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FAIR DISTRICT FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO CREATE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION AT THE CLUB

Josephine County Should Have an Attractive Fair Every Year.

That the legislature will be asked to make Josephine county a separate fair district is indicated by the discussions Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Commercial club.

The question arose after the presentation of the report of Secretary Harry L. Andrews, showing that the Commercial club was richer by a trifle more than \$1500 as the result of the fair. This is an exceptional showing and is the best that any fair in southern Oregon has ever made. A vote of thanks was extended to the secretary, the members of the various fair committees and all other individuals who contributed time and money to the success of the fair.

In discussing the best way to expend this fund several opinions were expressed. Some favored the idea of spending the money for the erection and maintenance of an exhibit building near the depot in which a display of southern Oregon products could be kept, so that people passing through on the trains could become familiar with what the country could do.

Another idea was advanced by George S. Calhoun, which was that a portion of the money be expended for the placing of hitching posts on some conveniently located vacant lot for the benefit of the farmers. A committee was appointed, consisting of George S. Calhoun, R. L. Coe and M. L. Anderson, to report on this matter at the next meeting of the Commercial club.

The idea of making Josephine county a separate fair district will undoubtedly come up at the next meeting of the club, when it is expected that some definite action will be taken. The idea has been much discussed and has gained favor ever since the close of the fair.

Under the present system, by which Josephine and Jackson counties are joined in one district, Grants Pass gets the fair but once in three years.

The sentiment seems to be that Grants Pass should hold a fair every year and that it should be made a winner, so that the world will come to look forward each year to Grants Pass to provide an exhibition of the worthless products that are grown in this valley.

Prominent business men and leading farmers believe that it is possible to make such a fair so attractive each year that it will prove a success as a financial venture, as well as advertising the country.

ALL OBSTACLES REMOVED FOR THE BIG SMELTER

The Alameda Consolidated Mines company and the forest service have come to an amicable understanding as to the bond to be required for conducting a smelter near Galice.

By the terms of the amended special use permit which has just been granted by the district forester of Portland, the company has put up a bond in the sum of \$10,000, to pay whatever damage may result from the fumes given out by the smelter. The company will pay one dollar a thousand for all Douglas fir destroyed; two dollars a thousand for all yellow pine; two dollars and a quarter for sugar pine.

The company also agrees to pay ten dollars an acre for all reproduction and young growth destroyed. The signing of this agreement removes the last obstacle to the operation of the smelter.

TAKE MINING DISTRICT FROM NATIONAL RESERVE

GALICE, Ore., Nov. 11.—Conditions in Josephine county are ripe for the inauguration of progressive methods and it is pleasing to note that there is one subject being taken up by all classes and that is the encroachments of the forest service on the mining industry of this section. It is unfortunate that the national forest includes within its boundaries a number of townships at Galice, which is a great detriment to the whole mining interests of that section. The people of Galice district have spent millions of dollars in the way of development and are still continuing to put in capital and this should have entitled them to have been left out of the forest reserve. It seems to me that the time has come for this matter to be taken up by the people of the whole county of Josephine, and the government asked to change the line by taking off a strip the width of townships on the north side of the reserve, thus pushing the reservation 12 miles south of its present limit. If this were done it would be a great help to the many miners who are hard at work trying to develop this district. The government, if asked will, I think, be glad to do anything that will assist in the development of mining in this section. The government can afford to do this for the sake of helping that worthy class, the prospector and miner, who should have free cutting of such timber as they may need. As it is, they must be prepared with money in hand to buy every stick of timber that may be called for in the development work done on any mine. I noticed in the case of the Alameda people the forest service has made them a few concessions, but they have heretofore held them back for many months from operating their smelter. There is some light timber on the hills near the mine and the government insisted that the smelter should not be operated until the company put up a heavy bond to ensure payment for the timber mentioned. All saw timber within the whole township would not bring the sum demanded in the bond. If people will ask the government for relief it will undoubtedly be granted. If Grants Pass and the balance of Josephine county will take this matter up in earnest it would be the very best thing that they can do for an interest which must become in the near future, if it has a fair opportunity, of more importance than even the growing of fruit, which has been attracting so much attention. Your correspondent trusts that the Grants Pass Commercial club will take up this subject without delay, as it is very important to the large number of miners now engaged in developing the many good properties in and about Galice. What ever builds up this camp builds up Grants Pass, and, in fact, the whole of Josephine county. A large population in the Galice district means a home market for the farmers who will soon be raising crops under irrigation in and about the capital of the county.

