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HIGHEST TAXATION, LOWEST RESULTS

WHERE ARE WE GOING TO COME TO LATER ON?

ISN'T IT HIGH TIME TO CHANGE

Whether Fault is Officials' or System, We Should Remedy It

A farmer was in the Courier office the other day and he was figuring out how long before confiscation would be here if taxation in Clackamas county continues to increase.

This farmer lives on the western boundary of the county and gets his mail on Aurora, Rt. 1.

He said in 1895 his taxes were \$35, this year \$112.

He said he was not ordinarily a kicker, that he was willing to pay his just share of taxation, and would never kick on taxation when it could be shown the county or his locality, was getting something like value received for the high taxation.

But today he pays \$67 more than he did when he bought the place—over three times as much.

He says his buildings are no better, the roads are no better and there is but very little to show for this great increase in taxation; that if it continues at this rate he will be forced to quit his farm, for decreased prices for produce and staggering increase in taxation will not leave anything for a man's labor.

This man's story is the story of hundreds in Clackamas county.

Taxation is rolling up, is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Not only does it catch the farmer but the business man, the home owner, the renter.

The expenses of Clackamas county are something stupendous, when you figure the vast timber and wild land here but little if any expense and improvements are made.

A taxpayer reported to this office that the expenses of the county court last month—that in the bills allowed and audited, were nearly \$50,000 for the one month.

To verify this statement this office roughly tallied the amounts paid out from the county court statements and in round dollars and found the expenditures about \$40,000.

Ten thousand dollars a week! What is Clackamas county getting for this enormous expenditure?

Are you taxpayers getting value received for this great expenditure and the excessive taxes that are consequent?

We might as well face it—we have simply got to cut down expenses to the size of our business, and our population.

The first thing a new comer asks are "What are your taxes?" Tell him they are from a dollar to two an acre and he will tear out of Clackamas county.

We have got to have a turning over in this county.

We have got to have an economical and business-like administration.

We have got to cut out big useless expenditures, quit sinking hundreds of thousands into roads that do not improve; only absolutely necessary improvements, and what we do order, see that it shall be lasting and worth the money.

It's time to back up if we want this county to go ahead. It's time to pare close, cut out every last useless expense, every last useless drone and salary-graber, cut out useless contracts and political expenses and make every man get on the job and show a dollar's worth of results for every dollar of county warrants that are issued.

When taxpayers smart hard enough and long enough there will be a rising up in this county and we will have county business run as private business.

It looks as if they had smarted hard enough and long enough and that the time was about here.

LINE THEM UP

Send a Delegation to the Court and See Who Owns Road Roller

Not long ago when the Farmers Society of Equity would hold an afternoon meeting in a room of the court house, Judge Beattie refused them permission and instructed the sheriff not to permit them to use the rooms for their meetings.

A farmer started the question "Who Owns the Court House?"

The next man passed it along and the question went all over the county "Who Owns the Court House?"

The Equity Societies took the matter up and a committee was sent to the county court to find out who owned the court house, when, lo, the county judge came up and offered to rent out of their hands. He told them they COULD have the use of the rooms when not otherwise in use, and he went on official record to that extent.

Now the question is being asked "Who owns the road rollers?" and it is a question that will probably be asked right along now.

It appears now that out at Maple Lane, Supervisor Henrich had a piece of road prepared ready for the roller, and he called up Judge Beattie and asked if they could have the use of a roller. The reply was:

"No show at all. They are all busy. You might go and see your friends Harris and Muralst. They may be able to get one for you."

These men signed the recall petition against Judge Beattie.

What do you think of this method of using Clackamas county to punish them?

Maple Lane should do just as the Equity Society did.

They should hold a public meeting

in that precinct; they should appoint a committee of the farmers who helped to pay for that road roller and that committee should wait on the court and by this we mean all three members) and see whether Messrs. Mattson and Blair countenance this variety of county court "justice."

Get together you taxpayers of the precinct. Send a delegation to wait on the county court and let us see if the other two members of the court can't give you the right to use your own machinery, or let us know if the whole court is playing Beattie's game.

Let's find out who owns the road roller. Don't wait, but go to it and smoke them out. Let the County Court realize for once and for all you taxpayers are awake and are going to run your own business.

