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TO PAY DEPOSITORS 25 PER CENT NOW

Committee So Declares at the Monthly Meeting. Haines Will Reorganize Soon.

The committee of the Haines Bank Depositors met at the bank yesterday afternoon in regular monthly session. The committee went carefully over the business of the bank and by a unanimous vote it was decided to declare 25 per cent of the deposits payable at the bank after the 15th of this month. The condition of the institution is gradually gaining since closing on February first and it is now estimated that the total resources are \$50,000.00 while the liabilities are \$28,000.00, leaving a surplus after all depositors are paid in full of \$22,900.00. This is the information only in more detail, that will be furnished the depositors within the next few days.

Mr. Haines stated yesterday to The News that he was still working on the reorganization of the bank and that it would be but a short time until he would be able to announce the fact to the public.

Following is the statement made by the committee and authorized published in The News:

"At the monthly meeting of the Haines Bank Depositors Committee held July 8, 1908, the following motion was adopted: That twenty five per cent of the deposits be paid on demand, after July 15th, and balance soon as sufficient collateral can be disposed of, and the Committee conservatively estimate there will be from \$23,000.00 to \$25,000.00 left after all deposits are paid in full.

L. J. CORL,
Sec. Protem."

Colts Win Two Games

Three good games of ball were played at Cornelius during the Washington County Veterans Association meeting in that place in which the Colts fared quite prominently. The first game however, was played on Thursday afternoon between the Banks O'Learys and the Verboort team in which the score stood 13 to 4 in favor of the Verboorts.

Friday afternoon the Colts crossed bats with the Farmington team and in a decidedly warm contest the Colts came out with victorious to the tune of 7 to 0.

The Saturday game, July Fourth, however, proved to be the most interesting and exciting of any played this season anywhere in the county. The Verboorts, who played against the Colts, started out with flying colors but up to the ninth inning the score stood 5 to 1 in favor of the Verboort club. In this inning the Colts changed a number of batters and amid the confusion made by the rosters the score man could not make himself heard, and owing to a misunderstanding of the batters, the wrong man came up to the plate and sent the ball into right field bringing two scores in. It was discovered by the Verboort score man and the deuce was to pay. After a half hour's wrangling the matter was adjusted by calling the misguided batter out. This sent resentment through the veins of the Colts and a determination to win or "bust" took hold of the prancing steeds. The score now stood 5 to 3 and the last half of the ninth and one man down. Just imagine what was expected of the next batter; it was simply a case of "Kely at Bat." Well, Kelly didn't bat but another good man did, and he sent the pig skin out into center with a vengeance and landed safely on first. Along came another good batter and sent one out into left field where it was fumbled and let the first man home. The next batter wilted at home plate leaving the status of the game in a still more precarious condition, with one man on first, two men out and the score 5 to 4. However the score was tied before three men were out and the battle royal began. Tennessee relieved Alexander at the box and the Verboorts never scored again. In the last half of the twelfth, "Easy" Moore of the Colts landed on second and right before their eyes stole third, and while the third baseman was deciding what to do with the ball slipped on to home plate. And the band played Anne Laurie.

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Harold Jenson, who left here some few weeks ago properly "grub-staked," returned from the Southern Oregon mines Tuesday.

RIGHT OF WAY SECURED

With the exception of one small piece of right of way for the Oregon Electric company, the entire strip of land from Hillsboro to Forest Grove has been secured. The piece in question is that belonging to the Vandervan's at Cornelius, which when seen last week offered it for \$150 but raised the price to double that amount yesterday when the committee sought to close up with them. That this piece will be condemned there is no question, as the committee personally will raise the required amount to fight it through the courts if necessary. The Vandervan property, however, will not delay the work of building the road as their property abuts the right of way and but a few feet are necessary.

Camping places along the route between here and Hillsboro have been selected by the company for the crews, and already one crew is located on the Tongue property just this side of that city.

The committee have made a record that it is proud of, considering the fact that there will be but one piece of land to be condemned. Forest Grove can also take the credit for securing the entire right of way from Hillsboro to this place, as the help they were to receive did not materialize.

Forcing Right of Way

Following the time-honored custom of railroad corporations, the Oregon Electric Company forced its line across a contested piece of right of way near Beaverton. Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, even though it happened to cost Mrs. Rose Reghitto, lessee of the property, a broken arm. The injured woman attempted to resist the construction gang when it unexpectedly swooped down on her humble onion patch and began grading, laying ties and rails, but was of no avail.

She had taken her position, according to ex-sheriff Connell, of Washington County, who was called in to take a hand, on the inside of the fence, which was the first barrier to the progress of the road. She was warned away by the boss of the gang, but held her ground. The boss then ordered his men to knock down the fence, and still the woman didn't budge. A blow from a sledgehammer against one of the boards in the fence to which the woman was clinging threw her from her post, and an old fracture in her arm, which was made about four months ago, was duplicated.

