



SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

NESMITH COUNTY PROPOSITION IS POPULAR MOVEMENT.

Voters Urged to Ponder These Indisputable Statements and Decide Upon Merits of Measure.

The people of Southern Lane and Northern Douglas counties, feeling that they are qualified to economically administer their own governmental affairs, have initiated a bill for the creation of a county, to be known as Nesmith, from parts of Lane and Douglas, and solicit the support of the electors of Oregon for the measure at the polls on November 8, 1910. They contend that the nearer home government is the cheaper; that the laws are more effectively enforced; that greater development of country is attainable; that more and better highways are possible; that its citizens would be inconvenienced by being nearer the seat of government; that taxation and representation should go hand in hand; and that by the creation of the proposed new county the efforts of a large community would be rendered more effective in increasing population and developing the resources of the territory.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Nesmith county would contain 1,340 square miles, of which 1,472 are taken from Lane's 4,380 square miles and 468 from Douglas' 4,861 square miles. The percentage of area taken from Lane is 33.6 and from Douglas 9.3. The division lines adhere strictly to the topography and natural watersheds of the country.

The total assessed valuation of Nesmith county would be \$5,309,575, of which \$4,004,273 is taken from Lane

—leaving it \$18,002,647—and \$1,305,302 from Douglas—leaving it \$27,275,740. Does this look as though "the heart is being taken, leaving only the shell."

The total population of Nesmith county would be 8,656, of which number 7,680 is taken from Lane and 976 from Douglas.

Nesmith county would have 394 miles of roads, 360 coming from Lane and 34 from Douglas.

Nesmith county would have 44 school districts and 2,160 children of school age.

Ninety-two per cent of the electors within the proposed Nesmith county signed a petition praying for its creation.

BOUNDARY LINES.

The so-called irregular shape of Nesmith county was made necessary in order to adhere strictly to the topography and natural watersheds of the country. This same condition, however, obtains with other counties of the state, as will readily be seen by a glance at the map of Oregon. The lines do not "take the heart out of Lane and Douglas counties," but leave both counties with vast resources and large population. The section taken is practically undeveloped. It is the purpose of the people within the proposed new county to develop its resources, and make Nesmith one of the most creditable counties in the great state of Oregon.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Salaries of Nesmith county officers, as fixed by the bill, are as follows: Clerk, per annum, \$1200; sheriff, per annum, \$1200; treasurer, per annum, \$1000; county judge, per annum, \$600; assessor, per annum, \$900; school superintendent, \$400; total fixed salaries, \$4,400. Two county commissioners \$3 per day each for actual time served. Coroner's salary paid by fee. The probable cost of officers' salaries per year,

including commissioners and coroner, will not exceed \$5,500.

TIMBER AREA TAKEN.

Every county in which a National Forest Reserve is situated gets its proportion of the 25 per cent awarded by the government, from sales in that reserve, regardless of the location of the timber thus sold. Nesmith county would take about 20 per cent of the joint timber area of Lane and Douglas counties within the reserve, and therefore would receive 20 per cent of the money that would otherwise go to the two old counties.

LACK OF REPRESENTATION.

Cottage Grove, the second city in point of population in Lane county, has never been allowed to name a county judge, and it has been twenty-four years since this section of the county had a representative on the board of commissioners. That portion of Douglas county included in proposed Nesmith county has never had either a county judge or a county commissioner.

AS REGARDS DISTANCES.

From the Bohemia mining district, at present situated in both Lane and Douglas counties, by the only route of travel, it is 90 miles to Roseburg, the county seat of Douglas; 57 miles to Eugene, the county seat of Lane, while to Cottage Grove, the proposed temporary county seat of Nesmith county, it is only 35 miles. Note the saving of time and money to the hundreds of people living in this district who have occasion to transact business at the seats of justice.

The nearest point to the city of Roseburg from the Nesmith county line is approximately 20 miles on an air line, and to Eugene courthouse 6 1/2 miles on an air line and 11 miles by rail or wagon-road.

Proposed Nesmith county asks only a million and a quarter of Lane and

Douglas counties' joint area of 5,800,000 acres.

FOR CONSIDERATION.

The country within the boundaries of proposed Nesmith county is capable of maintaining an organization that would be to the best interests of the people embraced within the territory, and at the same time not deprive any other people affected of their rights, nor increase their burdens, nor work them any injury whatever.

Owing to the large area of both Lane and Douglas counties many others are put to great inconvenience, delay, and expense in transacting business at the county seats. To compel residents of a county to travel long distances over bad roads in order to pay their taxes, serve on juries, and so forth, is to inflict a hardship upon them.

