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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

THE ROADMASTER'S OFFICE

The grand jury has recommended that the office of county roadmaster be abolished. The Mist differs with these gentlemen in that it does not believe in the abolishment of the office. If the services of the incumbents are not satisfactory, do away with their services and get someone who will do the work. On an average, \$150,000 per year is expended on the county's roads, and there are now ten road districts. The county should have a roadmaster to look over all of these jobs, and he should act as an advisor to the county court. The court has not the time to visit every locality in which work is being done unless they neglect the business here. They should have someone on whom they can depend to make true and accurate reports of the work in progress. A good roadmaster is necessary for the county.

ATTENTION, VOTERS

In the year 1908 a single tax amendment was submitted to the voters of Oregon and defeated. In 1912 again this same measure was submitted to you under the guise of sur-tax, and you defeated it. In 1914 this same measure, but adroitly submitted under the name of "The Fifteen Hundred Dollar Tax Exemption Bill," was offered to you, but you again defeated it, and now, in this year of 1916, comes U'Ren with his "Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemaker's Fund Amendment," which is partly the same measure offered before except that it is more vicious than ever. Unless the measure U'Ren proposes is swamped under a flood of "No" votes, farm land and town real estate values will drop out of sight before the unfortunate owner has time to catch his breath. The intelligent voter will not give this measure his approval, but there are some who confound it with the "Rural Credit" measure. It is your duty to study this measure and then vote no. The "Rural Credit" measure is all right.

THE JOINT SENATORSHIP

The death of E. E. Covert leaves only two candidates in the race for joint senator from Multnomah, Columbia and Clackamas counties, Dr. Patton, of Portland, and Hermon A. Lewis, of Russellville, a suburb of Portland. Columbia county people should vote for Lewis. He has promised his aid in securing a redistribution of the senatorial districts which would allow Columbia to have a senator. He has promised a fair deal to everyone in the district and the state. Lewis will give the fair deal he promises. As president of the Multnomah County Fair Association he has done much for the farmer of his county; as a prominent and active grange man he has done much for the agricultural interests of the whole state. Lewis is a man who can be trusted. Vote for him.

And now comes the report from Hood River that in order to save the apples the townspeople and farmers turned out in force and worked all of Sunday gathering apples. This little occurrence must have been quite a shock to the promoters of the "Blue Law League," for they wish every one to rest on Sunday, and everything to be closed.

The Mist believes in the observance of the Sabbath, but it does not believe in the strict enforcement of this old blue law, nor does it think the people of the state will be benefited by its enforcement, as many of the places which would have to close are absolutely necessary for the convenience of the public and should be kept open on Sunday as well as any other day.

To defeat most of the measures on the ballot a voter should mark X by the "No," but to defeat this particular measure the voter should vote 312 X Yes if he wishes for legitimate places of amusement, amateur and professional sports to be accessible to the public on Sunday. The voter should look up this measure before going to the ballot box.

In Saturday's Portland Journal there was a picture of Irvn S. Cobb, "reporter and short story writer," who, so the Journal states, has publicly admitted that "he is writing against time to garner what shekels he may before the dear public gets tired of him." This same Cobb is

one of the writers who propounded so many foolish questions at Hughes as to what his action would have been in certain Mexican and foreign policies. The Journal gave much space to these questions by these well known writers just at the time Hughes delivered his speech in Portland, and now comes out with the statement that Cobb has lost his punch. Cobb's greatness must have been the fact that he was in favor of Wilson.

TAX LIMITATION

A state wide tax limitation amendment will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the coming election. The purpose of the amendment, according to former governor Oswald West, "is to give to the taxpayers of the state at once, and for all time to come, that relief for which they have been struggling but which they have never been able to secure." Mr. West states that while there has been no great increase in Oregon's population the state institutions are now asking for appropriations which total \$430,000 more than last year. As the Mist understands this measure, it makes a certain stopping place for appropriations, taxes, etc., and the amount of taxes to be raised or the appropriations by the legislature cannot exceed by 6 per cent the amount raised or appropriated in the former year. The measure is a very important one and voters should carefully study it before voting either yes or no.

When the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star convenes at Louisville, Ky., on October 31, the Hood River Eastern Star will send 25 boxes of apples and the wrappers on the apples will contain an invitation that the next Grand Chapter meeting be held in Portland, Oregon.

Washington county is in the throes of another recall election. A petition has been filed asking the recall of County Judge D. B. Reesoner. The recallers claim the judge has gone against their wishes in the matter of appointing road supervisors and demand his recall. From all information obtainable, the proposed recall is the outcome of a family row in District No. 5, where one faction wanted one man and another faction demanded that the present incumbent be retained. The recall is a dangerous weapon when not used right.

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REV. A. A. HEIST

Rev. A. A. Heist has been assigned to the pastorate of the Rose City Park Methodist church in Portland and preached his first sermon there last Sunday. Mr. Heist was for several years pastor of the church at St. Helens, but for the past two years has been in Chicago. He has many friends here who congratulate him on his important assignment and wish him success in his new field of endeavor.

In December the great Canadian Pacific railroad tunnel under the Selkirk, in the Rockies, will be open for service. The project when completed will have cost about \$12,000,000.

LEFT-HANDED CHAIR

Left handed students in Kansas university will have seats made for their special convenience when the classrooms are opened next fall.

