



# THE STAYTON MAIL



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## TAXPAYERS LEAGUE FIGHTING

To Keep State Tax Levy From Being Increased From 3.23 Mills to Eight Mills for 1920

The mass meeting of the Marion county Taxpayers League was attended by about one hundred of its members at Salem Saturday. Addresses were made by well known citizens from different parts of the county and the following officers were elected:

R. P. Boise, President; Joseph Baker, Vice-President; Isadore Greenbaum, Secretary; Jos. H. Albert, Treasurer.

Directors: S. L. Endicott, Salem; L. J. Adams, Silverton; W. A. Jones, Macleay; W. H. Hobson, Stayton; S. J. Smith, St. Paul; H. W. Downing, Sublimity; Geo. Sweeple, East Salem; A. B. Crossby, Woodburn; E. C. Seigmund, Mehama; S. A. Riggs, Salem; Geo. Krauss, Aurora; E. M. Croisan, Halls Ferry; J. W. Ebner, Mt. Angle; John Aupperle, Jefferson; P. P. Hasner, Turner.

Committee on legal proceedings if such are deemed necessary to protect the taxpayers was named composed of Ed. Jory, Alex La Follette and P. H. Darcy. The sessions lasted from ten to twelve in the forenoon and from one to three in the afternoon and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President. It is the intention to hold another meeting at the court house for the purpose of endorsing suitable candidates for the legislative ticket to be made at the primaries to be held May 21.

The following report of the committee on resolutions was unanimously adopted:

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, various millage measures placed on the ballot for the special election to be held May 21st contain propositions that will increase our state tax levies from 3.23 mills made by the state tax commission last December to be effective for 1920, and

Whereas, we are in favor of patriotic citizens of all necessary provisions for ex-service men, and for construction of state highways and market roads to be financed from the special automobile and motor tax revenues and bond issues already provided, therefore be it

Resolved, that we are opposed to increase of our state tax levies at this time by special millage taxes aggregating an increase of one hundred and forty-eight percent, as in completely sets aside the six percent limitation enacted by the people, which provided that taxation could not be increased over \$6 on the \$100 in any one year.

Resolved, that we recommend that the officers of this league and the committees named at this convention be authorized to call another convention of taxpayers for the purpose of presenting to the people legislative candidates to go before the primary on a platform representing this organization and its purposes.

Isadore Greenbaum, Secretary  
Alex La Follette,  
Scott A. Riggs,  
George W. Weeks,  
E. M. Croisan,  
E. Hofer,  
Committee on Resolutions

### Church of Christ

Regular service at 10 and 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Don't forget to boost for the great Easter drive April 4th. If every individual does his part in being present with a visitor this Sunday we will win the victory for which we are praying. Your pastor will be present in this great preparation.

Fred E. Harriman,  
Minister

Bill Hart Sunday.

## WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY TEAM COMING TO STAYTON FRIDAY

The following is the program of the Willamette University Team which is coming to Stayton Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26, 27, 28 under the auspices of the Marion County Y. M. C. A. and the Stayton Hi Y Club.

Friday afternoon Entertainment in High School Assembly for School Students.

Friday evening Stag Social and Stunt Night in High School Gym for Boys 15 and over only.

Saturday p. m. Hike.

Saturday night Community Sing and Entertainment in High School Auditorium—Free to Public.

Sunday a. m. Regular Sunday School and Church Services.

Sunday 3 p. m. Union Boy's and Young Men's Meeting in Christian Church.

Sunday night Union Service in M. E. Church. All Churches are asked to join this service which will be in charge of W. P. Walters County Secretary assisted by the Willamette Ur men.

These Deputation Team visits have proven a great success wherever they have been held and there is a treat in store for everyone who wishes to join in these various services. You are urged to attend.

## METHODIST CHURCH DEBT HAS BEEN PAID OFF MEMBERS CELEBRATE

The members and friends of the Methodist church of Stayton, are planning to have a basket dinner and church rally next Sunday morning, March 28, following the church service, for the purpose of celebrating the wiping out of the church debt and the installment of a new pipeless furnace.

The church has made a special effort during the past few weeks, to secure subscriptions for the paying off of the church indebtedness of several hundred dollars. It has succeeded in raising nearly all the necessary money and is determined to pay the entire amount by the first of April.

A new and highly satisfactory furnace has recently been installed and entirely paid for.

