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## AUDITOR CORRECTS STATEMENT

**Alleged Economies in Conduct of Commissioners Offices are Shown to be Wrong. High Salaried Bosses Make Big Hauls.**

It has been stated at various times during the winter and spring that the records of the county court would show remarkable economies in the management of county affairs. It has been shown how very materially less the county was paying for taxes this year than last, but it has not been shown also how very materially it might still have been kept within narrower bounds. True, county taxes this year are not quite so high this year as last, but the sum total of county taxes and state taxes is considerably higher, and knowing that this would be true it appears to a good many people that the tax this year might have been kept down about \$500,000 by going a little slower on road improvements until the burden of state tax had been lifted. Why undertake so much, at one time? Why not dispose of the state burden and then go after the new county improvements? The Columbia highway is not a necessity though it will be a valuable addition to the county's wealth and attractions.

A comparison of figures recently published by the county auditor discloses several interesting things, relative to the county farm.

First 6 months of 1912, groceries and supplies.....	\$25,116.77
Second 6 months of 1912, groceries and supplies.....	19,208.04
Total for year 1912.....	\$44,324.81
First 6 months of 1913, Improvements.....	\$1,700.00
First 6 months, groceries and supplies.....	23,371.75
Total for first 6 months, 1913.....	\$25,071.75
Second 6 months of 1913, Improvements.....	1,700.00
Second 6 months of 1913 groceries and supplies.....	31,971.37
Total for second 6 months, 1913.....	\$33,671.37
Total for year 1913.....	\$58,743.12

In the Oregonian of April 19, 1914, Mr. Holman sets up the claim of saving more than \$4,000 between June and December of last year. Now a very brief examination of the table will disclose that the total expenditures of the county farm for 1912 was \$44,324.81 and for 1913 it was \$58,743.12. That is a monthly average of \$3,893.73 in 1912 and \$4,895.26 in 1913, and an average increase per month of \$1,001.53. It will be objected that a part of this increase was due to improvements. The monthly average for improvements was \$283.33. Take that from the \$1,001.53 and you still have \$718.20 in excess monthly over last year in the maintenance of the farm alone.

We have a county surveyor in this county and he is paid for doing the county road work. Under Mr. Holman's "economic" plan the county surveyor has been relieved of his job and a special set of surveyors have been maintained for months at figures that are really interesting in comparison with the upkeep of the regular surveyor's office force.

Take for instance the past four months:

Columbia River County and crew Highway Surveyors		
January.....	\$1,718.78	\$ 167.50
February.....	2,679.50	200.65
March.....	3,056.04	226.10
April.....	3,931.74	304.60
Total.....	\$11,386.06	\$ 898.85

Mr. Lancaster is supposed to draw \$15 per day, as consulting engineer. In January he drew \$390; February, \$450; March, \$449.95; April, so far, \$406.45.

### Kansas Society Will Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Kansas Society of Oregon will meet at Aliekey hall, 3rd and Morrison, Friday evening. All members and former Kansans are invited to attend.

### "Curfew Must Ring"

The city council recently passed a new curfew ordinance and children under 18 years of age, must be off the street by 9 p. m., unless accompanied by parents. The police department is instructed to enforce the ordinance and it is probable some of the young element will have a chance to test the strong arm of a policeman.

Mr. Fish of Haginaw Heights, who suffered a broken ankle, is in the Good Samaritan Hospital again. The accident happened at the S. P. Yards.

## LENTS FIRM DISPOSES OF BUSINESS

Lents people was surprised last Tuesday evening to have the news spread around town that Rayburn & Sons had sold their business to Katsky Bros. The sale was made with the understanding that the firm quit business at once. The stock will be disposed of by Katsky's, and the Rayburns will enter some other field of activity. The firm has done a fine business for several years and after such strenuous business activity and success they are in a position to take a "lay off" for a while, and as Mr. Rayburn says, he intends to loaf around town as long as he pleases.

## GIANTS DEFEAT UNION MEAT COMPANY

The Giants again added another victory to their belts Sunday when they took the fast Union Meat Co. down the line with a score of 5 to 2. Many fast and sensational plays were pulled off along with the fine work of both pitchers. The features of the game was the excellent work of both out fields. They pulled off some of the fastest work ever seen on the Lents grounds.

