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SENATOR MITCHELL.

The visit of Senator Mitchell to Washington county was a welcome one, for rarely a man holding his high position is seen in the smaller places of the state, rarest of all in off years politically. Perhaps one great charm in his visit was that he was not here as the leader of the republican party in Oregon, come to mend his party's fences, but as the servant of the people of Oregon seeking to aid some of his constituents who were in need of his assistance, and in appreciation of that fact he was met and welcomed by men of all political persuasions. That he is unaffected and cordial, that he is ready and willing to put himself at the service of those needing his assistance, and above all that he subordinates party to public duty, have won for him the highest honor the state can bestow and that respect and admiration which entitle him to be called in truth Oregon's favorite son. Ever honest and faithful, Senator Mitchell's successful career is the triumph of the statesman and patriot and makes a strong and gratifying contrast to the politicians and sycophants who are today disgracing so many public positions.

THE COUNTY'S CREDIT.

The financial exhibits of other Oregon counties which have been appearing in the papers recently make one glad he is a citizen of Washington county. The county is back but a few months with its warrants and that owing to an indebtedness, now nearly wiped out, incurred in improving the court house. By spring the county will be caught up in its payments. As it is the warrants are eagerly sought after and no other county is in as good a condition. That this state exists is due to the careful management of the county judge and commissioners. No needed improvements have been neglected, on the contrary roads and bridges are in unusually fine shape, but by continual oversight every dollar has been made to go the farthest possible.

THE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The communication referring to the condition of the Forest Grove public school in this issue should be carefully read by everyone interested in the welfare of the children. It is no secret, though much to be deplored, that the public school here does not stand at the head of the county schools—far from it, and the reason has been, and is, false economy, trying to make one man do the work of two. The result is both positions are poorly filled and through no fault of the principal. The pupil is deprived of the attention to which he is entitled and suffers a wrong which can not be righted. The defective early training injures the child's entire education, is a drawback through all his life.

Concert.

There will be an excellent literary and musical entertainment in the Christian church, on Friday evening, October 18. The following is the programme: Quartet (Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Dolstrum). Recitation... Miss Kilpatrick. Duet... Miss Lansing and Mrs. Griffin. Recitation... Miss Lena Parker. 'The Rise of Japan'... S. I. Hirota. Song... Choir. Admission 15c, children 10c. Tickets for sale at Miller's Pharmacy.

CITY COUNCIL.

A Number of Small Matters Keep the Solons Busy.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council came Saturday night. Councilmen Walker, McNamer and Large and the Mayor and the Recorder were present at the opening. Mr. Smith came in afterwards and a little later Mr. Stewart.

On motion of Councilmen Walker and Large the minutes of the last meeting were amended in accordance with suggestions from the Mayor.

Report of the Marshal read and filed. Good order had been very generally observed during the month. Bill for \$34 accompanying the report was referred to the finance committee.

Petition of A. K. Leabo and S. Blank to build a sidewalk on west side of A street, between N. First avenue and N. Second avenue was referred to committee on streets and public property.

Petition of Hook & Ladder company, asking relief from the disturbance of small boys during the time of drill, was read. The following resolution, in answer to the petition was then presented: 'Resolved, That the city marshal be and is hereby required to be, present at the drills of the H. & L. Co. and preserve order and enforce the rules of the company, and make arrests if necessary.'

On motion of Stewart, seconded by Large the resolution was passed. The mayor spoke to the council of the need of some case where the numerous papers of the recorder could be conveniently and safely kept and on motion the mayor, the recorder and Councilman Large were authorized to price a desk for the use of the recorder.

On motion of Councilman Stewart seconded by Large it was voted that a committee of three, with power to act, be appointed to prepare a plan for the fire truck.

Finance committee reported on bills, Favorably: F. G. Canning Co., \$128.00; C. A. Helm, \$3.15; J. A. Striplin, street com., \$9.60; L. C. Walker, \$6.00; F. G. Times, \$5.00; J. A. Striplin, marshal, \$34.00; Bill Wash. Co. HATCHET was reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00.