It is to celebrate these two accomplishments that the members and friends wish to have a get-together meeting. All the friends of the church are invited to bring their baskets and join in the community dinner and time of rejoicing.

"Reading maketh a man full," sayeth the proverb. Subscribe now.

Clyde Harold, formerly of Stayton, passed through town last week with a three ton truck load of machinery for the new mines above Gates. There is already a large amount of machinery on the ground and work of installing is progressing favorably. J. J. Langmack, president and Mr. Bean, both of Portland, and Carl W. Anderson, mining engineer, of Albany, are preparing to take out ore which will be sent to California for assay. The mine is located above Elkhorn postoffice on Henline creek.

## INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT DIRECTOR FOR SIMULTANEOUS FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Nineteen Protestant Churches of Oregon Are Associated in the Project, Which Has a 1920 Campaign Budget of \$336,772.52.



LYMAN L. PIERCE

Director General of the United Simultaneous Financial Campaign of the Interchurch World Movement.

## MORE GALL THAN GRACE

Progress and improvement are not always synonyms. A people may grow in gall instead of grace, and there is a tendency in that direction right now. We measure a century by its men rather than its automobiles, aeroplanes and other machines, or at least we ought to, and we have not since civilization took its boasted leap forward produced a Socrates or a Shakespeare, an Angelo, a Confucius or a Christ. This century runs largely to piffle and politicians, Bryans, John Shermans, Lodges and Deacon Toogoods, monied aristocracy, profiteering and divorce couats via tango and jazz. We are great on intellectual soup and silk lingerie.

The older we grow the less we know "where we are at." The little red school house we used to attend and get larruped in, as we deserved, has turned into a magnificent architectural edifice, for which we vote all the way from a hundred thousand to a million dollars bonds, and the old horse we used to go to the mill on has been made up into canned corned beef long ago.

The poets no longer sing of the immortal gods, of war and sacrifice—they twitter of loves and doves and posies and goose liver pie, while form-fltten men applaud and sentimental maids get moonsick. Cincinnati no longer waits for the office to seek the man—he sells his oxen and buys a political boom; a la Hiram Johnson. No more the Spartan mother gives her long black hair for bowstrings—she she blondines it, paints, powders and tries to pass as the sister of

her eldest daughter. The Norse viking no longer plows the unknown wave, his arm stronger than steel—he comes to America and starts a saloon (now a bootlegging joint.). No longer the untamed Irish king caroms on the Saxon invader with a seasoned shillalah—he immigrates hitherward, also, and gets on the police force and helps run the political machine. or clubs the head of the married man who won't go home till morning.

In these new jazz and H. C. L. days of evolution and revolution the philosopher retires not to the desert and there, by meditation profound wings from his superior soul jewels of thought to enrich the world—he mixes an impossible plot, adds a nude and a woman whose characters have seen better days and spills the compound on the public as a novel, or gets it into the movies.

Rome had her Cicero and her Caesar, but we have our Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, the latter now dodging scandal like a belled buzzard.

The princes of old conquered the earth but Morgan put a mortgage on it. Cleopatra drank pearls dissolved in wine, but martina cocktails found favor with many of her successors, or did until we got reformed. Sampson slew the Phillistines with the jawbone of an ass—now that jawbone is in the Senate and blocks the peace treaty. We are short on Helen of Troy, but long on Helen Blazes. We have lost poetry, art and philosophy, but when it comes to building a political platform that can straddle every important issue, we swipe the bun and the bakeshop. Bunk is our long suit.

FOR SALE—Oat and wheat hay \$18 a ton. John Sandner. A1

## STEELHAMMER IS POPULAR CANDIDATE MANY FRIENDS HERE

It is quite apparent from the comments we have heard regarding the candidacy of Oscar Steelhammer for the Republican nomination for County Assessor, that he will receive a large vote in this vicinity. The office of county assessor as well as other county offices has long been held by politicians, who give but little of their time to the duties of their office, but rather devote most of their time and efforts for their own political advancement, ignoring the rights of their constituents, and as a result are not familiar with the work of the office they occupy.

Mr. Steelhammer's experience of six years as chief deputy assessor renders him familiar with the work of that office in its every detail and his nomination and election will give the county the benefit of this knowledge. This together with the fact that he is not connected with any group or class of politicians, professional or otherwise insures that the office will be conducted on a strictly businesslike basis, and without the conferring of special privileges or exemptions upon any class or individual to the injury of the public at large.

