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WOULD BUILD ROAD TO CAVES; ALSO HOTEL.

Dr. Maxime Shumann, a Portland capitalist, was at the Josephine Friday. The doctor was one of a party interested in building an auto road to the Oregon caves and establishing a summer resort these; but the plans were blocked by the refusal of the government to issue a permit, on the grounds that it was impossible to decide what department of the government had jurisdiction in such matters. He will make a personal investigation of the caves and surrounding country during his visit in Southern Oregon and is anxious that all obstacles to his plans be removed. This is a matter of importance to Grants Pass and an effort should be made to induce the president to change by proclamation the Oregon caves from a national monument to a national park and by this action make it possible to open this great natural wonder to the people. If this could be done, it would add greatly to the prosperity of this city as it would be the means of bringing Grants Pass to prominence before the public, as it would be the point where the travel would leave the railroad for the marble caves. The Courier understands that Dr. Shumann and his associates stand ready to furnish the necessary capital not only to build a large hotel at the caves, but to construct an automobile road from the main county highway at Holland to that point. This matter is of such great importance that it would seem that it will pay the business men of Grants Pass to interest themselves to the extent of assisting Dr. Shumann in securing the change required from a monument to a park.

The doctor left the city on the motor to visit the eastern part of the valley, but will return in a few days.

LOCAL FLORIST BUILDS A NEW GREENHOUSE.

E. Mayer, proprietor of the Grants Pass Foral and Nursery Co., is constructing a second greenhouse on his property on South Sixth street, just across the steel bridge.

The new house will be 18x110 feet in size, modern in all particulars as regards construction and heating arrangement, and will be built especially for the production of carnations. It will have three rows of benches.

Mr. Meyer will have the house ready to fill within a few weeks, and expects that next winter's demand for carnations can be fully supplied with home grown beauties, and not with flowers imported from other cities.

Eastern Lumber Men Here—

Messrs. John S. Owen and C. W. Lockwood headed a party of five gentlemen who arrived here Saturday from Eau Claire, Wis., to investigate tracts of timber lands in which they are interested. They left by stage for Crescent City, Cal., near which place they have holdings of redwood adjoining the Hobbs-Wall tract. The visitors are all engaged in the lumber and logging industry in northern Wisconsin, but believe that there will be a great revival of lumbering on the west coast with the completion of the Panama canal.

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CHICAGO-ROGUE RIVER COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY.

The Chicago-Rogue River Co., through its president, A. J. Witheral, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Portland Friday, and Judge J. N. Johnston of Grants Pass, has been appointed the referee in bankruptcy. The order of the court was received by Mr. Johnston yesterday.

The petitioners gave their liabilities as $77,798.87, which consists of secured claim amounting to $49,974.20, and unsecured claims of $27,824.67, the latter being largely owed the merchants and laborers of the Grants Pass district. The assets of the company were represented as approximately $380,000, including real estate valued at $70,000; stocks and negotiable bonds of the Golden Drift Mining Co., $299,378, and unliquidated claims $5,040.

Referee Johnston states that a meeting of the creditors will be held on July 9th, at which time he will appoint a receiver in bankruptcy, the receiver first to be designated by the majority vote of the creditors. This receiver will then be in charge of the property of the Rogue River Co., and make such disposition of it as the court may order, with the view of realizing to the best possible advantage for the creditors.

STRAWBERRIES PAY RATE OF $800 PER ACRE.

The average farmer would be well satisfied with a net return from land of $800 per acre.

Not always so, however, with the farmer of rich Rogue river bottom lands. H. M. Webb, who is tilling a tract within the city limits of Grants Pass, has made an eighth of an acre of strawberries pay him, net, right at $100, so near is the figure to the century mark that Mr. Webb quotes the round number. Still, he does not wear the smile of satisfaction, for he says, "I can make it pay better than that, and I'll not rest content, till I get all the value there is out of it.

The Webb strawberry patch contains three varieties of fruit, the August Luther being grown for the earliest, while Dunlap and Brandywine are midseason and late. The Oregon everbearing, grown so largely in this state, is not favored by Mr. Webb, as he finds any of the others mentioned more profitable.

All of the fruit produced is disposed of in the local markets and prices have at all times been satisfactory.

In quoting the net return from the patch, Mr. Webb has deducted the cost of picking and of boxes.

NEW DEPOT FOR TOWN OF ROGUERIVER

The year 1912 is bringing great changes for Woodville and at the pace that this enterprising town is making it will be well to the front of the 18 other towns in Rogue River valley by the close of the year. Starting out in pioneer days under the classical name of Tailhold, later to be changed to Woodville, in honor of John Wood, the first postmaster, and having this spring installed a municipal-owned water system, put in electric lights, built sidewalks and cleaned the streets, prohibited hogs and other stock from running on the streets, and developed from a grove of native oaks and other trees one of the handsomest parks in the valley, the villagers became so infused with progressiveness that they changed the name of their town and now call it Rogueriver, and the name has been accepted by the postoffice department and by the Southern Pacific railroad.