The remote sections of Lane and Douglas counties do not receive their just proportion of public improvements, betterments commencing, so to speak, from the vicinity of the court houses.

Nesmith county takes less value than area from both Lane and Douglas counties, the purpose being to benefit the citizens of the new county without working injury to either of the old counties or any resident thereof.

Cottage Grove is the largest town—population 2,700—in the state of Oregon that has to go twenty-two miles to transact the county business of a large community, twenty-two miles further than necessary?

If the smaller counties are not the most economically administered why not unite them?

Are the new counties of Oregon desirous of getting back into the parent counties?

The small counties, like the small farms, are the wealth producers.

THE CHECK BOOK IS HANDY.

A Bank Account Saves the Housewife Worry and Bother.

While women throughout the United States are coming more and more to realize the advantages, safety and convenience afforded by checking accounts it is to the married woman that a checking account appeals particularly. By means of such an account she is able to keep a systematic record of all her expenditures, both household and personal. And there is none of the bother so common when the young or inexperienced matron tries to keep an expense account, for the bank does all the bookkeeping. All that it is necessary for her to do is to write out a check, sign her name and make proper notation on the stub of her check book—the bank does the rest. The danger of loss by fire or theft when the weekly or monthly allowance made by their husband is kept in the house for the payment of expenditures is removed, together with the possibility of dispute or annoyance over the presentation of bills that have already been paid, for which, however, the receipts have been lost, as a cancelled check has been held by the courts throughout the country to be an absolutely legal receipt.

To many married women, however, a banking account causes visions of terror. But there is no reason for any hesitancy or diffidence. The Cottage Grove banks are always pleased to explain to them the very simple details of opening an account, writing out checks and bringing forward the balance from stub to stub. Every married woman will find that by maintaining her home upon an allowance and paying all bills by check, the cares of housekeeping largely vanish.

THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW.

Proceeding of City Council Should Be Given Publicity.

There are people in Cottage Grove who believe the municipal council should publish its proceedings for the information of the public, and The Sentinel belongs to that class. There are comparatively few residents of the city who are informed regarding the doings of the aldermanic body, and they have a right to know what is transpiring. Of course it is their privilege to attend the sessions of the council, but how many will take the trouble? And why should the populace assemble with the council when Cottage Grove has a public press that is "just dying" for an opportunity to get a whack at the treasury? The Sentinel contends that there would be more unanimity of public sentiment on all matters pertaining to the city if the taxpayers knew what was transpiring within the legislative chamber from month to month. Under existing conditions they are densely ignorant of all transactions, and especially so regarding the financial status of affairs. The public should be informed on all matters of public interest.

New Publicity Man.

George P. Schlosser, recently from Hood River, has been employed by the Roseburg Commercial club to direct that city's publicity work.

RIFLE AND REVOLVER PLAY RATES TO REMAIN SAME

OREGON NATIONAL GUARD RECEIVES ORDERS.

Competitive Practice to Be Held at Clackamas July 12-14. — The Commander's Notice.

General orders governing the rifle and revolver competition of the Oregon National Guard have been issued by Adjutant General Finzer. The annual rifle and revolver competition of the Oregon National Guard will be held on the Oregon state range, near Clackamas, Oregon, during the period of July 12 to 14, inclusive.

The commanding officer of each regiment will send a team of four men and one alternate to be selected from the regimental and battalion commissioned or non-commissioned officers; of each company of infantry, coast artillery company and ambulance company, a team of four men and one alternate to be selected by the commanding officer thereof; all to be selected by previous competition on some outdoor range, in such manner as each commanding officer may deem necessary to secure the best shots of his command for his team.

All members of the teams shall have performed 75 per cent of the military duty, such as parades, drills, encampments and other duties of a similar nature, in the Oregon National Guard, during the time they have been members thereof, and the commanding officer of each organization will make individual certificate of such team which certificate shall be filed with the statistical officer in the adjutant general's office not later than July 5.

The commanding officer of each regiment and company will report not later than July 5, the name and rank of the members of his team.

Upon arrival in camp all officers and team captains will report to the camp adjutant; all officers and men will supply themselves with the necessary personal equipment; all enlisted men not attached to organization teams will be reported to the camp adjutant immediately upon arrival in camp.

Authorized camp pay will be allowed every officer and man of the several teams for the period named in this order. The expense incurred is necessary in the military service.

The range will be ready and open for practice not later than Tuesday, July 12. Rations will be allowed commencing July 10.

The executive officer of the camp, immediately upon conclusion of the competition, will make a complete report of the same to this department, including the report of the chief range officer and the statistical officer.

