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ARE WE ALL BUNCOED?

Portlander Relieves Groveites of Money for Magazine Write-Ups that Never Came

Even the newspapermen who are always eager to put the unsuspecting public on its guard against the bunco man, sometimes nibble at the bait. But there are others aside from him who nibbled, among them being no less personages than the city dads, and the business men, and even members of Pacific University's faculty took a bite—a though small, it was a bite just the same.

What is turning out to be an amusing bit of buncoism—anything from a cent to a dollar is amusing you'll admit, that's why we call it amusing—was unearthed here Monday and—like the moon, the more you look at it the larger it gets. Almost every business man in town bit off a small piece of notoriety. Even the Hillsboro people were "looked in" and we don't know how many more, for the fellow with a homely face and a slick tongue drew on the whole community with his net—and his catch would feed the multitude.

In short, one E. or Emil Held, of Portland, drifted into town one day in March with his pockets filled with "recommends" from prominent Portlanders, and rumor has it that he got a recommendation from one of our own prominent personages which he used to fleece the innocent with. Treasurer Carl says he holds a bit of paper on which it reads something like this: "Enclosed please find \$1.00" signed "E. Held." And almost anybody you meet will tell you the same thing. Judge Hollis holds one too, as well as Senator Haines, Mayor Loughlin, all the councilmen and the ladies too, for Miss Maud Shannon holds a slip of paper, enclosing a dollar.

Held represented a magazine which he said was printed in Portland regularly once a week and by name it was known as Held's Tourist Bulletin. He was here, so the story goes, to write up the town and publish the pictures of the prominent and it would only cost them one dollar for all this. The articles were to appear in about two weeks from the date of his visit here. Ex-Editor Hoge—he was fleeced too—wrote the article booming the town which never appeared. Besides the publishing of the picture and article of each of the individuals, they were to receive a yearly subscription to the magazine. Perhaps he would have been thrown in a corner lot in Portland just for good measure, had it been suggested to him. E. Seifert, the photographer, went the ways of the rest, and perhaps a little stronger, for he made the pictures of those who had none handy when Held came around. But he gave an order on the photographer for a picture of yourself to be sent in.

The News has tasted this buncoer's wares, for too are fleeced for about \$8.00 for advertising. Held was conducting an advertising agency in Portland and sent advertising to The News for which we are unable to collect. Bills were sent regularly but no responses came, and upon investigation the said Mr. Held had moved from his quarters. On July 1st however, we received a postal from him asking that our bill be sent to P. O. box 113, Portland, but nothing further has been heard. Almost everybody in town have been separated from a dollar by this effecer's gilt edged offer. The receipts which are seemingly worth less than the paper they are written upon are as follows: "Held's Tourist Bureau, publishers Held's Tourist Bulletin, the Progressive Illustrated Weekly, Portland, Oregon. Enclosed find one dollar, for which send me Held's Tourist Bulletin for one year, viz: fifty-two issues beginning" blank date written March 6, 1907 and signed and marked paid by "E. Held."

It is understood that efforts will be made to bring this fellow to an accounting.

No Wonder the Moon Eclipsed.
A small crowd of young people went to the creek last evening and had a jolly crawfish feed while watching the eclipse of the moon. Those who went were Misses Maud and Kate Shannon, Myrtle Butler, Alice Crown, Manche Langley, Messrs. Limber, Peterson, Todd, Sparks; and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Atkins.

IN JUDGE HOGES COURT

Youngsters Who Stormed Chinaman's House Trying to Explain Matters.

A rolling stone may gather no moss, but a hurled stone is liable to bring about all kinds of trouble as the four innocent looking boys who appeared in Judge Hoge's court yesterday morning and Tuesday evening will no doubt testify.

These boys, three of them, Lachie Fields, Bob Loomis and Bo Leabo, were up as witnesses to testify in the Bill Morely case who was arrested by the city marshal for alleged throwing of stones at the Chinaman's wash-house Monday evening, in which Quong's door was badly battered, scaring the Oriental so badly that he thought that someone was after his money and life.

For several months the boys have been bothering the Chinaman and a while back some culprits threw some giant fire crackers into his window and shattered the panes. He had wooden doors put over his windows and a new front door put into his shack.

But not to be out done by this of protection of the wily Oriental, some boys banded together Monday evening and shattered in the panels of his new door.

