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#### Preferential Voting.

Seven candidates for mayor, and eighteen for commissioner was the showing made when the time for filing expired Monday. Of these six mayoralty candidates and nine would-be commissioners are displaying their charms through the columns of our paper. Probably three more aspirants for commissioners will join the forces next week. We have no hesitation in saying that those which we are able to present represent the pick of the bunch, and it will not be difficult to find suitable choices among them. Some who have not yet taken advantage of our service seem to think the 10,000 voters of the Mt. Scott district are not worth considering.

Portland has the preferential system of voting, the very best and most up-to-date system known to science. Under this plan each voter can express three preferences for each position to be filled, they must be marked first, second or third choice. This will make at this election, nine votes for each voter, three choices for mayor, and two firsts, two seconds and two thirds for Commissioner. The voter who is wise will vote all his preferences. No one will be elected by first choice votes alone, and the result will be that the very best AVERAGE man, the man who is satisfactory to the greatest number will be elected, while some man who is highly favored by some clique because of political favors to be handed out, and cordially hated by other factions will not stand much show. The election will be held Monday, June 4, and it is quite time for each voter to begin to study carefully into all the details necessary to cast an intelligent vote. We recommend a careful perusal of the claims of all candidates as set forth in our columns. J. S. F.

#### Eliminate The Speculator.

The government must take hold of the speculator and choke him loose.

The speculator will depress prices when it suits him.

The producer must have a guarantee of fair prices from the government or he cannot safely pay the higher wages demanded by working men and women.

With wheat guaranteed at \$1.50 per bushel the farmer can afford to pay \$5 a day in the harvest field.

With flour guaranteed at \$2 a sack the consumer can live.

With the speculator getting \$20 a barrel for flour there will be food riots in this country to delight the Kaiser.

It is worth millions a day to keep Congress from doing anything.

Mobilizing cheap labor for the farmer is no remedy.

Guarantee fair prices to the farmer and production will settle itself.

Any boy of 15 to 20 can earn a man's wages in a few days at many kinds of farm labor. If the farmer is going to get \$2 a bushel for wheat, and \$1.50 for potatoes he can afford to pay \$75 a month for help.

If he does not know what he is going to get he will not plant, or he will not harvest, if he does plant.

There have been too many farmers who have seen their crops rot because of railroad speculators holding them up.

The farmer must be protected in production of food from the speculator in food as much as the consumer.

The U. S. Government can do it, and do it well.

The state can do it, but not so well.

The co-operative associations can do nothing to buck the combinations of railroads, banks and food speculators.

Their is plenty of land held by speculators out of use near all large cities.

This land should be released from idleness the same as the food speculator should be chained up.

If Uncle Sam will pay \$1.50 a bushel and sell at not to exceed \$2, and allow nobody to buy or sell except through him, there will be the greatest production of food products in the United States the world ever saw.

#### Keep Up A Home.

"Build within your financial limitations," is the advice sounded by Albert W. Atwood, a noted financial writer, in a magazine article of January.

"We must face the simple truth. Most people build homes more expensive than they can afford. There is such an attraction in home building that they are tempted to swim out beyond their financial depth."

Prospective home builders should heed this advice. It is timely, true and profitable. We must curb our desire to outbuild our neighbors and friends; we must build homes which may be paid for without straining our monthly income.

To build a home beyond our financial ability and have it taken away is worse than never making the start. This American spirit of "keeping up appearances,—making a bluff," is ruinous and should be squelched. It's a habit, a disease which is undermining our families and homes.

It is not the purpose of this article to discourage home-building, but on the contrary to encourage prospects to erect homes, having in mind that the same must be paid for. In other words to cut their garment to the size of their cloth.

In the Mt. Scott district are many desirable home site additions where cozy, comfortable homes may be erected, having all the conveniences and with the best of environments, where the home builder may stay within his limits and still be the proud possessor of a home.

Keep up a home, and not appearances, and you will be the gainer thereby.

He profits most who serves best.

### This Merchant Spends His Money In Town



The money that he DIS-TRIBUTES WEEKLY IN PAY circulates here.

How much does the out of town merchant contribute to the town's prosperity?

HE DOES NOT PAY RENT. HE DOES NOT PAY WAGES. HE DOES NOT PAY TAXES.

When you deal with the home merchant YOU HELP THE TOWN.

When you help the town YOU HELP YOURSELF.

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The trustees of the Postal Savings Bank System have adopted a resolution making Farm Loan Bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, acceptable at par to secure Postal Savings deposits. United States Government, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, and District of Columbia bonds are the only other bonds which enjoy this privilege.

There is one patriotic thing we can all do. That is to buy at home and keep our money in circulation at home as much as possible. And the local dealer can demonstrate his own patriotism by keeping his prices down as much as possible. Every little helps—both ways.

Speculators in foodstuffs create high prices. High prices sap the vitality of the people through lack of sufficient nourishment. Vitality is essential to a successful prosecution of the war. Jail the speculators—or make them fight.

A portion of the \$125,000,000 deposited in the Postal Savings Banks of the United States has been made available to help the farmers meet the war food crisis.

Mr. Bryan was a prophet. A million men did spring to arms over night—but the arms were mostly feminine.

We heard of a doctor who cured a man of failing memory recently and the patient promptly forgot to pay the bill.