On motion the recorder was instructed to present at the next meeting a statement of the city warrants issued this year.

On motion of Stewart, seconded by Walker, council adjourned.

Informally during the evening the ringing of the curfew was discussed and it was decided that it should ring hereafter at 8 o'clock. Councilman Walker was instructed to look up the matter of defective fines.

OVER CROWDED.

The Grove Public School Needs More Room for Its Pupils.

The time has come when a question of importance concerning our public school is to be settled. The Grammar department is full to overflowing and the question is this: Shall we divide the pupils into two classes, allowing one class to have the room in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon?

By way of explanation to any who are unacquainted with the school, the following is submitted: There are eight grades in our school. The first 6 have each a separate teacher. The two higher grades are under the charge of the Principal. The division spoken of above, consists of these two grades.

Now every citizen in Forest Grove who has watched the progress of the public school knows that its condition during the past few years has been unsatisfactory in a greater or less degree. Let us look for a cause. Is there any good reason why the principal of seven departments should have two grades of work while other teachers have only one? The Principal is expected to handle two grades, visit the other grades of the school, make out the reports of the whole school, attend to all the cases of insubordination visit parents in the interests of the school and have a general oversight of play grounds, etc., etc. Now a few of our worthy citizens, no doubt, think this is not a very large amount of work for one man. And undoubtedly one man may be able to stagger along and make some kind of show of fulfilling duty; but no man living can undertake the duties as they are heaped upon him here and do work that is satisfactory to either the pupils, himself or the public.

Now there is no reason why there cannot be teachers furnished to teach these pupils. One may say we can't afford it. Can we afford to pay for work that is unsatisfactory done? It is good policy to put a sum of money into a poor investment when a few more dollars will enable us to make a better one? What is needed here, what has been needed here, is another teacher for one of the higher grades. Both are good sized classes and with the addition of a teacher to care for one of these, all the pupils could be in school the full time, no one would have more work than he could attend to and the results to pupils would be most beneficial. The least that could be expected would be to furnish an assistant for the Grammar department, the principal would then have plenty to do to earn his princely income and no one burdened. The result will be enough better work to pay for the extra outlay. Why should Forest Grove be behind other towns in Oregon which have the same and even less population. From one who is interested.

COUNTY COURT.

The October term of the county Commissioner's court extended from Wednesday through Saturday and was a busy time. The court devoted considerable attention to cutting down transcripts from justice's court which have grown to be a heavy burden on the county. Often a dozen or more witnesses, many from a distance, are summoned to testify at these preliminary hearings when two or three would answer as well, giving enough testimony to warrant holding the accused for trial.

Contracts for the building of bridges: Sinclair bridge and fill, Meek & Goodin, \$57; Hall bridge and fill, Meek & Goodin, \$22.50; Hallett bridge, T. C. Johnson, \$824.50; Wilkes bridge, T. C. Johnson, \$59.

County clerk ordered to assign tax certificates on property of U. S. G. Marquam upon payment of tax.

T. G. Todd ordered to examine bridge on Scoggins creek and report next term.

E. X. Harding appointed justice of the peace for Wapato district vice H. S. Hudson, resigned. A. E. Cady appointed justice of the peace for Beaverton district.

B. P. Cornelius ordered to look into condition of Hubel bridge.

All county warrants over 7 years old, and advertised according to law, declared ordered canceled, amounting in all to about \$75.

Bills Allowed at the October Term.

ASSESSING AND COLLECTING. George H. Wilcox, \$75.00 SALARIES.

J. W. Sappington, treasurer, 50.00. E. L. McCormick, self and dep., 175.00. H. P. Ford do, 275.00. R. B. Goodin do, 250.00. B. P. Cornelius do, 175.00.

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND ASST. A. Craig, school sup't, 47.85. Edith L. Reams, 6.00.

COUNTY COURT. D. B. Reasoner, 16.00. Thos. G. Todd, 13.80.

