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STATEMENTS RESENTED

Communication Published Last
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Those Concerned

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Editor Forest Grove Press.

Dear Sir: When Mr. Barber in his letter to the Press and News-Times of May 2nd insinuates that I wrote under the name of "Recall" because I was ashamed to have my own name appear, he insinuates that which he well knows to be false; because when the "Recall" letter was read at the council meeting I at once rose in my place and acknowledged the authorship. The reverend gentleman's letter is evidently meant to be "writ sarkastic;" to some it may even seem childish. He apparently does not believe that "satire should be like razor keen, to wound, the wound yet scarce be seen," but prefers the sledge hammer and mud slinging method. In justice to the Press I am bound to say that I have never seen anything in its columns pertaining to the "sewer," and if it is a sewer Mr. Barber seems willing enough to wade in it.

I wonder if any of the council have ever considered how much it would cost to pave the whole city; even they, I think, would hesitate before they allowed the city to incur such a mountain of debt. Why then do they seek to involve a small number in a debt just as large in proportion? Is not the principle, or want of principle, the same?

I leave it to the unbiased critic to judge if the slush has flowed from my pen or the pen of the reverend gentleman, or if his letter is the letter of a man striving to work for the welfare of the citizens who elected him, or only the vaporing of a sophisticated rhetorician, inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity, seeking by vilifying his opponents to glorify himself.

Very truly yours,

T. H. LITTLEHALES.

Editor Press: Rev. J. M. Barber, city councilman, in your issue of May 2, made some statements about me which are not true. He said I tried to get the council to accept the minority report in regard to paving Second avenue. This is false. I tried to get the council to accept the majority report consisting of almost two-thirds of the property involved, but they accepted the minority report of a little over one-third of the property owners.

He says I tried to get the council to perjure themselves. (This requires explanation to understand.) Our city charter says that after the council has passed a resolution to pave, that unless two-thirds or more of the property owners object, then it is imperative on the council to order said street paved. I may not have it exactly right but that is the substance of it. Now when I was trying to get the council to accept the majority report of less than two-thirds, I did not know of that clause in our charter and I hardly think the council did either, or they would have corrected me as they did on other points, and if they did know it why did they take a

vote to see whether to pave Second avenue when it was the council's duty to order it paved without putting it to a vote? After the vote had been taken the attorney for the Warren Construction Company informed you of that clause. So much for the perjury charge.

He says I told them the property owners would boycott the councilmen who are in business here. That is a pretty broad statement. I only wish I could control other people's actions to that extent. What I said was that the property owners might do so, and that I certainly would. He says that it is a very serious threat against the business men, but it is not as serious, and a boycott against those men would not be as serious for them, as the paving you have forced on Second avenue is to the majority of the property holders there. He seems to hold the city charter responsible for their acts, and says if we do not like it we can change the charter. We have a simpler method. We can change councilmen.

In another paragraph he throws a bouquet at himself when he says "I was glad we had men who in the face of threats and hisses would stand true to their pledge and vote accordingly." Another error, as the hisses did not come until after the vote.

C. B. STOKES.

Divorced and Married Same Day

"Ring out the old love; ring in the new."

The trick was done in record time by Mrs. Garrett G. Puzey, a young matron of 25. Mrs. Puzey secured a divorce by default from Lewis A. Puzey in Judge Kavanaugh's court this week, and before leaving the courthouse she obtained a license to marry Ralph C. McCoy. Mrs. Sadie Ireland, the witness who appeared for her in the divorce case, also was her witness before the marriage license clerk, swearing that there were no legal impediments to the proposed marriage.

McCoy, the bridegroom-elect, is also a divorcee, having secured legal separation from his former wife by a suit in Gilliam county three months ago. He gives his residence at 487 North Twenty-third street, Portland, the same address given by Mrs. Puzey in her application for the marriage license. Both McCoy and Mrs. Puzey were represented by Attorney Oak Nolan in their suits for divorce.

In her complaint on which she based her demand for legal separation Mrs. Puzey accused Lewis A. Puzey of cruelty and desertion. She stated that on one occasion, when she was desperately ill, he went upstairs and pounded on the floor to annoy and distress her. McCoy charged his former wife with desertion.

The six months' restraint which the law was believed to impose upon divorced persons has been swept away by a recent decision of the supreme court, which has held that no time limit holds in cases of divorces granted by default after the non-appearance of the defendant.

