

TAXPAYERS ARGUE FOR ANNEXATION

Eastern Washington County Anxious to Tie Up With Multnomah.

PORTLAND GETS BUSINESS

Argument is Advanced That Only Interest People Have in Home County is Payment of Taxes Once a Year at Hillsboro.

BEAVERTON, Or., Oct. 8.—(To the Editor.)—The eastern part of Washington County has fired of the annexation...

The annexation movement originated a year ago in that part of Washington county which is admitted to Multnomah. The backers of it are all large property owners and citizens...

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Our annexation to Multnomah County next month will correct a wrong that has been committed by the legislature of the county should never have been retained in Washington county for the simple reason that it has no commercial connection with Washington County...

Portland Secured Trade in 1851. Portland clinched our trade when it built the wagon road out Jefferson street in 1851. We could not deal with any other city than Portland without serious loss to ourselves.

One of our serious grievances against Washington County is the system, which it has followed for 60 years, of taxing us to the limit and giving us no substantial benefits in return.

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Wassau Falls Over 80-Foot Bluff. CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Mrs. Ives Hibbard Stirling, wife of William R. Stirling, senior partner of Peabody, Houghteling & Company, was found dead at the base of the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan on the Stirling country estate in Lake Forest yesterday.

Justice from Hillsboro, but without avail. Since we cannot get a square deal, and since Hillsboro does not seem to want us except for purposes of taxation, we have concluded to ask Multnomah County to take us in.

Taxpayers Ask Justice.

The opponents of our bill say that Washington County will have only 618 square miles left if we are joined to Multnomah. In reply, we will say that this is about all there has been of Washington County for over half a century.

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R. M. KYLE, Secretary Washington-Multnomah Annexation Club.

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J. J. WISMER, Secretary Beaverdam Club.

ROBERT THOMPSON, Treasurer Beaverdam Club.

TAXPAYERS OBJECT TO BURDEN Annexation Declared Ill-Timed by Organization of Portland Men.

Opposition to the proposed annexation of a part of Clackamas County to Multnomah County by the adoption of an initiative measure at the coming election has taken form in this city in the organization of the Multnomah Clackamas Anti Annexation Association, composed of several leading business and professional men of Portland.

It is now sought to annex a region in itself 150 square miles larger than all of Multnomah County, containing large areas of extremely broken and mountainous lands, sparsely settled and unimproved and containing 700 miles of county road—270 miles in excess of our own present mileage.

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There is now a widespread and determined movement looking toward the creation of a National park, embracing Mount Hood and the scenic region immediately surrounding the mountain.

The present mode of effecting changes in the county boundaries is, it is believed, wrong in principle. The voters of the state outside the counties affected can have no interest in, or intelligent understanding of, the question involved, and should not be asked to decide a matter purely local in character.

The Rainier Valley lines accordingly are threatened with numerous lawsuits. The effect on the Puget Sound Electric lines is destruction of railroad business through a rigorous boycott and a lessening of population.

Business men of Oregon City and taxpayers of Clackamas County are aroused and will give freely to the fund. The board of directors having charge of the campaign will meet Monday night with President Lasselie in the Commercial Club rooms to devise further ways and means.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Following an enthusiastic meeting of the Clackamas-Multnomah anti-annexationists last night, three "live wires" started out this morning to obtain subscriptions to fight the division movement and obtained \$100 each from the first three men they called upon.

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INCREASED RATE INJURES SUBURBS

Seattle Car Company's Order Has Blighting Effect on Population.

WORKMEN HARD PRESSED

Wage-Earning Class Unable to Stand High Rates of Fare and Ruin Stares Many of Duwamish Residents in Face.

SEATTLE, Oct. 8.—(Special).—Probably nowhere in the West has the blighting effect of a corporation's order on the residents of the Duwamish, immediately outside the limits of Seattle, fifty per cent of the residents of the once-lively suburb of Duwamish, Riverton, Foster and Tukwila have abandoned their homes, and more will follow as soon as they harvest their small crops, unless there is a ruling in their favor.

The population in that neighborhood almost entirely comprises wage-earners who work in Seattle. The section is without industry and in that sense is not self-supporting, and since the heads of the household earn generally about \$2 or \$2.50 a day the increase in the rates is a hardship they cannot endure.

Registration Falls Off. Two years ago the registration of Tukwila was 108 and the vote 97; at the recent primary the figures were, respectively, 49 and 42.

At Riverton, O. C. Thomson, groceryman, had a trade of \$2500 a month, but it has been materially reduced. He has counted 25 vacant houses in his immediate vicinity.

At Duwamish one of the two stores has been closed by Sheriff Before the fares were raised the population was 600; today it is 200, and people are leaving every day.

Cases of Hardship Shown. There are extreme cases of hardship, due to the fact that hundreds of working people have been trying to acquire homes. Instead of homes, however, and mortgage, most of them have held only a contract of purchase on the monthly payment plan, so that default in one payment forfeits the contract.

The residents and praying for a decision. Even if it adverse, they declare it would be better than an uncertainty which has wrecked all business, has driven 50 per cent of the people away and has made real estate valueless.

There is also a war against rates on the Rainier Valley lines. Residents of the district served by that company are fighting against double fares. The basis of their contention is that the company is charging more than 5 cents for transportation between points now within the city limits and uptown stations.

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PLAN FOR RECALL FAILS

MEETING VINDICATES ASSESSOR OF LANE COUNTY. Farmer Says "City Fellows Bawl" When Asked to Bear Their Sharp Burden of Taxation.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special).—The mass meeting called at the Courthouse this afternoon for the purpose of protesting against the Lane County Assessor's method of assessment, and to invoke the recall, resulted in a virtual vindication of that official and a general discussion of assessment and taxation questions, which seemed to be satisfactory to those who attended.

The attack on the Assessor was begun by E. J. Frazier, who denounced the official and his methods. R. Popenhus of Pleasant Hill, asked why the farmers were not asked to attend the meeting.

ORCHARD LAND SELLS HIGH. Small Tract Planted to Spitzenberg Apples Brings \$850 Per Acre.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special).—Another sale of Josephine County orchard land was made today, when five acres of the famous Lakeside orchard, seven miles from Grants Pass, became the property of Mrs. Emma Letteli, of Pittsburg, Pa., a newcomer to Grants Pass.

The tract is planted to six-year-old Spitzenberg apples, which this year produced 300 boxes of fancy apples. The fruit will be shipped by the Grants Pass Commercial Club to the Chicago Land Show and Industrial Exposition this fall.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special).—Citizens of Eugene on October 13 expect to make a tour of the Willamette valley as far north as Portland, visiting the intervening towns on the return home.

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GAIN 24 PER CENT. 1011 Students Now Enrolled at Agricultural College. MULTNOMAH SENDS 127. EUGENE PLANS AUTO TRIP. Boosters to Visit Portland and Intervening Cities This Week. Many Go to Corvallis From Foreign Countries, Eastern Universities and Other States—2000. May Soon Be Enrolled. ELECTRIC TOASTER STOVES. \$6.00. Will make Toast, Hotcakes, Boil Water or Make Coffee and perform much other useful service. Electric Store ALDER AT SEVENTH. "77" Humphreys' Seventy-Seven Breaks up Grip and COLLS. "The Earlier Stage" Every one knows they have taken Cold, after they begin to Cough and Sneeze. There is an Earlier Stage of lassitude and weakness; if "Seventy-seven" is taken at this "first feeling" it will break up the Cold. "Seventy-seven" breaks up stubborn Colds that hang on. A small vial of pleasant pellets, fits the vest pocket. At Drugstores, 25c. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., Corner William and Ann Streets, New York.