On the following morning young Fields was in the blacksmith shop and upon the suggestion of Marshal Lenneville said that himself and four other boys had had some fun with the Chinaman the night before, but that he had nothing to do with the bombardment but to carry a few chunks and deposit them in front of the wash-house. His story indicated that Bill Morley and Jesse Russell were the ones that had thrown the missives and so Lenneville swore out a warrant for arrest of these two boys. Young Russell lives out of town and his arrest does not come under the City Marshal's jurisdiction and moreover he is supposed to have gone up into Washington since the little fun-making Monday.

Tuesday evening the boys were rounded up before the municipal Judge and some testimony heard and the case was continued yesterday morning. All the boys testified that they had been near the Chinaman's house when the crash or crashes sounded but that they were totally ignorant as to who did the throwing. The stories of the boys did not exactly tally with that of some of the employees of the Hancock and Gordon livery stable and according to the marshal and the Judge sent the marshal after Wilson and Misner for testimony but as they were out of town he continued the case until Saturday morning at 9:00.

"There has been an injury done and a misdemeanor committed," said the Judge, "and part of these boys have done it." Morely is released on his own recognizance, and the others will appear as witnesses Saturday.

When seen in his shack Quong Lee's teeth were chattering like he was having a chill and holding up his five digits to indicate the number of lads that had made him a call the first of the week, he began to mutter, "Alle samee fi boy, blaakee door, wakkee me up. I no sabe. I no want a make trouble. Maybe they killee me. I no know." And the old pensive Chink went back to his tub with this thought on his mind.

Sunday School Convention.

Greenville District Sunday School convention will be held on Saturday, August 3, in the grove at Buxton. Dinner will be served in the grove and everybody is invited to attend. The following is the prepared program:

At 10 a. m. devotional exercises led by A. B. Garrigus; 10:10 address of welcome by Wm. Staley, response; 10:10 song; 10:35 address by County President L. L. Hollinger; 10:50 recitation by Lizzie Hannan; 11 address by S. S. Walker; 11:30 song by Fire Chorus; 11:35 address by Rev. A. Robinson; 12 lunch in the grove; 1:30 praise service conducted by Hans Peterson; 1:40 paper by Mrs. Howard; 2:10 discussion; 2:15 report of schools; 2:15 exercises led by the children; 3:30 benediction.

WANT RIGHT OF WAY UP GALES CREEK

E. W. Haines and W. H. Hollis Have an Agent In Field

TO CONNECT WITH THE GROVE

Line to Run South of City to S. P. Depot—Construction of Roads Depends on Residents.

Senator E. W. Haines and W. H. Hollis of the Forest Grove Transportation Company have an agent in the vicinity of Gales Creek securing right of way for an electric line from a point in the vicinity of the old Wm. Lyda sawmill to this city. They are asking for a right of way 50 feet in width and the road will run down Gales Creek dropping off to the south near this city so as to connect at the depot of the Southern Pacific. This course will be through the properties of Ed. and Geo. Naylor just south of the Grove and out past the pumping station.

When seen by the News neither of these gentlemen would discuss the matter at length but assured us that if the right of way can be secured the line would be built and if it cannot be had the matter would be dropped.

The people who have thus far been seen talk favorably of the project and it looks as though the right of way can be had.

Should a line be run in this vicinity it will tap a rich valley, not only in farm products but stone, gravel and timber.

Miss Minnie Buxton Who Was Rescued.



There was intense anxiety here among the many friends of Miss Minnie Buxton when her name was read among the passenger list of the ill-fated craft, Columbia, as the papers Monday evening stated that not a woman had been saved.

Telegram from Portland bore this same report out and while the people of this city prayed that the story might be wrong they could not believe but that she had been one of the victims. It was the occasion of much rejoicing when the Tuesday morning paper came out with a picture of Miss Buxton and a story telling of her rescue on a life-saving raft and she was the recipient of an ocean of heart felt congratulations when she arrived on the George W. Elder yesterday with the other fortunate ones who were saved from a tragic and watery grave.

Mrs. A. B. Caples and Miss Buxton's sister, Mrs. George Sloan, and daughter Gene went to Portland to meet her yesterday and many touching scenes were witnessed as the friends of the saved passengers pressed their way through the crowd to see and know that their loved ones had been spared. And another tragic scene was that of the grief stricken relatives of the lost ones.

It was said by Miss Buxton's friends when they trembled for her safety that if she had a bare chance she would gain land for she is a good boatswoman and swimmer.

Miss Buxton received her public school education here and afterwards graduated from the Oregon Agricultural College and the Good Samaritan Hospital. For the past three years she has been enjoying a good practice as a professional nurse. She is a young lady of winning personality and loving character.

