

THE OWOSSO TIMES

PAGES 1 TO 8

"OWOSSO THE CITY OF PUSH"

VOL. XXXVIII

OWOSSO, MICHIGAN, OCT. 20, 1916

NO. 30

Like to Locate Husband.

Mrs. Bertha Rogers has asked the police authorities to locate her husband, Homer Rogers, who left Owosso last March, and whom she believes is living in Logan, Utah, with another woman.

Mrs. Denyes Secures Divorce.

Mrs. Minnie Denyes was given a decree of divorce from Patrolman George Denyes of Owosso, by Judge Dodd5 in the circuit court, Wednesday. Mr. Denyes was ordered to pay \$305.98 and to pay for the support of their son until he is eighteen years old.

Receipts Pay Expenses.

The supervisors committee on abstracts has reported the receipts for the past nine months to be \$1,722.90, and the total for the year is a little more than the expense of conducting the office. The work of re-copying the abstracts continues, the original plat of Owosso being completed and additions in hand now.

Moose Are to Have a Rally and Field Day.

At the Moose lodge Thursday night plans were laid and committees appointed for a rally and field day here on November 16. Lodges from Saginaw, Bay City, Flint, Lansing and other adjacent places will participate, and at this time a class of 100 will be initiated. Dr. A. S. Wallis, national director of Moorehurst, Ill., will have charge of the membership campaign.

No Epidemic Existed.

The report of C. S. Baldwin, county live stock sanitary inspector, to the board of supervisors, made Friday, shows that the hog cholera scare of a few months ago was unnecessary, and, as usual, was just unpleasant and unprofitable newspaper notoriety for Shiawassee county. The commissioner inspected 716 hogs, 536 were vaccinated, 438 died. The commissioner worked 50 days; traveled 1578 miles at an expense of \$342.63. He made 102 visits.

COMMUNITY MEETING.

Systematized Play and Instruction Necessary to Best Development of Children.

A community meeting under the auspices of the Federated Women's club of this city, was held at the armory Tuesday evening, and the rather small number who attended were exceedingly well repaid for attending. The subject of playgrounds and systematized play was thoroughly discussed and explained.

Mrs. Mande Thompson presided, and after selections by the high school band under direction of O. H. Voelker, the latter was called upon and gave a report of the meeting of the Recreation Congress at Grand Rapids last week, bringing out the facts as to the weak physical condition of children in this country because of lack of play grounds, proper exercises, and lack of instruction in methods of play. He urged the securing of the Emerson woods, the grounds around the Bryant school, and that provision be made for ice skating in winter and every healthful exercise.

William Radow, of Salem's Lutheran school, rendered piano selections, after which Miss Anna Cowles, of the M. A. C. extension department, gave an interesting talk on systematized play and garden clubs, and gave a demonstration with some of the children of "ball relay," "hop and relay," "fox and squirrel" and "three deep".

Harry Johnson, physical training instructor, gave a short talk on the work accomplished at the play grounds this summer at Athletic park.

Mayor DeYoung made a short address on the Armory park question. E. O. Dewey and O. L. Sprague spoke briefly on the park question.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Sackrider and Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Sackrider will entertain at dinner next Thursday evening at the home of the former.

PULL FOR 2,000 MAJORITY

Shiawassee County Likely to Be On the Honor Roll.

The meeting of the county workers in the prohibition campaign was a hummer from start to finish. At 10:30 Wednesday morning the autos were lined up at the M. E. church as the township leaders began to arrive for the big war council. All the townships except Owosso, Antrim and Caledonia were represented. Chairman E. O. Dewey called the meeting to order and Rev. J. B. Wallace was chosen secretary. Reports of township leaders were given in order and made it plain that the county is very much alive, with good working organizations in the various townships, and a steadily growing sentiment.

One of the important details attended to at the meeting was the selection of challengers for the various voting precincts. The plan of using instruction booths located beyond the hundred foot limit on election day was advocated and will probably be adopted. Other instructional features were urged, particularly were the ministers requested to distribute the sample ballots at their Sunday services from now until election and to have the vote taken each Sunday. As an illustration of the ease with which mistakes may be made in voting, a sample vote was taken at the morning session of the committee, on both the amendments, of forty-two votes cast three were defective through misunderstanding of the proper method of marking. At the dinner hour another vote was taken with 71 votes cast and no errors, showing the value of careful instruction.