Cye Webb was there in his usual form sticking in the benders in big league form. Ed Wise pitched a nice game but the Giants were a little too strong for him. Strike outs by Webb 6, by Wise 8. Hits off Wise 7, off Webb, 8. Errors by Meat Co. 4, by Giants 4.

Next Sunday the Giants play the fast Overlooks. The Overlooks are a fast bunch and they are coming out to get the Giants scalps. So a good fast game is assured.

Line up, Union Meat Co: Dorney, third base; Jipay, right field; Hoyt, first base; Emrich, catcher; Nelson, second base; Sharkey, short stop; Milton, center field; Wise, pitcher; Powers, left field. Lents Giants: Gulliford, right field; Mascot, short stop; W. Webb, center field; Jamison, third base; Berry, left field; Wank, second base; A. Boland, first base; B. Boland, catcher; E. Webb, pitcher.

## LINCOLN REPUBLICAN CLUB WILL HOLD MEETING

The second meeting of the Lincoln Republican Club will be held this evening at Lents, and at the school house. The Club will continue the meetings each Monday and Thursday evening until after primary election. Everybody is invited to attend, irrespective of party.

### Lents Fuel Co. Expand

The Lents Fuel Co. has been making some improvements this last week. The company has been using a rented barn up to this time and now they have built their own and it is worth seeing. The floors are solid concrete, laid to drain into a convenient cess pool and the place can be washed and scrubbed out daily. The stalls are double floored and they have water piped into the run way. It will be so handy that "Bill" is thinking of moving into one of the stalls himself. The move will take care of a couple of loads of hay and a convenient grain box will complete the arrangement.

To say the owners are pleased with their new building is putting it mildly. Bill has been sitting up nights telling the "boys" all about it, and he has a right to say anything he wants to say. The barn is painted red.

Thirteen carloads of household goods, representing the belongings of fifteen families, have been received at Bend within the past few weeks. Six carloads were received in February, and according to present indications April will break all records. The newcomers are all families in good circumstances, with complete outfits of farming implements and supplies. One farmer brought his own well drilling outfit, and among their other possessions is some of the best stock seen in Central Oregon.

Plans for corn shows to be held next Fall and Winter are now being made by officials of the O. W. R. & N. Ry. at the same time the seed corn is being distributed among the farmers of the state. Cash prizes from \$5 to \$25 will be offered, the entries to vary from the best single ear of corn to the product of the best acre, with boy growers given special inducements to compete. It is stated by those in charge of the project that this year's acreage will be ten times that of last year.

## THE THREE MUSKETEERS.



—Kessler in New York Evening Sun.

## Our Representative Timber

Under this head we intend to run a little news each week concerning the men who would represent us at the State Capitol next winter.

We have invited a number of Legislature candidates to tell something of themselves in this column. Few of them have responded. They seem to think the invitation has a sting to it. We want it distinctly understood that the invitation anticipated no further obligation from the candidate, and that it was extended for his own benefit and that of the public. Others will follow next week.

The candidates have told their own stories—Ed.

R. M. Burley, Candidate for Representative, Multnomah County, is 29 years old. Was born in the State of North Dakota and received his education at the university of that state. Spent four years in the state auditor's office and school land department of the said state. Came to Portland five years ago. Attorney, and for four years President of the Multnomah Abstract Company. Pays taxes in six different counties in Oregon.

Robert C. Wright, Republican Candidate for Representative, Multnomah County. In Oregon since 1888, practiced law in Portland 24 years. Always a student of public affairs and seeks legislative experience as a student. Never a candidate before. Program: Fix responsibility on some one for correct drafting of laws. Straighten out the tax laws and cut off taxes wherever possible. Is for the few needed laws only, without mistakes or jokers. Wants to stop the making of more laws and give business a breathing spell without more legislative dictation. Is married and paid about \$120 taxes in 1914. He is a prominent member of Evening Star Grange.

Conrad P. Olson, Candidate for reelection to the Legislature; is a successful attorney; born in Wisconsin, educated at Stevens Point Normal and University of Wisconsin through his own efforts; Ex-Principal of Schools. Was connected with the Wisconsin State Civil Service Commission and observed the work of two Legislatures there.

Was an active and efficient worker in the last Legislature and stands on his record there. Secured the passage of several remedial laws and was the first man to enter the race pledged for lower taxes and less laws, which his experience in the Legislature will enable him to secure. Married, and has a family and is a home owner; pays taxes in four counties in this state.