Miss Buxton's father, Ed Buxton, lives at Corvallis. When here she won many laurels as a dramatic reader.

SUPT. CASES' ANNUAL REPORT

Increase in Teacher's Wages During Past Year.

SHOWS BIG GAIN OF PUPILS

There Are 6097 School Children in County and \$66,141.08 Was Spent for Education.

The following annual report of County Superintendent of Schools, Case, which he kindly compiled for the News is a fair criterion to Washington county's growth:

The annual school report for the year ending June 17, 1907, shows an increase over the preceding year of 130 pupils in the school population of the county and of \$1027.50 in the amount of county school funds apportioned. Teachers' wages have increased from an average of \$49.75 to \$55.69 for male teachers, and from \$41.14 to \$44.14 for female teachers. The amount of county school fund apportioned was, as given below, \$36,884.59 or (there being 6097 school children) \$6.05 per capita.

Extracts from the annual school report show the following:

CENSUS

Number of persons between four and twenty years of age residing in this county: males 3152, females 3075, total 6227.

Number of days attendance during the year 435,901.

Average daily attendance 2799.

Number of schools visited during the year by the county superintendent 98.

Average length of time involved in each visit 2 hours.

Number of miles traveled in performance of official duties during the year about 2500.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand June 16, 1906 \$ 9683.68

Receipts:

Received from County Treasurer from district tax... \$12570.93

Received from County Treas from county school fund... 36884.59

Rec'd from County Treas from state school fund... 10341.10

Rec'd from rate bills and tuition... 446.03

Rec'd from sale of bonds and warrants... 1775.00

Rec'd of County Treas from library fund... 1.78

Rec'd for library from other sources... 110.48

Rec'd for insurance on acct of losses... 68.42

Rec'd from all other sources... 5127.53

Total receipts... 77009.54

Disbursements:

Paid for teachers' wages... 49213.93

" rent of rooms and site... 25.00

" fuel and school supplies... 3687.84

" repairs and improving grounds... 2022.81

" new schoolhouses and sites... 2468.30

" on principal and interest of bonds and warrants... 4895.50

" for insurance... 138.51

" clerk's salary... 1206.94

" library books... 140.93

" all other purposes... 2341.32

Total disbursements... \$66141.08

Cash on hand June 17, 1907 \$10868.46

Fire Loss is Paid.

The following very convincing letter was received by the Farmers & Bankers Fire Relief Association yesterday from Mr. A. Sutherland of Shedd, Ore., who on June 7 was burned out, and on whose property our local company gave a policy for \$2000 which was promptly paid:

"Gentlemen: I was disappointed that I did not see you when you were here to thank you for the satisfactory adjustment of my loss by fire.

I always was prejudiced against insurance companies owing to the unsatisfactory way their losses were settled, but I can't say that for you and will do all I can for your company."

This is the first loss of any consequence had by this company and it was for \$2000. This company is of Forest Grove origin and has the best record of any in the state for conservatism and growth.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

New Resolution Governing Street Assessments Passed

TO BALLAST CAR TRACK

Water Rules and Rate Ordered Republished—Building Permit Rejected and Marshal Appointed

The council met in special session Monday evening and Mayor Laughlin presiding, with Councilmen Harris, Starrett, Wirtz, Walker and Hollinger present. Absent Hinman.

The mayor stated that the meeting was called for general purposes.

The question of marshal's salary was discussed and the following resolution passed: Resolved, that the salary of marshal for the balance of the year 1907 shall be ten dollars per month.

The mayor appointed Joe Lenneville marshal, which appointment was confirmed by the council.

The matter of gathering up pipe and fittings from the streets and put in storage for future use was referred to the water committee.

Mr. Lenneville presented himself and took the oath of office before Judge Hollis a notary public, who was present at the council proceedings.

After the discussion of the water question Councilman Starrett moved that the recorder give the public notice of the water rules and regulations in one issue of each newspaper.

By motion of L. L. Hollinger seconded by Mr. Harris the officer shutting off and turning on water of patrons for illegal use of water be allowed one-half the amount collected.

The following resolution was presented and by motion of Councilman Hollinger seconded by Councilman Harris was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Many of the streets will not have work done upon them until late in the year; and

Whereas, The amounts assessed against property abutting upon such unworked streets will not be needed until improvements are made; therefore

Resolved, That unpaid assessments shall become delinquent ten (10) days after work is done after this date; provided, no street tax shall become delinquent if ten (10) per cent above incurred expenses is paid on work done, or will be paid upon work done after this date; and,

Resolved, That money already paid in on street tax not covered by the above resolution shall be returned to the party paying the same.

