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Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of April, 1916. Jo N. Hoffman, (Seal) Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires March 24, 1920.

The world is getting better. Because an Illinois man left a daughter only \$5 in his will, a church turned down a bequest of the old grouch for \$3,000.

The story is told that a Banks woman was reading the matrimonial columns of a paper and remarked to her husband; "Here's a strange coincidence—a William Strange married to a Martha Strange." "Strange, indeed," remarked the husband, "but I expect the next news will be a little stranger."

J. C. Johnson, district attorney of Curry county, admits that he will not try to secure convictions under Oregon's obsolete Sunday-closing law, and he has notified Sheriff Bailey to that effect. Mr. Johnson says he prefers to let the people express themselves at the polls this fall, instead of depriving them of their liberties on the strength of the old and forgotten law.

As the result of Dollar Day bargains offered by the merchants of this city, quite a number of farmers were in town Saturday who probably felt as though they ought to be at home working. Considerable cash was turned loose in the town and purchasers, in most instances, got goods at or below cost. Everybody should be pleased at the result.

W. J. R. Beach, who first agitated the proposition of inviting the 1917 encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. to Forest Grove, is already busy pulling wires to secure the meeting for this city. The action of the people at the "Home Products" banquet, given in this city Tuesday evening of last week, when it was unanimously voted to invite the old soldiers and their families, was a great encouragement to Mr. Beach and he now feels that the visitors will be cared for in case they come.

If all the speakers at the Hillsboro smoker last Thursday night meant what they said, Hillsboro and Forest Grove could accomplish wonders toward building good roads, securing new industries and otherwise improving the industrial condition of Washington county. And the Express believes the majority of the speakers want these things done, but in the past they have allowed petty jealousies to

keep them from working together. Every road built and every factory or sawmill established in Washington county will be of benefit to all parts of the county.

Among the institutions of which the people of Forest Grove may well be proud, the Express would enumerate the fire department and the band—two institutions that render lots of service for little pay. The sentiment seems to prevail all over the country that bands and volunteer fire departments will exist, somehow, whether they are fostered or appreciated or not. A little appreciation shown the band and fire boys once in a while would make them feel better toward the communities in which they do much work for little money.

The Express put on more than a dozen new subscribers last Saturday, as a result of Dollar Day, which isn't so bad for a new paper. One man said he would have subscribed long ago, but he was afraid the paper might sell out after it got his money. Don't worry, brother, about the Express selling out. It wasn't started for that purpose. In the first issue, the editor stated that he would run the paper so long as it paid him to do so; when it ceases to pay, it would be discontinued and subscription money returned. He is still in that frame of mind, but business has improved so much during the past six weeks, especially in the job printing line, that it now appears no mistake was made in launching a second paper in Forest Grove. The best way to insure the continuation of the Express, however, is to patronize it, even if only to the extent of a dollar and a half per year in subscription; more if you can afford it. Several citizens are paying for two copies—one for themselves and one to be sent to relatives outside the county.

Quite a number of people have complimented the editor of the Express for publishing the reply of the Kelley Advertising company to a certain newspaper's attacks on billboards. The editor of the Express is not entitled to any credit for the publication of the letter, which was written by a representative of the company and published in space purchased by the company. The editor of the Express thinks, however, that if he were looking for some evil to attack, he could find something more worthy of space than billboards. For several months there has been a bad-smelling hole just north of the fire house and the city hall that certainly needs looking after. That place is a menace to the health of the firemen who sleep in the fire house, as well as to every person who comes within a block of it. And it is even less artistic than some of the

pictures on the billboards. But the Express has no quarrel with the good people whose eyes are offended by pictures of large Durham cattle of the male gender. If they really think these pictures offend the eye, let them continue to rail against them, but don't forget the evils of the vile-smelling and disease-breeding cesspools in your crusade for civic beauty and health.

They Broke Bread With Hillsboroites

Last Thursday evening some thirty Forest Grove citizens, mostly members of the commercial club, were the guests of the Hillsboro Commercial club at a smoker and get-together meeting. The Groveites went up in autos and found the club rooms well-filled when they arrived with members and visitors from Beaverton, Oak Park, Cornelius and the surrounding farming country.

The program was opened by President Mahon's short speech of welcome, he closed with the announcement that no set program had been arranged; that Attorney W. G. Hare would act as chairman and that he would call on various citizens of the city and county for short talks.