And now they are to have a new depot, that having been recently promised by the Southern Pacific officials in appreciation of the enterprise of the town and of its imperative need for larger and better transportation facilities. It will be of wood, but will be a handsome structure and large enough to accommodate the growth of traffic for years to come. And it will have the further advantage that it will be located on the same side of the tracks as the town so that people will not be prevented from reaching it when a train is in as is now the case with the present depot. And it will not block the main street of the town as does the one now in use, but will be placed to one side of the street. It is expected that work on the new depot will be commenced within the next 60 days and that it will be ready for use early this fall.

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WOMAN, BALLOT AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

The question as to whether the enfranchisement of women should be granted is not a question of personal opinion of prejudice, nor is it a defense to the anti-suffragist that certain laws are well founded. The right to the ballot should be considered by all sound thinking persons as an inherent right to womankind as citizens of an equality with man. Some one says "women are not citizens." Nevertheless, we have the following in the constitution of the United States, article 14 of which reads in part: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside."

Again we read in section 20, article one, of the constitution of Oregon, that "No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens."

After considering this question, it seems to me there is but one way to deprive the women of this state of their right and that is by wrongful and prejudicial interpretation of the law.

While property rights in this state are somewhat more favorable to women than in many of her sister states, there is still vast room for improvement. Especially is this so in regard to personal property.

If a married woman wishes to claim certain personalty the law says she must do so by making a descriptive list on oath that the property and rights therein described belong to her at the time of marriage, or that she has acquired the same by bequest or inheritance, or by gift of some person named other than her husband; then said list shall be recorded in a register kept by the county clerk for that purpose, and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, and property not so registered shall be deemed prima facie to be the property of the husband rather than the wife. See sections 7051 and 7052 L. O. L.

In speaking of the laws being more favorable to women than in many of the sister states I do not mean to infer that any of our laws grant any women any special privileges, for they do not; if so it would be in contravention to the constitution of our state.

Women are needed in carrying on the governmental affairs, not to take the place of men nor to crowd them out, but to fill an unoccupied place which has been calling for her for ages past; in other words, she has a place to fill in the political life to correspond to the place she fills in the home, in the church, in the lodge room, in civic improvement work, etc. Her gentle nature and purity especially adapts her for an officer of the juvenile courts, a place which it seems has been sadly neglected throughout the nation. If it were possible for good, conscientious women to take care of the various departments of the juvenile courts of this state for a time, it would soon be discovered that crime would be materially lessened. If more time could be spent on the bringing up of the children of the state, less time and money would be required to be used in placing criminals behind the bars. Oh, if the many women could only see the good they could do by stepping outside the four walls of their home and letting their light shine beyond this narrow confine, I am sure they would do so.

It is only by the ballot that woman can hope to yield an influence for good that will be far-reaching in results.

VIOLET A. CLEMENTS

Grants Pass, June 24, 1912.

MEETING OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

The Oregon State Equal Suffrage league met for its state convention in the spacious parlor of the Hotel Portland. Owing to the illness of its president, Mrs. Abigal Scott Dunaway, the vice president, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, presided. Mrs. Millegant of Bend, Ore., gave the report from Crook county. Their league had just been organized. Miss Ship of Prineville reported a strong league there and many men were not only in sympathy with but working for the cause. Mrs. Washburn of Eugene paid a high tribute to Mrs. Abigal Scott Dunaway, who despite her age and illness, is directing the great campaign for equal suffrage.

Dr. Chapman, who is on the editorial staff of the Oregonian, and who gives such good articles through that paper, gave in his address to the convention some valuable hints. "In all due respect to the preachers, they do not make votes, so you should not be so concerned about them," was his advice, but for us to "get the sympathy of one old line, grafting politician and he would do more for votes for women than several preachers. Tell them if they refuse to help you now, you will work against them later." There is no argument used by the anti-suffragists that will stand the test, and the only reason that it is even an organization, is that it is backed by money, put up by big corporations which do not want the eight hour law for working girls, who do not want the minimum wage laws passed, nor rigid enforcement of pure food laws. "When a woman opposes suffrage for women she refuses the only weapon with which she can fight commercialized vice, the very backbone of the anti-suffrage movement."

Mrs. Ehrgott gave a brief history of the beginning of equal suffrage in Oregon.

Mr. Davis, president of the men's equal suffrage club of Portland told of the splendid work being done by their club, which claimed in its membership many influential men who are in favor of amendment No. 1.

