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PERSONAL

R. L. Fromme, supervisor of the forestry office of this city, went to Portland on Sunday evening on business.

Mrs. F. L. Russell, who has been a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Flanagan in this city, returned Monday morning to her home at Roseburg.

Mrs. F. J. Gardenhire and little son came up from Roseburg to spend several days here with friends.

Fred Smith spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Fry, at Merlin.

C. D. Crane has returned to Grants Pass after spending the past month with relatives in Portland, where he was also looking after business matters.

Mrs. Ed Mills returned Monday morning to her home at Glendale, after spending several days with her mother and other relatives here.

Miss Gertie Cahill spent Sunday with Grants Pass relatives and returned to her school duties at Hugo Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Vetterling and two children left Sunday evening for their home at Seattle after spending the past month with Mrs. Vetterling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wright.

Lawrence B. Rich, of Chicago, Ill., who has been spending the past week with friends in Grants Pass, left Monday morning for Roseburg to look after business. He will return Wednesday to Grants Pass to spend Thanksgiving.

J. W. Greenstreet of Rupert, Idaho, returned to his home Saturday evening after spending a week here looking over the country. He was well pleased with this section of Oregon and expects to return here later to reside. While in Grants Pass, Mr. Greenstreet was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Sturtevant.

Takes Over Placer Property—

A. D. Boardman of Portland has taken over the placer properties of Clark & Trefren, Grants Pass, together with the water rights and eight miles of ditch. The property will be operated and improved.

Return To Kansas—

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Anderson, who have resided in Grants Pass for the past five years, leave today for their old home in Marquette, Kansas, where they expect to remain. Up to a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Anderson conducted the ice cream and confectionery parlors on South Sixth street, but were forced to give up the business on account of Mr. Anderson's failing health. It is expected that the change to his old home will be greatly beneficial to him.

Jud Pernoll Buys—

Jud Pernoll, the Josephine county baseball king, and who will play with the Detroit Tigers next season, has purchased an interest in the Owl billiard and pool hall. George and Roy Hull were the joint owners of the billiard hall until Roy's death several weeks ago. The firm is now Hull and Pernoll. "Jud" will go east in the spring to join Hugh Jennings' fast aggregation.

Married—

Lewen Nyberg and Miss Lily Stohlton were united in marriage at the office of Justice Holman Friday evening, November 24, 1911, Justice Holman officiating.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

There are funds in the county treasury to pay all warrants registered on or before Feb. 27, 1909, and interest will cease from the 31st of October, 1911.

J. E. PETERSON,
11-3-3t. County Treasurer.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. early today when the Northern Pacific eastern express struck a spread rail near Wapaota, 13 miles east of North Yakima, and three Fullmans a diner, a tourist and smoking car were derailed.

Three of the cars left their chucks and plowed into the earth on their sides. The engine and baggage cars held to the rails

REV. M'LEAN WRITES ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

To the Editor of The Courier:

Sir: The Grants Pass Ministerial association is not in politics, but it is interested in good government. We feel that the coolness with which violations of the law, in the interests of vice, have been permitted during the past year has been a disgrace to our city. If any attempt has been made to check vice or enforce the law such attempt has escaped the notice of the citizens. The paramount issue today is, shall this state of affairs continue?

We are nearing another city election, and, having in mind some of the occurrences of the past, I am requested by the Ministerial association to ask if it would not be possible to further extend the scope of the corrupt practice act so as to give the public an opportunity to scrutinize the list of registered voters? Inasmuch as the registration is unusually large, and further, inasmuch as this has practically been in the hands of one man, it would seem that the cause of righteous government should be best subserved by submitting the list to the sovereign people. Far be it from any of us to cast the slightest reflection upon the integrity or intelligence of that one man, but even he may make mistakes. It was Lincoln who said: "You can fool some of the people all the time, and you can fool all the people part of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." Such being the case, if any have slipped in who are not entitled to vote, some of the people would discover it were they to have the published list before them.

This seems advisable for several reasons: First, there is a feeling among the people that light should be thrown upon city affairs. That will never be done unless there is a change in the administration.

Second: The importance of the measures to be voted upon. The proposed commission charter confers most extraordinary powers upon the mayor and police judge. The former retains the appointing power, the source of the greatest corruption. He has authority to "remit fines, costs, forfeitures and penalties imposed for the violation of any ordinance." In addition to this there seems to be scarcely any limit to his authority to employ accountants or other officials whom he may deem necessary.