Resolved, That the resolution passed July 9, declaring all street taxes not paid by July 25th inst. delinquent is hereby made null and void.

The application of Mr. Wagley for the construction of a corrugated iron store room was again presented and on motion of Councilman Harris seconded by Walker, it was rejected.

President Haines of the Forest Grove Transportation Company was present and upon the question of ballasting the car line he said that if they failed to get gravel shipped in by the S. P. Co., and they would know in a few days, they would begin work with gravel supplied here. He also stated that the company wished to retain its franchise on the east side of Eel's Park and would lay the track and fix up the road before winter.

By motion of Councilman Harris seconded by Mr. Wirtz, adjourned.

Hours for Lawn and Street Sprinkling

By resolution of the Common Council passed June 13, 1905, the hours for sprinkling are as follows:

On North Side of Pacific Avenue, lawn sprinkling from 5 to 6 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m.

On South Side of Pacific Avenue, lawn sprinkling from 6 to 7 a. m. and 7 to 9 p. m.

Street sprinkling in business section, 7 to 8 a. m.; 1 to 2 p. m. and 6 to 8 p. m.

In case of fire, all hydrants must be closed as soon as alarm is sounded and remain closed until fire is out.

The protection of the city demands that these regulations be strictly observed and any one violating them will have water shut off in accordance with regulations of Ordinance No. 118.

By order of the City Council.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS LETTER

Another Quiet Week at Seat of County Government

SOME NEW CASES FILED

Circuit Court Adjourned Monday Evening—Posing of Many Cases—Other Notes.

Diamond vs. Diamond, judgment for defendant.

S. M. Holland vs. C. Rhoades suit foreclose mechanic's lien dismissed.

Noble vs. Watrous motion for judgment on pleadings.

Estate Wm. Porter was closed record. This was one of the old solvency cases started 11 years ago under state law.

Campbell vs. Campbell. Divorced defendant is requested to file answer within 20 days.

Bond vs. Wagley, dismissed. Bond vs. Connell dismissed. Ousplund vs. Connell. Judgment for defendant, suit for doctor's bill.

In the matter of application of Ch. Ar. Best for registration of land title. Ordered that summons be made publication.

Chas. A. Wyman vs. Caroline Ladd et al. Decree quieting title.

Hettie Green vs. Henry O. Green, decree of divorce granted.

NEW CASES FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Hettie L. Green vs. Henry O. Green divorce.

M. Bisbee vs. E. R. Harrison et al. C. F. Harrison. Action for money.

Oregon Electric Railway Company vs. Rosa Reghitto. Right of condemnation.

Same company vs. George Hartney et al. To condemn right of way.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of J. C. Moore deceased. Estate closed of record and executor discharged.

Estate of Edward D. Kerr, deceased. Ida Kerr appointed administratrix. Bonds \$200.

Estate of J. W. Ratcliff, deceased. Will admitted to probate; widow, Grace Ratcliff, executrix.

Estate of Raymond Dixon, deceased. Bond of administrator filed and approved.

Estate of John Fisher, deceased. Claim of F. M. Robinson, administrator allowed in the sum of \$32.61. Resignation of F. M. Robinson accepted, and D. C. Fisher appointed administrator with bonds at \$1000.

Estate of John P. Mohnan, deceased. Final account filed and time set for hearing.

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Made Another Home Run.

Kopple made another home run yesterday but he needed neither a bat nor a ball to accomplish the feat. That popular ball player stole first in the game he played yesterday for together with his sweetheart he hid himself to Hillsboro and procured the necessary documents to accomplish the deed at the county clerk's office and from there he went to the minister's where the umpire in the game of matrimony wedded him to the girl of his choice.

Fowis don't count as strikes in this game but as Kopple has the rules by heart he made no fumble of the greatest game of his life. Miss Hettie Krieder the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Krieder, of this city, was the girl who held his attention while the game went on and is now the happy wife of the Forest Grove Colts' short stop.

No one knew of Kopple's grand stand play until the game was over for he went to his father's about ten miles in the country yesterday morning and returning about noon he advised his employer, Goff Bros. that he had business at the county seat and immediately set off to that neck of the woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Kopple will make Forest Grove their future home and they are now receiving the congratulations that are certainly due them. Yes, Kopple will play Sunday, and will be in trim for another home run.

LOST—somewhere in west part of town, gold watch, open face, Elgin movement, with nickel fob. Finder leave at NEWS office and receive reward.