Much inspiration and many valuable suggestions were brought to the sessions by the presence and addresses of Messrs. Dean and Rood, District Superintendents of the Anti-Saloon League, who are men of keenness, force and wide practical experience. Mr. Byron Hicks, of Durand, gave several practical talks and always with his own characteristic punch and convincing combination of earnestness and shrewdness.

At the dinner which was served by the women of the Methodist church, Superintendent Rood made a speech which for ginger and sense and happy humor was a clincher indeed, and was received with ringing applause. At the afternoon session the committee were fortunate in having present Mr. H. R. Patingill, of Lansing, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction. "Pat" is always a winner in his convincing style of oratory, and his speech was replete with sense, humor and hot shot. He gave a little jingle to enable the voters to remember how to mark their ballots.

"Article XVI means sweet sixteen so we will vote 'Yes' for sweet sixteen the state prohibition amendment. Article VIII means full of hate so we will vote 'NO' on the thing called 'Home Rule'."

Or if you remember them by sections it will be "Section 11, will help us on the way to Heaven, so we will vote 'YES' on that; while Section 30 is mighty dirty and we will vote 'NO' on that."

The financial statement showed that about \$1,400 of the \$2,800 pledged in the county has been paid in and half of this amount has been turned over to the county committee for use here. The Owosso canvass is in progress and has about \$600 or \$700 yet to raise.

Plans were outlined for the organization of several big automobile parades to be formed in different parts of the county and to head up in Owosso. Mr. B. W. Mattoon, of Shiawassee township, was appointed Chief of the Auto Squad who will complete the arrangements for the parades.

The outside speakers who are in touch with many of the other county

organizations were warm in their praise of the live and efficient organization in this county. They found plenty of punch in the spirit of this meeting and at the same time a cool headed determination to leave no effort out to keep up the fight on clean cut and definite lines. The two slogans of the meeting were "Get the dry vote instructed" and "Get the dry vote out at the polls."

Mention should be made of the hearty willingness of the women to help in the work, and plans are to be made to use their services in effective ways on election day.

From now to the end of the campaign the tide of enthusiasm will steadily rise as the big guns are heard in the mass meetings in various parts of the county.

The verdict on all sides was that the meeting Wednesday was the most valuable one so far held in the campaign.

WOULD-BE MURDERER COMMITS SUICIDE

Jealous Young Man Shoots Himself After Failing to Kill Girl He Loved

A young man named Lee Lessor, whose home is at Mautowoc, Wis., attempted to kill his sweetheart who is employed at A. Syverson's home on Park street as a domestic, last night, and then turning the shot gun on himself blew the entire right side of his face off, and died at midnight.

The young man who came here early last spring, and was ordered out of town by the police, returned three weeks ago, and has been employed at the Owosso Mfg. Co. plant. He has bothered the young lady, and after having his attentions refused determined to kill her. He went to the Syverson home, and after breaking in the glass in the front door and finding the young lady had escaped, turned the gun on himself. He shot at several young men who had been called from the Harold Lyon home by a neighbor who saw Lessor with the gun, but fortunately did not injure any of them.

Aid Children's Home.

The board of supervisors has voted to pay \$100 toward the maintenance of the Michigan Children's Home at St. Joseph. The board was unanimous in the opinion that this action would meet with the approval of practically every taxpayer if they knew of the work of the institution. It has been doing good work for a great many years and is now caring for several hundred children. It has taken 17 children from this county and placed 25 children in Shiawassee county.

DAIRY SCHOOL OCT. 28.

Shiawassee County Milk Producers Will Meet in Owosso.

The Shiawassee County Milk Producers Association is planning for a big meeting in Owosso Oct. 28, when all dairymen are requested to be present. Experts will be sent from the M. A. C. and will hold a school of instruction. The object of the meeting is to take further action toward securing a higher price for milk.

WANT OUR OWN TAX MONEY.

Supervisors Adopt Resolution Against More Property Being Taken From Local Rolls.

Supervisor Dewey, of Owosso, introduced a resolution Tuesday which was unanimously adopted by the board of supervisors. It protests against the removal of interurban line property from the assessment rolls of the townships, cities and villages through which the lines run, and the collection and spending of the money lavishly by the state. Having taken the auto tax money, further inroads are much opposed by all local authorities.