Acknowledging the honor conferred upon him, Mr. Hare made a few remarks and called, in turn, upon Judge Hollis of this city, Mr. Weed of Beaverton, Mr. Barrett of Hillsboro, A. B. Flinch, (farmer), J. P. Hurley, W. J. McCready, Prof. Bates and E. W. Haines of Forest Grove; Fred Haywood of Oak Park; Dr. Irwin, Mr. Moore, E. B. Tongue and Judge Bagley of Hillsboro and J. H. Mulchay of Beaverton. All the speakers voiced the sentiment that the progressive citizens of the county should get together to secure better roads, more manufacturing plants and other industries to create payrolls for the county; all agreed that one part of the county could not be benefited without a benefit to the entire county, the Hillsboro speakers expressing the desire to see Washington county keep pace with their own town in an era of improvement. Forest Grove speakers made it plain that they were at all times ready to work for the betterment of the entire county, as did the speakers from Beaverton.

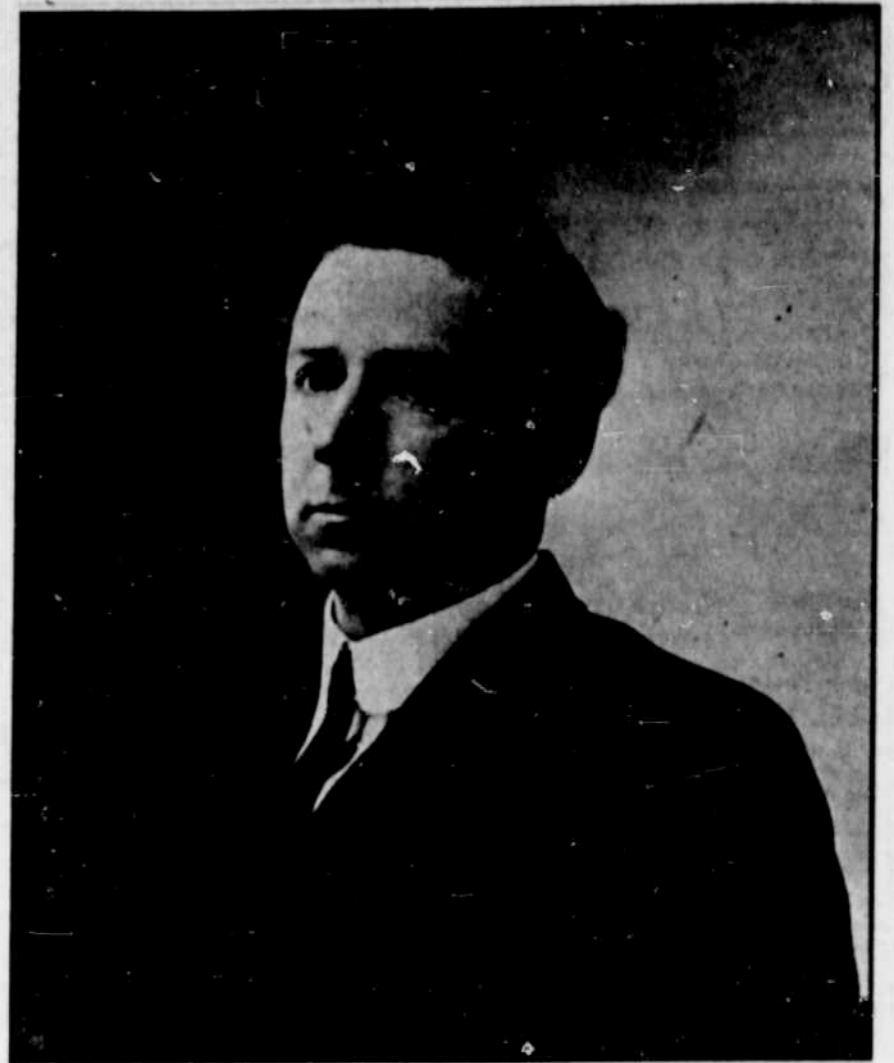
The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce will entertain April 25th and one of its representatives invited all those present to come to that town on the date mentioned.

After all the verbal boquets had been handed out, Chairman Hare announced that refreshments were being served in an adjoining room and all who cared for anything to eat were served with all the sandwiches, pickles and coffee they wanted. Very good cigars were also passed freely during the evening and Fred Haywood (who doesn't smoke) thought the word "smoker" a very fitting description of the function.

It was an enjoyable gathering and may serve to bring about a better feeling between the people of the county seat and those who have not yet been elected to county offices. Let us hope so, anyway.

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