BRIDGES AND ROADS. W. A. Goodin, 45.40. Meek & Goodin, 150.00. Carstens Bros., 24.17. W. E. Beard, 50.00. W. H. Lyda, 27.50. J. L. Cummings, 18.00. S. W. Seelye, 56.61. Wiley & Dennis, 6.00. Heaston & Savage, 14.00. Andrews Lbr Co., 12.90. C. W. Hendricks, 5.50. M. M. Watts, 32.65. T. G. Todd, 4.50. D. B. Reasoner, 2.50. A. C. Archbold, 3.35.

C. H. & J. ACCOUNT. B. P. Cornelius, 10.00. A. C. Archbold, 3.00.

FUEL, LIGHTS AND JANITOR. Hillsboro L. & W. Co., 20.00. Thos. H. Tongue, 120.00. R. Cave, 95.00. H. H. Fenton, 10.00. N. A. Barrett, 14.00.

INSANE AND INQUESTS. W. D. Wood, 5.00. F. A. Bailey, 5.00.

PRISONERS AND PAUPERS. F. A. Bailey, 1.00. W. Bowley, 8.25. Maria Ann Peters, 2.00. A. W. Saxton, 265.20. R. Cave, 55.00. H. P. Ford, 64.39. Wehrung & Sons, 11.80. J. Northrop, 10.00. A. C. Archbold, 3.70. Rosa Frost, 5.00. A. Olsen, 5.00.

STATIONERY. Glass and Prudhomme, 36.50. Irwin-Hodson Co., 37.85. W. E. Brack, 25.05. E. L. McCormick, 3.50. J. W. Sappington, 15.00. Hillsboro Pub Co., 10.00. The Argus, 10.00. H. P. Ford, 5.05. Hatchet, 6.25. R. B. Goodin, 6.00. B. P. Cornelius, 4.05.

STATE CASES. A. A. Morrill, 5.50. J. B. Dilley, 17.00. R. C. Goodwin, 11.00. John Heider, 4.70. John Westinghouse, 11.00. W. G. Coffa, 3.50. Laura Westinghouse, 11.00. Wm. Printer, 1.70. W. N. Barrett, 10.00. Wm. Spencer, 37.70. Grace McMillan, 2.10. Eva Barnegrower, 2.10. Geo. C. Davis, 23.40. Joseph Daniels, 3.10. Viola Brink, 3.10. Louis Lungfrone, 2.10. Wm. C. Ferguson, 2.10. Wilhelma Lursman, 2.10. John Winters, 2.00. Philip Baker, 5.00. F. C. Varner, 2.50. H. B. Fyman, 2.50. Albert Voss, 4.90. M. J. Gardner, 2.50. W. M. Davis, 8.00. L. K. Adams, 9.60. E. F. Well, 2.10. A. A. Phillips, 4.50. J. W. Hartman, 2.10. J. I. Knight, 55.30. W. W. Annans, 22.10. John Wilcox, 4.90. Ella Patton, 4.90. Mrs. James Lee, 4.90. Joseph Patten, 4.90. W. D. Bradford, 1.70. Elizabeth Lee, 4.90. James Booth, 4.30. Mary Nixon, 1.70. H. W. Scott, 2.20. Mary Booth, 4.30. L. Shogren, 4.90. T. R. Cornelius, 2.10. Harry Ball, 4.30.

Teachers' Column.

A circular letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction directs that Watson's Elementary Speller be adopted and placed for use in the elementary work in the public schools and it is added to the list already sent out of books to be used. This action is taken because in the recent adoption of text books to be used for the next six years Reed's Word Lessons was adopted as the speller but it is of such an advanced grade as to only take the place of Watson's advanced speller, and there was nothing to supply the place of an Elementary Speller.

W. S. Gordon of the Grove began a seven weeks term in district 87 joint, near Buxton, on the 7th.

Walter Kirk of Newberg is teaching a 4 1/2 months' term, begun on Oct. 7 in district 35, joint with Yamhill county.

Gales City school, district 30, began the 7th another term, of 2 months, under Miss Fannie Burk of Gales Creek. Miss Burk closed a term there on Sept. 3, began June 10. 21 boys and 23 girls were enrolled. Average number belonging in June, July and August respectively was 40, 27 and 28, and the average daily attendance corresponding was 31, 25 and 22.

