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TAX REDUCTION MEETS OPPOSITION

State Highway Promoters and Sectional Schools Plan Swelling of Tax List. Careful Study is Necessary.

Three propositions are to come before the people of the state this fall which have their purpose. The extension of total annual tax levies. One of these is the proposed constitutional amendment providing for a 2 per cent limit beyond which the state shall not go in state assessments for highways. By act of the last legislature the state is now spending one fourth mill on state highways and if we may judge of the manner in which that is being used and the general dissatisfaction that prevails in regard to its use, there will not be much disposition on the part of people of the state to pass a constitutional amendment now that will permit the State Highway department to bond the state for 2 per cent of its taxable valuation, even under the most favorable condition, and they will not be very likely to support a plan for putting the expenditure of so much money in the hands of a board so eminently favorable to certain highways. The people of the state voted down a 2 per cent minimum two years ago and there is no reason to suppose they have forgotten that.

The other two propositions are twins in that they are born of the same desire. The desire to promote a locality at state expense. The state four years ago voted three state normals out of existence. It was beyond the financial resources of the state to support four state normal schools in a creditable manner. Three of them were dropped. By so doing the state aid that had been going to Weston, Drain and Ashland was stopped. They have been compelled to look to their own resources for existence and the weaning process has been anything but pleasant but it is about accomplished and the fall election will probably finish the operation so well underway. The state has more to do now than it can or will do well, to take care of one normal school. It has been decided to support the one at Monmouth. It ought to be done well and it cannot be done so with several others dividing the available educational funds.

Lents Volunteers Reorganize

So many of the officers of the Lents Volunteer Fire department are away that it was deemed advisable by them to resign and let the company elect persons who were at home. Accordingly Wm. Anderson was chosen Chief, Wm. Goggins, Asst. Chief. Chief Anderson suggested the propriety of an advisory board. The suggestion was accepted, and authorized and he chose Clyde Sager, F. R. Peterson and C. J. Holway. L. E. Wiley has authorized the use of his phone, Tabor 1708, in making call announcements of fires. Also Dr. McSloy, Tabor 1139 or Home 3911. Cut this out and fasten it near your phone.

All sections of Oregon are urged to cooperate with the Portland Commercial Club in the collection and preparation of exhibits of Oregon products for eastern land shows and to be used on exhibit cars to advertise the resources of the state. Any producer who can furnish unusually fine specimens of grain, grasses or other crops, is invited to ask for tags and printed instructions as to packing and shipping same. Railroads will handle such shipments free of charge if prepared and tagged according to directions.

Brookings, in Curry County, will receive an industrial boost within the next 30 days when the Brookings Timber & Lumber Company starts operations. The mill, which is of the finest modern construction, will have a total capacity of 250,000 feet per day and will give employment to nearly 300 men. The company has 35,000 acres of heavy timber with which to keep the mill busy.

W. A. Koller is finishing a neat little rustic bungalow on his lots in block 11, Clemens St. and Agate Ave.

The first car of Bartlett pears from Grants Pass sold in Chicago for \$2 per box, 25¢ above shipments from any other section.

The alleged impossibility of being scared white will assure Jack Johnson of being recognized by his friends if he ever comes back.



Photo by American Press Association.

Servian Soldiers Are Brave Fighters

Servia maintains only 36,000 men in times of peace, but she has mobilized all of her male population trained to bear arms, and the number is 324,000 men. The Servian army is largely composed of veterans with a splendid morale and a record of first rate achievement in the Balkan wars.



Belgrade, the Servian Capital

Belgrade, which King Peter of Servia hastily abandoned, is separated from Austrian soil only by the river Danube. Close to the Danube is a fortress, part of which crowns a hill 150 feet high.

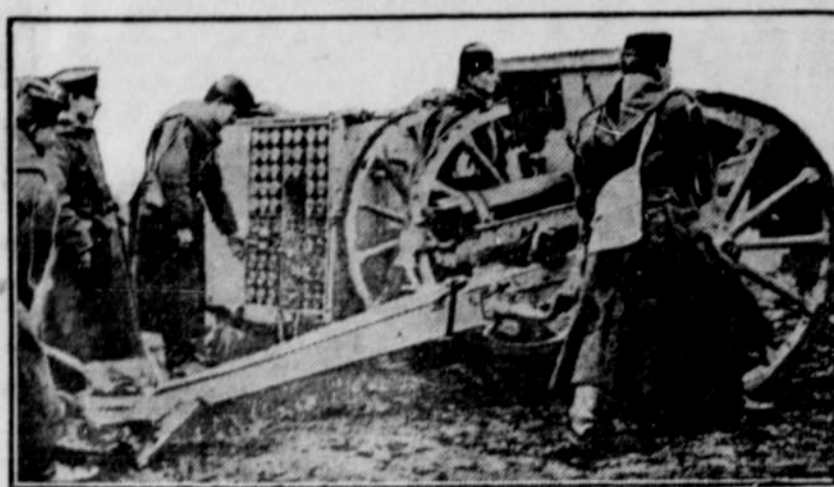


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The Artillery of Servia

The artillery arm of Servia, like the remainder of her military force, is in superior condition, having recently played a most effective part in the Balkan war. In this respect, efficiency, Servia has the advantage over Austria.