I do not desire to even infer that the local forest supervisor has in any way treated the miners harshly; in fact the contrary is the case. Every courtesy has been extended and every request made has received attention. The employees, one and all, are friendly to the mining interests. The whole trouble is, we are in the forest reserve and no relief can be given until we are taken out of it. I think that the department itself, if requested, will grant us the relief asked.

GALICE MINING MAN.

The board of education of school district No. 7, Josephine county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids on the night of Tuesday, December 6, 1910, at 7:30 o'clock, for the supply of the following equipment for the new high school building now being erected by said district in said city: 150 No. 1 desks, with 20 fronts and 30 seats; 100 lecture chairs, extension top; 1 principal's desk and 9 teachers' desks. All of said furniture to be laid down f. o. b. in Grants Pass, and sample of desk submitted for inspection of board with each bid. Bids will be received on part or the whole of said equipment. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Edward S. VanDyke, clerk.

The board of education of school district No. 7, Josephine county, Oregon, at Grants Pass, Oregon, will sell at auction to the highest bidder the story and a half frame school building owned by said district on South Fourth street, minimum price \$450. Sealed bids for the purchase of the same will be received by the board on the evening of Monday, the 28th day of November, 1910, at 7:30 o'clock. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Edward S. VanDyke, clerk.

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CANDIDATES OUT FOR CITY OFFICES

MAYOR, COUNCILMEN AND CITY TREASURER TO BE ELECTED

POLITICAL POT IS BOILING

Candidates Are Lining Up, but Many Yet to Be Heard from as Candidates.

Scarcely had the echoes of the regular election died away before the city politicians began to make plans for the coming city election, which will be held December 5.

The official plums in sight are a mayor and a city treasurer and five councilmen, one each from the First, Third and Fourth wards, and two from the Second ward.

The mayoralty, of course, is exciting the most talk and many have been mentioned for this office. Some of those mentioned are coy and will not announce their candidacies, but their admirers and friends still continue to talk of them for the office.

J. L. Myers, councilman from the Second ward and chairman of the street committee, is so far the only avowed candidate for mayor. His friends are urging his candidacy on the strength of his work as chairman of the street committee, which had charge of street improvements made the past season.

J. A. Slover, the other councilman from the Second, is also mentioned for the honor, his friends asserting that that it is imperative that some member with experience in city work be at the helm for the ensuing year because of the probability of much more municipal work this coming season.

Councilman J. G. Riggs, of the First ward, has also been urged by his friends to come out for the position, but so far he has refused to permit the use of his name.

George C. Sabin is talked of for the position, but whether or not he would accept the place is not known at this time.

H. H. Basler is frequently mentioned and has been urged to make the race. So far he has not announced his candidacy.

The five councilmen whose terms expire at this time are: J. C. Riggs, of the First; J. L. Myers and J. H. Slover, of the Second; W. M. Cheshire, of the Third, and H. L. Herzinger, of the Fourth.

Of these but two are willing to accept re-election, Slover and Herzinger. Riggs and Cheshire are both counting the days when their terms will be over and saying "Never again" to their friends who suggest another term.

J. F. Wolfersberger has announced his candidacy for councilman from the Second. It is understood that one of the issues on which he will make the fight is the condition of East A street.

For city treasurer, James Holman, who was recently appointed to the position, will run for the place.

The ward nominating caucuses have been called for the evening of November 21 and will be held in the following places: First ward, Guild hall; Second ward, Court house; Third ward, City hall; Fourth ward, building at the southeast corner of Foundry and Pine streets.

The city nominating caucus will be held at the Court house the evening of the 22d at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and city treasurer.

Auction Sale

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SUFFERING IS ENDED BY CARBOLIC ACID

In a mood of temporary insanity, induced by ill health, Mrs. W. R. Rannie committed suicide at noon Saturday at her home on M street, by drinking carbolic acid.

Mr. Rannie, the woman's husband, was the first one to learn the news. He arrived at his home for lunch about twenty minutes after twelve and found the door locked. Fearing that his wife was ill, he succeeded in getting into the house. On a bed, face downward, he saw his wife. Thinking that she had dropped asleep, he took her by the shoulder to awaken her. Then the horrible truth dawned on him.

