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TRUTH IN CAMPAIGN LITERATURE.

Inasmuch as the campaign for governor of this state is now on, and literature being circulated that may have some effect in advance on the final vote at the fall poll, it is well that some of the fallacies and glaring inconsistencies of certain candidates be shown in their true light.

It was not expected that U'Ren would attempt his candidacy as a republican as heretofore, for it seemed impossible that he would try and foist his peculiarities on that party and make it carry his burden, should he by any eventuality be chosen as its standard bearer. It seems that this expectation was justified, for after considerable hesitation he decided on the independent course. The following timely editorial taken from the Sunday Oregonian, should put every republican in the state on his guard to take every statement from this source with due allowance for accuracy and honesty. The article is as follows:

"The Falsehood and the Joker"
"On the back of a circular issued by the Home Tax Exemption League, W. S. U'Ren, president, this circular carrying on the reverse side the text of the proposed \$1,500 exemption, is the statement that the rich man's automobiles are now exempt from tax.

"It is hardly to be expected that the influences which put the poll tax fraud across in the 1910 election would confine themselves to statements of fact. Yet the assertion about automobiles is so preposterous that one must acknowledge that the 'League' possesses an abundant nerve.

"Every automobile in Oregon, unless it has been sequestered from the assessor, is taxed, and in addition pays the state a license tax. That not many automobiles have escaped the tax rolls is indicated by the public records of Multnomah county. In this county approximately 8000 automobiles are listed and every one of the cars will pay a direct tax at the rate that is levied against real property.

"Also the tax exemption measure

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COUNCIL MEETS

Street Improvement Assessments Are Discussed.

PAVING DISTRICT MEETS WITH FAVOR

Several Other Matters Are Considered
By the Council at Last Night's Meeting — Majority of Councilmen Present.

contains the usually to be expected U'Ren joker. The U'Ren amendment, since repudiated, which provided for county option in taxation, professed, in order to gain votes, to repeal a poll tax when the poll tax of \$1 per head had already been repealed and the road head tax was unenforceable. Likewise the new U'Ren bill, to gain votes, purports to exempt household furniture with other personal property up to the value of \$1500, when in fact all household furniture in use is now exempt.

"The Oregonian repeats a question of the campaign of 1912: 'Why cannot Mr. U'Ren present an honest, straightforward, flat-footed measure?'"

IS ARE OR THEM.

In perplexity over a question of grammatical accuracy, we were appealed to for a decision whether the expression, "is that your feet" was correct. If the inquiry had come from one who had just stepped on our pot corn, we should certainly have answered "them is," but as the matter now stands, we will pass it up to the high school class in grammar.

MUST HAVE A COLONEL.

Politicians of the Progressive party in the state of New York are bound to have a colonel as their candidate for governor. If they cannot induce the original colonel to run, they are talking of Col. Goethals. The brilliant engineer of the Panama Canal had better keep away from that seething maelstrom of politics.

The graded tax law for automobiles has been declared unconstitutional in Ohio, and now the old rate of \$5.00 for each machine is again in force. This is the same proposition that is being taken up by auto clubs here in this state.

The basket ball games that are played here are more than fair, for they give two halves for a quarter.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all friends and neighbors who came with loving ministrations during the last illness of Mrs. Mary Jane Tucker, whose last hours were soothed and comforted by the kindly offices of so many deeds of kindness.
HARRY PEARCE,
MATTIE ROBISON,
GEORGE TUCKER.

The principal matter occupying the attention of the council last evening was the discussion of the means whereby an equitable assessment could be arrived at for the proposed pavement of East Sixth street, in North Roseburg. The paving of this section entails difficulties not heretofore met with in this city, as it is impracticable to pave the streets running east and west over the hill and the only way the property holders can gain easy access to their properties is by way of East Sixth street. The property owners of East Sixth street, however, while said to be heartily in favor of paving, object to paying for the same on the system heretofore followed in this city of assessing the property in proportion to its frontage on the street improved.

A. Creason, who brought the matter to the attention of the council, explained that the frontage of the lots in that section ran east and west while the proposed improvement runs north and south. The lots have a frontage of 25 feet and a depth of 140 feet.

If the old system of assessment was to be followed, he said, residents of East Sixth street now in favor of paving would remonstrate against it but if some more equitable method could be found he thought that nearly all would be in favor of it.