The Oregon Electric has graded and laid rails on the Forest Grove extension up to the Reghitto onion ranch on both sides, and, refusing to be held up any longer, Contractor C. J. Miller quietly gathered a force of about 100 laborers and half as many teams and started the invasion of the Reghitto tract on Saturday night, kept it up Sunday and worked all night that night by lanterns and oil lamps. They ran a strip of right of way through the tract 60 feet in width and 1100 feet in length.

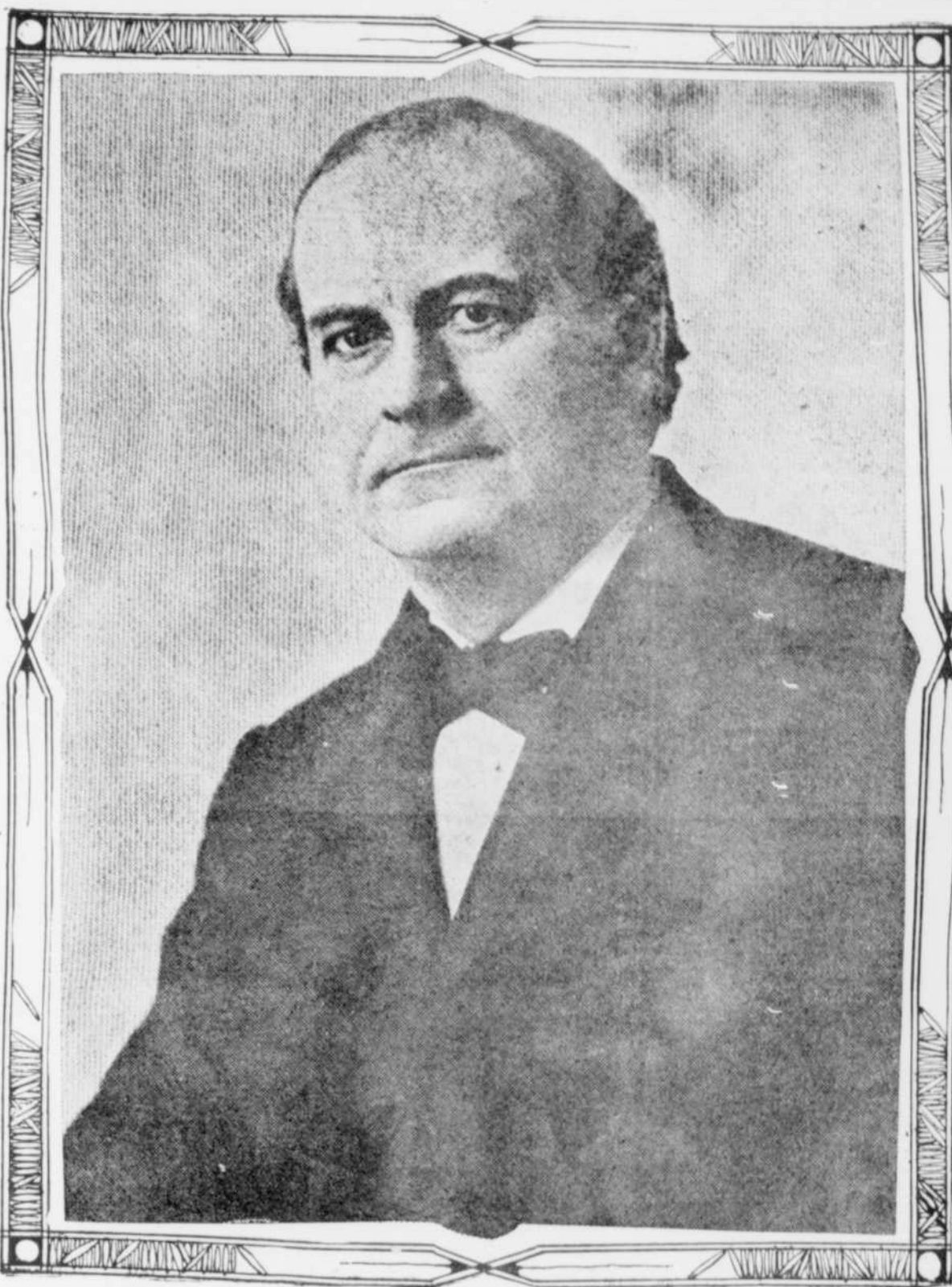
The Oregon Electric people claim that in as much as the road is going to be built people might as well come to that view of the situation. The claim is made that the company has already come to an agreement with the owner of the tract in question and that the Reghittos have been trying to hold the company up for thousands of dollars for damage to their leasehold and present crop. The company says it is willing to pay a reasonable price, and that this will be determined when the condemnation suit comes to trial at Hillsboro, July 20.—Telegram.

