

CROWING COCKS FIND DEFENDER IN CITY COUNCIL

Dr. J. M. Keene, councilman from the Second ward, and crowing roosters were the headline acts at the regular mid-month meeting of the city council Tuesday night. All of the excitement and opposition was offered by the dentist-politician to a petition signed by fifty-four of the leading residents of the Second ward, asking the council to pass an ordinance regulating the maintenance of roosters in considerable number under the windows of neighbors whose rest they disturb by crowing from midnight till morning, making it possible for those so disturbed to complain against it and submit evidence to the authorities as to its character and the distress produced, thus establishing a basis for its abatement. Such an ordinance would not affect the pens of hens maintained or the presence of roosters so located as not to disturb anybody. The Poultry association passed on the petition favorably.

Keene Champions Roosters.
Dr. Keene first hopped into the limelight by his defense of people crowing roosters. He maintained that roosters were an important cog in the local economic conditions at present, and to restrict their natural proclivities would be the same as the city council taking food from "mothers and babies."

Dr. Emmons expressed surprise at the unovering of a sentimental streak in his colleague and argued that it was a question of business. Councilman Mann, City Attorney McCabe and W. W. Watson gave testimony upon the sleep-killing effect of a crow in the early morn. Mayor Emerick and Councilman Amy testified to the worthlessness of a dog's bark, the latter favoring the immediate annihilation of all canines. Fire Chief Lawton arose to say that crowing would be effectively stopped if the owners would place a rubber band around the neck of the rooster. Finally the council laid the petition of Second ward residents asking for an abatement of the nuisance upon the table until the next meeting.

Pierce Bill Tangle.
Dr. Keene again jumped into the spotlight when the payment of the judgment awarded by the circuit court to Mrs. C. H. Pierce for \$180.75 came up for payment. An attachment for \$36 had been filed, and this was used as a basis for the objections to pay the full amount by Dr. Keene. Dr. Emmons branded his colleague's tactics as those of an "obstructionist." Use of the term, "pettifogging lawyer" by Dr. Keene brought Attorney McCabe to his feet in a warlike attitude, and he was calmed. The city had agreed to pay Mrs. Pierce \$400 as a settlement of her claim for injury. During the argument Dr. Keene was the storm center, and the entire council and the chief of police tried to make him understand, without avail.

Wood haulers were ordered to make their stand at the public market, instead of business streets. Market Master Runyard was empowered to establish a free employment agency at the market and the ordinance establishing a safety zone and regulating street cars and autos was passed under the emergency clause.
Two small accounts, carried for eight years in the name of Gray and Batselburg, were ordered cancelled, there being no claimants.

ALONG ROGUE RIVER

Harry Howard and family returned home from Klamath county last Saturday. They have spent the last ten months there.
A. A. Hall and daughter, Miss Clara, of Willamette valley, are here for a short time.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson of Central Point were Trail visitors on Thursday.
Jasper Hannah made a business trip to Medford the first of the week.
Norman Gage and Ray Whitley and family invited to Perist Monday and were the guests of Ezra Whitley and family for the day.
A number attended the dance at Tangle Saturday and enjoyed themselves.
Among the Medford visitors this week were Edward Foster, Lloyd French, Albert and Robert McCabe, Big Johnston, Mrs. Gage, Perry Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Will Houston.
George Fry and family were Central Point visitors Saturday.
The dance at E. L. Houston's well attended and a fine time was had last Saturday night.
Miss Goldie Harding of Albany, is visiting friends and relatives in this city and Grants Pass.



Marvels of the saddlesting and rightly named, "Barback Riders, De Luxe." They are coming to Medford on May 22 with the John Robinson Ten Big Shows.

PERSHING'S TROOPS RESTORE RESPECT FOR HATED GRINGO

NAMIQUIPA, Chihuahua, Mexico, May 17, by wireless to El Paso.—American residents of this section of Mexico have assured General J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition, that the American troops have restored respect on the part of the natives for United States soldiers to a degree not existing for five years.
For some time Mexicans have sneered at the fighting ability of the Americans, some of them honestly believing that the United States soldiers were afraid to engage any Mexican command. After the Ojos Azules fight, however, signs of the growing respect on the part of the natives became more and more manifest. American non-combatants living in the vicinity were treated with a courtesy which astonished them and the like of which they had not experienced for years.
These same Americans, however, have openly expressed their intention of leaving Mexico if the troops are withdrawn. They believe that a native uprising will result immediately the protection of the guns is removed. Numerous threats on the part of Villa and his lieutenants to punish persons dealing with the Americans also have caused some Mexican and Chinese merchants to announce that they, too, will follow the American command from Mexico should it be withdrawn.

