

RECOUNT OF VOTES IN THE FIRST WARD ELECTION ORDERED

The real business of the contested election of Dr. Emmens' chair in the city council was quickly settled by the council, after listening to the argument of Porter J. Neff and E. E. Kelly, representing the contestee and contestant, both agreeing that a recount should be had in order to purge the election from any suspicion of fraud.

Dr. Emmens insisted that a thorough investigation be made, as he did not want the office unless it was the will of the voters expressed in an honest ballot.

There was much more fervid oratory by the adherents of both sides.

Attorney Neff, for Dr. Emmens, stated that while they admitted the law had been technically violated, unless the violations affected the result of the election, or direct fraud had been shown, there was no invalidation.

Mr. Coleman explained that he had no interest in the election, had not favored either candidate, and was called in to fill the board. He had never read the city charter governing the election, did not know he was violating the provision and had taken the locked ballot box home. Mr. Humphreys having the key, while he ate dinner. All the surplus ballots had been destroyed when the polls closed.

Mr. Medanski stated that he was interested only in preserving the sanctity of the ballot for this and future generations and hinted that grand jury investigations were to be made.

Mr. Neff demanded that if any evidence tending to invalidate the election was on hand it ought to be presented at once, and Prosecutor Kelly made the same request—but no evidence was presented. The following judges were appointed for the recount Saturday afternoon: D. T. Lawton, T. E. Pottinger, W. L. Miller, C. Y. Teagwald and E. H. Fehl.

REBECK TO LECTURE UPON SHAKESPEARE

One of the most interesting and helpful evenings which the Drama League center will have to offer to the public this winter will be Dr. Rebecca's lecture on "The True Sources of Shakespeare's Power." The lecture will be given in the parlors of the Hotel Holland Saturday evening, December 31, at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged.

Dr. Rebeck's treatment of his subject will be of a unique and very entertaining quality, tracing Shakespeare's power not merely to his individual genius or the tricks of stagecraft, but rather to his relation to the vast movement of the renaissance and its unfolding and direct connection with the problems of everyday life.

The purpose is presenting this phase of Shakespearean lore is not to delve into technical philosophy, but to lead to his theme the vital and the real by bringing it into close intimacy with the dominant and coincident interests of our life of today.

SCHOOLS SAVE COST OF TEACHER BY REARRANGEMENT

Friday closed the work of the first semester of the Medford public schools. The teachers through the elementary grades and the high school have been busy with examinations, reports and checking up the results of the half year's work.

Superintendent Hillis called all the teachers together in a general meeting at 3:30 Friday. After a brief review of the efforts that had been launched and the results obtained, he outlined in brief the plans and policy of the administration and instructions that were to be emphasized during the balance of the year.

To vitalize the work. Some time was spent on outlining the lesson plans, the teaching process and the assignments. An attempt will be made to vitalize all work by connecting it up with present-day conditions and giving it the flavor of human interest. He explained clearly the plan adopted by the state department of education, whereby teachers might keep abreast with the travel of new educational ideas.

A full and detailed explanation was made regarding the plans of the board of education to economize in the administration of the schools. On account of the depleted condition of third and fourth grades at the Lincoln school it was found necessary to distribute these grades between the Jackson and Roosevelt schools. A similar condition prevails in the same grades in the Jackson and Roosevelt schools. When this is done neither of the rooms in the above schools will have reached their capacity.

An Ungraded Room. This makes it possible for the schools of Medford to have an ungraded room for the first time. The board has had in mind for some months to indorse such a plan when the opportunity arrived, without additional expense to the district and with one teacher less the boys and girls who have not had the opportunities of many will be placed in the charge of a teacher who is especially fitted to teach over-aged and retarded boys and girls.

It is the intention to make this an "opportunity room" for both strong and weak pupils, and as soon as the teacher finds they have made up the grades, will be sent back to the building and into the grades their age would indicate.

Opportunity Room. While the work will be vocational to a certain extent, the cultural side will not be neglected. In making it possible to have such a school, Superintendent Hillis explained that probably some of the patrons would be disappointed in the fact that their children would likely have to walk several blocks farther in order to reach the school.

The board feels that such a readjustment cannot be made without sacrifice some place. The teachers were asked to help in explaining the situation so the present organization will be hampered as little as possible. A recent survey of the schools shows our retardation to be only 28 per cent of pupils too old for their grades. This is considerably less than that of Ashland, which has made a special effort in the past few years to reduce this per cent, while this is the first year of effort in that direction in the Medford schools. It is less than the per cent of retardation in the Portland schools, and much less than that in the Boise, Idaho, schools and those of other southern Idaho cities.

The newly elected directors of the Commercial club met at the Exhibit building Friday to organize. All members were present excepting A. L. Hill who is in Kansas and J. P. Sullivan who was out of the city. The directors unanimously elected the following officers:

A. L. Hill, president.
C. M. Thomas, vice-president.
Guy Conner, treasurer.
There were four candidates for secretary. Joe Brown, H. A. Latta, Leonard Carpenter and Geo. T. Poyes. An informal ballot was taken and H. A. Latta receiving a majority of the votes was declared re-elected. The secretary was instructed to send a message to A. L. Hill informing him of his election as president. The directors heartily endorsed the proposition to hold a poultry show at Medford, February 5 and voted financial aid for the same. The secretary was instructed to prepare an exhibit to be sent to the San Diego exposition. A resolution was passed commending the retiring officers of the club for their splendid work during the past year and especially in connection with the beet sugar proposition.

