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For a time last week, it looked as though there would be a severance of interscholastic athletic relations between the Oregon City and Estacada high schools.

Oregon City for a time insisted on a ruling which is in vogue among some of the city schools, namely that no student over 21 years of age may participate in athletics. There is also a similar ruling that no student may take part in athletics for more than four years.

The latter ruling is just, but the former, in the instance of rural high schools is not fair and should be eliminated in Clackamas County at least.

Owing to the economic conditions of farm life, many students are forced to lose more or less schooling during their childhood, with farm work or other duties occupying an interval of a year or so; then again, many rural students are a year or two behind their city neighbors in their grades, owing to the handicap of poor country schools, which up to a few years ago were not uncommon, even in this county.

As a result, the Estacada High School, like many others similarly situated, is offering educational advantages to students who before they graduate will have attained their majority.

As athletics are an important factor in attracting and holding many boys in high school, the enforcement of the 21 year age limit, would result disastrously, with some students leaving school.

Again, no age limit has yet been fixed to bar the older students from competition in oratory or other branches of competition, so the ruling is not consistent nor fair to the rural high schools.

The past vote of the various eastern Clackamas districts speaks well for the high standard of morals in this community and plainly indicated that both sexes had made a study of the various measures and amendments, prior to voting.

On the question of prohibition, this community stood pat, voting not only against the "brewers' amendment" but voting strongly in favor of the so called "bone-dry law."

Apparently a strict adherence to party lines was forgotten, with the personality and fitness of the

candidates coming first, especially in county matters.

The only reason that can be assigned for the large Democratic vote in this county, as well as in the state at large on the national questions, is that other issues than the protection of Oregon lumber industries must have appeared more important.

As to the wisdom of suffrage, this part of the county at least, cannot contend that the women voted less intelligently than their men, although it is likely that the strong stand on prohibition was due to the women's vote.

With election over and all bets settled, it is time Estacada returned to a realization of its sidewalk situation, as fully 25% of the city's walks are in an unsightly and mighty dangerous condition.

As an advertisement for a prosperous, growing community, it is a poor one and not consistent with our new hard surfaced pavement. So get out your little hammer now and put it to good practical use.

Complainant Acts As Judge

F. E. Beckwith of Estacada, who also is Recorder and a resident of Sandy, was last week placed in the embarrassing position of acting as complainant in a case at Sandy, later acting as judge at the hearing.

The case was the result of an attempt to abate a nuisance, and had it not been for the defendant having been fined \$5 for contempt of court, the complainant-judge would probably have exercised even more leniency, but as it was, exercised an amount of fairness hardly to be expected under the conditions.

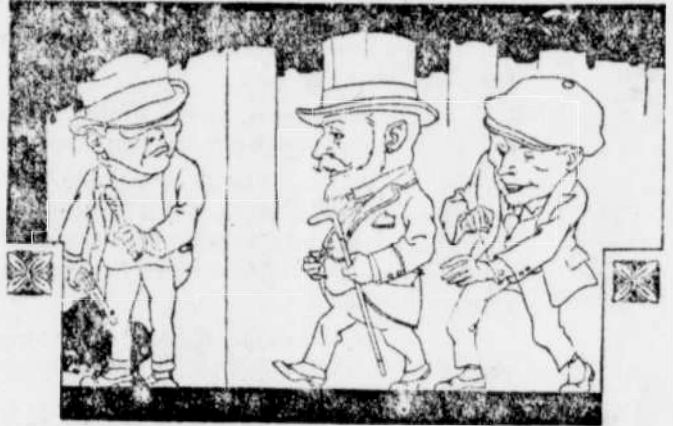
Change In News Office

George Dodge, who for the past three years has been associated with the News' office, is leaving this week for Portland.

It is with regret that the News' staff consents to the leaving of Mr. Dodge, but owing to the removal of his family, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dodge and daughters, it became necessary.

The News is fortunate in having secured the services of John Dunseath of Currinsville, an experienced printer, who will hereafter be identified with this office.

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WHEN your money is in the bank it is safe from pickpockets and burglars. A man who is known to carry a large sum of money on his person soon is marked as prey by the thief. None of the big men of the country carry large sums of money about. Don't tempt the thief. It may cost you not only your money, but your life. Bank your money with us.

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Estacada, Oregon

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