The police judge is given extraordinary powers. Section 88 says: "There shall be no trial by jury and there shall be no change of venue from said court." That makes the czar look small.

When it comes to the matter of amending the present charter the opportunity for throwing dust in the eyes is even greater. There are fourteen proposed amendments to the present charter, and to one at least there are enough subdivisions to almost make a complete charter. In no case has anything more than the title been given, and few know what is the text that it proposes to amend. Let us take, for example, the first proposed amendment. It reads: Section 58. "The auditor and police judge shall receive such salary as may be fixed by ordinance, but not to exceed $1500 per year payable monthly out of the treasury as full and complete compensation for his services as auditor and police judge, justice of the peace in criminal proceedings and clerk of the council."

How many know that the present ordinance, the law under which we are working, makes the salary $400 per year, and declares that in no case shall it exceed that sum? How many know that his present salary is paid (if, as is asserted, he is now receiving $1500), in direct violation of the city charter.

With these facts before us we feel that such is the importance of the approaching election that every safeguard should be thrown about the ballot, and that the registry list should be given to the people in the same way the proposed charter was given. Lacking that opportunity it would be well to hold up the amendments another year.

ROBERT M. McLEAN.

ORGANIZE NEW GRANGE

A country grange to consist of numbers from all the granges in the county, will be organized in Grants Pass by T. L. Lee, state organizer at the Woodman's hall, December 2, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Lee, assisted by W. J. Turvey, county deputy, organized a grange at Provolt, November 18. The following officers were elected: Master, Frank Johnson; overseer, C. R. Hill; secretary, Frank Bailey; lecturer, Mr. Findley.

Organizer Lee also met with the Wilderville grange November 22, reorganizing it with the following officers: Master, George W. McCullen; overseer, A. Woodard; secretary, Orpha Stevenson; lecturer, Edith Stickles.

In a basketball game between the high school students of Glendale and Grants Pass, played here Friday night, in which efficient team work, as well as strenuousity and ferociousness was lacking, the local "Amazons" gained a victory, 26 to 6.

The playing of the Misses Alice Hanson and Annis Love for Grants Pass and Ura Hensen and Muriel Nale for Glendale, was brilliant and consistent, and won high praise from the spectators.

SMUGGLERS CAPTURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Twenty-eight persons, including Mrs. Ethel Hall, reputed "queen of the smuggling ring," are in the hands of federal authorities today following investigation into what is declared to have been a gigantic conspiracy to bring contraband Chinese across the Mexican border.

Mrs. Hall, an attractive blonde, was arrested in Los Angeles and held under $5000 bail. Secret service officers say she is the brains of the band and that they can prove that she received in one budget alone $10,500 from Mexico. A gunshot wound in her right arm is explained by her as having been received through the accidental discharge of a gun in her hands.

Antonio Felix of San Diego, Captain James Wright and Engineer Reynolds Scott of the power launch Comrade, and 23 Chinese are under arrest. Felix is a San Diego merchant, declared to have been in San Francisco for the purpose of receiving $350 per head for the orientals.

Signal lights flashed between the launch and the shore betrayed the smugglers.

MINISTERS RESIGN.

ROEGON CITY, Nov. 28.—Within the last two days three popular ministers have resigned their pastorates here and one of them openly announced that he found the salary too small to supoprt his family. The other two intimated that low salaries, combined with the high cost of living was responsible for their resignations.

The first to resign was Rev. E. F. Zimmerman of the eMthodist church, the second in point of attendance in the city. His salary of $1000 a year, he said, was too small. He has accepted a more lucrative position with the anti-saloon league.

Rev. S. A. Hayworth, of the Baptist church, whos salary was $1,100 per year, in resigning, said he would enter evangelical work.

Rev. A. H. Mulkey of the Gladstone Christian church, simply stated he desired to rest.

WILLOWS, Cal., Nov. 28.—Spurned and shunned by his fellow beings, unable to find food or shelter in the haunts of men, S. Albee, a roadmaster of the Southern Pacific company, spent all night alone in a box car near here, following an encounter with a polecat.

Albee was riding a gasoline velocipede when he ran down the cat, with the disastrous results. His appearance at the Willows depot caused a panic and, unable to get within shouting distance of a human soul, Albee sought refuge in a box car. The car is being aired on a lonely sidetrack today.

Mrs. Martha Jess is in Berkley, Cal., in answer to a message stating the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Hall.