Lost An Eye.

A. C. Davis formerly of Gaston, but now of Roseburg, had the misfortune to lose an eye in that city on the 20th of last month. Mr. Davis went down to the creek to gather some wood and in some manner fell, striking against a snag which pierced his cheek and putting out the sight of one eye. He has been in a precarious condition and suffered much pain but is now slowly recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Davis, since going to Roseburg have made many friends there who have assisted them in their trouble. Lee Anderson of Gaston, has forwarded Mr. Davis a check for \$100 as their money is tied up in the bank.

Enthusiastic Meeting at Gaston.

Gaston is surely getting on the map in a way that won't come off. A few weeks ago the citizens of that place organized a Gaston Push Club and since then it has been very active in matters of a public nature. Last Thursday evening another meeting was held and a large crowd was present. E. G. Adams of the Sunset Magazine



William Jennings Bryan

Will probably be nominated for the Presidency of the United States for the third time on the Democratic ticket, at Denver today.

was present and made an enthusiastic talk on community advertising and as a result \$75.00 were pledged to the county advertising fund, of which \$66.00 were raised before the meeting adjourned.

Installation of Officers.

Odd Fellows met Monday evening and installed the following officers: Rev. Gould, Noble Grand; Dr. Brown, Vice Grand; A. E. Gardener, Warden; A. Bryant, Conductor; Morgan, Right Supporter to Noble Grand; Chas. Van Doren, Left Supporter to Noble Grand; Geo. Paterson, Right Supporter to Vice Grand; Wilbur McEldowney, Left Supporter to Vice Grand; V. S. Abraham, Chaplain; Miles Watrous, Inside Guardian; Arthur Parker, Outside Guardian; Samuel Marshall, Right Scene Supporter; Long, Left Scene Supporter. Refreshments were served after installation and a pleasant evening spent.

Filed Complaints.

David Reghitto, one of the pioneer onion growers of the Beaverton section, went before District Attorney Tongue Monday and swore to a complaint charging Guy W. Talbot and Chief Engineer Miller, of the Oregon Electric with both trespass and assault. Reghitto alleges that on Sunday, July 5, the Oregon Electric crews under their charge, went down to the Reghitto place and, over the protests of himself and daughter, entered the place and in so entering injured the daughter's arm.

New Cigar Factory for the Grove.

Herman Kennell of Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho, will open up a cigar manufactory in this city in the near future. Mr. Kennell is a first class workman and will open his shop in the frame building on Pacific avenue, next door to the Corl building. He expects to supply the wholesale trade in and about Forest Grove and will conduct a stand at the factory. He has purchased the Harry Westlot property on the corner of Third avenue and First street and has moved in this week.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Fifteenth Annual Reunion of the Washington County Veterans Association came to a close at Cornelius last Saturday, and it has, like all former reunions, proved to be one of success. The veterans went into camp in the City Park on Thursday and continued until Saturday the Fourth.

Each day there was a good program of music and speeches.

On Saturday there were at least 5000 people on the grounds, the weather was ideal and every feature of the entire day was a grand success.

Friday the program was probably the best. Capt. Apperson of Clackamas county, and who was elected President of the G. A. R. at Newport, a week ago, made the principal address. In the forenoon Cornelius furnished the program which consisted of music and recitations. In the afternoon the program was under the direction of the Hillsboro comrades, with Rudolph Crandall master of ceremonies. One of the features of the meeting was the presence of the Portland drum corps who kept the park ringing with wartime music.

The election of officers occurred in the afternoon and they were as follows: President, Col. R. W. McNutt, Cornelius; First Vice President, G. A. Thomas, Forest Grove; Second Vice President, Rudolph Crandall, Hillsboro; Treasurer, S. A. Howel, Beaverton; Secretary, H. G. Fitch, reelected, Cornelius.

The Ladies Auxiliary elected as follows: Mrs. F. A. Haines, Hillsboro, president; Mrs. Wolf, Cornelius, first vice president; Mrs. H. F. Gordon, second vice president; Mrs. A. C. Sablin, Hillsboro, secretary; Mrs. R. W. McNutt, Cornelius, treasurer; and Mrs. Sarah Farnham, Hillsboro, chaplain.

On Friday the people of Cornelius gave a drama entitled, "From Sumpter to Appomattox" which was a success in every particular. The cast of characters were: Miss Rilla Henderson, as Clara Torn; Oswald Olson as Julian Farnsworth; Oscar Lund as Judge Thorn; Lester Moobery as Lieut. Ell-

ot; Mr. Webb as Major Geo. Roberts of the Confederacy; Alger M. Fitch as Wash, Judge Thorn's slave; Miss Kate Spencer as a Yankee girl who was visiting Judge Thorn when the war began and who nursed the wounded confederates; Bertha Wilcox as Mrs. McGee.

