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## CITY FATHERS HAVE BUSINESS MEETING

Matters of More or Less Importance Passed Upon by the Common Council

Last evening the City Council had a short business meeting, adjourning at an early hour to meet next Monday evening, when the new members will take their seats. Among the matters acted upon were the following:

Ed. Lister was granted a saloon license at the Josephine hotel.

August Fetsch was granted a saloon license.

The saloon license bond of F. F. Johnson was reported back as approved.

The committee having the publication of the city ordinances in hand reported favorably on the matter.

The customary grist of bills were passed upon and duly allowed.

An obstreperous negro porter had to be forcibly ejected from today's 12:25 passenger, by Marshal McGrew, the train crew having telegraphed ahead to have the unruly fellow put off. The colored gentlemen now taking in the sights of Grants Pass.

## BORN.

**HAMILTON**—On Main street, Grants Pass, Sunday, December 29, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hart Hamilton, a daughter.

**WILLIAMS**—Near Leland Ore., Saturday, December 28, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, a daughter.

**CARROLL**—At Eugene, Ore., Sunday, December 29, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carroll, a daughter.

Mr. Carroll was formerly prescription clerk for the Clemens Drug Store in this city and his friends here will rejoice with him over the new arrival.

## MARRIED.

**MINNIE—HAMMONS**—At Red Bluff, Cal., Wednesday, December 25, 1907, Raymond J. Minnie, of Grants Pass, Ore., and Miss Leah Belle Hammons, of Red Bluff, Cal.

The happy groom is one of the force at the Grants Pass Box Factory, and his many friends were ready, when the newly wedded couple arrived this week from the south, to render them a right royal welcome.

**WILSON—BAILE**—At the home of Mrs. W. H. Tuttle, in Grants Pass, Ore., Saturday, December 28, 1907, Robert Lee Wilson, of Sisson, Cal., and Mrs. Lillian Baile, of Grants Pass, Justice of the Peace Jas. Holman officiating.

**THOMPSON—GRANT**—At Pasadena, Cal., Wednesday, December 18, 1907, Robert A. Thompson, principal of the Pasadena City Schools and Miss Helen Gailey Grant.

The bride was formerly residing in Grants Pass, her father being once bookkeeper for the S. P. D. & L. Co. Of course her host of friends in this city will hasten to express best wishes.

**HESTON—SISSEN**—At Monroe, Mich., Monday noon, December, 1907, William Martin Heston and Miss Lydia Francis Sissen.

The groom was formerly a resident of Grants Pass, where he has a wide circle of warm friends, whose best wishes will be extended the happy couple. Mr. Heston has been classed as probably the greatest football player Oregon ever produced. Just recently he was chosen as head coach of the Creighton university team, at Omaha, Neb. He made a great record as halfback on Yost's great Michigan university team and was elected a member of the All-American team, when the "cream" of the football players of the country was selected.

**LITTLE—ALLEN**—At the Bethany Presbyterian church, Wednesday, January 1, 1908, William J. Little and Mrs. Anna Allen, Rev. Evau Hughes, officiating.

**GILLETTE—ADDISON**—At the parlors of the Delaware Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, Monday evening, December 23, 1907, L. G. Gillette, of Grants Pass and Miss Della Addison, of Ft. Worth, Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker, pastor of First M. E. church, officiating.

**PAITON—MARION**—At Laidlow, Oregon, Wednesday, December 25, 1907, James M. Paton formerly of Grants Pass, and Miss Nera D. Marion, both of Laidlow, Rev. G. M. Lilly, of Laidlow, officiating.

Last night Marcus W. Robbins, the attorney was treated to a genuine charivari, at his home, on Iowa street, the false rumor having gotten abroad that he had just turned a "benedict." He thinks now that the laugh is on the crowd of serenaders for he is still "enjoying single blessedness."

## IMPORTANT OFFER FOR DISCOVERY OF SILICA

Portland Manufacturing Establishments Need it Badly in Their Business

Special Correspondence

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30th, 1907.