Photo by American Press Association.

Heir to Austrian Throne Leads Nation's Army

Crown Prince Charles Francis Joseph, next in line to the Austrian throne after the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which was the immediate cause of differences between Austria and Servia, will succeed his grandfather, Emperor Francis Joseph, on the throne. He will lead a large part of the Austrian army in the crisis.

SALEM STATE FAIR LOOMS UP

Great preparations are being made at Salem for the approaching state fair. A large sum is being spent this year on improvements. All departments are preparing for an increased display. The newly established eugenic department is no exception as will be seen below. This department will also have a new building.

1. Competition open only to children of parents who are bona fide residents of the State of Oregon. No entry fees. Entries close Sept. 27, at 9 o'clock p. m. All children whose entries are made subsequent to this date will be scored after those regularly entered, but will not be entitled to compete for a premium.

2. Entries must be made on blanks especially prepared, which will be sent upon application to Dr. Mary V. Madigan, Superintendent, Stevens building, Portland, Oregon, who will also furnish any other information with reference to the department.

3. Parents are requested to make their entries as early as possible, in order that the management may have sufficient time to tabulate and arrange appointments for same. Parents will be notified of the day and hour set for the examination of their children, and, while it will not be absolutely compulsory that they be presented at that time, it is earnestly requested that the dates so assigned be adhered to as much as possible, in order that there may be no congestion and all children receive the proper attention. Children not presented for examination at the time assigned, will have to wait until such a time as will suit the convenience of the management.

4. In furtherance of the educational value of this contest, all prize winning children will be expected to be presented for exhibition at a date and hour to be fixed by the management. Silver cups will be presented at this time.

CLASS 75 BOYS

Lot No. 1 Over one year and under two, first, Silver Cup; second, silver cup; third,

AMSBURY HOME VICTIM OF INCENDIARY

The Lents fire department was called out at 11:30 Tuesday night to stop a fire at the Annsbury place at Blumeier and Agate street, Clemson addition. The fire had some small start, had worked its way into the house and ruined one or two pieces of furniture. Indications suggest the fire started outside at the southeast corner and there was evidence of oils having been used. It had been fired in two places. If there is any evidence to connect any particular persons with it, it has not been made public. It is probable that a careful investigation will be made of this as it is so evidently of incendiary origin. For the safety of others it is hoped that an investigation will fix the blame on some one of the frequency of fires in the Mt. Scott section for a long time shows carelessness or criminal intent. If the latter, a good example should be made of some one to suggest the impropriety of such acts.

silver cup. 2 Over two years and under three, first, silver cup; second, silver cup; third, silver cup. 3 Over three years and under four, first, silver cup; second, silver cup; third, silver cup.

GIRLS

4 Over one year and under two, first, silver cup; second, silver cup; third, silver cup. 5 Over two years and under three, first, silver cup; second, silver cup; third, silver cup. 6 Over three years and under four, first, silver cup; second, silver cup; third, silver cup. 7 Grand Champion Boy of Oregon, silver cup. 8 Grand Champion Girl of Oregon, silver cup.

Every local grange and every commercial club in the State of Oregon should hold a local contest and the winning babies, with their mothers, should be sent to the State Fair, as such representatives of such grange and commercial clubs. Concerted effort on the part of the people of Oregon will make this feature of the fair one of great educational value.

EX-SENATOR BOURNE MAKES REPORT

In a final report submitted to Congress, the Bourne Committee on Railway Mail Pay has recommended enactment of a law submitting space for weight as the basis of railway mail compensation and has recommended rates which will yield the railroad companies a revenue slightly less than the average revenue received from the transportation of passengers, the revenue in each instance being computed on a car-mile basis. It is estimated that this will result in increasing the compensation of the railroads about \$3,000,000 per annum, or slightly less than 5 per cent. The railroads contended that they were underpaid \$15,000,000 per year.

Former Senator Jonathan Bourne, Chairman of the Committee, took occasion in submitting the report to call attention to the fact that Former Postmaster General Hitchcock had urged recommended the enactment of a bill for railway mail pay which he later abandoned as unwise, and the Post Office Department, in two administrations, has advocated four different plans for compensating the railroads. Discussing the delay in filing the report, Mr. Bourne says:

"While I recognized the desirability of an expeditious conclusion to our work, I should do our work thoroughly than that we should conclude it quickly. I should regret extremely and be deeply humiliated if our investigation had resulted, as did that of the Post Office Department, in our changing our attitude three times and advocating four radically different measures. We should certainly forfeit all claim to the confidence of Congress if we presented such a record of vacillation as did the Department. If, in our anxiety to be expeditious, we had repudiated three plans we had evolved upon what theory could we expect Congress to believe that we would for any considerable length of time, continue to advocate any new plan we might recommend?"