Find out who owns the road rollers.

SLIM GROUNDS FOR RECALL

Mr. Terrill Gives his Views of the City Recall Talk

Editor Courier:—A short time ago I heard rumors of a recall movement being started to recall the mayor and city council of Oregon City with the exception of councilmen Long and Metzner. So far I have been unable to find anyone that will own up to having anything to do with it. I think the mayor and city council are doing as well as can be expected. There are some matters before the city council that seem to be tangled up, but the council is trying to clear up these matters and at the same time do the will of the people they represent. The citizens themselves are not pulling together. The present administration has done a whole lot for Oregon City and should receive credit for it. It is true that when the complexion of the council changed Jan. 1st some changes were made. New engineers, policemen, attorneys and etc were hired. The outgoing men were possibly sore because they were fired, but they certainly won't help matters by trying to discredit the councilmen or their reputations.

Some of the councilmen don't vote on some questions as I would have them, but as far as I am concerned they may keep their job right and the majority will rule. All the councilmen are sincere in their belief and have a right to their opinions.

The mayor is a gentleman and scholar and has a backbone of pure steel. He will listen to reason and accord any man a hearing in my estimation. Oregon City has a mayor second to none on the coast, or anywhere else for that matter, for business ability, justice and right. Linn Jones is O. K.

I have found Chief of Police Shaw to be an ideal officer, always patrolling the streets, ready to answer a call anytime, day or night, a gentleman always and a strict disciplinarian, entirely free from graft or crookedness. A rumor has it that one of the policemen is not just what he might be. I haven't found anyone that has any right to complain, and especially attention to this policeman and have found him always on his beat, attending to his business, never have I been able to find him doing anything unbecoming an officer.

A few short months ago I stood on the streets of Oregon City and noticed that frequently, very frequently at that, a saloon door would open and out would tumble several drunk men. By the time the three perspiring policemen had those gathered in a saloon door would open in some other part of town and the same act repeated. I have seen a barroom within a few feet of a theatre where ladies and children were passing in and out, and in the saloon would be a drunker, boisterous crowd of men, some lying on the pool tables drinking from a whiskey bottle, others standing near holding a companion up that who was too drunk to stand by himself while more liquor down his throat. Boys of 17 years were welcome. Any boy or drunkard could join the happy throng as long as they had the price. But times have changed in Oregon City. The saloons that are still running are living closer to the laws and I know who is responsible for the getting rid of the joints and regulating the saloon business.

I notice Governor West came to town a short time ago, looked all around, talked with the people and just as quietly departed again. Speaks pretty well for Oregon City officers doesn't it? If I am wrong in this matter please somebody jump out of the bush and tell me where I am mistaken. Believing as I do in the honesty and well meaning of the mayor, chief of police and city council and willing to give them due credit for the good they are doing I will fight their recall to the last ditch and I have some pretty good cards up my sleeve. No, this is not a paid advertisement. It comes unsolicited from one who likes to see fair play.

Charles F. Terrill.

Any Error in This?

The Enterprise used a column of its precious editorial space last week over an error in the transcription of lines in the county court expenditures in May.

Here are a couple more lines. Wonder if it will find any errors in them? They were the expenditures for one month:

Oregon City Enterprise\$831.75

Oregon City Courier34.25

That's some expenditure for one month, and those who have watched these printing items month after month and year after year, wonder not wonder that sheet raises a din over a very liable error (what that paper has made many times) yet its grave-like silence over the other expenditures of the county, which have been poked under their noses week after week and month after month.

Show the Enterprise a dollar and hear it cackle—along any old key desired.

Look back through the county court expenses and see the huge sums it has been paid for printing during the Beattie administration, and note the presents of \$150 in warrants the court has given to aid its special editions—taxing property owners for Enterprise charity.

RECALL PETITIONS ARE SUFFICIENT

MORE THAN NECESSARY NAMES ALREADY SECURED.

FILLED IN LESS THAN 5 WEEKS

Signatures Will be Verified and Recall Steps Taken

In the remarkable short time of less than five weeks 25 per cent of the voters of Clackamas county have signed petitions asking that County Judge Beattie and commissioner Blair be recalled from office.