The scene was laid at the time of the war and in the southern states, it was particularly well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The next semi-annual meeting of the association will be held in Forest Grove some time in October.

By Wata District Correspondent.

The Fourth passed off very nicely here. The forenoon exercises commenced with a parade headed by Capt. Willie Busch and his company of boys. Next came a float drawn by gaily decorated horses with Miss Pearl Stephenson as Liberty and girls and boys with flags representing the states of the Union. Then came a band of Horribles, who caused much laughter by their appearance and the chief of them made a short speech. The parade ended at the grove where the exercises presided over by Geo. F. Schoch were as follows: Prayer, Rev. Keagy; music by quartette, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Gardner, Mrs. DeMoss, L. R. Van Kirk; reading of Declaration of Independence by N. A. Frost; recitation, The Revolutionary Tea, Miss Alice Wilson; song, My Own United States, Mrs. Julia DeMoss; recitation, Independence Bell, Miss Emma Busch; flag exercises and drills by eight young ladies, ten boys and six little girls. Hon. John R. Stevenson of Portland, son of R. O. Stevenson of this place, was next introduced and delivered an address and we heard many words of praise for the excellent manner in which it was given. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. DeMoss then sang a trio. The picnic dinner followed. In the afternoon foot racing, bicycle and sack races and flour scrambles were indulged in. All claimed they enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

A. J. Prideaux teacher in the Commercial Department of Willamette university, was in the Grove Sunday.

FARM HOUSE BURNED

The farm residence of Col. Harry Haynes about a mile east of here was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning together with the contents belonging to the tenant, A. Norton.

Mr. Norton had risen at an early hour and started a fire in the kitchen stove and had gone to the barn to do the chores when shortly afterwards the fire was discovered by members of the family who were asleep when Mr. Norton arose. Assistance was called but only four chairs were saved. He is not sure that his \$200 insurance is still in force. On the house Mr. Haynes carried \$800.

That some members of Mr. Norton's family did not lose their lives is almost a miracle. On the preceding evening a brother of the family with his family arrived from Kansas and one of his children was very sick. They had been up most of the night attending the patient and were worn out, hence were sleeping soundly when the fire was discovered by one of the boys. He gave the alarm and jumped out of the window and ran to a neighbor's for assistance. The other members of the family were compelled to run for their lives with only their night clothes on, and had it not been that assistance was given Mrs. Norton in descending the stairs she might have perished. She became confused in the smoke and could not find her way to the stairs.

After reaching safety, Mrs. Norton could not be convinced that her eldest son was not in the burning building and her condition was pitiful. He is the boy who ran for assistance and had not returned. The little sick girl was carried to a place of safety none the worse for her experience. The families are now comfortably located in tents on the premises and clothes have been furnished by the neighbors until others can be gotten.

The Nortons seem to be pursued by an ill omen as one of the children was some time ago seriously bitten by a dog, while another broke his arm and other minor accidents have overtaken the family.

Mr. Haynes says he will probably rebuild the house. The fire also destroyed four large cherry trees besides two or three of the big oaks that have furnished protection and shade for many years, and which cannot be replaced.

W. K. Curtis furnished The News with a bit of historic news concerning the destruction of the Col. Haynes farm house in the following:

"The destruction of the Col. Haynes residence on his farm, removes a historic land mark. It was built in the early fifties. Mr. Stokes, father of our genial express agent, was one of the builders. It was said to be the strongest built house in the county.

During the Indian trouble in the early days the house was surrounded by a stockade and served as a place of refuge for the families of the pioneers. However, no Indian attack was made and after the scare was over, the stockade was removed and the home again sheltered the family of a pioneer."

Water Fight Tuesday Night.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Forest Grove Fire Department held at the city council room last night, it was decided to hold a water fight on next Tuesday evening. The department will be divided, one side will start from the McNamer & Wirtz livery barn and the other from the corner at the Book Store, when the alarm is given, and the run will be made by each side to a hydrant on the corner west. The side that throws water first will win the contest.

W. C. Kertson's and C. E. Johnson's term of seven years having expired they were given an honorable discharge. J. B. Matthews was elected as foreman to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Kertson's discharge.

Glove Manufactory for the Grove.

Forest Grove is to have a glove manufactory and the machinery is already purchased for the plant. Mr. P. W. Watkins of this city is to install the new industry and he claims he will be able in a short time to turn out 40,000 pairs per month. He will make only such gloves as are used in hopping time and others that can be made of cloth. He is fitting up a part of his residence on Fourth avenue for the purpose.

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Wm. M. Stephens, who has been confined to the house for several days, is able to be out again.