AT THE STAR THEATER TODAY



ERNEST GLENDENNING IN "THE SEVENTH HOUR" FIVE-ACT MUTUAL MASTERPIECE

EXPERT TO ATTEND POULTRY EXHIBIT AT COMING SHOW

The Southern Oregon Poultry association is holding its regular meeting this afternoon at the public market, at which the various committees will report progress in the matter of preparing and perfecting the details of the show to be held on the 9, 10, 11, 12 of February. A good attendance is interested in the work of the meeting. The business men and banks of the city have responded generously so far as they have been seen by the committee.

Claude C. Cate, who is much interested in the development of the poultry industry in connection with orchards and vineyards, wrote to the Agricultural college at Corvallis for encouragement and has received word that his request has been submitted to the extension department, the likelihood being that a thorough poultry authority will be present at least on one day of the show to offer instruction, counsel and possibly to deliver one lecture while here.

At the Medford Commercial club's board of directors' meeting last evening a contribution of \$10 was voted and a committee was appointed to join the association's committee in perfecting the details of the proposed show. Altogether, the outlook is most encouraging for an immediate revival of the poultry interests and a show of much credit to the county. Klamath and Josephine may join in the work of making it a success this year by sending a few pens of choice birds, but the movement was begun too late to give them opportunity to assist otherwise.

FOURTEEN DEAD IN WHOLE (Continued from page one)

several weeks. After this accident the railroad began construction of concrete snow sheds at a cost of millions of dollars. The railroad engineers believed they had protected all the most dangerous places. The snowfall during the present winter has been very heavy, and the Great Northern has experienced much trouble, but has managed to keep trains moving with only slight delay. Corea is in King county, 100 miles from Seattle.

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PHOENIX SEGMENT OF CANAL FINISHED BY FEBRUARY 15

The Phoenix segment of the Rogue River Canal company's irrigation system will be completed about the middle of February. From the Bear creek intake above Phoenix the high-line canal will extend into a farm and orchard territory of great productive value, covering an area of 2000 acres. The canal, as it will be completed next month, will be seven miles in length.

Much of the soil covered by this branch of the canal company's big system will yield immense harvests of fruits, vegetables and grain if irrigated. The types of soil are alluvial, colloidal and residual, with very little of the latter. The first two types of soil yield generously to evaporation processes. The transpiration feature of loss is a little out of the ordinary on a part of that district because of the fineness of the soil particles. They reach the point of maximum capillary saturation with a less quantity of water, but they yield it more rapidly in the form of plant food. Hence the crops in that type of soil will need to be irrigated oftener, but not so much at a time.

Bumper Yields Possible. There are few sections, if any, in the entire valley where irrigation is more urgently needed to insure bumper yields; but a bumper yield in that district means something, for those soils have a capacity for immense production.

The orchards of that district will more than double their yields under a careful system of irrigation. With water at convenient command, it will be possible to produce profitable cover crops. Plowed under in the spring, they will add amazingly to the vital productive strength of the trees.

It is believed that every progressive farmer in that territory will take advantage of this opportunity to bring his farm and orchard lands up to their full productive capacity by the use of water.

High Line Canal. To extend and complete the high-line canal on the east side will entail an outlay by the Rogue River Canal company of \$750,000. Before the company will consent to prepare for the initiation of service on the area to be commanded by the proposed canal, 5000 acres must be covered with irrigation contracts. More than two-fifths of that acreage has already been secured.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the hearing of petitions in the matter of the proposed irrigation district in the vicinity of Ashland, Talent and Phoenix has been continued until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, January 29th, 1916, at which time further hearing will be given in the matter by the County Court, in the Court House at Jacksonville, Oregon.
G. A. GARDNER,
County Clerk.

OPPOSE STRICT SUNDAY LAW FOR PEOPLE OF OREGON

Taylor G. Bunch, one of the field secretaries of the Religious Liberty association, spoke to a large audience in the Star theater last night on the evils of Sunday legislation. Mr. Bunch said in part:

"The enactment and enforcement of Sunday laws are dangerous because of what it will finally lead to. It is the first step toward a union of church and state, and history testifies that such a union has always been disastrous to both the church and the state. History repeats itself, and like causes bring like results. When our forefathers founded this government the sad history of religious legislation in Rome and during colonial days in this country warned them to place in the constitution a safeguard against religious tyranny."

"The 'One Day's Rest in Seven' league, of which Dr. Tufts is superintendent, is working for a more strict Sunday law for Oregon. Almost the same law was defeated last year in California by a majority vote of over 167,000. The poor laboring man that must be compelled to rest one day would appreciate it more if this league would try to secure at least one day's work in seven."

"Madison said: 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' We must be on our guard if our liberties are maintained."

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