A vote of thanks was extended Dr. Chapman of the Oregonian for his many forceful editorials endorsing this movement.

A large sum of money was raised to meet the necessary expenses of sending out literature and speakers. Among other plans discussed for furthering the work was that of forming a stenographers' league.

Mrs. Ringer of California, a member of the Catholic church, asked for volunteers to distribute literature written by leaders of thought among the progressive men of her own denomination as the Catholic priests and writers are authors of much of the best literature on this subject.

Miss Whitney of California is lending her valuable assistance to our work in Oregon, and urged that the gap be filled between our progressive sister states, California and Washington.

MARGARET N. LOUGHRIDGE.

COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE, SUSTAINS MAYOR'S VETO.

W. F. Wessen, who rides on the Grants Pass water wagon is tired of his job and wants to resign, unless the council will construe the contract more liberally. Early in the spring the city council advertised for bids for keeping the streets sprinkled during the summer months, and Mr. Wessen was the successful bidder, his offer of $3.95 per day being accepted. For this sum he was to furnish and care for his team, the council to supply the wagon, tank and water. Nine hours was specified as a day's work, with overtime at fifty cents per hour. When not sprinkling streets Mr. Wessen was to do other work for the city at the same rate. He had been laid off a number of days, however, and at a special session of the council Friday night he offered to resign if the council would pay him for straight time since he had commenced work, and also return to him the $100 cash bond which he put up when awarded the contract, his resignation to be effective unless he could be given continuous work. A special committee composed of Councilmen McLean, Caldwell and Daniels will investigate and report.

Sewer Will be Constructed.

The petition of Herman Westerheld for the construction of a sewer in the alley between Burgess and Briggs streets was granted, and the city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance providing for the improvement, the cost to be assessed against the benefited property.

Ordinances Are Passed.

An ordinance providing that water companies shall make no charge for the installation of water meters was passed. Under the new ordinance the cost of the meter will have to be borne by the water company. An ordinance prohibiting the maintaining of nuisances was passed. This new law is especially aimed at the man who allows dead animals, old hides, or other foul smelling and unsanitary objects to lie around the alleys and back yards. An ordinance repealing the city park ordinance was passed. This action was authorized at the last session when it was voted to give the Ladies' Auxiliary $80 per month for the care of the four parks.

The mayor returned an ordinance providing for the handling of public funds, passed at the last session, without his approval. He pointed out several defects in detail in the ordinance, and after unanimously sustaining the veto, the council instructed the city attorney to draft a new one with the defects eliminated.

FLINN SAYS TAFT WILL BE DEFEATED.

PITTSBURG, June 25.—Home from the stirring times at the Chicago convention, William Flinn, ardent Roosevelt man and erstwhile member of the republican national committee from Pennsylvania, today heatedly declared that "Taft will be defeated."

While Flinn himself refused to discuss the third party movement, it was learned from a close friend that should the democrats at Baltimore nominate a progressive candidate for president the chances are all in favor of the Roosevelt progressive wing of the republican party swinging over to support the progressive democrat.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. WOMAN RELEASED ON BAIL.

SPOKANE, June 25.—Mrs. Della Olds, young and beautiful wife of Dr. W. H. Olds, a pioneer physician, with whose murder she is charged with having committed May 28, will be released from jail tonight on $5,000 bail. She will be given her liberty that she may recover from the nervous collapse from which she is suffering. Attended by her sister, Mrs. Frankie Yeon, the defendant sat trembling in a cushioned chair today and watched the proceedings in her trial.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO COLESTEIN AND RETURN.

Southern Pacific company will run special excursion next Sunday, June 30, 1912, to Colestein Springs and return for exceedingly low rate of $1.95 for the round trip. Leave Grants Pass 6:30 a. m., arrive Colestein 10 a. m., returning, leave Colestein 7 p. m. Take your lunch or secure hotel accommodations on the grounds. No better place to spend a quiet day. For further particulars telephone J. M. Isham, agent.

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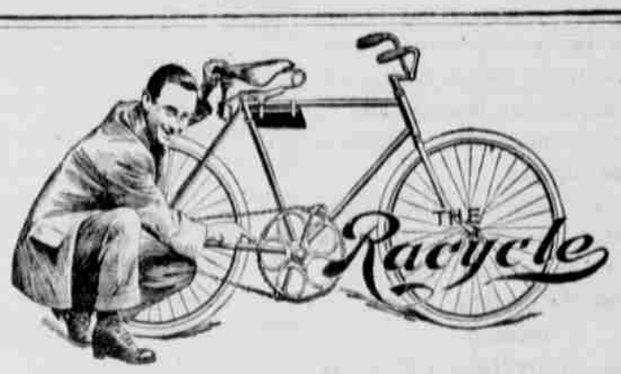

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