

TAXPAYERS BLED FOR FAIR

Constitution Is Only a Paper
Barrier.

DECISION ONLY A FARCE

Legislature May Compel People to Pay Debt Incurred
By Fair Corporation.

To the voters and taxpayers of the state of Oregon and their representatives, the Oregon Legislature:

We are informed through the public press, common rumor and other, and especially interested parties, that ten years ago the state board of Commissioners, consisting of the Governor, secretary of State and State Treasurer, for the sale of school and university lands and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom loaned ten thousand dollars of the common school fund to the state fair, a corporation, and took a mortgage upon the fair grounds to secure the payment on the same with interest. No interest has been paid on this loan for all these years; it should have been paid annually. Recently the state fair company has been called into court, before Judge Galloway, who rendered a decision in favor of the state, for the sum of nineteen thousand dollars, more or less. This action of the court became necessary to prevent the mortgage from lapsing or ceasing to act as security at the expiration of ten years. No defense was made by this debtor; for the very good reason that there was none at hand, and so judgment was taken by default.

No further action will be taken in the case, says the attorney general, till the Legislature meets; and then if something is not done by the Legislature to pay this debt, he will proceed to sell the fair grounds property. What is expected, or hoped for from the Legislature is more than intimated, it is plainly stated they are to do something and that something to is pay the debt. How do Legislatures pay debts in their official capacity? It is answered by appropriating your, the taxpayers' money.

Here I will insert Section 8 of Article eleven of the Constitution of the State of Oregon:

"The state shall never assume the debt of any county, town or other incorporation whatever, unless such debts shall have been created to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or defend the state in war."

The state fair association is the whatever incorporation. Of course Section 8, Art. 11 bars the Legislature from any attempt at relief of this corporation or power to tax the loaners for their own money loaned and interest on the same; but it is only a paper barrier, hitherto found too often powerless to restrain the Legislature from scooping the state treasury, in the interest of themselves or friends. But for the frequent and wickedly wrongful use of the peoples' money, made by the Legislature, this reference to the Legislature of the nineteen thousand dollar claim, from the fair company, already passed into a judgment by the court in favor of the school fund, could excite no alarm, because of its very absurdity.

Who shall pay this debt? The court says the borrowers, but the fair company have taken an appeal to the Legislature and named the judgment expected, that is that the tax payers shall pay this \$19,000, cancel the mortgage and leave the company free to come to the school board for a larger loan and presumably to be paid in the same way and secured on the same property. Never was a more just decision rendered by the court. If this decision of Judge Galloway can be set aside by the Legislature, then all decisions of courts can be set aside or abrogated, in the same way. What the Legislature may do, or neglect to do, in the interest of wealthy associations or corporations is not written in books of law or history, but depends upon other inducements; there the danger rests and past experience warns.

More than twenty years ago the price of school lands should have been fixed by appraisement at prices ranging perhaps from five or more to fifty dollars per acre; this would, doubtless, have produced a fund, ere this, of eight or ten millions of dollars, instead of two, perhaps none in the school fund; but speculators had to be served, hence this unpardonable sacrifice of the school interest. Now and from time to time, having nearly exhausted the source of the school

fund, they attack the state treasury directly, borrow the school funds, seek to outlaw the debt and when prevented by the court from this outlawry, appeal to you, the taxpayers, through the Legislature, to pay their debt.

The Legislature in the six years last passed January 1st next, has already appropriated the sum of ninety seven thousand, six hundred twenty eight and forty four hundredth dollars, (\$97,628.44) to pay premiums for the society; and yet not a citizen of the state, unless he has paid the required gate money, can enter these fair grounds.

All the money taken in goes to the fair association while all the money paid out, comes from you, the taxpayers. Again it is rumored that the Salem fair company, alone, hope or an appropriation of \$30,000 and this perhaps in addition to the transfer, by the Legislature, of Judge Galloway decision to a judgment against the taxpayers. It may be remarked here that two fair companies in Eastern Oregon receive appropriations of \$1500 each annually. And two in Southern Oregon \$700, and \$1800 respectively, are paid annually, with more to be organized, I fear.

A rural fair, as I understand them, are organized for pleasure and profit, by the associations, principally the latter. Let those who receive all the profits pay all the expenses. The state should be unhitched from these associations and leave those that dance to pay the fiddler.

These fairs, or even the Salem fair alone, cost the state annually more than the entire income, from the irreducible school fund, derived from one eighteenth part of all the land in Oregon. What a farce is legislation and the Legislature and others, what criminals. Of course I speak of the past Legislature.

