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A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

The most pathetic as well as lamentable mistake made by the city council in recent years, if ever, was the defeat of the paving ordinance last night. Pathetic because the growth and improvement of the city must suffer because of a wanton disregard for the expressed will of the majority in the June election on the question of temperance. In other words the action of the four members of the council who voted against and defeated the paving ordinance last night favored a continuance of saloons at the election and their action was nothing more or less than retaliation. It is a significant fact that all had favored paving prior to election.

Again it is lamentable because the streets outlined in the improvement ordinance needed paving, and twice the amount of money spent in any other city improvement could not have resulted in a more lasting improvement for the city of Grants Pass, no investment could have more thoroughly impressed the stranger or casual visitor, nor have been a greater inducement to the prospective investor to locate in this city.

A peculiar feature of the defeat of the paving ordinance and one which will scarcely be laughed out of court, is that the council has been a unit in favor of paving up until last night's meeting. One of the members who voted against the measure last night had been the most active champion of paving and city improvement in general. Why then this sudden change of heart? The town went dry; we will therefore, block all public improvements; we cannot allow it to go out that Grants Pass is going ahead in spite of the fact that the saloons were closed. This, in sum and substance, is all there is to the defeat of the paving ordinance. For every temperance man on the council supported the measure both before and after the June election. Those in favor of license were equally in favor of the measure until last night's session, when they alone defeated the paving ordinance.

This attitude falls far below the dignity and purity of puerility; it was a profanation to designate it as such. It is, moreover, iconoclastic. Retaliation and the boycott have scarcely, if ever, been more than detrimental to progress and prosperity and in most cases have acted as a boomerang to the party by whom they were employed.

It would be a sad thing indeed to conclude that Grants Pass cannot live without saloons. But it is even more pathetic that those who feel that way will exert themselves in every way possible to retard the progress and improvement of the city because they were defeated at the polls. There is yet one opportunity for those who voted against the paving ordinance last night to not only redeem themselves in the eyes of the public but to show that they are still for a greater and better Grants Pass, and that is to reconsider last night's vote at a future meeting of the council. It is evident that a majority of the property owners abutting the proposed district favor paving; there were not enough signatures to the remonstrance to indicate otherwise. The suggestion that it will be a hardship on those in the district or that we cannot afford it, is interminable. No town, large or small has ever made a public improvement without assuming obligation, and no one in Grants Pass perhaps, has ever heard of a city being taken to

satisfy an obligation for public improvement. Let the saloon men bury the hatchet and reconsider the vote on the paving ordinance at the next meeting of the council.

CLOSING OF THE SALOONS.

Wednesday morning was the dawning of a glad new year in Grants Pass and constitutes an important epoch in the history of the city and Josephine county, this by reason of the cessation of the saloon business throughout the county. For the first time since the town of Grants Pass was founded it is now without the corrupting influence of the liquor traffic. This achievement is the result of an aroused public sentiment, unequivocally expressed at the polls in the June election.

This new era is a significant reflection of the moral condition of the community. Moreover, it augurs well for the future advancement of both the city and county, socially, spiritually and industrially. The Courier candidly believes, in spite of all the blow and bombast about the death of the business interests of the town as a result of closing the saloons, that the city of Grants Pass and Josephine county will realize an unprecedented growth and development of our natural resources during the next two years.

In this connection, however, it is well to recognize the responsibility of good citizenship in the maintenance of prohibition throughout the biennium. While the authorities are expected to enforce the law, many will be disappointed if public sentiment does not support the administration, which must have the earnest co-operation of the people if adherence to the law shall prevail.

In conclusion, the Courier confidently predicts that if local option is rigidly enforced, a canvass of the returns of the next biennial election will show Josephine county still in the "dry belt," which will be a vindication of the wisdom of the closing of the saloons last Tuesday night.

HE WAS THE PEOPLES' CHOICE.

The following editorial paragraph, which appeared in last week's issue of the Myrtle Point Enterprise is a very accurate and concise survey of the situation:

"Oregon political leaders have been making a good deal of fun at Senator Bourne's expense because of his third term for Roosevelt boom, but there is not a doubt but that Bourne was closer to the rank and file of the republicans, and the people of Oregon and the nation than any of the leaders at the Chicago convention. Roosevelt was wanted, and his nomination would have been equivalent to an election. The demonstration in his favor filled the people with hope. Taft may prove to be very popular before the campaign ends, but Roosevelt would have that popularity to begin with. His nomination was not popular."

Roosevelt was, beyond question, the people's choice, and only his announced refusal to be a candidate again when he was nominated the last time prevented his nomination at the Chicago convention. Nor could any candidate whom the democrats might have selected, not even excepting Bryan, have defeated him at the polls.