Fruit Growers' Meeting

A meeting to elect directors of the Forest Grove Fruit Growers' Association will be held at the K. P. Hall, Forest Grove, Oregon, on June 3, 1912, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

H. C. ATWELL,
A. B. CRAFT,
ROBERT ALEXANDER,
Corporators.

BASEBALL MATTERS

Local High School Team Is
Victor Saturday, Meets
Defeat Wednesday

The ball game last Saturday between McMinnville High School and Forest Grove High School, played on the college campus, was a hot game from start to finish. Owing to an error in the fifth inning, the visitors gained some points, but were outclassed by the local team and met defeat. The score was 5 to 6 in favor of the local team. The umpire, Wm. Martin, was called on in the eighth inning to settle some misunderstandings.



BILL, THE UMPIRE, WOULD NOT BE BLUFFED

The game played yesterday between Vancouver High School and Forest Grove High School resulted in victory for the visitors, with a score of 11 to 1. Somehow our boys lost heart with these big huskies and let them win.

Real Estate Transfers

The following real estate transfers are furnished the Press by the Wilkes Abstract Co. of Hillsboro.

Marion S Allen et ux to James Nichols, 12.53 acres in B F Catching DLC, \$3125.

Agnes Isabella Harris to Wm. C. Graddy 5.70x17.60 chs in Wm Porter DLC, \$300.26.

Mildred McConnaughey to John W Friday, 100x100 feet in NW 1/4 sec 31, 2 N 3, \$250.

Allie Burger to W B Munford 20x3 rds in sec 31, 2 N 3 W, \$1200.

Felix Vorhoeven et ux to A E Scott 25x100 ft in blk 6, Forest Grove, \$1400.

H Hyffels et ux to Edward Wendt, Lot 10, Blk 15, Cornelius, \$900.

Thos J Ott et ux to O & C R R part lots 5 and 6, Fruitville add to Forest Grove, \$100.

Emma J Patten et ux to O & C R R Co, part Lot 2, Blk 21, Forest Grove, \$100.

Thos Small et ux to Amy R. Gibbs 30 acres in Sec 15, 1 N 4, \$2300.

Sarah K Roberts et al to O & C R R Co., Lot 2, blk 22, Forest Grove, \$400.

Notice

All Master Masons, members of Holbrook Lodge and all sojourning Masons are urgently requested to meet in a special communication next Wednesday evening, May 15th at 8 p. m. Work in the master's degree and refreshments. By order of the worshipful master.

A. BEN KORI, Secretary.

MULTIPLYING FRIENDS

No one ever had too many friends. Among our best friends, particularly among those of the farmer and of the suburban and country resident, are the birds. What ceaseless toilers for us! No striking for shorter hours, even as musicians or insect exterminators! Think of all they bring us—life overflowing with graceful movement, color, song, to say nothing of service that takes no holidays! Without them our gardens, our fields, our orchards our vineyards would perish from the devouring hoards of insects, and then we too would perish.

Why not then multiply our friends the birds? Why not set up our invitations to them on tree and pole and building which shall say, "Stop here with us. Build here your nests and rear your young." The expense of these boxes is almost nothing to one who will take the trouble to make them himself. Weather-beaten lumber like old fence boards furnishes material quite as attractive, even more so to the birds, than new and painted wood. The nearer the boxes look like weathered stumps and limbs the more the birds appear to think of them as suitable nesting places.

The boxes for such birds as wrens and chickadees should have approximately an inside measurement of twelve by four inches. They may be placed anywhere from six to twenty-five feet above the ground. A perch is not necessary. A box for swallows and bluebirds should be twelve to thirty feet from the ground. Swallows and bluebirds like perches. The long diameter of the box should be so situated as to be shaded by a tree or building during the hottest part of the day. Even tin cans, like tomato and varnish cans, may be utilized, pains being taken to turn the edges of the opening where the birds go in and come out with a pair of pliers so there will be no rough or sharp edges, and there should be a few nail holes in the lower edge to allow the escape of any water that may drive in. There should be no projection of limb immediately below a nesting box to give marauding cat or crow a foothold.

As to the size of the opening for the birds to enter, that may depend upon the kind of birds you want to nest there. It must be large enough for the bird you want and small enough to keep out such birds as young crows and jays. A wren can use a hole the size of a silver quarter of a dollar. The chickadee should have one an inch and an eighth in diameter, but prefers one an inch and a quarter. Bluebirds and tree-swallows should have the opening one and one-half inches large. These entrances may be round, square or oblong.

All that has been said here is exceedingly brief and incomplete. It is more to call attention to the subject and to awaken interest in this most delightful and deeply interesting subject than to give full particulars. If only some of our readers, particularly among the young, and teachers and their pupils, are led by this article to multiply around them these joyful, helpful friends, "the birds of God," we shall greatly rejoice that this article was written.—F. H. R. in Our Dumb Animals.