Transportation will be issued on requisition of commanding officers and will be used only for officers and men on regular detail. The rules governing these competitions will be the rules and regulations for small arms competition, prepared by the national board for the promotion of rifle practice.

PLANS FOR DRAINAGE.

Engineer Kurtz Preparing Extensive Improvement.

City Engineer F. P. Kurtz is working on a drainage plan for the entire city, the purpose of the city administration being to get rid of the surface water. The engineer is also planning sewer extensions. This work will occupy his time for about two months.

Some method should be devised to care for the floodwater by dyking the Coast Fork, thus preventing overflows. This matter was referred to the county court some time ago, but that body has as yet taken no action. If the county does not give this attention forthwith the city will be compelled to take it up for consideration, as the betterment must be made during the low water period.

Will Address Londoners.

The Rev. Robert Sutcliffe has been invited to deliver the Fourth of July address at London, and has accepted the invitation. The people of that locality are to be congratulated upon securing Mr. Sutcliffe. Others will speak, including among the number Hon. R. M. Veatch, also of this city.

Gas Flow Continuous.

The flow of natural gas at Harbor, in the southern end of Curry county, continues. It was discovered about two months ago on the coast, and has been found on the table land about half a mile back from where it was first found. No steps to develop the gas have yet been taken.

Bird Man Fails to Fly.

The Bird Man did not fly at Eugene last week as announced, owing to the rainy condition of the weather and slippery track. The exhibition was postponed until next Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

RATES TO REMAIN SAME

LUMBER MAKERS NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF ADVANCE.

Repetition of Condition Which Existed Here Two Years Ago Is Not at All Probable.

Oregon and Pacific northwest lumber manufacturers need fear no advance in lumber freight rates for some time to come, according to authentic information. This information refers particularly to the northern lines, but as the Harriman lines announced some time ago that they would not fall in line with any movement to advance freights on lumber from the coast there is said to be no need of fear on the part of the lumber manufacturers. Henry Blakeley, general western freight agent of the Northern Pacific with headquarters at Tacoma, has assured lumber circles that the Northern Pacific is not contemplating advancing rates on lumber now or at any time in the future so far as he knows.

This information will be very much appreciated by the lumber manufacturers of Oregon, who for some time have been uneasy over the prospects of having the industry crippled by another advance in freight rates to the rail markets. About two years ago the railroads placed in effect an increased rate, and it put a large number of mills out of business, many permanently and others for several months. In fact, the industry is still suffering from the death dealing blow. The advance was fought before the interstate commerce commission and in the courts, and the lumbermen won out; but so much damage has been inflicted that the evil effects have not yet been obliterated.

The lumber interests of the Pacific northwest are so vast that anything affecting it is almost immediately reflected in general conditions commercially, financially and in every other direction. Closing down of a large number of mills almost immediately after the rate advance of two years ago, threw hundreds of men out of employment, and business in a number of the lumbering districts was practically prostrated. Slowly the manufacturers have been re-establishing their connection in the markets east of the Rocky mountains, that were shattered by the advanced rates. It is said that as surely as an advance is announced this business would again be lost, and the industry would suffer perhaps irreparable damage.

NESMITH NINTH ON BALLOT.

Several Measures Given Their Position by the Secretary.

The secretary of state has completed the arrangement on the ballot of the 14 measures which have been filed with him, and which will be submitted to a vote of the people this fall. After the first measure come the words "yes" and "no", and after each successive measure. The first measure starts out with No. 300 which is opposite the word, "yes" and then follows No. 301 opposite the word "no," and so on.

The first measure on the ballot will be the woman's suffrage question and the others will follow in the order named; a measure providing for the establishment of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon; a measure providing for the calling of a constitutional convention for the revision of the state constitution; a measure providing for separate districts for the election of state senators and representatives; a measure amending the taxation laws by omitting the words: "and all taxation shall be equal and uniform" and inserting, "taxes shall be levied and collected for public purposes only, and the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away; an amendment authorizing the creation of railroads and their purchase and also that of other highways by state, county and municipalities; an amendment directing a uniform rule of taxation; a measure referring the increase of an additional salary of \$1,000 for a judge in Baker county; initiative petition for the creation of Nesmith county; for support of Oregon State Normal at Monmouth; creation of Otis county; annexation of portions of Clackamas to Multnomah county; creation of Williams county, and an initiative petition asking for the abolishment of poll and head tax and regulating taxation.

New Real Estate Office.

The Nesmith Realty Company has opened an office in what is known as the Wall building on Main street, having fitted the interior up in handsome shape. The firm is composed of Messrs. Milne, McQueen and Jury, the latter late from Minnesota. The company will not only deal in real estate but will do a loan business, Mr. Jury having charge of this department.