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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1910.

The census man will begin his work April 15. He will invade the "sacred precincts" of the home and pry into your personal affairs as though he were really interested in what he may discover. But he is not. It is a duty that in some respects is unpleasant, and no one should take offense. Your Uncle Samuel wants to know how you are getting along. He has an interest in you. If you have a fine big family of robust youngsters, if you are a mechanic, a farmer, a merchant, just go into the details of the matter with the census man, because all these things are of utmost importance to the government. If you have any friends visiting you, give in their names. It all helps to swell the grand total of our population. Your name, age (don't be afraid to say it because wisdom comes after forty), how many husbands you have outlived, how many wives you have worried to death. Anything, everything that may be inquired of, just "look pleasant," please, and tell the story. Uncle Sammy wants to know how many of us are rich, how many are paupers, and lots of other information that goes to show how the great American people are progressing. Therefore he may seem important, but really he is not. Help the census man. He will appreciate it.

It is expedient that Douglas county prepare a suitable exhibit for the Oregon State Fair this year, and that such display also be used for the district fair to be held in Roseburg a few days after the Salem fair. The county court is being urged to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for preparing a suitable and appropriate exhibit. The statutes of 1903 provide for such appropriations annually, or sums not to exceed \$1,000. In passing that law the legislature put it within the power of each county in the state to be represented at the state and district fairs without the burden being thrown upon the shoulders of a few individuals. Douglas county is one of the richest, in point of natural resources both agricultural and mineral, in the state. We should have an exhibit at the state fair that will command attention of the multitudes who annually throng the grounds, and any money thus spent will be well invested. Homeseekers are Missourians by nature and require to be shown. An exhibit of the fruit, grains, grasses, vegetables, minerals, wool, mohair, timber, etc., that are produced in this section of Oregon would convince the most skeptical that right here is the mecca they have long sought. The News believes that the county court should appropriate the sum of \$1,000 at the next session for this laudable undertaking. The Roseburg Commercial Club has taken the matter up, and in a memorial to the court asks that favorable action be taken on this important matter. The cause is worthy and in the interests of the whole people and the county court cannot go wrong in extending aid to the project.

INTERESTING MEETING.

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should be revised by representatives elected by the people. At present it provides that no negro shall hold property in accordance with the rights extended them under the constitution of the United States. Negroes hold property in accordance with the rights extended them under constitution of United States. This is only one of the numerous instances where the constitution is at fault. Another matter which should attract the attention of the voters of Ore-



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gon is the fact that 51 amendments to the constitution are now in readiness to submit to a vote of the people. All of these were prepared under the initiative and referendum, the hobby of U'Renism. I think it is safe to say that few of the voters will be able to vote intelligently upon these measures, I am sure that I will not. Consequently there is a likelihood of each amendment carrying, regardless of its merits or demerits. Should competent men, selected by the people, consider such measures, however, in an assembly, the gross and indifferent measures would be defeated, while those of merit would become a part of the constitution.

In conclusion Mr. Marsters urged that the voters cast their ballot in favor of the constitutional amendment and thus assure the state a stable constitution under which the people would be assured of their rights. The address delivered by Messrs. Jackson and Buchanan were similar to that delivered by Mr. Marsters, being sly and full of instructive brain food.

Brown on Negative. District Attorney George M. Brown represented the negative side of the question, and said in part: "In regard to the advisability of calling a constitutional convention I have not entirely made up my mind as to whether to vote 'yes' or no, for I am by no means thoroughly convinced that a new constitution is needed for this state."

"I agree in the statement that it is now perhaps too easy to initiate a bill, but the last legislature could have readily remedied that by proposing an amendment increasing the number of signatures to an initiative bill to 15 or 20 per cent had they so desired.

"I know that it is argued that the people do not carefully study measures that are submitted to them, and it may be that some times bad measures are adopted, but as a rule I think the people have voted intelligently upon the questions submitted to them.

"After your constitutional convention draws up your new constitution you are compelled to submit it to the people and allow them to vote upon its adoption or rejection, and yet at the same time you attempt to deny them the right to initiate a change in it themselves. In other words you give them a vote upon the constitution, but deny them a vote on the by-laws. Why not, if they are entitled to vote upon the most important matter of all are they not entitled to vote upon all of it?

"The most of the laws passed by the people under the initiative have been good laws and have been carefully drawn. Now, on the other hand, your last legislature passed a law requiring a bill to be ten feet long, but forgetting to specify whether it should be wider than six inches or not. And after your last legislature had been in session for forty days there were so many defects found in the bills passed during that period that the governor of the state was compelled to call a special session of the legislature in order to remedy them. There have been many instances where bad measures and mistakes have been made by your legislatures and I think upon the whole that the people so far have shown themselves as competent and intelligent to vote upon matters affecting their interests as any of our legislatures. Our legislatures have been like a bunch of Texas steers in a china shop and the people have always breathed easier when the legislative session was ended and they returned home.