O. W. Orton, attorney at 925 Yeon building, was born on a farm near Moline, Mich., Jan. 1874. Attended country school, high school, and went to business college in Chicago. Was a telegraph operator, teacher, and first lieutenant of a company he mustered

himself, in the Cuban war; served in the Philippines, returning to Portland in 1899. He studied law at the University school, was admitted in 1909; was elected to the legislature the same year, being chairman of the committee on printing. In June 1909 he was appointed Register of the U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, returning to Portland July last.

He favors consolidation of boards, and tax reduction; fewer laws, quarterly tax payment, corrective laws for state criminals, economically supervised permanent highways, easy payment for state lands.

F. M. DeNeffe was born in Iowa, lived on a farm in Washington, graduated from the Spokane high school in 1901 and came to Portland that year. He graduated from Ann Arbor Law school in 1906, returned to Oregon, settling at Eugene, but moved to Portland in 1909. He was chief clerk of the Senate Railroad Committee, 1907, and in 1909 chief clerk of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Oregon Legislature. He is a tax payer in several counties, including Multnomah. He approves of lower taxes, semi-annual payment, fewer but better laws, abolition of useless commissions, economy in appropriations, a sane business like legislative session.

Ja. W. Beveridge a self-made man. Native of California. Resident of Oregon for over 30 years. Born on a farm and educated in a printing office and night school; lost both mother and father before he was 9 years of age; commenced his trade in H. S. Crocker & Co's printing office at 9; worked 10 hours a day; attended night school from 7 till 9:30; delivered newspapers from 10 till 12:30 p. m. in order to earn enough money to keep himself and to help support and educate two sisters. At 19 was foreman of one of the largest printing offices in Oregon. Is now a member and Vice President of Bushong & Co. A member of the legislature in 1907. Platform: Efficient government, honestly and economically administered. Semi-annual payment of taxes without penalty or interest. Collection of taxes by one county officer instead of by three officers as at present. Reasonable rebate for full payment of taxes before April 1st. Suppression of the pernicious system of log-rolling in the Legislature. Full publicity to all proposed legislative appropriations. Permanent registration of voters to save cost of constant re-registration. Abolition of useless and wasteful commissions.

Mrs. Ernest Mass of Oregon City spent last Thursday visiting her former teacher, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Mass was a student of Mrs. Hogue when she first came to Oregon, in 1888.

## BURNING PERMITS MUST BE SECURED

For the convenience of local citizens the right to issue burning permits has been given to Frank Rayburn, Chief of the Lents Volunteer Fire Department. The new ordinance, No. 24014, that covers this makes it unlawful for any person to light or kindle a bonfire, for the purpose of consuming waste material in the open air within the City of Portland either on Public Streets, Public ground, or private property without first obtaining a written permit. The penalty as declared by this ordinance for any violation of same is punishment by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

## BOLD BAD BOYS GET A HEARING

It doesn't always pay to be smart. At least so two of the Lents boys learned last Thursday evening. Chad Aliis and John Smith proceeded to show the town they could do as they pleased and say any old thing they chose, and they chose to say some things that were not gentlemanly. Tom Cowing overheard them and after getting a heaping measure of abuse for advising them to keep quiet, he had them arrested and taken before the local justice. The results was that the boys are out on parole, having promised to be decent when on the streets after this.

## AN OREGON PIONEER HOME BUILDER

Mr. A. Fanno, with his wife and child arrived in Oregon City as an Immigrant of 1845. The wife and mother died and was buried at Oregon City. The following year, 1846, Mr. Fanno looked over the country, and selected his claim. It was very easy to select good claims in those days, for Uncle Sam had a lot of available land waiting for some one to "claim" it. Then, as now, no one man had a monopoly of success. The law of compensation runs through nature everywhere, but in those pioneer days it called forth all possible energy and endurance.

This man, one of the builders of "Oregon Homes", was willing to accept the "bitter with the sweet" and make the best of his opportunities, and surroundings. When he moved onto his 640 acre claim, he built his log cabin on a gravelly bit of plaine of perhaps two acres. This was now his home and his only companion was his little five year old son. At that time there was heavy timber all about the place which was the home of wolves, bears and panthers, they were numerous and dangerous.