For Sale—A young mare sound, true, gentle, well broken. V. V. Willis, 16 Third street.

W. C. T. U. HOLD ALL-DAY MEET

Equal Suffrage Was Topic at
Institute in Methodist
Church Friday

"Equal Suffrage" was the very up-to-date topic of the W. C. T. U. institute held in the Methodist church last Friday. The morning session was a workers' conference led by Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, the state president. Before its close two members of the Portland Woman's Club were introduced, Mrs. Fear and Mrs. Eggert, chairman of the suffrage campaign committee of the Portland Woman's Club. Their presence and participation in the afternoon session added much to an already well planned program, the most interesting feature of which was Mrs. Boldrick's paper on "The Place of the W. C. T. U. in Suffrage Work."

In reply to an assertion that the Woman's Club of Forest Grove was quoted as saying it had nothing to do with either politics or religion and therefore had no place in this suffrage work, Mrs. Eggert stated that similar had been the attitude of the Portland Woman's Club, but that now it did not wish to be in the position of the old darkey woman who, when asked on the street where she was going, replied "Laws, Massa, I'se done been where I'se gwine."

We wonder how many people in Forest Grove are well-informed enough to answer the four questions of Mrs. Penfield's quiz: What states have equal suffrage? In what year did they receive the franchise? What states vote upon the question this fall? Name some foreign countries having equal suffrage.

No one should have missed the evening address by Mrs. Unruh. Of all the good things heard here this winter, it certainly was one of the most interesting, regardless of beliefs or prejudices. Special thanks are due the High School Orchestra and the Men's Quartet which provided music for the evening.

Not the least enjoyable part of the day was the noon lunch, at which several honorary members and invited guests were present—a goodly number of those who can vote and who pinned on the "votes for women" buttons found on their place cards.

The place of the W. C. T. U. in Forest Grove seems to have been to hold the first gathering this year in honor of this now world-wide question which is interesting so largely our own country today.

Notice For Bids

Bids will be received at this office up to Saturday, May 11, at 10 a. m., for the wrecking and removal of the building on the north half of Lot two, Block 24, Forest Grove, known as the Stephenson lot, party making the bid to receive all the material therein and to leave the ground clear of all lumber, rubbish or other material.

For Sale—Steam prune dryer, one ton capacity, all complete. Price \$60. J. L. Loving, Gales Creek, Ore.

Christian Church Services

At the Christian church next Sunday morning Mother's Day will be properly observed both in the bible school and the preaching service. All are asked to wear carnations who can possibly do so—white carnations for mothers who are dead, and red carnations for the living mothers. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Mother, Home and Heaven." In the evening the pastor will give a sermon illustrated by a large chart, entitled "The Development of the Gospel." On Sunday evening, May 19, there will be an ordination service at the church, when two young men will be ordained to the ministry. All are welcome to these services. The educational sermon to the high school will be given on the evening of the 26th.

SCHOOL NEWS

The eighth grade are taking their final examinations this week.

Our baseball team is to play a return game at McMinnville Saturday.

Prof. W. E. Thomas of Corvallis has been elected principal at the Lincoln building.

The Lincoln school will give an entertainment in the near future, the proceeds to go toward paying for their piano.

The annual educational sermon will be delivered at the Christian church Sunday evening, May 26, by Rev. C. H. Hilton.

The primary rooms of Central building have already received sixty-three books from their entertainment fund and still there is some money left.

The pupils of the public schools are invited to take part in the decoration day exercises. They will be represented at the cemetery and will also take part at the hall in the afternoon.

Our local school board has elected Prof. Wm. Scott as principal of the Forest Grove city schools for the next year, Prof. Gardner having accepted a position with the Lakeview city schools.

The high school commencement will be held at the Methodist church on Friday evening, May 31. Dr. Todd, vice president of Willamette University, will deliver the address. There are sixteen graduates this year.

The teachers' training class of the high school is doing some strenuous work now and it is hoped that the training received will help much to make the young people strong teachers. They are getting a view of the teachers' work, methods and opportunities.

City School Supt. Resigns

Prof. Gardner and wife who have so faithfully labored with us for the past four years in the city schools, have accepted work in the schools of Lakeview for the next year. The citizens of Lakeview have just completed a fine school building and are furnishing it with the latest improved, up-to-date accessories, and we predict that they have made no mistake in securing the services of Prof. Gardner and wife, who have done much to build up our schools to their present high standard.