

Mr. Sappington Replies to Board

Forest Grove, Ore., June 9 '13
To the Editor:

It is not my intention or wish to go into a long drawn out controversy with the School Board, but as the mouthpiece of the said School Board has seen fit to make a lot of mis-statements, over the signatures of the School Board, I will, in my way, endeavor to give you the documentary facts. You will notice that the learned professor in all of his preamble does not attempt to tell you why they did not follow the law in the matter. He first says that the voters were fully informed before the election.

In the last issue of the Forest Grove News-Times, before the school election, the School Board caused the following to be published:

"In order that the school electors may understand the situation in regard to the school election the school board desires to have it understood that if the election carries, the bonds can be disposed of at a good figure without necessary delay." When it was understood that a bond election was to be held a number of leading bonding houses sent their representatives to Forest Grove to make inquiries about securing the bonds. If the election carries the bonds will first be offered for sale to the State School Board, and if there is no money in that fund available to buy such bonds, and an opportunity will be offered through the County Treasurer for private bonding firms to secure the bonds.

Five of these firms have already made bids as to what price they would pay for the bonds, provided the election carries. The best bid was from a prominent Portland bonding house. Their bid on 6 per cent bonds was \$1175 premium; on 5 1/2 per cent bond was \$350 premium and on a 5 per cent bond was par, less 2 per cent for legal services, printing, etc.

The Forest Grove Press of even date commenting on the School election, had the following: "That the Press man stumbled across a proposition yesterday wherein Morris Bros., of Portland, purchase the bonds at par, then charge \$1060 for supposedly free legal advice. Bonds actually sold over three points below par!" With further like comment.

On the following day the School Board caused to be printed and circulated through out the district a circular with an answer to the above as follows: "As to the facts in regard to the contracting of the bonds see the statement published in the News-Times for this week. The Board in the matter did just what dozens of other districts have done. It is not an unusual transaction at all. The interest of the District will be thoroughly protected in any event, as the transaction has to be completed through the County Treasurer. If he is satisfied that the best interests of the District would not be secured by the carrying out of the contract he can hold the matter up as he is a citizen of Forest Grove. The elector need have no fear on the score of the sale of the bonds." He says, "Why did he not bring suit in time, etc."

On the Monday following the school election I was visited by a representative of Morris Bros., he saying the said School Board had instructed him to get my signature to some papers relative to the bond issue. I read the papers which in substance were that I had advertised and offered for sale School District bonds of School District No. 15, Washington county, Oregon. That Morris Bros. were the highest and best bidders and therefore I awarded the bonds to Morris Bros.

I refused to sign and instructed him to so inform the School Board, which I presume he did as Mr. M. Peterson called on me the following day and explained matters by saying "the said Morris Bros. man had lead the School Board to believe they were acting within their rights and that he would see to having a School Board meeting called and fix the matter so that I could proceed to sell the bonds."

I met Mr. Peterson on the train, some time after the above conversation and told him I then had a chance to sell the bonds at a good price and asked him why they hadn't delivered the bonds to me, so that I could sell them, and that I would not stand for the delivery of the bonds on the contract to Morris Bros. at 3 per cent discount as we could do better.

I found out through the school clerk that they were waiting for a new law to become effective

whereby the School Board could deliver the bonds to Morris Bros. On learning the above I immediately informed two members of the Board that I would bring an injunction suit if the bonds were not legally sold before the expiration of the old law, which was June 2nd, the day the said suit was brought. As to School District No. 107 (Aloha) the bonds were regularly advertised and sold to Morris Bros. I hold affidavit of publication. He also says Mr. Sappington has not submitted a single authentic bid from a reliable bond house. I have failed to find any law where it says it was my duty to submit bids to Professor or to the school board before the bonds were offered for sale, but I hold correspondence from what I call a reliable bond house, of which I repeatedly told Mr. Peterson, and the Board was at liberty to see me at any time. He further says the bonds were to be dated June 1st instead of March 1st. The wording of the contract as pertaining to time is as follows: "Confirming our verbal agreement of even date herewith duly approved by your board and conforming to the same, we are to purchase the issue of \$350,000.00 bonds of School District No. 15, Washington County, Oregon, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, bonds to be duly issued and in the form hereafter provided, and are to pay for the same par and accrued interest, if any, at delivery."