There are over 3,200 hundred signatures already in the hands of the executive committee on the two petitions, and there are petitions yet out that have not been accounted for.

The committee will go over these signatures, name by name, and check them from the official registration list, before they are filed with the county clerk, that there may be no question raised of fraud.

When it is considered that these signatures have been the work of men who have left their work and volunteered their services; that the work has been done without pay and without any promise or hint of favor or reward, then it must be considered as a protest that is significant—an uprising of taxpayers that means business for Clackamas county.

No recall petitions in any county in Oregon has ever been filed in so short a time—even when paid solicitors were employed.

There has been considerable demand from the petitioners that Commissioner Mattson be also included in the recall and that a "clean sweep" be made. Owing to the fact that Mr. Mattson was re-elected last November and took office in January, the law does not permit recall petitions to be circulated until after an official has served six months, which exemption expires this week. But it simply means delay in the recall and the going over the county the second time, which is asking too much of those who have just finished their work.

However an opportunity will be given if volunteers wish to take up the second canvass and will do the work quickly.

Before the recall petitions were circulated a copy was sent to Salem and the form and wording were declared in legal form. Every name will be checked from the county registration list, that there may be no just grounds for opposition to the recall.

When the petitions are filed the county judge and commissioner are given five days under the law in which to resign, and if they do not, then candidates are placed in nomination against them, and the recall election must be held within 20 days.

And from now until the closing of the polls there will be lively times in Clackamas county.

AN EXPLANATION

In the county court expenditures in May there appeared under the head of tax rebates three items, R. B. Beattie, N. Blair and W. T. Mattson.

Last week a letter was received at this office calling attention to these items and asking if the county court could rebate their own taxes.

We looked back on the files, found the three items as reported, and printed them under the head "Rebating their Own Taxes."

County Clerk Mulvey said this was an error, that the three items should have come under the road expenses.

This office holds copy two warrants of three back in the fold, but bring more with it.

And Oregon City will sit by and watch the scrap and call "sic 'em."

Will Go Ahead Now

The city council has fixed up matters with the P. Ry. L. & P. Co., for using their poles for power transmission of power to the fire alarm tower, and now the work of completing will proceed. The Pacific Telephone Co. refused to allow a transmission box to be installed in their central; the Home Co. offered the service, but the city decided to install it in the water works plant, which operates night and day. The transmission box, which will be installed here, will make it possible to sound on the bell alarm the box numbers rung when any fire occurs, and will notify any members of the department and citizens in that ward and district a box has been pulled. In this way much time will be saved in reaching the exact location of fires that may occur, and the property damage in any conflagration will be cut down by the prompt response of the department.

Schubel Trims Union Hall

In a one-sided ball game Sunday Schubel did a good job of cleaning up for its old rival Union Hall, by a score of 15 to 0. For Union Smith and Ginter were the battery and Baker and Hegg for Schubel.

College Biddy is Busy Laying Eggs

Evidently being cross-bred her does not interfere with the laying proclivities of a member of the flock at the Oregon Agricultural College. Shem ade a record of 99 eggs in 100 days, laid off one day for the commencement exercises, and then began again, and kept right on to date. She has been laying steadily and persistently all winter too, and shows what may be accomplished in increasing egg yield by proper selective breeding, as she has several generations of good layers in her pedigree.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. U'Ren, Miss Myrtle Buchanan, Mrs. M. E. Burn and M. J. Brown attended the barbecue celebration at Aurora Saturday last, and were entertained by Mayor and Mrs. Sadler at their handsome home.

What do you think of this Line of Newspaper Bunk?

The Courier says Ed Oids was the lowest bidder on the "public elevator up the bluffs," and says the Enterprise didn't mention it. This was natural on the part of the Enterprise, for Mr. Oids didn't bid on the elevator. Probably the Courier refers to the bid Mr. Brown put in for the steel tower at the top of the bluff.—Enterprise.

What's the matter with the Phonograph anyway?

E. D. Oids bid on the elevator; his bid was the LOWEST bid; it was accompanied with a certified check for \$1,000; the bid was for

\$11,959; and this bid is a matter of public record if the Phonograph was fair enough to look it up.

"The Courier refers to the bid of Mr. Brown to raise the steel tower at the top of the bluff."

