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**COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

**RATE RAISE IS JUSTIFIABLE**

The railroads of the country have petitioned the interstate commerce commission for permission to advance their freight rates 15 per cent. This petition has brought forth a storm of protest from the lumbermen of the Pacific coast, as they contend that many of their contracts were taken several months ago at a delivered price based on the freight rates then in effect and if an advance in rates is allowed they will lose heavily. On the other hand, the railroads state that on account of the increased cost of "railroad" living they are forced to increase their revenues. To us it appears that their request is just. Every article the railroad uses—steel, copper, brass, rails, lumber and hundreds of other articles—has increased in price from 25 to 100 per cent, and the wages of all trackmen, train crews, office men, and in fact everyone connected with the operation of the railroads, have been increased. To meet this increase in their operating expenses, it seems only fair that their revenue should be increased.

The present railroad rates were fixed by law when conditions were far different; when the standard of living was lower; when the cost of operation was far below what it is now. If the rates were fair then, it stands to reason that they cannot be fair now. The ordinary individual has found it necessary to earn more money, either by an increase in his wages or an advance in the price of the goods he sells. To our mind, it follows that the public's servants, the railroads, in order to satisfactorily serve the public, must also have some increase in their income.

An individual may meet the higher cost of living by reducing his expenses, but the railroads must spend more money than ever before to meet the existing conditions.

The lumbermen of the Pacific coast who are opposing this raise in freight rates should not forget the fact that the rates for the transportation of lumber by water has increased from \$3.50 to \$6.50 per thousand feet during the past eight months, nor should they forget the fact that when the government considered and planned on building many wooden vessels at the shipyards along the Columbia river the price of shipyard lumber was fixed at \$49, whereas a year ago \$22 was considered a good price. "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." The proposed increase in railroad rates under the existing circumstances is justifiable. A starved railroad can render no better service than a starved horse or a starved laborer. There is such a thing as justice, and the claims of the railroads at this time are just.

**THE ROAD BONDS**

If you are in doubt as to how to vote on the road bonds and have become confused by the arguments for and against it, it will be a safe plan to eliminate anything else from your mind and remember that the first road money derived from the sale of the bonds will be spent in Columbia county and that the automobile owners of Multnomah county will pay 40 per cent of the entire tax. If these auto owners are inclined to make Columbia county a present of 40 cents out of each dollar raised by the entire state, doesn't it seem wise to take advantage of the offer? There is a saying that it is not polite to look a gift horse in the mouth, but in this instance the gift can be closely examined and it will be discovered that the outside counties get all the best of it and not a single cent of the money to be raised will be expended in Multnomah county, and if that county is making no kick over contributing its portion of the taxes without getting any of it spent in the county, why should any outside county kick. To defeat the road bond issue will retard the growth of Columbia county. Everyone should work to get out as many voters as possible and roll up a large majority. Vote 314 X Yes.

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\$30 on August 30.  
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**DON'T FORGET THIS**

If the \$6,000,000 good roads bonds are approved by the voters of Oregon at the election next Monday, the highway in Columbia and Clatsop counties will be hard surfaced. This will relieve the counties from further expenditure on the highway and allow the county court to spend the regular road tax levied and raised on the roads leading to the highway.

**Election day June 4. This day should be good roads day.**

Some cleaning up was done on "Clean Up day," and since we have made a start, let's keep up the good work.

If you are of military age, don't forget Tuesday, June 5. The governor has proclaimed this a legal holiday. It is the duty of every male citizen between the ages of 21 and 30 to register. Register early and you'll feel better.

**Good roads will make Columbia county one of the banner dairying counties of the state, because cheap and prompt transportation can then be had to markets, and the proposed bond issue will provide good roads at no greater cost than the state is now paying for poor roads. Mr. Voter, these are matters to be considered before casting your ballot.**

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**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix with the Will annexed of the estate of Jacob Skuzie, deceased, has filed her final account, in said estate matter in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and that Saturday, June 1, 1917, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, in the Court room of said Court, at St. Helens, Oregon, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof. Dated and first published May 18, 1917.

ANNIE HANNEGAN,  
Administratrix with Will Annexed.  
J. W. DAY, Attorney. 22-5

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.  
Cora Landerkraft, plaintiff, vs. C. R. Reeves and Blanch Rambo, defendants.  
By virtue of execution, judgment decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled case to me directed and dated this 10th day of May, 1917, upon judgment rendered in said court on the 9th day of April, 1917, in favor of Cora Landerkraft against C. R. Reeves and Blanch Rambo, defendants, in the sum of \$500.00 with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from April 1st 1915, and the further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees and the further sum of \$16.50 costs and disbursements, and costs upon this writ commanding me to make a sale of the following described real property, to-wit: All of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section thirty-five (35) Twp. 5, R. 4 W. of the W. Mer. in Columbia County, and State of Oregon.

Now therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment decree and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on the 9th day of June, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the front door of the County Court House in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them had on the first day of April, 1915, the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that day had in or to the above described property or any part thereof to satisfy said execution, judgment decree or order of sale, together with interest, costs and accruing costs.

E. C. STANWOOD,  
Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon.  
Dated this 10th day of May, 1917.  
First issue May 11, 1917, last issue June 8, 1917.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of Levi W. Ball, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified, to the undersigned at 930 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon, or at the Law Office of J. W. Day, St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first publication, May 11th, 1917.  
GEO. D. YOUNG,  
Executor.  
J. W. DAY,  
Attorney. 21-5

**SUMMONS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.  
Mary E. Tanner, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Tanner, Defendant.  
To Robert Tanner: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, or the 22nd day of June, 1917, the first publication to be made on the 18th day of May, 1917, and the last on the 22nd day of June, 1917, and if you fail to appear and answer within the said time specified the plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: A decree of divorce from you dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between yourself and the plaintiff and for the care and custody of the minor children named in her complaint, viz: Jennie A. Walter and George Tanner, and for such further relief as to the Court may seem just in the premises.

Order for publication made and entered by Hon. R. S. Hattan, County Judge of Columbia County, Oregon. First publication May 18, 1917. Last publication, June 22, 1917.  
M. J. MacMAHON, of Portland, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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