The papers that were offered to me for my signature on March 3rd, 1913, were for immediate delivery and I will leave it to the readers to judge as to the time they were to commence drawing interest.

There are many more facts that I could cite in defense of my action in bringing the suit, also I would like to mention numerous promises the school board made before the bond election which they have failed to keep, but the want of space will not permit. I brought the suit through no malice or spite, but to try to enforce the law for the protection of myself and other tax payers of School District No. 15.

Truly yours,
E. B. SAPPINGTON.

Notice
We will demonstrate the Hardie Power Sprayer on Main Street, Friday and Saturday of this week, and Monday of next week. If you are interested in hop and fruit sprayers, it will pay you to come and watch these demonstrations. M. S. Allen & Co.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Notice.
Be it known that the Sunrise Grocery on and after May 1st will pay cash for all farm products, Eggs, Butter, Veal and pork, the best market price paid and all goods sold at the bottom price and for cash only. JOHN DODGE, Proprietor. 23tf

FOR SALE—Shadaland-Climax seed oats. Ed L. Naylor, Forest Grove. 20tf

FOR QUICK SALE—A \$12,000, 38 acre fruit farm on David's Hill, for \$8500. One of the finest fruit farms in Washington Co. Ferns, D. A. Kennedy Phone Vine 151. 16tf

FOR SALE—No. 2 Smith Premier typewriter, good as new. First offer of \$30 takes it. Press office. 16tf

A complete line of the best varnishes can be had at the Paterson Furniture Store, Forest Grove. 18tf

FOR SALE—One ton lose clover Barn. Phone 0185 Ed. L. Naylor. 24tf

Wanted a couple of young calves, either sex. Phone 0185, Edw. L. Naylor. 27tf

TO EXCHANGE—Seed potatoes for equal quantity and quality returned this fall. Phone 0185, Edw. L. Naylor. 27tf

FOR SALE—Leather folding baby buggy. Second house north of campus on Greenville road. J. L. Hill. 30tf

A new and up-to-date line of wall paper in many handsome patterns. Plain, figured and novelty goods to select from. All prices to fill a pocket. Paterson's Furniture Store, Forest Grove. 18tf

LOCAL NEWS

Short items of Interest Concerning people you may be interested in.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gordon, were in from their farm north of town Saturday.

Attorney Tom Tongue of Hillsboro, attended the races here Saturday.

Mrs. Beal, of Scoggins Valley, was shopping in this city, Saturday.

Wm. Deitz, of Gales City, was a business visitor to this city, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lamont, of Oak Hill section, were shopping in the local stores Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Hall, of Oak Hill section was shopping in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ortman, of the Thatcher section, were Grove visitors, Saturday. They are building a handsome new residence on their Fair View Farm. The house will contain every modern improvement, and will be a fitting adornment for their fruit ranch, which is one of the best in this section.

When you want that suit pressed or cleaned take it to Marion Markham, who can do it and do it right. Repairing a specialty. Shop on Pacific avenue. 10tf

Nute Hall and son Lester, of Scoggins Valley, were transacting business in Hillsboro, Monday.

Miss Ethel Joy, left for Gearhart Saturday, where she will spend vacation months.

W. K. Newell, the well known dairyman and fruit raiser of east Gaston, was in this city Monday, on his way to Portland.

M. S. Shrock, deputy dairy commissioner, was in this city over Sunday.

Roy Cook, one of the old time base ball players in the days when Washington county had a standing challenge against the world, was in from his Cornelius farm, Monday.

Mr. VanMeter and wife, of Dilley, were Saturday visitors to this city.

H. W. Quick, of Hillside was a business visitor to this city, the last day of the week.

Henry Scott of Scoggins Valley, was a visitor to this city Monday.

Walter Gardner who has been visiting his parents. Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Gardner, at Lakeview, has returned to this city, and is again employed in the local depot of the Oregon Electric railway company. Walter made his trip from Lakeview to Kalamath, a distance of 110 miles, on a motorcycle.

Dr. S. E. Todd was a business visitor to the metropolis, Monday.

Fair Jensen, who has been located in Eastern Oregon for several years, was looking over the scenes of his boyhood in this city, this week.

Raleigh Walker and wife of Laurelwood, were visitors to this city Monday.