### Mehama

Considerable building is being done here. Mr. Phillips from Gooch, is remodeling the house he recently bought from Frank McDonald, who is now located at Sisters, Oregon. S. W. Champ has his new house well under way and Balseiger & Son have nearly completed an addition to their new store building. R. H. Champ is remodeling a barn on the land he recently purchased. Notwithstanding this the town is in need of dwelling houses as every available house is occupied.

Mrs. Sarah Berringer has returned from a three week's visit in California. She says she likes this place better every time she goes away and returns.

Mrs. Berringer and two sons Errol and Russel King and Mrs. Harry Patton were shopping in Salem Monday.

Mrs. Millard Spratt has recovered from her serious illness and is at home again after being cared for at the home of Miss Anna Stout. Dr. Peauchamp was the attending physician.

Mrs. John Zimmerman is ill at her home from after effects of the flu. Dr. Brewer is attending her.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Day were Portland visitors over the week end. Mr. Day is the overseer of the railroad operations now under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw were in Salem Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Shaw has a new Ford truck.

Last Saturday afternoon Master Glenn Brown celebrated his 7th birthday. Ten of his young friends gathered at his home to help him celebrate. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games and partaking of a delightful lunch.

J. E. Sloper is busy setting up his new saw mill that he recently purchased. The mill is located on the Jetter place. His son Guy will shortly arrive from Pendleton and will be associated with his father in the operation of the mill. Mr. J. E. Sloper is an experienced mill man, having successfully operated several mills in this section before.

Among the Staytonites seen on the streets of Salem the past week were Mr. and Mrs. V. Dare Sloper, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beauchamp Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cladek and Mrs. H. Lilly.

## PROF. COMISH TALKS TO HIS STUDENTS

Prof. N. H. Comish of the Oregon Agricultural College, addressed the students of the Stayton High school today on Higher Education.

Prof. Comish pointed out that higher education broadens life, makes it possible for a man to render more service to the state; and also enables a man to earn more money.

He quoted figures from a bulletin issued by the Bureau of Education at Washington, which show that only 31 men out of 5,000,000 with no schooling render distinguished service, that 808 out of 33,000,000 men with elementary education render distinguished service; that 1245 out of 2,000,000 men with high school training render distinguished service and that 5,168 out of 5,000,000 university and college men render distinguished service.

He also showed that college and university men earn larger incomes in industry and farming. In 100 firms 90 out of every 100 college men attained the highest paid and most responsible positions; whereas only 25 out of every 100 non-college men attained such positions.

Prof. Comish then contended that since higher education justifies itself the voters of Oregon should pass the Higher Educational Act, May 21, 1920.

If this act fails to pass he said, 1000 high school graduates will be refused admission to the three state institutions next fall. At present the State University, College and Normal are running beyond their capacity. The number of students has increased at Agricultural College and University 150 per cent since 1913, but the income from the millage tax has increased 3.8 per cent. The dollar has fallen in purchasing power to 45 cents, yet operating costs have increased more than 100 per cent. The cost of living has increased since 1915 to about 90 per cent, but the salaries of the faculties have increased about 22 per cent. Moreover, the Oregon State Educational institutions cannot cut down expenses. Already the college and university have a smaller per student cost than similar institutions in the country. The average cost per student per year in typical institutions was \$325 before the war. At the university it is now only \$203, and at the college only \$180.

The College, the University and Normal must have greater revenue and they can get it only through the millage tax. This tax means only \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property to the citizen. For example, if a taxpayer now pays \$30 on \$1000 of assessed property the proposed tax, if passed would only increase his tax to \$31.26. The Higher Educational Act means little to the taxpayer, but it means adequate support to the deserving Agricultural College, University and Normal.

Miss Wanda Brown will speak at the Star Theatre Saturday night on the Millage Bill. She is one of the boosters for the bill and is doing all she can to help get it passed on May 25th.

The contract has been let for a new bridge over the Santiam between Mehama and Lyons. This will be a joint structure and will be built by Linn and Marion counties. The specifications call for a concrete driveway across the bridge. Work will be started about the first of April.

Leo Willing, Chas. Fehlen, Ralph Tate, Worth Smith, and James Pierce composed an auto load that took in the sights of Seio, Lebanon and Jefferson last Sunday. They report that Seio has a bunch of pretty girls.

Balseiger & Son who have recently opened a new general merchandise store at Mehama, will open a meat market in connection with their store on the first of April. They also have a general store at Lyons. Their ad appears in another part of the Mail.