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Kaiser Bill, you old fool, why don't you cut it out?

Here at home we can assault the weeds with a hoe.

Democratic Oswald West does not propose to bow to any King.

Maybe some time the profiteers will get just what they deserve. We all hope so, anyway.

We suppose that now over in the sheep country the herders are doing the herding with a Ford.

If the Portland Telegram hasn't any respect for Mr. Ben Olcott's feelings it should have for the other 799,999 people in the state.

Mr. Moser has real cause for being optimistic. Everybody seems to be willing to put his picture in the window as long as he is in town.

Fritz seems to be much pleased when he is taken prisoner. Jumping from hell into a pasture with barb wire around it ought to be pleasant.

Hamberger, being of German leanings, we presume must be rubbed out. Hot dog ought to have no difficulty now in being admitted to full membership in our vocabulary.

While it can be safely estimated that only one out of every fifty thousand is disloyal, yet when you read the papers it seems that only one out of every fifty thousand is loyal.

While there may be some difference of opinion as to how General Foch pronounces his name, there is no mistaking the unanimous idea that he'll soon be starting toward Berlin.

Mr. Lafferty is running for congress again in Portland. When he becomes tired of the job in the city, he may move to the country and spend the rest of his days running against our Mr. Hawley.

As the library board fracas in Portland has been settled without calling out the home guards that portion of the metropolis press so inclined may resume kicking the Non-Partisan League dog around.

We would like to ask Captain Tooze or some other military authority at Camp Lewis if any of our acquaintances who enrolled up there intending to become generals in six months ever got to be corporals.

After all the votes have been put in the ballot box for Mr. Olcott and Mr. Simpson and Mr. Withycombe, we can't imagine that there will be many left for "Wet" Harley, "Dry" Anderson and Gus Moser.

Rather than take a position contrary to her conscientious views, Miss Hunt resigned a \$125 position in Portland. When anybody gives up a \$125 job, when-by keeping mum, they could hold it, we must admit that consciences are made in different sizes.

Candidates for state treasurer and labor commissioner may be numerous but they appear to have been relegated to the side show. In the big top, the senatorial and gubernatorial candidates are doing their tricks with the elephant.

If there had been as much energy worked off in regulating the price to be paid for the publication of the delinquent tax list as there has been regulating the price of other legal publications, we would not now be confronted with a hard nut to crack.

Mr. McAdoo's confession that he wears patched trousers is very pleasing to that portion of humanity who have always worn them—war or no war. But in order for Mr. McAdoo to gain full membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Patched Pants, he must come thru with the declaration that he goes to bed while Mrs. McAdoo does the patching.

The moving picture world is all excited this week. Douglas Fairbanks and pretty little Mary Pickford have become too chummy to satisfy Mrs. Doug and she proceeds to make first page copy. Then, Owen Moore, Mary's husband, butts in and says his little speech. Meanwhile, Doug and Mary say it "taint so." It has been a horrible way of breaking the news to hundreds of romantic lads and lasses that Doug and Mary are married.



FLORIDA WEATHER GETS LOYAL MAN IN BAD

(From the Congressional Record) MR. SHERMAN. I know what these marshals will do. I have seen them in operation. They are scattered around, hordes of them, all over the country, each of them anxious to distinguish himself. In Florida, in March, a man with a German name, from a Northern State, went down to Palm Beach. He thought that was a real hot country all the time, and so one morning he put on the usual Palm Beach suit and went out; but a norther had struck that section of the country, and he nearly froze to death before he got back. When he reached the boat landing he said with considerable disgust, "Damn such a country as this," and was arrested by a local deputy who stood there, under the espionage act, on the ground that his statement reflected upon the form of government of the United States, when he simply meant that the Florida climate was not what he supposed it to be. [Laughter.] He had to go to all the trouble and humiliation of furnishing bond and employing a lawyer. He had the misfortune to inherit a German name from his German parents, but he himself was as good a citizen as there is anywhere in this country.

NO YIELDING TO A KAISER BILL PEACE

President Wilson's speech at Baltimore had much to say of force. But there was in it also an appeal to reason—the reason of the German people, if they have not entirely abdicated it. The kaiser's vainglorious threat to impose by the sword such a peace as he desires upon his enemies, the President meets with proud defiance. If it is the German contention that force and force alone must decide everything, the allies, this country with its resources in men and money as yet scarcely tapped, will answer with a force greater than Germany can array. The official German press declares that the blows dealt by Hindenburg and Ludendorff are intended to make the French and English and Americans "submissive," so that they will accept the kind of peace which Germany will be gracious enough to offer them. To this there is but one reply possible, and President Wilson made it with high spirit. The free people of the United States will never submit or yield to brute force or a peace reeking with injustice.—New York Post.

WAR HAS BECOME A BETTING PROPOSITION

America's arrival in full strength on the battle front has become a betting proposition—a sort of international Derby or handicap race—on which our allies and Germany are placing huge stakes. Our allies are betting we will be there in time, while Germany is plunging heavily on the odds that we cannot make it. Mr. Balfour has just given a British cheer which we interpret to mean that he is not worrying about his country's stake. "The top upmost in all British minds," the foreign secretary said in a speech to the American labor delegates, upset the German plans, that America will be able to send over her indomitable force in a way which no German general staff officer has ever calculated.