George W. Trefren has been spending a short time in Grants Pass on mining business and returned yesterday to his home at Ashland.

CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28.—Samuel L. Brown, chief detective in the office of District Attorney Fredericks, today arrested Bert Franklin, former deputy United States marshal and chief investigator for the McNamara defense, charged with attempted bribing G. N. Lockwood, a prospective juror in the McNamara case.

Brown stated that he and Detectives Jerko, Ong, Campbell and Holmes saw Franklin pass $500 to Lockwood at the corner of Third and Main streets this morning. Lockwood is also under arrest.

Lockwood and a man called "Cap" but about whom nothing has yet been learned, were locked up.

Counsel for the defense declare they know nothing of the alleged bribe. LeCompte Davis, of counsel, stated that they had employed Franklin as chief of their investigatiors in looking up the antecedents of prospective jurors and that was the only connection he had with the case.

The $500 paid Lockwood, Browne alleged, was earnest money on a bribe of $4000 to hang the jury.

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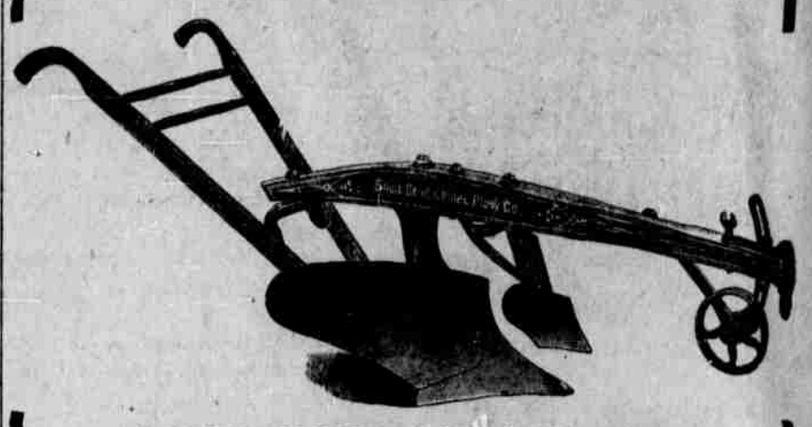

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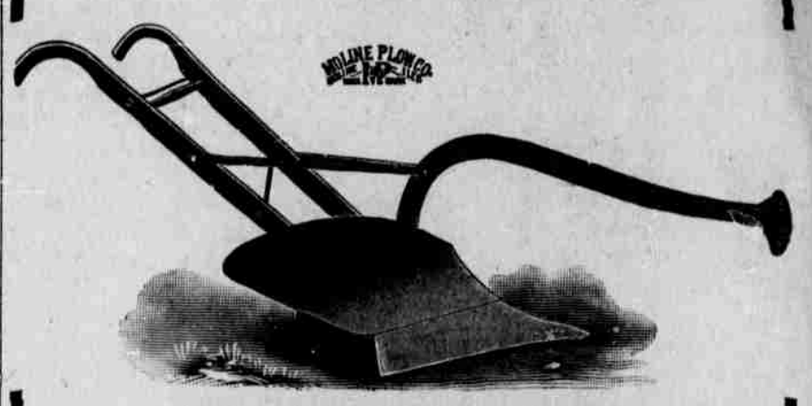

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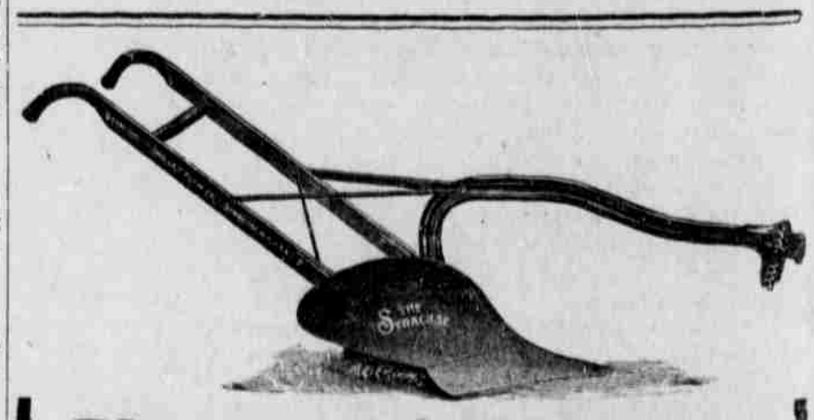

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