City Attorney Abraham said he was of the opinion that the present system of taxing properties for paving purposes according to their frontage on the street improved would in some extraordinary instances work an injustice on the property affected. He considered this to be the case in regard to the proposed improvement. He held that all of the lots especially benefitted by the improvement could be assessed whether abutting on the street or not. He said that while under ordinary circumstances a front footage assessment would be a just assessment, in regard to the benefits derived in this particular instance he did not think the same would be equitable and that some method should be arrived at whereby the property should be assessed only in accordance to the amount of benefit received by such improvement. A lengthy discussion as to how the value of such benefits could be arrived at followed. Mayor Rice suggested that the property owners on and abutting the street in question should get together and agree among themselves, as to some satisfactory method of assessment and present the same to the council when the matter would be given further consideration. The matter was left at that.

Declaring that the street committee had enough work on its hands, the mayor relieved them from the supervision of the park on North Jackson street and appointed Clark, Bellows and Bullwinkle in their stead, with instructions to draw up plans and specifications for the same as soon as possible.

Deploing the lack of sidewalks in the city, the mayor instructed the street committee to get busy and see that the same were constructed at once by all who did not possess a good and valid excuse for not doing so. The marshal was informed that notices for the construction of sidewalks on East Commercial street were ready for him to serve on the property owners.

Mayor Rice said that in the coming year Roseburg would have more visitors than ever before and that it should be a clean city. He suggested not only a cleanup day but rather a continual cultivation of that exemplary habit at all times and declared himself as more than willing to do his share.

The city improvement committee was given another week's time to report on the improvement of Claire street.

Councilman Clark complained against the practice of covering the streets with building matter such as sand and gravel. Sent on the last square of North Jackson street was said to be 12 or 14 inches deep, making it almost impassible for teams. Mr. Clark said that such obstructions allowed water and dirt to gather on the pavement and was a positive menace to the life of the



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The matter was referred to the street committee.

The dead body found floating in the eddy opposite Taylor creek last Saturday has been identified as that of Ed. Sappe, who disappeared from this city on December 10. The body was not removed from the water till the arrival of the authorities Sunday forenoon, when a boat was obtained and it was recovered from its watery grave. Later Coroner Traux and County Attorney Miller left by auto, and an inquest was held over the remains Sunday afternoon.—Grants Pass Courier.

MRS. CHILSON DEAD.
Deceased is Survived by Husband and Three Small Sons.

After a lingering illness, dating for more than a year ago, Mrs. B. F. Chilson died at her home on South Kane street at 8:30 o'clock last evening, February 16, 1914. Deceased was aged 42 years, 1 month and 1 day, and is survived by her husband and three small sons, the little fellows ranging in age from 7 to twelve years. Mrs. Chilson was a native of Southern Illinois, and came to this city with her family two years ago. She was stricken with what at first was believed to be bronchitis, but a year ago the malady developed into tuberculosis, and since March, 1913, she has gradually failed in strength until death came to her yesterday. One brother, T. C. Mangold, of Pendleton, Ore., arrived yesterday morning and was with the family when death came to the suffered. Deceased is also survived by three other brothers, and by a sister, Mrs. G. H. Clark, of Stanfield, Ore. The funeral services will be held at the parlors of the Roseburg Undertaking Co. Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, and will be conducted by the Christian Science Society. Services at the Masonic cemetery will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Smick.

LOOKING GLASS VALLEY.

Everybody is making good use of the beautiful weather these days. Ernest Jackson, of Grants Pass, is home on a visit and is helping his father set out prune trees. Let the good work go on.

Frank Myers has returned home again from his old home near Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Stokes made a business trip to Roseburg this week. If your clocks and watches need any fixing or regulating you will do well to give Wilbur Spangh a call.

Crops of all kinds look well for this time of the year and prospects are for good crops.

We are sorry to learn of James Walker selling his beautiful little home in this valley to a family from California. Mr. Walker will give possession at once and will move to Roseburg with his family.

The series of meetings conducted by Rev. Matthias, of Deer Creek, are drawing to a close and there is a better feeling among the people of the valley. Don't forget the Sunday school box

social next Saturday evening, February 21. Everybody come and have a good time. The ladies will serve hot coffee with lunch, and the balance of the evening will be spent in playing good games.

The Olivant children were called to the bedside of their mother on account of very severe illness last week, at Olalla.

Henry Schrenk is putting up a new rabbit proof wire fence around his newly planted prune orchard.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to B. of R. T. No. 314, and to friends for expressions of sympathy and their kind assistance during our late bereavement.
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