That's the bet. It's one of a series the Germans have taken since the war began. Some of them have won. They won on Russia, on the Balkans and on Turkey. They lost on France and England. It is now for America to make them lose the biggest stake of all, and with it the victorious peace they had counted on.—Kansas City Times.

The West Front battle has been going on for a month without result.

BILLS ALLOWED BY THE POLK COUNTY COURT

The following bills were allowed at the last session of the county court of Polk county, Oregon.

Sheriff's Office	
John W. Orr	\$176.66
T. B. Hooker	90.00
J. E. Richter	80.00
Dallas Telephone Co.	4.90
John R. Allgood	3.75
Polk County Itemizer	3.00
Total	\$361.31
Clerk's Office	
A. B. Robinson Jr.	\$138.31
Edith M. Jackson	85.00
Edna B. Jackson	70.00
Glass & Prudhomme Co.	17.00
V. P. Fiske	16.06
Polk County Itemizer	3.75
Dallas Telephone Co.	2.95
J. C. Hayter	2.10
Total	\$334.92
Treasurer's Office	
A. V. R. Snyder	\$62.50
Dallas Telephone Co.	2.00
J. C. Hayter	75
Total	\$62.25
Assessor's Office	
C. S. Graves	\$101.00
Glass & Prudhomme Co.	169.50
F. J. Holman	85.00
H. Clay Fox	72.00
C. E. Huntley	66.00
J. H. Brown	63.00
Pearl H. Hughes	60.00
F. H. Runcorn	54.00
J. T. Friar	49.00
Stella J. Henry	48.00
E. O. Bainter	42.00
J. Bagley	42.00
J. K. Neal	42.00
Ruth Graves	21.00
John R. Allgood	6.50
Dallas Telephone Co.	2.25
Star Transfer	1.00
Total	\$954.75
Sealer Weights and Measures	
J. F. Jones	\$15.09
District Attorney	
E. K. Piasecki	\$4.40
Dallas Telephone Co.	2.80
Total	\$7.20
Surveyor's Office	
Dallas Telephone Co.	\$2.25
J. C. Hayter	2.70
Total	\$4.95
County Court	
E. C. Kirkpatrick	\$112.60
C. W. Beckett	53.30
Dallas Telephone Co.	7.75
Court House	
The Adder Machine Co.	\$300.70
Finley Whitney	68.10
Oregon Power Co.	8.81
Polk Co. Elec. Sup. Co.	6.40
Dallas Water Co.	5.00
Sterling Furniture Co.	1.15
J. C. Hayter	6.30
Total	\$396.46
Circuit Court	
Dallas Telephone Co.	\$4.00
Total	\$4.00
Insane	
Dr. B. H. McCallon	10.00
Dr. A. Starbuck	10.00
Total	\$20.00
School Superintendents Office	
Fred S. Crowley	\$153.93
Floyd D. Moore	120.00
Alta B. Crowley	60.00
P. S. Greenwood	9.00
J. C. Hayter	3.00
Dallas Telephone Co.	3.80
Total	\$350.63
Health Office	
Dr. H. B. McCallon	\$84.00
Total	\$84.00
Indigent Soldier	
J. B. Scraftord	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00
Widows' Pension	
Eliza Lawrence	\$20.00
Etta Bush	20.00
Addie Launer	17.50
Mrs. Mike McNulty	10.00
Eliza Nelson	10.00
Hattie Riggs	10.00
Georgia Sayvers	17.50
Harriet E. Olin	30.00
Martha A. South	10.00
Jennie L. Miller	25.00
Blanche Morgan	17.50
Grace E. Yeater	25.00
Bertha J. Walling	17.50
Sarah A. Pitzer	20.00
Englehorn	20.00
C. V. Johnson for Bertha K.	

