

The Ontario Argus

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RIISING TAXES — STATIONARY VALUES.

Now that the assessor is calling on the citizens of the county many are thinking of what their property is worth. Yet it is debatable if many believe their property of greater value today than it was, say, five years ago.

This is apparent by reviewing the total valuations in the county during the past two years. In 1919 Malheur county's total assessed value of property was but \$12,868,569.45, while that of 1920 is \$13,769,794.25, or an increase of approximately 8 per cent.

For the City of Ontario the value in 1919 was \$782,255.62 while for 1920 it is \$808,692.91, an increase of \$26,000. But strange to say, the value of the property within the confines of School District No. 8, of which the city is a larger portion, the values have decreased from \$1,371,667.59 to \$1,334,967.23 or a net decrease of \$34,000. Thus taken with the increase in city property, there is a total decrease in the value of property outside of Ontario of approximately \$60,000 in taxable value as shown by the assessor's statement.

Without knowing the theory upon which the assessor arrived at these figures it is hard to make comment of the fact disclosed; yet it is hard to understand how this could have happened while property of all kinds was rising in sale value.

The ARGUS calls attention to this fact, not because of any desire to urge a radical rise in valuations, but for the purpose of pointing to the danger to Ontario's schools if such a policy is to continue.

Money must be raised to support the schools. We can not have schools that are too good for our children, and granting that to be the case, we must pay for their education in taxes. If the valuation in the school district is to continue to decrease then the levy must continue to increase by leaps and bounds, and that is a condition that spells trouble ultimately.

Just what the remedy for this situation is The ARGUS does not pretend with the limited information at hand, to say, but believes that the citizens interested in the maintenance of the efficiency of the schools, in the ability of the city government to continue to be efficient should give this matter careful study and consideration.

THE AUTO LICENSE WILL PAY

One of the greatest misconceptions regarding the proposed change in the limit of indebtedness to provide for additional bonds for which to complete the State road program, is the statement that is made that this will increase taxes. This is not true.

The fact is that the increase in auto licenses, of which everyone who owns a car is aware, will pay for these bonds, interest and all.

No one living in Eastern Oregon, who is loyal to this section of the state, who wants to see this section develop will vote against permitting this increase in indebtedness, when the autolast is to pay the bill. Why should anyone vote against this measure? Ask that question yourself before you vote. And ask this one, too. Shall road building by the State Highway commission in Eastern Oregon stop?

If the people of Oregon reject the proposed increase at the May election, the road program will stop just where it is. The John Day Highway will be uncompleted; the Old Oregon Trail will end at LaGrande, there will be nothing done on the Central Oregon Highway, and in fact, Malheur, Grant, Harney, Baker, Lake and other counties in this section will, practically speaking, have had no benefit from the funds already expended for good roads by the commission.

Eastern Oregonians should be advised that there is some opposition to this bill, in Western Oregon, where, by reason of their greater population, closeness to the State Capitol and to Portland, the metropol of the state, the road program logically reached nearer to completion than it has in this remote section.

There is no use complaining about this fact; it is one of the penalties we must pay for our geographic condition, and the only way that handicap can be overcome is to vote to give the Highway commission power to complete its program, which is so

complete that, save for the Succor creek road, this county is well taken care of.

And so far as the Succor creek road is concerned, there is just one way of forever barring that road from the map and preventing its construction, and that is by failing to vote for this increase for road purposes. Every friend of road development, every man who wants to see Eastern Oregon secure justice at the hands of the Highway commission, should get out and not only vote, but work for the passage of this measure.

WHERE WILL THEY GO?

There are nearly 100 students at the University of Oregon and O. A. C. from Malheur county. While those institutions are located in Western Oregon they are attended by sons and daughters of Eastern Oregon on exactly the same terms as those of the Willamette valley. They are state institutions, and should be supported by the entire state.

And they should be supported properly, not niggardly. At present they are not being supported by the state in the manner that bespeaks the progressive spirit, or the fair-mindedness of the people of Oregon.

Each of these institutions was built and its plan of finance conceived on a scale now outgrown. Instead of being prepared to care for 691 in attendance when the original millage tax was passed, the State University has now 1745 students at O. A. C. When the millage tax was passed there were 1364 students, now there are 3275 students there.

In other words while the millage tax, thru increased valuations in the state have increased the resources of the State University by 3.8 per cent, the attendance at the University has increased 152 per cent. For the O. A. C. the relative increase is 3.8 per cent to 148 per cent.

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that these institutions have outgrown their equipment, that students are not receiving the kind of care and instruction to which they are entitled, that faculties are being depleted of their best members, that a stop will have to be made on receiving new students. That is what it means, and the next thing for the voter to ask himself or herself is "Where will these boys and girls go?"

Where will the thousands of boys and girls who will graduate from the High Schools of Oregon this June and desire a higher education go this fall? Or next fall, or the fall after that, unless Oregonians awaken to the danger and provide for the growth and development of these institutions?

Multnomah County Pomona Grange at a recent all-day session, not only endorsed the relief bill for higher education in Oregon, but requested its nine subordinate Granges to go out in their communities and work for the bill. The Oregon Dairy Council has also strongly endorsed the bill, which is to be voted upon May 21, and which provides 1.26 mills to protect the work of the Agricultural College, the State University and the Normal School.

MANUFACTURED VERBS

The use of verbs manufactured out of nouns is satirized in the story of the city boy who wrote to his brother on the farm. "Thursday we autoed out to the Country Club, where we golfed until dark. Then we trolleyed back to town and danced till dawn. Then we motored to the beach and Fridayed there." The brother on the farm wrote back: "Yesterday we bugied to town and baseballed all afternoon. Then we went to Ned's and pckered till morning. Today we muled out to the corn field and gee-faxed till sundown. Then we suppered and then we piped for a while. After that we staircased up to our room and bedstedded until the clock fived—Edw. B. Hughes in The Writer.

The Agricultural College and the State University will have to close their doors to at least 1000 students, and perhaps to twice that number, unless relief is voted in the May election. Both institutions are in great need of classrooms and laboratories.

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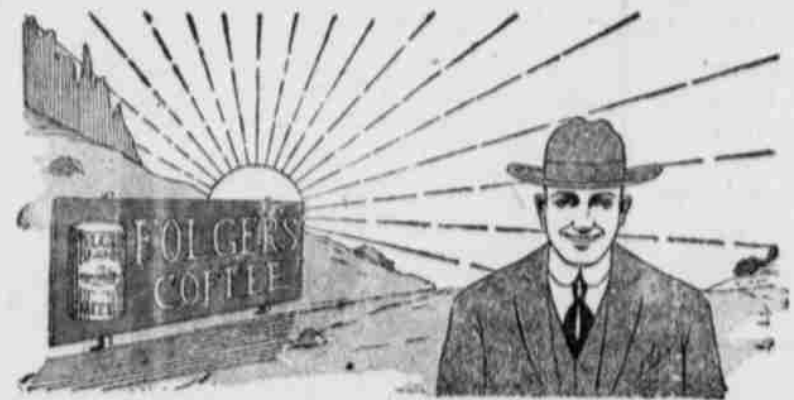
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