BRYAN NOT GOING TO DEMOCRATIC 1916 CONVENTION

LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.—William Jennings Bryan is not going to the democratic national convention as an alternate from Nebraska, nor as a delegate from any other state, according to an announcement made today. Neither is Charles W. Bryan, defeated candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination in Nebraska, planning to run independently or as the candidate of another party. Mr. Bryan's statement, which was made, he explained, "to correct the deliberate and malicious misrepresentations of corporation-controlled papers," says:
"William J. Bryan has never had any thought of going to the democratic national convention as an alternate from Nebraska nor as a delegate from another state, and Charles W. Bryan has had no thought of running for governor without the democratic nomination."

Mrs. J. H. English was operated on Tuesday for appendicitis by Dr. Dow of Central Point. Her condition is satisfactory.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.
Circuit Court.
Rogue River Valley Canal Co. vs. General Investment Co., action at law. William Roberts et ux vs. W. W. Watkins et al, suit to quiet title.
State vs. Hauze Rouse, transcript from Ashland justice court.
George T. Watson vs. Ann H. Russell, answer.
Probate Court.
J. W. Abbott, guardianship, petition for guardianship.
Martin V. McCrillis estate, order appointing appraisers.
Marriage Licenses.
George A. Kerby and Helen Pennington.
Henry P. Grove and Alice Matilda Lawrence.

Real Estate Transfers.
Brunswick Investment Co. to H. B. Gravel, lots in Rogue River Valley Orchard Co. \$10
Leta M. Childers et vir to R. Ellen Nickerson et vir, land in sec 28-39-2E 10

DIED
SANDERS—At Salt Lake City, Utah, Tuesday, May 16, Frances E., wife of George E. Sanders of Grants Pass, during an operation for cancer of the intestines. Aged 42. Funeral at Salt Lake, Thursday, May 18.
Every Cold Should Be Considered Serious
So say the best medical authorities. Unless promptly checked, often they lead to chronic bronchial and pulmonary troubles which may prove fatal.
If your cough or cold has not responded to treatment—and remember, medicine should not be solely relied on—timely use of Dr. Williams' Alterative may give you relief.
For more than twenty years it has been benefiting sufferers from these disorders. It is especially indicated where the system demands time for it contains vitamin and is combined as to be easily assimilated by the average person.
Safe to try—because it contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs of any sort whatsoever.
At your druggist.
Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia.

FIVE INDICTMENTS FOR VARIOUS CRIMES BY GRAND JURY

The grand jury is today compiling its report on the county offices and their management, but whether it will be compiled and completed before the primary Friday is a question. It is not expected that the report will reveal anything of a startling nature, but certain candidates allow that it would be poor taste to release it for public consumption just before the ballot battle.

Five indictments were returned by the inquisitorial body Tuesday. Viola Stone, landlady of the Elwood rooming house on Main street, between Bartlett and Riverside, and Jane Doe were indicted upon a charge of conducting a house of ill fame. Mrs. Stone was recently arrested and fined for violation of the liquor laws.

Dave Noon, ex-marshal of Gold Hill, was indicted on a charge of stealing D. H. Miller's Ford, taking it apart and hiding it under the floor of his house. Indicted with Noon was Robert Smith, whose real name is William Devenport. The pair are alleged to have stolen nearly everything not nailed down in the neighborhood of Gold Hill.

W. E. Young was indicted on a charge of larceny by bailie, the specific charge being the renting of a gun, two revolvers and fishing tackle from the Kwing gun store and failing to return them. After an absence of two years Young returned to this city and was arrested.

W. H. Butler, living in the Eagle Point district, was indicted for obstructing a public highway, known as the "Nichols Roundtop road." The road was established twenty-six years ago by the county court. Butler built two fences across it. The circuit court issued an order against their maintenance, and they were taken down. In the face of the court order Butler is alleged to have put the fences back, claiming that the road has been abandoned and the land is his.