Frantic with grief, he rushed to the house of W. M. Hair, and there a telephone message was sent to Dr. Loughridge, stating that Mrs. Rannie was dying. By the time medical aid arrived life was extinct.

On the bed beside her was found a one-ounce bottle of carbolic acid, purchased from Sabin's drug store. The bottle was drained with the exception of a few drops. Apparently the unfortunate woman had experienced difficulty in getting the cork out of the bottle, for she had used a hat pin in extracting the cork.

Her mouth and throat were badly burned by the acid as it was swallowed, but everything indicated that death was quick and she suffered but little.

Mrs. Rannie had not been in the best of health for some time. She had returned from a trip to her old home in the eastern states but a couple of weeks ago. She visited with relatives at Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Coroner Stricker was summoned, but decided that there was no necessity for an inquest.

TIME FOR SETTING OUT NEW TREES HAS COME

By J. F. Burke

The time is now at hand for fall planting of fruit trees, and as there will be in the neighborhood of 1000 acres set in this locality this year, a few words on the preparation for planting will not be amiss. To insure a good growth the land should be in as fine condition as is required for corn or potatoes. No tree, however good, will give satisfactory results unless it is properly planted and cared for. Prune off all broken ends of roots with a sharp knife. A smooth cut heals readily and will grow much sooner than a broken root. In February cut back the tops about one-half the previous year's growth to preserve the natural balance between the top and roots. In one-year-old trees, where there is just a straight stock, cut back to the desired height for pruning the head, and cut all to exactly the same height as it adds much to the beauty of the orchard. Do not use manure in contact with the roots. Don't plant too deep, they should stand after the ground settles about the same as they did in the nursery row. The initial cost of planting an orchard amounts to a good deal. But what of that? Other business propositions are worth while are expensive. We have the climate, the land to grow fruit, and this is the business for us to devote our time to. This year we have shipped 75 cars from Josephine county. Our valley is now famous the world over as a fruit producing locality. Men 6000 miles away are buying land here and hiring it set to commercial orchards. Men in every walk of life are turning their eyes to our southern Oregon country. We have letters from all over the continent and Europe, asking as to conditions here. Especially as to the growing of pears and apples. There are few places in this country now where pears can be grown successfully. The blight has made such inroads on pear orchards in other states that growers are discouraged. Only by constant vigilance can we keep this destroyer from our orchards. Go over your trees very often, and if blight is found, cut it out and burn the branch. Cut well below the affected part and cleanse the knife afterwards. Fall spraying with Bordeaux spray must now be pushed as fast as possible, before the rains set in. Do not neglect it, as this is the time to get rid of

COUNTY IS DRY BY ELEVEN VOTES

STATE PROHIBITION SUFFERS DEFEAT BY 100 VOTES

FAVORS ASHLAND NORMAL

List of Constables and Justices as Published in Monday's Daily.

At five-thirty Saturday evening the canvassing board finished its labors and settled the uncertainty that has prevailed as to the vote on the wet and dry question. County prohibition wins by eleven votes.

State prohibition suffered defeat by over a hundred votes, while the search law, as it was called by its opponents, was defeated by even a larger majority.

Josephine county gave a big majority for the Ashland normal schools. The other normals received majorities, but they were small. The Rogue river fish bill was decisively defeated.

But the way the voters went after the county division schemes showed that such measures will stand very little show in the future.

The so-called U'ren measures all secured small majorities, except one providing for an official gazette and people's inspectors of government.

The talk of contesting the election and asking that North Grants Pass precinct be thrown out has fizzled. However, the wets still threaten to file a contest and have the returns from Wilderville thrown out. This precinct returned a dry majority of 22 votes. Throwing it out would change the result in the county to a majority of eleven for the wets.

Following is a list of the newly elected justices of the peace and constables for the various precincts of Josephine county, the first name in each instance being the justice and the second name being the constable.