To the Editor: You have printed articles at different times relative to the discovery of large bodies of silica sand, and the Oregon Development League desires to present \$100 to any reader of your paper or any citizen of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana or California, who will find the sand to fill the requirements demanded by the Columbia Steel Works of this city, who have made this offer through the League:

"We will take 100 tons each month of silica sand, 96 per cent pure silica and free from iron oxides, delivered at Portland at not to exceed \$6 per ton, and we will pay \$100 in cash to the discoverer." Silica sand is now being shipped to Portland and other iron and steel manufacturing centers of the Pacific Coast from Minnesota. It has been frequently reported that large quantities of pure silica have been discovered, and the community that "makes good" in this instance has a greater source of revenue than gold or copper mines, lumber, mills, or factories of any kind, for when a dependable quality of silica sand is found in quantities sufficient to supply the demand, all the iron works from the Gulf of California to Alaska, and from the Rocky Mountains west, will be customers. It may just as well be given to the public now as later that the steel trust and another combination of multi-millionaires engaged in the production of iron and steel are investigating different points on the Pacific Coast with the idea of building another Pittsburg.

Don worry about the present freight rate. The discovery of a large quantity of silica sand would make a low rate necessary—remember that the sand now comes from Minnesota. This is our opportunity. Send a sample to your nearest assayer to be sure you have the goods.

The year 1907 breaks all records in Portland, and what is true here is an index in a proportionate degree of every place between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, for this great section is the most prosperous part of America, and will continue to be. The increase in manufactured products has been 30 per cent; the sales of merchandise are considerably greater than in 1906. No year has brought so great an immigration. Postal receipts, reports and imports, the products from the farm and dairy, and those from the orchard, and every other resource by which prosperity can be pulsed, prove an unprecedented growth, and if we will only shake off this temporary impulse to hedge, 1908 can be made a still greater year.

## COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 7, Tuesday—Meeting of G. P. Poultry Keepers Association, in Guild Hall.

January 10, Friday, at New Opera House, Rosburg High School vs. G. P. High School, Joint Debate.

Jan. 13, Monday—Circuit Court meets.

Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, Thu. Fri and Sat. First Annual Show, Grants Pass Poultry Keepers Association.

Jan. 30, 31 and February 1, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit at High School, afternoons and evening.

Jan. 31, Friday—Meeting in Grants Pass to organize the Rogue River G at Breeders' Association.

Jan. 31, Friday—Colt and Fine Horse Show in Grants Pass, under auspices of Grants Pass and Kerby Breeders' Associations.

Feb. 1, Saturday—Fruit Growers' Meeting in Grants Pass, Under auspices of Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association.

R. K. Montgomery, who was, some seven years ago S. P. operator at this station, but who has been general agent at Glendale, Douglas county in the interim, was this week "checked in," as general agent here, taking the place of Geo. P. Jester, who will remain in the city for a short time before he takes another place for the S. P.

Alvin Wheeler, of Medford, who has been the guest of relatives here for a week or so, returned home yesterday.

## JOSEPHINE REPUBLICANS GLAD TO HELP STEELE

The Faithful in This Vicinity Rally to State Treasurer's Assistance

When the official bond of State Treasurer Geo. A. Steele arrived in Grants Pass, the other day, it found a number of Republicans ready and willing to assist in the work of providing security for Mr. Steele.

The important document has been all over the state, having signatures of leading members of that party upon it from all sections. There were no less than 93 instruments to make up the total amount desired and it is reported that fully \$95,000 more will be forthcoming. Mr. Steele gave \$334,500 at first with more to follow.

Governor Chamberlain says that he is not satisfied with some of the bondmen and will insist upon the \$600,000 being furnished in unquestioned security by the elimination of the objectionable names.

Jackson county was represented on the bond by W. I. Vawter, who qualifies in the amount of \$5000, and J. M. Keene in the sum of \$5000.

Josephine county is represented by C. E. Harmon, \$2000; H. L. Gilkey, \$2000; W. C. Hale, \$2000; C. D. Welter, \$2000; A. H. Carson, \$2000; R. G. Smith, \$2000.

There are many politicians on the bond of Steele. On the list are: State Printer W. S. Duniway, ex-United States Senator Joseph Simon, ex-City Auditor T. C. Devlin, ex-State Senator Marketers, of Roseburg; State Senator Bowerman, Representative W. I. Vawter, ex-Representative Grojan, of Marion; Representative George Rodgers, of Salem; ex-Governor W. P. Lord, ex-Municipal Judge Charles Carey, ex-County Auditor W. H. Pope, Deputy District Attorney Moser, ex-Councilman George Shepherd, Representative Newell. Others on the bond who have been interested in politics are: F. L. Griffith, J. U. Campbell, J. E. Hedges and the Huntleys, all of Clatsop; Frank Alley, of Douglas; Dr. J. M. Keene, of Medford; R. E. L. Steiner and R. J. Hendricks, of Salem; W. B. Glafke of Portland; J. H. Raley, of Umatilla; W. J. Furnish, former candidate for Governor; the Scribers, of LaGrande; W. W. Steiwer, of Wheeler, and R. L. Smith, of Umatilla.