Mr. Fanno was seriously handicapped the "boy" was too small to be left alone, and it was unsafe for him to accompany his father out in the woods, when the work of evening had to be accomplished. The only alternative, was to place this youngster up in the cabin loft and lock the door! There was an immense amount of work to do, cleaning those acres of their growth of of immense firs, and then get the soil into cultivation. There were seventeen acres of genuine "Beaver Dam" land on the place, the only growth on this acreage was cat-tail flags. It was a veritable swamp though and the work of draining had to be done. In "due course of time" this task was completed and later was developed into one of the best onion tracts in the state.

Wonderful crops of onions have been produced yearly and are now known as the "Fanno Onion." This was located at a point where, the then, newly constructed road from Oregon City to the Tualatin Plains, crosses a small stream that is known as "Fanno Creek", which heads near Bertha station, flowing into a North westerly direction, and empties into the Tualatin. The Fanno cabin was the only human habitation between Oregon City and the "plains" mentioned, for a distance of probably twenty miles. Oregon City in those days was the leading town of the state. At this time the road to which reference has been given, was the only one running between the Portland mountains and the Chehalen mountains, a distance of about thirty Miles.

Miss Carol Hogue returned to Monmouth Oregon last Sunday. She will graduate from there in June, and then will follow her chosen profession of teaching.

## PRODUCERS' CANNERY FOR GRESHAM

**Organizing a Producers' Co-operative Association Under Consideration. Also the Establishment of a Cannery to be run in Connection.**

A small but enthusiastic gathering of farmers and business men representing Gresham, Lents, Pleasant Valley, Gilbert, Russellville and Troutdale, met at the rooms of the Gresham Commercial Club last Monday evening for the purpose of taking under consideration the advisability of organizing a co-operative producers' association with a view to encourage the growing and marketing of fruits and all kinds of produce in car load lots. A cannery proposition has also been put up to the people of Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties, which it is proposed to run in connection with the producers' association. It is proposed to organize along lines similar to those under which the Puyallup and Eugene people have attained such remarkable results. We are told that growers in these communities are making net profits of from ten to twenty percent on land valued at from \$500 to \$1000 per acre.

Gresham and the country tributary has all the advantages for growing and marketing produce that these places possess, and some advantages which they do not have.

The successful launching of this enterprise will, without a doubt, solve the question of our future prosperity; It means that our towns will have a big payroll; it means employment for an army of workers; it means the dividing up of the large real estate holding into small tracts with a home on each tract. When you can show the prospective purchaser that he can make ten percent and more on his investment you will have no difficulty in selling \$500 acre land. This institution spells business for everybody, men, women and children. And the way to make it a success is for everybody to put their shoulder to the wheel and push, and if necessary dig down into your pocket and put up a few plunks, they will come back to you with a substantial increase.

Another meeting is called for Monday evening, April 27, at which this question will be discussed in all its phases. It is to be hoped that every community from Portland to the Sandy river and from the Columbia to the Clackamas will be represented by a large delegation of representative men and women. This is your opportunity to start something. Get busy and tell your neighbors about it. Don't forget the date. Monday evening, April 27, at Gresham Commercial Club rooms.

## Baseball Chatter

The way Berry pulled them off the boards Sunday made the fans think he had wings.

Say did you notice the way Al rapped that old pill on the nose Sunday.

That boy Wank sure made some nice plays around second. They all look alike to him.

The way Cye Webb was putting them over Sunday makes the fans wonder what he would really do if he had a real dry ball.

Walter Webb covers more ground in center field than a good fast race horse could.

Captain Mascot was there Sunday in his usual form, getting about six chances without an error.

Jamezon was some busy boy on third Sunday, but Jamey should worry, it may be dry next Sunday.

Bill Boland caught a nice game behind the bat last Sunday, but say, Bill, what's the matter with that old throwing arm?

Bill Gulliford had some nice time catching fly balls Sunday, but its just like hitting them into a well when they hit to Bill.

There is one thing about his "ump," Mr. White when he gives a decision, that goes. Nuff said.

Mike will be on the firing line for the Giants next Sunday.

Clackamas county will vote on a \$600,000 road bond issue on May 15. One of the proposed improvements is the Lents to Oregon City road.

Rayburn & Sons have opened up an office on Foster Road, near the Post Office, where they will attend to closing up business affairs.

Thursday the 30th will be commemorated by members of the Methodist church in Lents for being the 7th anniversary of the founding of the church, and the 5th anniversary of the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Moore. Preparations are in progress to make it a genuine Methodist hallelujah affair.