When you commence housecleaning don't forget to kalsomine the walls. The best at G. G. Paterson's, Forest Grove. 18tf

Earl House was in Portland, Monday, to greet the coming of the Rose King.

Andrew Philip of Portland, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

H. J. Storey, of Gales Creek, was a business visitor to this city Saturday. Mr. Storey is engaged in the fruit and chicken raising business, and is making a success of it. He has several hundreds of hens and they are bringing him in a very satisfactory income.

Postmaster Frank Meyers, of Portland, was a Sunday guest of his father, Lieutenant William Henry Harrison Myers, of this city.

Charles Cox who recently sold his farm in the Cedar Canyon section, has bought the John Templeton residence property on First street. The Templetons will continue to make their home in this city. The sale was made through the Valley Realty company.

J. H. Wescott and sons, Frank and Harry, were in this city, Saturday, greeting old friends. The Wescotts lived in Forest Grove some years ago, but for the past decade have been engaged in the mercantile business at Gaston.

Will Haines and family who recently moved from McMinnville to Portland, were in this city the last of the week, calling on friends.

J. M. Brown and family have moved to independence, where J. M. has employment in a blacksmith shop at fine wages. The PRESS will follow them to their new home.

Miss Ruth Goodin, of Cornelius section, was a Saturday visitor to this city.

Everett Parkin, of Gales City, was attending to business matters in this city Saturday.

Paul Beck, of West Dilley was on our streets the last day of the week.

Otto Parsons, the horseman of the Gales Creek section, drove down to the Grove Saturday.

John Taylor, principal of the Public schools at Springfield, is visiting at his parents home in this city, after closing a very successful year's work.

Miss Livia Ferrin, teacher in the schools at Salem, has returned to her home in this city for her summer vacation.

Rev. D. W. Cook and family, who have been making their home at Falls City, the past year, have returned to this city.

John Heisler Jr., and wife of Gales Creek, were Saturday visitors to this city.

C. L. Dennis of Forest Dale, was transacting business at the County Seat, Monday.

J. W. Hughes, of the Dilley neighborhood, was a business visitor to this city, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, of the Oak Hill section, were shopping with the local merchants, Friday.

A bouncing baby girl weighing 6 1/2 pounds, came to the O. Waddle home in this city, Thursday night, via the stork line.

COURSE OF THE STARS.

Measuring How Fast and Far They Go Whirling Through Space.

Away out in space millions of miles distant is a star. To the eye it remains, year in, year out, a fixed point of light. Even through the telescope it does not appear to move, so slight is its orbit compared with the enormous distance that separates it from us.

Yet it is whirling through space as we are about some sun which it obeys, as we do ours. How do the astronomers learn this? Through the spectroscopic.

Every one is familiar with the fact that when a whistling locomotive is approaching the pitch of the whistle rises and as the engine recedes it falls. This is because the sound waves are crowded together by the onrushing engine and are drawn out longer as it goes the other way.

The same thing happens to the light of an onrushing star. The eye cannot detect it, but the spectroscopic does.

The astronomer allows the light of the star to come through a slit and be broken up by the instrument. He selects a single line of the spectrum of the star, chooses a guide line beside it and watches it.

If the star is approaching the light waves will be shortened and the light will become slightly nearer the violet. If it is receding the waves will be longer and the light will approach the red.

Red is low pitch in light and blue is high pitch. As the star swings about the curve at this end of its orbit the light gradually returns to normal, because the star, while moving just as fast, is not approaching as much. As the star turns back the line goes the other side of the normal.

By continued observation the astronomer finds how fast and how far the star goes each way and how often it does so. In the case of some stars he discovers that what appears to be one star is really two, which is shown by the fact that a line will divide into two and one part move up and the other down the spectrum at the same time. Such stars are known as spectroscopic doubles.—New York Sun.

SIBERIA'S RINGED BREAD.

Makes Good Soup After Being Used In a Game of Quits.

No homemade bread in the world can vie either in indigestibility or usefulness with the small ringed bread of Siberia, probably the most extraordinary bread in the whole world.

When the Russian engineering parties were constructing the Siberian railroad this white ringed bread was their chief food. As its name implies, it is made in the shape of a ring. It is cooked without salt or yeast and is first steamed and then lightly baked to expel the moisture. It is eaten and used in a wonderful variety of ways.