As an indication of the activity and aggressiveness of the liquor interests, a majority of the heads of families of Grants Pass and throughout the county have, since last Saturday, been receiving price lists on all sorts of intoxicating liquors, thinking of course, to receive a large mail order business since the saloons have gone out of business in Josephine county. This fact also suggests that the labors of the temperance forces in voting out the saloons is only a beginning of their work. It will require constant vigilance throughout the year to prevent the illegal sale of intoxicants. Under the law it is as serious to give away as to sell intoxicants. The Courier believes, however, that the temperance sentiment has been sufficiently expressed already to portend a rigid enforcement of the local option law.

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua will convene next Wednesday, July 8th, at Ashland and will continue until the seventeenth. A liberal program has been prepared and among the speakers are included John Sharp Williams, the minority leader of the national house of representatives; Bishop Robert McIntyre, the great word painter; Dr. Ira Landwith of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Lenora M. Lake of St. Louis, one of the most eminent women orators of the day, and numerous others. Splendid camping facilities have been arranged and the Chautauqua will afford a splendid opportunity for a week of profit and pleasure to the people of Southern Oregon.

The signal success of Eugene's first Market Day last Saturday is another

significant reminder that Grants Pass is still out of line in this popular and practical trade bringing and town-building agency. The Courier has yet to note an instance where the merchants in a town where the Market Day has been inaugurated have not been highly gratified. The attendance has been satisfactory, the enthusiasm above expectation and the felicity and good cheer among the people a surprise. On the whole, Grants Pass is a little slow in organizing a Market Day. We should get busy immediately after the Fourth.

The forty-seventh annual Oregon state fair will be held in September, and it's none too early for Grants Pass and Josephine county to be thinking about the preparation of her exhibit. There will doubtless be more easterners, as well as those from all other sections of the county at this fall's state fair than ever before, for the reason that more people are becoming interested in Oregon with a view to investment. Josephine county should not miss the opportunity for a good display in the way of a neat exhibit at the state fair for the above reason.

Another instance of the "wind being tempered to the shorn lamb" is found in "bleeding Kansas", which, though a "dry" state, from the standpoint of alimentary irrigation, has been dealt out during the past two years more than its share of water. The famous Kaw river for a week or two was noisier than could have been all the crops in the country.

Many homes and property have been destroyed and farms devastated from Topeka on down that river for the past two or three years by the terrible floods.

The rose show and flower festival last week is a fair indication of what the Grants Pass people can do when they take a notion. There was a myriad of roses to say nothing of the thousands of sweet peas, pansies and others. They were all deftly arranged, and the hall handsomely festooned with native fir and pine boughs, and all the details planned and executed within 10 days from the time it was started. There was the refreshment feature also.

The latest name mentioned as a vice-presidential candidate on the democratic ticket is that of Governor Chamberlain of Oregon. Oregon politicians, however, do not seem to regard the suggestion seriously. But stranger things have happened and in view of the considerable number of names already mentioned for the democratic vice-presidency, Mr. Chamberlain might be selected as a compromise.

A letter from a Nebraskan received this week, stated that there had been but thirty-five cyclones in that state within the last thirty-five days. However, the season has only opened for cyclones and old Nebraska, who is nothing if not strenuous, may yet get her share of full grown whirlwinds.

TREES IN TOWNS.

Their Beauty Suggests the Woodman's Despoiling Ax in Forests.

In an address delivered before the New York Tree Planting association its president, Cornelius B. Mitchell, said:

"In proportion to its cost there is really no way in which one can benefit the city, both in adding to its health and beauty, more than by planting trees, and in New York there are always individuals who have both the desire and ability to do good when their attention is drawn to the great results that can be accomplished at a moderate expenditure of money."

There is no doubt of the truth of the remark of President Mitchell, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. But there is something else to be done than is embodied in the suggestion to plant trees. There are yet forests in the United States, and there are woodlands of rare beauty. But the forests are being destroyed by the ax of the chopper, and the remaining woodlands in the more thickly settled portion of the country are perishing as much from neglect as the forests are perishing from the ax.

It is well to plant trees and to advance their growth by careful attention and by the exercise of some patience and much watchfulness. Nothing contributes more to the beauty of a city or town or more to the comfort of the citizens than trees suitable to cities or towns and to the peculiar climate in which the city or town may be located. But there is a duty even more important, and that is involved in the safety of the remaining forests and woodlands.

Possibly and altogether probably the planting of trees in cities and towns would turn the attention of the public to the beauty and the value of timber and of foliage. In that respect the advice of President Mitchell would have a special value. It is well to plant, but in the present condition of the forests and at their present rate of destruction measures for preservation would be even better.

