend the meeting at Logan on the 16th, but of course you will understand that I can only make a conditional promise.

What I will have to say will be along the line of taxation.

Yours truly,
H. S. Anderson,
County Judge.

The first part of his letter is slightly misleading, but looks as though the court intended to be guided entirely by the wishes of the Taxpayers' Meeting of December 14th, regardless of the wishes of the majority of taxpayers who were not present at that gathering, and who have expressed themselves as opposed to the Canby purchase, unless a vote of the county is taken.

It is sincerely hoped that Judge Anderson will appear on the coming program, for the people of Eastern Clackamas wish to hear his ideas regarding tax measures and desire to become better acquainted with him.

The Estacada Pavillion was selected for the rally, so that a big crowd could be accommodated, with plenty of fresh air and light.

Remember—every man or woman, who is a legal voter, should attend this meeting, it is not only their civic duty, but their material welfare will depend much upon Eastern Clackamas getting together and sticking together during the coming campaign.

Some people may object to this reversion to the old way of transacting political business, but it is not antagonistic in any way to the present initiative manner of nominating, but is rather a call to stimulate civic pride in all voters.