HOUSES TO RENT WANTED

City is Short of Moderate and Cheaper Priced Dwellings

Henry Smetana spoke at the Improvement Association meeting, Tuesday, on the need of houses to rent at \$10 to \$14 a month, especially in the south and west parts of town. There are plenty of more expensive places for rent, but the city has lost some families, it is said, because of the lack of houses. An organized effort will be made to have this matter taken care of in the next few months.

Buy Barber Shop.

Two of Owosso's well known barbers, O. F. Maxted and C. A. Boyles, have purchased the shop in the State Savings Bank block and will conduct it hereafter. The shop will be refitted. Many friends wish the new owners success.

Soldiers' Relief.

The soldiers' relief commission of the county expended \$265 the past year in relieving distress of aged civil war veterans or widows of veterans. The commission elected D. S. Post, of Vernon, chairman; W. E. Jacobs, of Corunna, secretary. W. R. Smith, of Owosso, is the third member.

Owosso 26, Mt. Pleasant 7.

The Owosso high school foot ball team defeated Mt. Pleasant at that city Saturday, 26 to 7, in a good game, making Owosso's fourth straight victory, with no defeats.

Charged With Bigamy.

L. D. Barnes was brought to Corunna from Alton, Ind., Wednesday, and is locked up on a charge of bigamy. He was arrested on complaint of Ina Gilmore, mother of Bessie Gilmore of Corunna, whom Barnes married last January, and who claims Barnes had a wife living in Hillsdale at the time. Barnes is said to have served a sentence for larceny.

Board of Supervisors.

The board of supervisors voted \$500 Monday for the permanent improvement of McCurdy park during the next year, to be expended under the supervision of the buildings and grounds committee.

The board of supervisors passed a resolution Wednesday giving the Owosso supervisors authority to renew the contract with Dr. F. A. Watts to care for the indigent sick in Owosso for another year, and calls for a salary of \$1,000. The doctor is to attend all indigent cases, and to perform minor surgical operations.

INDOOR BASE BALL.

League Season Opens Oct. 31 - Six Teams - Two Games Weekly.

The Owosso indoor base ball league will open its season on Tuesday night, October 31, with the Malleables team, pennant winners last year, and the Robbins Table Co. team, which during the latter part of the season shot from a poor last to a tie for second place, the opposing teams. The line ups of the two teams will probably be much the same as last year. Brown, the sterling little twirler of the Malleables, will be in the box for them, with Cavanaugh behind the bat. Although it is not certain yet whether Bill Dowling will pitch for Robbins, Cummis will catch. Dowling says he doesn't care to play again, but may change his mind.

The league plans to play two games a week, the same as last year. The games will be played in the new armory. The diamond has been marked out, cornerwise of the floor, and the first practice was held Wednesday night, when the Robbins and the Stove Company team worked out. The Malleables team will practice Friday night.

The Woodard Furniture Co. and Owosso Mfg. Co. will play on election night, Nov. 7, and election returns will be received and announced between 11 and 12.

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
No Alum—No Phosphate

BRYAN GIVES STRONG AID TO DRY CAMPAIGN

Arraigns Liquor Traffic in Convincing Argument

Wants to Know Why Bounty Is Not Paid Saloons if They Are Good Things, Instead of Imposing License.

Wm. Jennings Bryan made a most effective appeal for state wide prohibition to an immense audience in Grand Rapids a few days since, saying in part:

"There are three great principles which I had hoped to live long enough to see made effective in this nation. They are suffrage for women on an equal basis with men, the driving of the saloon from the United States and the reconstruction of the policies of the world on a basis that will respect the philosophy of Christ and the hope of peace will not be founded on the philosophy of Pilate.

"In support of the second, there is one solid foundation upon which all argument should be based. That is, that alcohol is a poison. The drinking of alcohol weakens the body, destroys the mind and overthrows the morals. That has been a known fact for 3,000 years. Daniel refused the wine which the overseer of the king brought to him. He demanded water for himself and his companions. The overseer urged wine upon him because it was his desire that they should look well and that only by drinking wine could they do so. Daniel asked 10 days on water with which to prove that water was better than wine and the overseer allowed the test. At the end of 10 days he told Daniel that he had won.

Challenges Proof Alcohol Benefits.

"That has been the history from that day down to this. If you can prove that alcohol is a benefit to man you can do the greatest service that has ever been done to the saloon. Down in Annapolis we have maintained, at the expense of the government, a large number of midshipmen drawn from every congressional district in the United States. They are the wards of Uncle Sam and they are being trained for the highest possible efficiency. But Uncle Sam does not allow them any liquor whatever and you can't make the government of the United States believe they ought to have it. If Uncle Sam will not allow alcohol for his boys, why do you allow it for yours? Uncle Sam can replace one of his boys if they are lost, but you cannot replace one of yours.