Taxpayers, paste this article upon your pantry door, read it night and morning, and when this source of robbery shall equal one third of all the necessary expenses of the state, remember I forewarned you of your doom.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

WM. A. STARKWEATHER.

A Famous Remedy for Sick Headache.

The cause of this complaint is not in the head at all, it comes from the stomach. A stomach that has become clogged by over eating, drinking, or abuse in any manner, will warn you by bringing on sick headache. Cure the pain and distress in the stomach and the head stops itself. All bilious attacks, dyspepsia, belching, bad taste in the mouth, muddy complexion and yellow eyes, are cured by this remedy. It is called Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills, one for a dose, and is sold by druggists all over the U. S. for 25c per box. For sale by Charman & Co.

"The Huskin' Bee."

A whole hayload of fun is promised by Miss Clara Louise Thompson, under whose direction "The Huskin' Bee" will be produced in Shively's opera house next Tuesday evening. The program was completed this morning. These are the huskers:

- Upland Hay..... William Wright
- Mrs. Hay..... Mrs. Francis Freeman
- Sunflower Hay..... Ona Renner
- Flaxy Hay..... Mabel Toner
- Timothy Hay..... Allen Adams
- Farmer Cornhopper..... James Vaughan
- Mrs. Cornhopper..... Mrs. Ralph Miller
- Shucks Cornhopper..... Dollie Pratt
- Tassel Cornhopper..... Dady Bigham
- Lope Cornhopper..... Len Cofer
- Buck Strawpile..... Lee Canfield
- John Gee-haw..... George Hankins
- Silas Sit-and-whistle..... Charles Putman
- Dorothy Doughnut..... Marion Bell
- Pompey..... Ralph Miller
- O'Flannagan..... Ed Taylor

SPECIALTIES.

Overture..... Orchestra
Opening Chorus..... Company
Jimmy Crow..... Eva Calliff
Song, "Bit O'Blarney"..... Ed Taylor
Hey Rube Dance.....
Allen Adams, Roy Grace, Earl Latonrette, Rhea Cole.
Wooden Shoe Dance.....
Wava Harrington, Amy Thomas, Bessie Sleight, Bessie McMillan.
Song..... Maccabee Quartette
E. T. Fields, Len Confer, E. E. Taylor, R. E. Woodward.
"Has Your Mother Any More at Home Like You?"
Hazel Farr, Gilbert Morris, Belle Cassell, Vernon Welsh.
Pinkey-pankey Poo..... Mrs. J. Betzel
Drill.....
Mrs. S. S. Walker, Captain; Mary Welsh, Hattie Farr, Nellie Roberts, Martha Dungey, Orlena Kellogg, Flora Morris, Jetta Waldron, Eva Frost, Mary Canton, Grace Marshall, Nellie Titus.
Plantation walk around—
George Washington Brown, leader; Andrew Jackson and Lucinda Snow; Julius Ceasar and Sunny Georgia; Abraham Lincoln and Dinah Light-foot.
20th century belles—
Belles:—Bertha Koerner, Edna Park, Gertrude Hamilton, Vera Phillips.
Chappies—Anna Aldredge, Sedonia Shaw, Ethel Park, Ogle McClure.
Sousa Girl—Ona Renner.

Hardware on the Hill.

C. W. Frederick has disposed of his blacksmith business in Ely and has opened a hardware store on Seventh Street, in the Little Building, between Center and Washington Streets, where he will carry a full line of hardware, and all kinds of

OREGON CITY'S NEW RECORDER



Walter A. Dimick, who has been elected recorder of Oregon City, is a native son of Marion county and is 25 years of age. He is a son of G. W. Dimick, a well known citizen of Hubbard. Mr. Dimick attended the public schools of Hubbard and graduated from Pacific University at Forest Grove in 1902. He read law in Forest Grove and in Oregon City with his cousin, Hon. G. B. Dimick and was admitted to the bar in October, 1904. Mr. Dimick is a young man of energy and ability and will make his mark in his chosen profession.

farming implements. Mr. Frederick thanks the people of Clackamas county for the business they have given him in the past and asks for a share of their trade.

Formerly Resided Here.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Toner, the wife of John C. Toner, was held Tuesday morning and the interment was in Mountain View cemetery. The body arrived on the overland train from McMinnville, where Mrs. Toner died Sunday. The deceased was a former resident of Oregon City and was well known here by the old residents.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Penn. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

Estray Notice.

Strayed from my place at Meadowbrook, one 2-year-old Jersey heifer, red and white, spotted, dehorned, crop of left ear and split in right. One 3-year-old brindle steer, same dehorned and earmarked same. Information leading to discovery of same will be rewarded. R. H. Snodgrass, Meadowbrook, Oregon.