John M. Shea, superintendent at the university, announced that five dozen left handed chairs had been ordered from a Grand Rapids machine firm and that they will be distributed as needed among the classrooms.

The difference between the new chairs and those previously used is that the arms are on the left side instead of on the right. The company that made the chairs had never received a similar order, Mr. Shea said.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The Smith Powers Logging Company at Marsfield plans on an extension of its logging railroad from Lytle Point to Bunker Hill, a suburb of Marshfield. The proposed road will parallel the Southern Pacific for about 25 miles. Should the road be built it will give the company a direct line into Marshfield over its own rails. The road will be about 54 miles long, and when finished would very likely be a common carrier.

From Grants Pass comes the report that Twohy Bros., the contractors, have sold \$2,000,000 of bonds and will extend their railroad from Wilderville to Waldo.

The raising of sugar beets in Sutherlin valley has become a large and profitable industry. About 150 carloads will be shipped from this territory this year and plans are being made for the erection of a sugar beet factory.

The slogan of all Lane county candidates is a reduction in taxes.

Richland wants a better water system and will bond for \$15,000 for that purpose.

A farmer's co-operative cheese factory will be built at Sherwood.

The Starr Lumber Company of St. Paul will build a large mill at Reedsport.

The state of Oregon will expend \$160,000 for improvements and additions to the state insane asylum, the noble minded institution and girls' industrial school.

A Michigan firm is buying up pepper mint oil and menthol crops from the Willamette valley farmers. The income to the farmer averages \$65 per acre. The growing of peppermint is being tried at Clatskanie and the experiment has proved a success.

The Alkali Lake soda plant near Paisley is now ready for operation. It has a capacity of 50 tons per day and will employ 50 men.

The Clackamas county grange condemns the U'Ren land and loan initiative as the most vicious measure on the ballot.

Work has begun on the construction of a new sawmill at Sutherlin. The mill will cut ties for the Roach Timber Company's new logging railroad which is being built from Sutherlin to the big timber tract about 15 miles east of the town. The mill will have a capacity of about 20,000 feet per day and will be in operation in about 30 days.

Another shipbuilding plant will be located at Portland. The Oregon Shipbuilding corporation has been formed with a capital of \$500,000, and will have its plant adjoining the plant of the Northwest Steel Company. It is understood the company has already secured contracts for two steel steamers, the first two contracts aggregating more than \$5,000,000.

SOCIAL STUDY CLASS BEGINS NOVEMBER 7

The Social and Bible study class will begin its work the first week in November. It will meet on a week night at a time best suited to the members of the class. One-half hour will be given to a study and discussion of an up-to-date study course in "The Bible and Social Living." This course has been arranged by Harry F. Ward and Sidney A. Weston, two very scholarly and practical men. It covers a wide field, including, first, the family and the community; second, a discussion of the industrial order; third, a consideration of the church and state, and fourth, a survey of some of the great Bible spokesmen for the Kingdom of God. The second half-hour will be the variety part of the program. Occasionally there will be a more thorough study of some present social problems; a study of a Book of Character from the Bible; a missionary study or lecture with pictures; a social half hour, etc. A good number have already signed up for this course but there is always room for more. If you care to join with us please notify Mr. Taylor. Visitors will always be welcome.

O. A. C. ENROLLMENT REACHES 1,934

Enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural College for the first four weeks of the exercises show an increase of 15 per cent over that of last year for a like period. The total number of students enrolled, including the summer school registration is 1,934. The ratio of men to women is 2.5 to 1.

NOME'S GOLD OUTPUT FOR THE YEAR 1916

The Alaska's gold output for the Nome, Alaska, district will exceed \$3,000,000, according to figures received from that mining district. This year's output will exceed any for the past several years. A deposit of tungsten has been found which is very valuable.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
W. J. Fullerton and R. F. Fullerton, Plaintiffs, vs. H. F. Reese, Gust Skagoberg, and Cummings Robinson Company, a corporation, and Mt. Hood Wood & Coal Co., Inc., a corporation, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an execution in foreclosure, issued out of the above named Court, in the above entitled cause, on the 25th day of October, 1916, in pursuance of a judgment, decree and order of sale, rendered and entered in said Court on October 19, 1916, in a mortgage foreclosure suit, wherein the plaintiffs recovered judgment against the defendant, H. F. Reese, for the sum of \$2450.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, from August 3, 1915, for \$105.81 taxes paid on the mortgaged premises, for \$175.00 attorney's fees, and for \$39.00 costs, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property in Columbia County, Oregon, to-wit: Lots two and three of Section thirty-six, in Township Four North of Range Two West of the Willamette Meridian, excepting five acres more or less of said Lot two heretofore sold to Geo. W. Ramsey, by deed recorded in Book U, page 566, records of deeds for said County.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 25th day of November, 1916, at 11:30 A. M., at the front door of the Court-house, in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution, order and decree, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title and interest the said defendants now have, or either of them has, or had, on the 3rd day of August, 1911, in the date of said mortgage, in and to said real property, to satisfy said execution, judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs. Dated October 25, 1916.

E. C. STANWOOD, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon. First publication October 27, 1916. Last publication November 24, 1916.

The many duck hunters are awaiting anxiously for rain for the present dry weather has had much to do with the scarcity of the birds. The hunters think with the return of the rainy weather the birds will be more plentiful.

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