BORN.

McKINNEY—Wednesday, July 1, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKinney, of the Palace hotel, a boy.

WICKERSHAM—At Portland, Ore., Monday, June 29, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wickersham, a daughter. Mrs. Wickersham was formerly Miss Ada Umphlette of this city.

BIRCH—At Grants Pass, Friday, July 3, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Birch, a son.

BALDWIN—At Applegate, Monday, June 29, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baldwin, a son.

CUSLEY—Near Grants Pass, Wednesday, July 1, 1908, to Mr and Mrs. Albert Cuslev, a son.

GRAY—Thursday, July 2, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gray of Grants Pass, a boy.

BLEVENS—Thursday, June 25, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Blevens, of Kuhl, a pair of twins, a boy and girl.

HERRIOTT—At Murphy, Saturday, June 27, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Herriott, a son.

GAROUTTE—Friday, June 26, 1908, at Merlin, to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Garoutte, a boy.

CLANTON—Sunday, June 28, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clanton, of Grants Pass, a son.

MARRIED.

BENNETT—SHAFER—Wednesday, July 1, 1908. Fuller D. Bennet and Miss Elsie Shaffer, both of Josephine county, Rev. Lovett, officiating.

KIENLIN—KIENLIN—At Grants Pass, Thursday evening, July 2, 1908, Samuel Kienlin of Portland and Mrs. Marie Kienlin of Grants Pass, Father Notaker Maeder officiating.

DIED.

DESNOYER—Monday, June 29, 1908, at the county home in this city, Geo. Deanyer, of tuberculosis of the bowels, aged 29 years.

The deceased was a young Frenchman who recently came here from California and little is known of him or the whereabouts of relatives. He was buried Tuesday in Granite Hill cemetery.

BURROW—Thursday, June 25th, 1908, of hemorrhage of the brain and paralysis, M. P. B. M. Burrows, aged 61 years.

Mr. Burrows was a pioneer of the Applegate country where he leaves a wife and son.

HOWELL—Thursday, June 25, 1908, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Quigley, in this city, of diabetes, Laura B. Howell, aged 12 years, 7 months and 14 days.

Funeral services were held at the Quigley residence last Friday. Her mother had preceded her to the better world, and her father, who is located at Montague, Cal., came to attend the funeral. Interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

SMITH—At 3 o'clock this morning, Friday, July 3d, 1908, James, the 2 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of West Grants Pass, after an illness of two months.

Little James had never been a strong child, and while his attack had been more acute for the past two months he was not more serious than ordinarily yesterday. However, it had been planned to take him to Portland tomorrow for treatment. At about 2 o'clock this morning he began to sink and at 3 passed away. Funeral services will be held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.

FOUND—Gentleman's watch. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. O. J. KNIPS, Rogue River Avenue.

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FOR SALE.

THOROUGHBERD White Leghorns and Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Hayden Close, Wilderville. 6-19 ft.

SUGAR pine shingles for sale, No. 1 A, \$2.50 per 1000. Enquire E. W. Britton, Phone 877, Box 236, Grants Pass. 6-26 2t

THOROUGHBERD Poland' China Boar for sale. For particulars inquire of A. M. Jess, R. F. D. No. 2. 6-26 ft

FOR SALE—One single top buggy, in good repair. N. Day, D street, second house west of 3d. 6-19 4t

GOOD Sugar Pine shakes for sale at Kinney's Grocery store. 6-12 ft.

McCORMICK Mower, used one day, in perfect order, at a bargain. Mrs. L. E. Gilbert, R. F. D. No. 2, for Grants Pass telephone 107X3. 6-2 6t

COW—Good family cow for sale. Address Mrs. Close, Wilderville. 5-29 ft

FOR SALE—The fine residence property of H. A. ROTERMUND, two blocks from Masonic Hall. Enquire at Paddock's Marble Works.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FOUND—On the Crescent City stage road, a suit case. Owner can have same by applying to H. C. Lawton, R.F.D. No 2, Grants Pass. 6-26 2t

STORE building, 80 to 100 feet long wanted for term of years. Address Merchant, Care Rogue River Courier. 6-26 ft

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EXPERIENCED Sawyer and Engineer wants situation at either. Address P. O. Box 53, Grants Pass. 6-12 ft

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned, W. L. Dooley and John Smithpeter carrying on business as a cigar store, billiard hall and rooming house at Grants Pass, Oregon, under the style or firm name of Dooley & Smithpeter, was on the 12th day of June, 1908, dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business in future will be carried on by the said John Smithpeter alone who will pay all debts and liabilities and receive all moneys payable to the late firm. Witness our hands this 12th day of June, 1908.

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