We fit trusses and have a full line at low prices to select from. Charman & Co., Drug Store.

New Road District.
A new road district has been formed, and will be known as Tualatin, No. 31. It consists of a territory taken from the New Era and West Oregon City districts. A portion of the Oswego district has been attached to the West Oregon City road district, taking in that part known as the Shipley road.

Greatly in Demand.

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Howell & Jones' drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

The Whole Thing in an Egg Shell

HOW TO GET
200 EGGS A
YEAR PER HEN

THE second edition of A Practical Poultry Manual is now ready. Contains among other things the famous Sampson Method of Feeding, which is known to be one of the best means of making a profit from Poultry. Some of the chapter headings are: Brooder Chicks; Profitable Poultry Raising; Principle Difficulties; Remedies for Roup; During the Mouth; Economy in Feeding; Poultry as a Business; Trap Nests, with plans and illustrations. This chapter is worth the price of the book. Tells the practical way to make poultry pay. Price 50c.

Our paper is a 32-page Agricultural Magazine, with Household, Poultry, Horticulture and Dairy Departments. Subscription price, \$1.00.

To introduce our monthly into your home, we will send the paper one year and A Practical Poultry Manual for 50 cents.

THE PACIFIC TREE AND VINE
PARK HOTEL BLDG., SAN JOSE, CALIF.

New Lot of Coal.

We have received a new lot of Coal that is superior to anything we have had in stock. These cold nights and days too, create a demand. Try Coal. You will never go back. Delivered free in any part of the city by the sack or in large quantities.

Oregon City Ice and Cold Storage Co.
12-th and Main Sts., Phone Main 1734

The Imported Percheron Stallion

Danseur (46225) 40070

Black; foaled May 10, 1900. Bred by M. Gaviard, Belleme, Orne, France. Sired by Bon Courage (42729) Dam Biche (38548), by Visconti (20491).

M'LAUGHLIN BROS., Owners.

Will Be at the Fashion Livery Stable
Saturday, January 14.

J. M. & R. M. Slonaker, Agents.

Annual January Prices at Huntleys

If you are not taking advantage of the great reductions made by our annual January sale, you are not practicing true economy. Hundreds of pleased customers have saved from 10 per cent to 50 per cent on all purchases except patent medicines, school books and a few other contract goods. Are you getting your share? Watch our windows.

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Games and Game Boards | 1-3 off | Cutlery | 20 per cent dis. |
| Flinch and Pit | 48c. | Mirrors | 25 per cent dis. |
| Bicycle Cards | 19c. | Stationery | 20 to 40 per cent dis. |
| Congress " | 38c. | Crepe Tissue | 8c. |
| Solid Gold Fountain Pens | 85c. | Pictures | 50 per cent dis. |
| Our Dollar Watch | 85c. | Tooth Picks, 4 pkgs. for | 15c. |
| Umbrellas, \$1.00 and under | 10 per cent dis. | 10c. Toilet Paper | 6c. |
| Umbrellas, over 1.00 | 20 per cent dis. | Cod Liver Oil Emulsion | 39c. |
| 15c. Paper Bound Books | 10c. | Beef, Iron and Wine | 39c. |
| 25c. Sheet Music | 10c. | Large pkg. of Sea Salt | 18c. |
| 10c. Sheet Music | 5c. | Smelling Salts | 19c. |
| 400-page Dictionary | 20c. | Hair Brushes | 20 per cent dis. |
- Closing out our Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines
1-2 Price.

HUNTLEY BROTHERS CO.

Druggists and Booksellers

NEW FEED STORE

A. B. BUCKLES, Prop.

Hay, Grain and Feed

Highest Market Price Paid

CALL AND SEE US
Corner Main and 11th Sts

Brunswick House and Restaurant

Newly Furnished Rooms,
Meals at All Hours Open Day and Night
Prices Reasonable.

...Only First Class Restaurant in the City
Opposite Suspension Bridge, Oregon City, Ore.

OREGON CITY MACHINE SHOP

12TH AND MAIN STS.

PHILIPP BUCKLEIN, PROPRIETOR

All kinds of machines built and repaired

We Want Your Trade At Harris Grocery

And are going to make special inducements to close buyers.

Cash and Small Profits is Our Motto.

George C. Brownell
ATT'Y AT LAW
OREGON CITY, OREGON
Columbia river sand for sale.
C. N. GREENMAN.

O. W. Eastham
LAWYER
Legal work of all kinds carefully attended to. Charges moderate. Office over Bank of Oregon City, Oregon City, Oregon.