Grants Pass: Jas. Holman, A. H. Mock, Waldo A. J. Adams, H. M. Pfefferle, Williams, M. John, Joe Fleming, Kerby, I. L. Schofield, C. F. Hart, Placer, M. F. Inman, W. H. Church, Althouse, J. E. Hodgen, Will Trefothern, Selma, E. M. Van Slyck and Wm. Mastin, W. A. Hogne, Murphy, E. Gilmore, J. E. Hayes, Merlin, Chas. A. Crow, Milt Mason, Leland, T. E. Goban, E. Boyall, Galice: T. D. Harris, Thos. Garret, Wolf Creek: J. M. Pinkerton, W. B. Hurst, Slate Creek: J. C. R. McCann, Paul Ruttenauter, Jack Queen, A. C. Howland, H. M. Gorham.

On page three will be found the tabulated returns for the various offices for all the precincts in the county. The vote for the socialist and prohibition candidates is given for two of the offices only, as that is sufficient to show their strength.

scale and all fungus pests. You don't want to have your fruit barred from the markets next year. It is not a pleasant task to have to go into the markets and remove fruit because it is unfit for sale. It is one of the hardest things we are called upon to do. But since it is the law, and we are striving for clean fruit it has to be done. So if you wish to sell your fruit, either locally or otherwise, see to it that you do not maintain a diseased tree on your premises. Josephine county is pretty big for one man to cover, but I am doing the best I can. Those who are in especial need of my services should let me know by phone. A man said to me the other day you passed by my place and did not stop. I told him I did not know he needed my services, and I had as many appointments as I could fill on that day. So call on me if you need me. One man has just had much right to an inspector's services as another. Every one should have pride enough to keep his orchard in good condition without compulsion. But where we find a neglected orchard we have to clean it up in self defense.

HOME RULE DECLARED NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—The Home rule constitutional amendment passed by a large majority at the last election was declared invalid by City Attorney Grant today. The city attorney contends that the word "exclusive" in the section giving control of the liquor traffic to the incorporated cities is in contravention to the United States constitution and the constitution of the state in that it delegates sovereign police powers to corporations.

The city attorney decided that no licenses can be granted in Portland to any liquor vender under this amendment. Should Grant's contention be upheld by the courts it means that the liquor situation in Oregon will remain status quo.

The home rule amendment was created with the view of giving the incorporated cities of Oregon the right to vote wet or dry, irrespective of how the country voted.

CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN THE GALICE DISTRICT

GALICE, Nov. 17.—The Golden Wedge mine will be ready to start up as soon as sufficient water comes to furnish the power for the mill.

The Old Channel mine is expected to start up on a large scale as soon as the rain furnishes the necessary water to do the hydraulic work.

The big dredge on the Jewell & Lewis property will start up in a few days and will do business on a large scale. This is a rich property and it is believed the dredge will save the gold and be a great success.

John F. Wickham, general manager of the Alameda, is spending a good deal of time at the mine directing the many improvements which are in progress.

Harry Clark, of the Black Bear, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., but it is not expected that he will be away many days.

The work on the auto truck road from the Alameda to Leland is progressing rapidly. There is a considerable force of men at each end and also in the center. The late rains have put the ground in easy working condition.

School number 53 at the Rand is doing good work and has an average attendance of 15 pupils. Mrs. Donoghue is the teacher.

The Galice school is making a fine showing this fall. It has an average of 20 pupils.

Frank Allred spent some time fixing up bachelor quarters at Rand and his good taste was approved by many of his friends. He talked about his bachelor quarters and succeeded in creating a deep interest in the style of residence he was fixing for himself. When all was completed he disappeared and no one seemed to know just where he was. Last Sunday he returned, bringing with him the bird for the cage he had been building—the bachelor quarters. But everybody has forgiven him for the innocent deception.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rose has the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their infant son, three months old, who died Monday. The

CRESCENT CITY BEGINS GREAT DEVELOPMENTS

CRESCENT CITY is on the eve of the greatest growth ever made by any city on this coast. A company has been formed to open a canal from Dead lake and Lake Earl to the ocean at a point about one mile north of the present city limits, thus giving a safe fresh water harbor for the largest vessels afloat. The St. George Land company, organized under the laws of Oregon, have over 10,000 acres of land bonded adjacent to and surrounding Dead lake and Lake Earl. With the completion of the proposed canal 300 feet wide, we will have a water frontage at least three miles in length. The entrance of this canal will be easily protected against all storms, at any season of the year, by building two short jetties, which the best marine engineers of long experience says is feasible. With such a protected harbor we fail to see why Crescent City will not be the largest coast city between San Francisco and Seattle.—Record.