EVENING STAR HEARS STATE SUPERINTENDENT

A very pleasant and profitable day was spent last Saturday at Evening Star Grange. The day was pleasant and the attendance was large.

Mr. J. A. Churchill, the State Superintendent of schools, was present and gave a most interesting talk on the subject of Rural schools. He told of their needs and requirements and the great benefit to the country of their improvement.

Mr. Hugh Krum, the trustee officer of the Portland schools, told of the duties of the trustee officer and of the need for such a person.

L. D. Elliott told what was necessary in fowls to be a winner at a poultry show.

Readings were given by Misses Marjory Knopp and Nellie Warmick and much appreciated, as also was the instrumental music rendered by Misses Bernice Elliot and Alvina Howard.

During closed session in the afternoon, the grange voted to increase the dues to 25 cents per month for each member. This increase is made to cover the cost of the dinner, and so that no donations will be required.

Lents Grange will meet Saturday as usual. The first and second degrees will be given in the morning and a good program is planned for the afternoon. There will be a discussion of the "Hop" question relative to the "Oregon Dry" movement by Mrs. Mattie Sleeth of the committee of One Hundred; J. W. McNeal is to tell how the Grange may improve the social life of the community; A. F. Miller is to report the findings of the Grange Committee on the conduct of the County Court. Richard Hess, Wm. and Winfred Smith and Ellis Lusted will give recitations and some music will be provided. All members of the order are invited to be present.

Street decorations for the Columbia River Interstate Fair, at Vancouver, Wash., which opened Monday and will close on the 12th, are the most elaborate and extensive ever displayed in that city.

STRANGE REPORT FROM BOURNE

Oregon Senator as Chairman of Committee Makes Exceptional Report, in Line With his Customary Big Results at Small Expense.

"A Remarkable Report" is the caption of an editorial in the Washington Times commenting upon the final report of the Bourne Committee on Railway Mail Pay. The particular feature of the report which is considered remarkable is the fact that former Senator Bourne as Chairman of the Committee expended only about one-fourth of the money appropriated for the expenses of his committee, and, moreover, published an itemized account in his report showing how every cent of the money was expended.

Investigating Committees are very commonly considered opportunities for junketing trips and dispensation of favors in the way of employment of friends. Naturally, expense accounts are not generally made public. Ex-Senator Bourne, believing that the people have a right to know how their money is spent, printed an itemized expense statement as part of his report. He believes that the establishment of this precedent will lead to its general adoption with resultant good to the public service. The editorial comment of the Washington Times is as follows:

The joint Congressional Committee on Railway Mail Pay has submitted a final report, recommending immediate passage of a law to fix definitely the compensation of the railroads for hauling the mails. There is a feud between the committee and the Postoffice Department, the latter having plans which are disapproved by the committee. Between the two, the one thing that is entirely clear to the layman is that the matter ought to be determined soon, and that the railroads should be placed on a basis recognizing their increase service by reason of the parcel post.

But the remarkable feature of the joint committee's report is that dealing with finances of its investigation. Twenty-five thousand dollars was appropriated by Congress for expenses. By rights—or anyhow, by precedents—this ought to be \$25,000 gone for good.

Instead, the committee reports that it has spent only \$6,500. The members, former Senators Bourne and Richardson, have served since March, 1913, without pay, and paid their own expenses.

Some folks will have misgivings about the regularity of such a proceeding. It's a precedent that one day will rise up to embarrass junketers. Cannot measures be taken to induce a revision that will add \$18,440 to the expenses showing?

Women's Golden Opportunity

At the first general election in Oregon in which woman will have the right to the ballot, she has an opportunity such as she may never have again to demonstrate that she is just as worthy of her newly found prerogative as her liege lord or master. In fact, woman has an opportunity to demonstrate that she is more capable of wielding the ballot than man has been in the past.

Women has enough votes to hit break legislation a slap from which it may never recover. She should particularly study the universal eight-hour measure and the \$1500 exemption measure, either one of which, if enacted into law, might set the state back twenty-five years.

Woman has enough votes to elect to office state and county officials who are pledged to economical progress and who have a reputation for keeping their pledges.

Woman's vote is going to be an important factor this year. May she cast it wisely and well—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Grange Officers Meet

The next monthly meeting of Master and Lecturers of Multnomah County granges will be held at Gresham, Saturday the 12th., 1:15. A good attendance is desired.

With the completion of the first unit of Astoria's sea wall, the unsightly tide flats in that city will soon have vanished. Eventually, the sea wall will extend from Young's Bay to Tongue Point, protecting the entire river front. Filling in behind the wall will begin not later than Sept. 15, and the contract calls for completion not later than March 1, 1915. It is expected that the first unit of the new municipal docks will be ready for use by the first of the year.