Jessie L. Calkins	10.00	Total	\$93.12
Anna C. Hinkle	25.00	Road District No. 7.	
Cynthia M. Hoke	17.50	Dallas Wood Co.	\$2.50
Ethel E. Overholt	10.00	Farmers State Bank	18.65
Charlotta H. Huffman	20.00	Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	18.00
Sarah S. Carter	30.00	J. R. Harris	67.50
Total	\$382.50	Steve Morrison	21.25
Care of Poor.			
C. E. Huntley, for boarding		Randall Buel	17.50
N. Hartly	\$15.00	C. L. Siemer	11.25
For boarding J. Oleon	15.00	William Ulery	6.25
For boarding B. Saine	15.00	Ed Plaster	7.50
For boarding J. Jarvis	15.00	P. S. Greenwood	45.00
For boarding P. Behen	15.00	S. W. Blessing	3.75
For boarding G. Ferren	15.00	Total	\$228.15
Lelah C. Whitney, nursing and laundry, Mrs. Schmidt	15.00	Road District No. 8.	
Viers & Co., groceries for Mrs. Keyser, 2 months	12.00	S. H. Crook	\$15.00
Groceries for George Medley 2 months	12.00	J. P. Walker	15.00
Conkey & Walker—Groceries for Mrs. Kennedy	6.00	Joe Tetherow	8.50
Groceries, George Wilson	10.00	Total	\$38.50
Groceries, Wm. Walker	10.00	Road District No. 9.	
King-Smith Dept. Store, groceries for Mrs. R. M. Aikman, 2 months	24.99	Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	\$43.20
Strickler & Jourdan, groceries for Mrs. H. B. Schmidt	15.00	J. N. Jones	115.50
Johnson & Collins, groceries for Mrs. J. K. P. Graves	15.00	Earl Reuf	92.50
Williams Drug Co., drugs for poor farm inmates	13.20	J. A. Byers	55.90
A. J. Flum, amount allowed	10.00	Henry Lehman	15.00
C. V. Johnson, groceries for J. W. Nonamaker	10.00	D. Hartman	25.00
W. B. Gerth, groceries for J. D. Sipes	10.00	H. M. Dickinson	40.00
C. L. Crider, groceries for Mrs. Arrow	6.00	George Dickinson	20.00
Groceries for Mrs. Frank Ward	1.00	Henry Knighton	20.00
Mrs. S. P. Riggs, house rent for Mrs. Arrow	7.00	C. C. Starr	50.00
L. D. Brown, rent for Lizzie Dale	6.00	Total	\$476.20
W. A. Messner, groceries for Mrs. Hisey	6.00	Road District No. 11.	
Moore & Walker, Mdse. for poor farm inmates	5.80	Farmers State Bank	\$22.15
Dallas Meat Co., meat for Mrs. Hisey	35	Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	13.20
Meat for Mrs. Arrow	1.10	Rex Womer	15.00
Eddy & Carbray, Mdse. for poor farm inmates	1.00	V. W. Williams	5.00
Total	\$323.44	E. M. Turner	13.75
Jail.			
Polk Co. Electric Supply Co.	\$60	C. E. Staats	5.00
Total	60	P. M. Schweizer	5.00
Bridges.			
State Industrial Acc. Com.	\$7.21	Cecil Embree	5.00
T. J. Sullivan	5.00	Emery Whiteaker	5.00
I. H. Sullivan	5.00	Peroy Hadley	5.00
Finley Whitney	1.50	H. P. Whiteaker	5.00
J. A. Tate	104.11	E. E. Staats	5.00
Total	\$122.82	J. C. Simpson	2.50
Ferry.			
J. M. Graves	\$83.00	Total	\$186.80
Chas. K. Spaulding L. Co.	30.73	Road District No. 16.	
Oberson Bros.	1.50	Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	\$12.15
Total	\$115.23	John Underwood	100.00
Stock Indemnity.			
Wayne D. Henry	\$12.50	John Walker	125.00
Total	\$12.50	Lee Roberts	81.25
Agricultural Agent.			
C. L. Hawley	\$450.00	Total	\$407.40
Total	\$450.00	General Road.	
Contingencies.			
John R. Allgood	\$18.75	Russell Grader Mfg. Co.	\$640.00
V. P. Fiske	5.00	E. W. Fuller	27.00
Total	\$23.75	Dallas Iron Works	120.00
Scalp Bounty.			
Charles Hinshaw	2.00	Walter Williams	50.00
O. N. Harrington	\$6.00	Hauser Bros.	56.25
Total	\$8.00	Northwest Auto Co.	4736.00
Advertising.			
Polk County Observer	\$132.79	Craven Hardware Co.	2.75
Polk County Itemizer	139.19	Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	7.43
Total	\$271.98	Watt Ship Powder Co.	42.20
Grand total	\$4592.62	C. W. Beckett	27.00
Road District No. 2.			
H. A. Dorton	\$21.00	Star Transfer	7.99
Floyd Dorton	17.50	Guy Bros.	4.65
Total	\$38.50	A. Robertson	3.95
Road District No. 3.			
Farmers State Bank of Independence	\$152.20	S. L. Burk	4.05
Oregon Gravel & Con. Co.	92.93	Ezra Hart	3.00
Frank Brobst	1.25	George Fuller	9.00
W. H. McKee	28.00	H. A. Robb	105.04
H. G. Keyt	1.25	Joe Tetherow	4.75
Clarence Gilson	7.50	John Donker	7.50
G. G. Remple	5.00	F. A. Winslow	25.00
Harvey Kurtz	5.00	W. D. Garsline	10.00
Joseph Mortimer	5.00	Total	\$5893.56
Herbert Lee	2.50	B. F. JONES	
Anthony Dent	11.25	Candidate for Representative Polk and Lincoln Counties, May Primaries.	
Leander Conner	11.25	(Paid Advertisement.)	
Total	\$323.13	CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE	
Road District No. 5.			
E. M. Mitty	\$50.62	I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Judge to succeed myself, subject to the voters at the Primary election to be held May 17, 1918.	
H. M. Reese	42.50	Sane business policy, economical, but not parsimonious administration. Special attention to Probate Court.	
Respectfully, E. C. KIRKPATRICK. (Paid Adv.)			

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