J. B. Wells of Forest Grove begins next Monday a three months term in district 53, near Cornelius.

S. Ed. Launer of Laurel is teacher in district 3, near Laurel. School began the 4th for a 5 months term.

Miss Hattie Moore of Greenville began the 7th a three months term in district 75, near Greenville.

Miss Olivia Baker of Greenville began school the 7th in Glenwood in a two months term.

A three months school in district 40, Tigardville, began Sept. 16, with J. Overhultz of that place as teacher.

Miss Gertrude Mullins closed in district 70, near Glencoe, on the 4th, a term begun August 25. For September all enrolled were present every day and there were none tardy.

Miss Jennie Beamish's school in district 61, near Glencoe, began June 24, ended the 2nd. During June the attendance record for the whole school was perfect.

Miss Blanch Harding of Gaston begins Monday a school in Columbia county.

AT THE 'VARSITY.

The 'varsity foot ball team has been organized and the hard training for the coming struggle has begun. Manager Miller wants to see the whole school come out and give the first team something to do. Con. McNamer has returned to school and now plays a strong game at left half. He probably will be elected captain. Bailey and Tongue are expected here sometime during next week. The makeup of the team will then be as follows: Kirkwood, center; Miller and Schoch, guards; Burrell, tackle; Tongue and Macrum, end; Bailey, quarter; Bradley and McNamer, halves; Bauer, full. One position, i. e. left tackle, has not yet been filled. Portland High School and Bishop Scott's Academy are said to be very anxious to play with our second team.

A large number of students attended the Portland Exposition last Friday and Saturday. Among them, Claude Haller, Fred Luelling, Rutherford Whitlock and A. S. Stubb.

Miss Grace Streeter visited her college friends during the latter part of last week.

Mr. Curley got his curly hair cut curly.

Mr. James and family of Hillsboro moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Breeden.

Tennis is very popular this season. The Misses Warren of Hillsboro visited the Lanona Hall, Friday last.

Miss Loumasson, Stott Parker and Con. McNamer entered the Academy.

A modern Dianna now dwells at the Lanona Hall, much to the embarrassment of those cows who have been invading our campus with impunity.

Prin. Bates gave a lecture before the young men of the Academy Tuesday morning.

The college reception given in honor of the freshman class was a complete success, surpassing the most sanguine expectations of all the college students. The hospitable home of Mr. D. C. Stewart was thrown open for the guests. The reception rooms were elegantly decorated with the beautiful autumn leaves, whose rosy cheeks and sweet smiles were only equaled by the winsome young ladies. All the members of the upper classes were there to greet the banished Freshies and welcome them into the college fraternity. The early part of the evening was profitably spent in a highly instructive game. The names of fifty American cities were spelled upside-down, east-side-west, from which each member was requested to make out as many cities as possible in a given time. Miss Parker of the Freshman class won the first prize, a handsome gift from the hostess Miss Stewart. The second prize was won by John Miller, also of the class of '99. Then Mr. Bauer read a beautiful poem, an address of welcome to the Freshman class. In his poem Mr. Bauer referred to the wit and intelligence of the members, the unsurpassable beauty of the feminine portion of the class and also to that "greenness" which is peculiar to the freshmen, yet representing life and activity. After the delightful consumption of a sumptuous feast consisting of cake, grapes, nuts and other exquisite delicacies, the gallant youths and the ladies bid farewell to the genial hostess.

FARMINGTON.

The debate at this place between Geo. P. Rick of the Church of Christ, and H. V. Wallace of the M. E. Church (north) is the main topic of conversation at the present time in this community. The discussion began Oct. 1 and is to continue ten days, disposing of one proposition each session.

George Withycombe, the youngest son of Thos. Withycombe, is just now recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. Dr. Bailey, Sr., of Hillsboro, is the attending physician.

T. D. Humphreys and Jas. Wheeler and family of Hillsboro attended church services at this place last Sunday. The services were conducted by Elder Rich.

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