The Courier doesn't refer to anything of the kind. It refers to Ed. Oids' bid on the elevator—the lowest bid submitted.

Mr. Brown didn't bid on the fire alarm tower on the bluff. Was the Enterprise editor drunk? Brown isn't building bridges—he's just telling the people how the OTHER fellows build them. Mr. Oids also bid on the fire alarm tower and got the contract for being the lowest bidder.

The Enterprise had better come out of its trance and get next to the matter it is writing about, for such breaks as above week after week, make it ridiculous.

WILL MR. GARY EXPLAIN?

How Can a Non-Resident Hold School Office According to Law?

Mr. Editor:—The sheet published over Barlow's store tells us that E. E. Brodie was elected school clerk at the recent election in Oregon City.

Section 4038 L. O. L. says: "No person shall be eligible to a district office who shall not be at the time of his election a legal voter for a school officer in such district."

"Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is 21 years of age, and has resided in the district 30 days immediately preceding the meeting or election AND has property in the district, shall be entitled to vote."

Mr. Brodie is, and has been living in Portland for a long while, his family lives there, and he is therefore disqualified from voting at a school election in Oregon city, and consequently ineligible to office.

Section 4062 says: "The school superintendent shall declare the office of a clerk vacant, when an incumbent shall cease to be a resident of the district."

Is it not about time for Mr. Gary to set? Please explain Mr. Gary through the columns of the Courier and oblige

A TAXPAYER.

"What Appears to Have Been"

The Enterprise did not say that an attempt had been made to burn the mills either, it said "what appears to have been an attempt."

Oh sure! The Enterprise was never known to make a definite statement in any of its fairy tales. "What appears to have been an attempt" is its usual dodge, yet it went on and explained how the incendiary would have worked out his program by applying a torch to the wood inside the building until you could almost see the flames shoot up.

SHIFTING AND SCRAPPING.

West Side Events Open With Mexican Rapidity.

Matters shift about on the west side about as quick and often as they do in Mexico. They change names, schemes, boundaries, etc, with sudden frequency, and he is a wise geek of a resident who knows this week in what corporation and under what name he will be living next week.

Last week Millsburg shifted to West Linn and under this new name beat Willamette to the big mills property by the close vote of 21 to 18, and as Willamette thought they had bought the territory to be annexed, West Linn laughed herself to sleep.

But she awoke and found Willamette laughing last—Willamette out with notice of another annexation election to be held July 30, when it is confidentially asserted home missionary work will not only rank the majority of three back in the fold, but bring more with it.

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WANT TO GO TO THE BIG FAIR?

WANT A \$750 EILER'S PLAYER PIANO?

WANT \$100.00 IN GOLD COIN

Biggest Contest in Clackamas County now On With Courier

The Oregon City Courier on Tuesday of this week, opened the greatest subscription campaign ever undertaken by a paper of its size in the state of Oregon. The contest will continue for a period of six weeks.

More than \$2,000 in prizes is the offer of this remarkable campaign. Three trips to the World's Fair, San Francisco, 1915, with side trips to the noted California resorts, lasting over a period of 14 days, will be among the attractive considerations. After these trips are awarded then comes the marvelous list of Grand Prizes, headed by a \$750.00 Eiler's Bungalow Player Piano. This Bungalow is the most modern of all Player Pianos. It is sweet toned, durable, satisfying. It is the latest, the best in the Player world. Every note of the keyboard is played on this wonderful instrument. The piano will be on exhibition at the "Courier" office within a few days. Everyone is asked to call and inspect it.

The second Grand Prize will consist of one hundred dollars in gold. Other prizes such as lots, scholarships, Gold Bond Certificates and etc, will round out the list of valuable awards. See page eight.

Contest Men Here

The "Courier" has secured the services of Mr. Geo. S. Teall of New York, and Geo. C. Blower of Ohio, two of the best contest men in the country, to promote and manage this re-try, to promote and manage this re-try, to promote and manage this re-try.

Mr. Teall has been connected with such papers as the New York World, the Rochester Herald, the Cedar Rapids Republican and Times, the Denver Republican, the Salt Lake Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Sacramento Bee, the Nevada State Journal and other big papers. Mr. Blower is also known from coast to coast in newspaper work. He is a college man holding two degrees from the Ohio University, and is the president of one of the leading college organizations of the east. The people of Clackamas county will find both of these young gentlemen very pleasant to meet.