A United States Senator advocates hanging the food speculators. Fine! But don't waste a perfectly good piece of rope—any old dirty thing is good enough for them.

It is reported that there is a 100 per cent rise in the cost of skeletons—which ought to be good news to those having samples in their closets.

In enumerating the crops to be planted this year it is significant that the authorities omit all mention of wild oats.

If you cannot shoulder a gun, you might get on the business end of a garden spade.

One of the saddest things in our modern industry is the waste of the human element.

Plant a spud—get rich quick.

### People's Forum

Trade Conspiracy Ordinance. To the Editor: Within the radius of the Mt. Scott district there are thousands of workmen, organized and unorganized, to whom the passage of the Trade Conspiracy Ordinance in the June election, should be a matter of intense personal interest.

This is one of the big "home communities" of the city—one of the places where workmen have been for the past decade acquiring their homes and establishing themselves substantially.

Whether they may represent the organized groups of labor or the larger and unorganized branches, the preservation of individual peace and the encouragement of industrial growth in Portland is of paramount importance.

Methods of conducting labor controversies which are destructive to industry and which are productive of keener dissension between employer and employee; methods which aim at the wrecking of an industry unless it can be forced to a position which is sometimes impossible for it to take and exist at the same time; such methods as these endanger the industrial stability which means the privilege of the people in the "home communities" of the city, to go on making firm their position and providing substantial homes for their families.

One has but to examine the records of every labor dispute on the coast in which the picket method and kindred methods have been employed, to realize that this is a method which is always destructive and unsettling and never constructive.

The Trade Conspiracy Ordinance provides a sensible and legitimate means of extracting this thorn from the flesh of industry and of insuring the worker of a peaceful status in which to continue his work and the development of his home life. That is why the people here who be-

long to the ranks of the workers should be interested in the passage of the ordinance in the coming election.—A. C. Callan.

#### Defeat The Bond Issue.

Editor of the Mount Scott Herald. In my previous letters I have endeavored to show that the Road Bond Bill will not give satisfactory results, regardless of the honesty and intelligence of the men who administer it. But we must have good roads. Probably no possible public expenditure can equal in value that which is wisely made in the improvement of our road system. What then shall be done?

First, defeat the Bond Issue. A wrong system puts us back instead of forward. Four years under the right system will see more progress than six under the lop-sided plan now proposed. The defeat of the bonds will not leave the Commission without funds or compel it to be idle.

Under the Bonding Bill the Commission is to spend this year \$1,000,000 for paving, \$240,000 from the Federal Government for Post Roads and an equal amount from the sale of bonds under the Bond Bill to match the Federal appropriation, with about \$100,000 of unused appropriation for work already under way, making a total of \$1,880,000. Next year the amount will be \$2,000,000 for paving and \$480,000 for Post Roads, \$2,480,000 in all.

If the Bonding Bill is defeated, the Commission will have this year \$220,000 from the 1/4 mill tax, \$160,000 from the motor vehicle license, \$240,000 Federal money for Post Roads and the \$100,000 carried over from last year, in all \$720,000. Next year they will have \$220,000 millage tax, plus \$320,000 from the licenses and \$240,000 for Post Roads, \$780,000 in all. This means that without bonds the Commission will have \$720,000 this year instead of \$1,880,000, and \$780,000 next year instead of \$2,480,000.

The Highway Commission is new to the work. No matter how able the men who compose it, they must learn to work together. They must get acquainted with them before effective work can be done. The men under them must also be selected and trained. An untried commission with an untried force, facing new and complicated problems, will have hard work to make a wise expenditure of even \$1,500,000 in the year and a half between the June election and the 1919 Legislature. If during that time, the Commission shall win the confidence of the public by the wisdom which it displays in the handling of the large sum which it will have without selling any bonds, there will then be ample time for the passing of a well-considered Bonding Bill, drawn in the light of two years experience with the actual needs and problems of the country.

I said in the beginning that I am not opposed to the issue of bonds, but I cannot refrain from offering you an interesting calculation showing what we can do without them. Mr. Adams, Highway Commissioner, furnishes an estimate of the revenue to be expected from the motor licenses. For the eight years from 1917 to 1924, he estimates the amount at \$3,800,000. For the same period the 1/4 mill tax, at its present rate, will amount to \$1,760,000, or a total from both sources of \$5,560,000. In eight and one third years the road revenues from direct taxes will equal the amount which we propose to raise in five years by selling bonds. By one plan we shall have the work done and paid for at the end of eight years. By the other the same work will be done in five years, and it will take us twenty years more to pay for it, with an interest charge of \$4,000,000. I am not so sure, after all, that I am willing to sell bonds.

The State of Oregon is not going to the "bow-wows" whether this measure is carried or defeated. On both sides there is too much of that spirit which says, "If this thing cannot be done my way it shall not be done at all." If the bill carries, let us get in and do all we can to help the Commission overcome the defects and avoid the dangers which we foresee. If it fails, let the Commission make good use of the trifling sum of \$1,000,000 per year left them, and we, with other supporters of good roads will begin at once to plan for effective and satisfactory legislation two years from now.

Yours truly, J. P. NEWELL.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Taylor, deceased. No. 14227.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Taylor, deceased, by the County Court of Multnomah County, Oregon, and has duly qualified. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers as required by law, to the undersigned at 801 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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