"I think the people are well able and competent to amend the constitution of the state from time to time as occasion demands it, and I think that they are jealous of this privilege. I well remember attending a session of court in Lincoln county, where I met the late Hon. George H. Williams, one of the framers of our constitution, who said in reference to a resolution introduced by Senator Bunnell in regard to changing the constitution, and which was voted down, that he believed that the people of this state were well satisfied with the constitution and adverse to changing it.

"The constitution of the United States has endured for a century and a quarter, and there have only been a few amendments made in it from time to time as imperative occasion demanded, and I believe that that policy might be well pursued in this state.

"Another thing I wish to say is this. I am not altogether pleased with the last session of the Oregon legislature, inasmuch as a majority of the representatives and senators were republicans and yet they elected a democrat United States senator to represent the people of this state."

Miss Elen Gertrude Harris, teacher of vocal and piano, Studio at Oak and Kane streets, care of Mrs. A. C. Marsters

as "county division" is the sole topic of interest in this section at the present time.

NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive at his office in the city of Roseburg, up to 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the second day of May, 1910, bids for the improvement of Ella street from the north line of Douglas street to the north curb line on East Court street, including concrete curbs, sidewalks, macadamizing the same and conforming to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Recorder. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for ten per cent (10 per cent) of the amount of the bid, to be forfeited to the City of Roseburg in case the successful bidder shall fail to enter into a contract and bond with the city for said improvement.

The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the council. Dated this 12th day of April, 1910. A. N. ORCUTT, Recorder of the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR PAVING.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, up to 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, April 25, 1910, receive at his office in the city of Roseburg, tentative bids for hard surface pavement, and particularly for bitulithic, asphalt, Hassam and Grandtold pavements, for furnishing material and constructing hard surface pavement on the following streets in the city of Roseburg, Oregon, to-wit: Douglas street, from the east line of the county court house property to the west line of Clair street. Washington street, from the east line of Main street to the west line of Kane street. Washington street, from the east line of Rose street to the west line of Jackson street. Oak street, from the east line of Main street to the west line of Kane street. Oak street from the east line of Rose street to the west line of Jackson street. Cass street, from the east line of Main street to the west line of Kane street. Main street, from the south line of Cass street to the north line of Lane street. Jackson street, from the north line of Douglas street, to the Deer Creek bridge. Jackson street, from the south line of Lane street to the north line of Mosher street. Lane street, from the east line of Main street to the west line of Ford street, extending therefrom the intersection of Sheridan street. Mosher street from the east line of Main street to the east line of Sheridan street. Mill street, from the south line of Mosher street to the north line of Sykes street. Pine street, from the south line of Oak street to the North line of Mosher street, extending therefrom the intersections of Cass and Lane streets. Stephens street, from the south line of Cass street to the south line of Woodward street, extending therefrom the intersections of Lane and Mosher streets. Rose street, from the north line of Washington street to the north line of Lane street, extending therefrom the intersection of Cass street.

The work consists approximately 44,957 square yards of hard surface pavement including the grading and construction of concrete curbing (21,745 linear feet), sub-drains, catch basins and street monuments. An 18-inch curb is required for the roadway. Each bidder will be required to submit specifications of the particular kind of pavement and the different grades thereof and the council shall select therefrom the pavement which is deemed by them most satisfactory at the lowest price, considering the specifications of the respective bidders, and the respective grades of the pavement.

All bids must state plainly the full contract price per square yard for the paving, the price per linear foot for curbing, and for sub-drains and catch basins and the price for each catch basin and street monument. And the number of square yards of such pavement to be laid as herein stated in approximate units. The city will reserve the right to increase or diminish the amount of the contract as may be deemed necessary at any time of completion as provided in the general contract.

Notice hereby given that the City of Roseburg, Oregon, than that the common council, will select from said bids, the pavement most satisfactory at the lowest price, and will declare its intention of improving the streets aforesaid, with such pavement subject, however, to the approval or rejection of the property owners specially benefited by said improvement, as provided by charter of the city of Roseburg, Oregon. Two-thirds of the final contract price is to be paid from the assessments of special benefits accruing to the abutting properties from such paving improvement and one-third of such final contract price to be paid by the city of Roseburg, out of a paving fund raised by the issuance of bonds of said City of Roseburg. By order of the Common Council. Dated this 12th day of April, 1910. A. N. ORCUTT, Recorder of the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

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