During the intensely cold winter months it is soaked in hot tallow for a few moments and then eaten with soup or dipped in tea and swallowed. This tallow bread is considered to be one of the most heat producing foods in existence.

A curious use to which it is put is as a lamp or stove. Half a dozen or eight holes are bored in the "tallow ring bread," and wax vestas are placed in them and lighted. This bread stove will burn slowly for about an hour, giving out sufficient heat to boil the necessary water for tea or coffee for half a dozen people.

During the day, when time hangs heavily, the Siberian peasants play quits with their ringed bread, the same breads appearing in the soup at the evening meal.—Pearson's Weekly.

Tooke's Taste In Tombs.

Nelson provided his own coffin, but there have been men who carefully prepared their own tombs. Horne Tooke was one. A large block of black Irish marble, specially procured for the purpose, was its most striking feature, and it was to be placed in his garden at Wimbledon, where he desired to be buried. But all his preparations were vain, for after his death it was decided that the presence of a tomb would "deteriorate the value of his estate," and he was buried in Ealing churchyard.—London Chronicle.

A MYSTERIOUS DESERT.

Weird Tales That Are Told of the "Soul Appalling Gobi."

Slowly we traveled across the great waste of Dzungaria, the "soul appalling Gobi" of some writers, but to us a land of beauty, even if of a somewhat terrifying character, for here more nearly than in any other land is beauty allied to terror.

These silent steppes the natives believe to be the haunts of "genii" and the rendezvous of evil spirits. As a recent writer has said, "The great sandy desert of Gobi has been looked on as the dwelling place of malignant beings from the days of hoary antiquity."

All luckless travelers in this region from the days of Marco Polo onward have recorded strange stories of weird beings that inhabit the depths of the wastes. Mysterious singing and walling, beating of drums and distant music are said to beguile the traveler and lead him off the track until he is hopelessly lost in the wilderness. A recent Russian explorer gives quite a detailed account of the wild men of the desert.

Listen to the strange story told by Kosloff, who traversed the desert of Dzungaria in its wildest part not long ago: "These wild men, the Kkz-Kyks, as they are called, are covered with short wool similar to the fur of a young camel. They have long black hair and black eyes. They are of ordinary size, but rather long legged. They roam the steppes in pairs, and when harassed by man they scream, whistle and snarl as they run away. The native Kirghiz claim to have caught them occasionally, but the captives refuse food and drink and die after a few days."—Wide World Magazine.

WIDOWS IN MADAGASCAR.

Their First Year of Mourning One of Abuse and Misery.

There are no gay widows in Madagascar—not, at least, for one year after the husband has died. In Madagascar, on the death of any man of position, on the day of the funeral the wife is placed in the house, dressed in all her best clothes and wearing her silver ornaments, of which in general she possesses a considerable quantity. There she remains until the rest of the house have returned from the funeral.

As soon as her relatives return they begin to revile her in most abusive language and tell her that it is her fault that she has been stronger than her husband and that she is really the cause of his death. They proceed to tear the ornaments from her ears and neck and arms and give her a coarse cloth and a spoon with a broken handle and a dish with the foot broken off. Her hair is disheveled, and she is covered with a coarse mat, under which she remains all day long and can only leave at night. And she may not speak to any one who goes into the house. Neither is she allowed to wash her face or hands, but only the tips of her fingers.

All this the Madagascar widow endures for a year, or at least for eight months, and even when this is over her time for mourning is not ended for a considerable period.

The last straw consists of the fact that she is not allowed to go home to her own relatives until she has been first divorced by her husband's family.—Chicago Tribune.

Obedying the Law.

A small town in Mississippi passed a law that no wheelbarrows should be allowed on the sidewalks in the business portion of the city. Soon after the law was passed one Saturday, which is the busiest day of the week, while the streets were crowded, a negro came along the main street trundling a wheelbarrow filled with groceries. The city marshal stopped him, telling him he was under arrest for pushing his wheelbarrow on the street. The negro looked at the officer for a moment, and then, picking up his little girl, who was walking by his side, he placed her upon the top of the groceries and, turning to the officer, said: "Go on, white man. Dis here ain't no wheelbarrow. Dis is a baby carriage."—New York Times.

RACES! RACES!

AT

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