Few melodramas of the last three seasons have had so great a measure of success as "Girl of the Streets," which will be seen at the Opera House on Saturday, January 4. The work possesses many lasting qualities which guarantee it life for many a year. Miss Berna Reinhardt, who heads the cast, made a very close study of "Kit," the girl of the streets and for six months before the production of the play, went to New York and lived in the slums there studying the life, habit, manners, character and slang of its habitues, and visited all the scenes introduced in the play. Great care was taken in giving the play the necessary atmosphere and the production is a complete one. The first act shows the beautiful home of Nan Meadows, the second is a true reproduction of a New York counterfeiting den, while the third act shows New York City on a winter's night, and the last act gives one a very good idea of the inside of Sing Sing prison. There is, considerable of the Comedy element all the way through the piece and it also abounds with numerous specialties.

"Girl of the Street" will be seen at the Opera House on Saturday, January 4. It has proved one of this season's successes and will undoubtedly draw a large patronage here.

A notable event in local fraternal circles was the joint installation of the newly elected officers of Josephine Chapter, Eastern Star; Grants Pass Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M. and Reames Chapter R. A. M. which occurred Friday evening, at the spacious Masonic Hall. It was St. John's Day and quite a large number of prominent citizens were present to witness the impressive event. Mrs. H. C. Bobzien officiated on behalf of the Eastern Star, R. W. Clarke for the Blue Lodge and Herbert Smith on behalf of the Chapter. After the ceremonies came a good social time, followed by a sumptuous banquet, making the affair one of the most enjoyable of the holiday season.

## IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF COUNTY'S FINANCES

Interesting Statement Regarding Josephine County's Income And Outlay

Editor Courier—This being the time of year when business men usually take an inventory of stock it may be of interest to know how we stand as a county.

Josephine County is unfortunate in being large in territory and small in wealth. Our extensive mountain roads and numerous bridges are necessarily expensive, and create a demand for labor equal to that of counties having much greater wealth and population.

In round numbers our assessment this year is \$5,200,000. Our estimated expenses for the coming year which is fixed by law and over which the county court has no control is as follows: school fund, \$24,000; state tax, \$10,000; interest on warrants, \$6000; official salaries, \$10,000; circuit court, \$2000; elections, \$3000; making a total of \$55,000 which must be paid before anything else.

Our usual tax levy of 15 mills will bring into the county treasury approximately \$75,000. Of this amount \$20,000, will be at the disposal of the county court to apply on roads, bridges, paupers, insane examinations, juvenile commitments and all incidental expenses.

During the past six years our annual road and bridge expenditures have averaged \$9000 and our pauper expenditures \$4200. We now have a first class county home which has cost about \$4000, and which will be the means of saving to the county at least \$1000 a year. We feel confident that the building will pay for itself in four years. This building and the six concrete culverts and the 10 miles of graded road that have been made during the past year will remain as permanent county property. Quite a number of persons have suggested the advisability of having the county books expeted. To this I will say that I have practically expeted the books for 10 years back myself. There may have been some money spent injudiciously, but I am pretty sure that every dollar can be accounted for.

The above will show to any business man that in order to decrease our county debt we must either increase the tax levy or suspend county improvement.

STEPHEN JEWELL.

While traveling to Medford, via the "Fast Freight" route, which is the passenger coach attached to the freight train, New Year's night, Mrs. Theodore Johnson, of this city, the well known authoress, whose nom de plume is "Bardetta Carey," was severely injured. The mishap occurred at Gold Hill, where the sudden jolt of the car, as the train started up, threw her against a suit case, her left breast striking the same, and one of her hands had a bone broken. During the night she is reported to have had hemorrhages and being subject to heart failure, she was regarded as being in a very precarious condition. However, she survived the shock, and now her physician predicts that unless complications arise, she will ultimately recover from the accident.