The One Chance

This is that one big chance of a lifetime for the young men and women of this community to win a valuable prize. Plan now for the World's Fair or get in the race for one of the other big offers. We can't explain things very well in print, but if you will call at the Courier office, or phone Main 51, one of the contest men will be at your service.

Everybody Wins

Every contestant that enters this contest and turns in not less than ten dollars will win a prize. This we guarantee.

You Must Hurry

You must hurry and get in the race on an even start. Every minute counts in this campaign. The first trip to the world's fair may be awarded the first week. See one of the contest men at once for particulars.

\$10 For You

We are going to give a special present of \$10 to a person nominating the candidate that wins the Grand Player-Piano. All you have to do to place a nominee is to think of some active young man or woman that would appreciate a trip to the World's Fair, or one of the other beautiful prizes. When this is done fill in the nomination blank on page six and mail the same to the Contest department, Oregon City Courier, Oregon City, Oregon.

"Get busy! Every minute counts votes."

LET'S PROBE THIS

Let us Find Out What and Why Work is Held Up

Why doesn't Oregon come alive and find out what and who are holding up the state locks canal in this city.

For nearly two and a half years the state and national appropriations have been ready for this work but the work is not ready and no one seems to know when it ever will be ready.

Nowadays when projects of this nature take on the mysterious, the people simply go to it and find out the mystery; find out all there is to it and why the delay.

But we sit down and hum.

The taxpayers of Oregon raised half of this big appropriation because they wanted an open river up the valley and cheaper freight rates.

The taxpayers wanted this work done during their lifetime, when they would get some of the benefits of a free open river.

Yet the months and years drag on and not a start is made.

If the Southern Pacific is holding up this big state project, why don't we find it out?

If the red tape job holders and outside lawyers are holding it up to make their jobs last, why don't we smoke them out?

This project is a big one, and one of big importance to the whole Willamette valley. It's a matter that should never have been allowed to be put in cold storage all these months and years, and the people of the Willamette Valley are bunchy and any remarks if they don't rise up and smoke out the whole inside of this shady-looking deal that is becoming a scandal.

For upwards of thirty years there has been private canal locks at the

falls here, owned by the biggest corporation in the northwest, and the title to this property has been good enough for the company.

But when the state or nation wants title, then there was a screw-hole lost when Linn City washed away along about Noah's time; an iron stake can't be located; a rusty nail was lost in the washout—and a county record of the lost city disappeared from the court house.

And because of these disappearances the lawyers quibble; national officials monkey and the big work is held up.

We should commence right here in Oregon City with a protest that would burn and go up the valley with it, and every locality should add to it and make it hotter.

Our commercial club and Live Wire should start it; every town and city up the river should keep it going.

We should go to the governor with it. We should ask and insist that the state take it up at Washington, force action and show up who are delaying the work and why it is being held up.

These things can be done, but can be easily done, but so long as we sit meekly by and hope, this pool of red tape will be wound and unwound.

Let's get after this matter, get after it hot, and stay with it.

Pioneer Reunion Planned

The annual meeting of the McLaughlin Memorial Association Monday night plans were discussed for a big reunion of pioneers in this city at a later date. This proposition will no doubt receive all kinds of hearty support and encouragement.

The following officers were re-elected: E. G. Caulfield, president; Rev. A. Hillebrand, vice-president; J. E. Hedges, secretary; Geo. A. Harding, C. H. Dye, E. E. Brodie, George H. Himes, F. V. Holman and Dr. Andrew C. Smith.

PLACES TO CELEBRATE

Outline of Fourth of July Programs in Clackamas County

The angle will scream on the Fourth this year in many sections of Clackamas County but Oregon City will not have any celebration. Many of the residents are planning to attend the celebrations elsewhere.

Among the places that are to celebrate this year are at Gladstone, Molalla, Clarks, Logans, Canby, New Era and other sections, where programmes of the day are being arranged.

The firemen of this city have arranged for a splendid celebration for members at Schnoor's park, and all kinds of a good time is being looked forward to.

At Molalla the grand parade will form at 9:30 A. M., the line of march forming at the school house. "The Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by the