"I talked with the colored porter on a sleeping car after a speech I had delivered on this subject recently. He said to me that if we could free the colored man from drink we would be doing more for him than when we freed him from slavery. Then to make it stronger he said: 'The man who can free my people from drink will do more for them than Abraham Lincoln.' If a poor colored man can see that, why do you white men persist in remaining blind.

"In business life they are demanding the man who does not drink now-a-days. I travel much and I sleep on the train with the same sense of security that I do in my own home. Why? Because I know that the railroad will not place a drinking man at the throttle of the engine, that a drinking man is not permitted to stand at the switch. The men operating the trains must be clean, sober men, whose minds are keen and clear. Try a little experiment and prove whether a business man will hire you if you drink.

"Go to your best friend and tell him to write you a recommendation for a job. Have him make that recommendation just as strong as he knows how, tell him what to put into it. Have him flatter you and then at the bottom of the letter add these words in red ink so it will be read. Add these three words: 'And he drinks.' Then go anywhere you want to and seek a job. Watch the face of your possible employer change as he reads those last three words and then stand around and watch some other man get the job. I challenge any saloon keeper to show me where he ever would write on the bottom of a letter of recommendation for his best friend the words: 'and he drinks.'

Why Impose License?

"If the saloon is a good thing we are not treating the saloon keeper fairly. We welcome the man who wants to start a meat shop, or a department store or a bank in a town. But what do we do with the saloon keeper? We meet him at the city limits and tell him if he wants to do business here he must pay a license, he cannot open until a certain hour in the morning, he must close at a certain time at night, he cannot sell to everybody. The man buying must be over age and under drunk. You put no such restrictions upon the meat man or the grocer or the man building a factory. If the saloon is a good thing for a community we are dealing unfairly with it. We ought to give the saloon keeper a bounty for coming into our town.

"If the saloon is a good thing, why after a man has gotten well lighted up and has his nose nicely polished do we run him off to jail and hide him away from sight. Why do we not stand him up in front of the saloon to show what a good job the saloon can do? The reason is that the saloon keeper would be the first to object. He has taken the man's money and now wants him out of sight lest his appearance shall prevent others from coming in to spend their money. It is ridiculous to license a saloon to make a man drink and then fine that man for getting drunk.

"As I ride through the country I see everywhere sign boards telling the exact population of the next town, the number of factories, the number of schools, the number of churches, but I challenge you to show me one sign board in the United States that advertises to you that a certain town has so many saloons. If the saloon is a good thing why do you not go down to the station and advertise to the incoming travelers how many saloons you have.

"There isn't a county in Michigan so wet that you could find a single man in it willing to permit another to go through that county spreading cholera among the hogs. Why? Because we have learned to appreciate the hog. When you go to the polls in November you will have your opportunity to raise man to the level of the hogs by voting to drive out the saloon which spreads poison among them."

Home Rule Amendment a Fraud.

Mr. Bryan attacked with great vigor the home rule amendment which will be voted upon at the same time with the state-wide prohibition amendment. He declared it was fraud and drafted for fraudulent purposes. He argued that the township unit would in effect disfranchise every dry voter in a county, because it would place a saloon in townships to which the country boys of the surrounding dry territory could go to get liquor and then drive out into the country spreading its bad effects all along the road. He likened a saloon in this respect to a slaughter house. "Why is a slaughter house a nuisance?" he declared. "Because you can't confine its smell to the block upon which it stands. For the same reason the saloon in the township is a nuisance, because you can't confine its evils to the township in which it is located."

While it is not necessary to say a single word for these gentlemen who are the Republican candidates for re-election as Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney respectively, as both are without opposition on the Democratic ticket, we cannot refrain from saying that they have earned the honor by most excellent service in their offices in behalf of all the people of the county. In face of the fact that they are given credit by those who are in a position to know of having enforced the local option law better in this county than it has been enforced in any other county in Michigan, they will be chosen again by practically a unanimous vote. No greater compliment could be paid Bert S. Griffin and Seth Q. Pulver. It also goes to show that public officials who are willing and fearless in fulfilling their respective duties need have no fear that the approval of the voters of this county will be withheld from them. We congratulate Messrs. Griffin and Pulver.