The voting contest of Kinney & Treax was a grand success in every sense of the word and the interest at the close was intense. The final count shows that the contestants were running close, in the city, Mrs. Belding receiving 19,200 votes and Mrs. Denison 17,400, while in the contest among the out of town teachers the highest votes were as follows: Miss McCole, 19,703 and Miss Parker, 17,246. The total vote was 103,470. The highest contestants will each receive \$40 in gold, and \$10 each, for the two next in the race.

The match game of football, New Year's Day, between the Ashland Normal and Grants Pass A. C. C. teams, was a fight to be finish, from beginning to end and the large gathering of sports, was highly pleased by the excellent game put up. Neither side succeeded in making a score, although almost superhuman efforts were put forth.

In the puzzle contest, conducted by Bert Barnes, the jeweler, Miss Jennie Coffman won the beautiful diamond ring for offering the first correct solution to the puzzle.

## THINKS CITY MAY OWN ITS WATERWORKS

Mayor Smith Believes There is Some Chance for Such a Thing to Occur

Mayor J. C. Smith informs the Courier that there will be an adjourned meeting of the City Council Monday evening, when the new officers will be duly inducted into office.

But the most important feature of the said meeting is likely to be a conference which Messrs. Merris Bros., owners of the Rogue River Water Co., have requested with the city fathers, relative to coming at some amicable adjustment of the trouble being experienced with regard to the rates now being charged for city water. Mayor Smith says no compromise will be considered, as the council firmly believes it has the Water Co. "on the go," and that said corporation will most certainly have to carry out its agreement with the city. He further states that he would not be much surprised if that company should offer to sell its plant to the city and that in case it can be had at a reasonable figure he would favor submitting the matter to a vote of the citizens. He firmly believes that the idea of the city's having its own water works system is entirely feasible and under ordinary conditions, he would gladly favor the plan.

In today's Courier will be found an attractive advertisement from Ben. A. Lowell, the well known Woodville resident. He realizes that his part of the county affords some very tempting openings for fruit growers and others, and he takes this means of informing the people of this fact.

## COUNTY COURT HEARS THE PEOPLE'S PROTESTS

Applicants For Liquor Licenses Have Some Strong Objections to Meet

Although the County Commissioners were in session all day, yesterday and today, they have been giving make very great headway, their time being taken in hearing protests from Leland people, against the granting to Light & Wise of a saloon license. Attorney Marcus Robbins represents the protestants, while Attorney O. S. Blanchard appears on behalf of the saloon keepers.

Another case of the same nature is before the board today, wherein Garoutte & Eusted of Merlin are asking for a license to sell intoxicating liquors at Merlin. The people from that community are appearing in person to protest against the granting of the license, while Attorney C. H. Clements represents the applicants for the license.

It looks as though the commissioners would be in session all day today and tomorrow and possibly Monday also as they have a vast amount of important business to transact. One of the most important matters will be the fixing of the county tax levy. County officials are hoping that this levy will be kept down to at least 14 mills for road, school, High school and state, as was the case last year. They realize that times are not so "flush" as they were last year and in view of the fact that times may be hard, they hope the board will make the levy as low as possible.

The Courier is a clean, family paper.



## CONVERSATION OVERHEARD—

MR. BOOSTER—Fat man.

A TOURIST—The other fellow

TOURIST—Say, Mr. Fat man where can I buy some Good Furniture, Stoves and Goods to go housefurnishing with? I know where to buy the other kind but I want something extra good.

MR. BOOSTER—Why, go to O'Neill's, the largest house furnisher of them all. He buys direct from the manufacturer and guarantees every piece of goods sent out of his store. Say, Mr. Tourist, he carries everything you can think of for the house. His prices are right, and there's nothing small about him.

## O'NEILL'S Big Reduction Sale

Will Soon Commence. Watch the Papers for the Specials

He purchases all goods direct from the factory and ships in carload lots. This gives the buyer the very finest assortment, and when it comes to prices, he is thus enabled to give bottom figures.

Newcomers and all will discover that he has by far the largest establishment in this part of the State. Ladies will find the display of articles very attractive and just what they are looking for



Furniture and Carpets, Linoleums, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Wall Paper, Clocks, Mirrors, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Moulding.

R. H. O'Neill

THE HOUSEFURNISHER

Front St., bet. 6 and 7

Stoves and Ranges, Granite ware, Agate ware, Tinware, Woodware, Willoware, Cutlery, Crockery, Lamps, Glassware, Fancy China, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages.