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I, M. J. Brown, being duly sworn, say that I am editor and part owner of the Oregon City Courier, and that the average weekly circulation of that paper from May 1, 1912, to May 1, 1913, has exceeded 2,000 copies, and that these papers have been printed and circulated from the Courier office in the usual manner.

M. J. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1913.

GILBERT L. HEDGES, Notary Public for Oregon

THE POOR MAN'S FIGHT

There is now ready for signatures an initiative petition providing for the exemption from taxation of improvements and personal property to the amount of \$1500 value to any one taxpayer.

The measure is very brief and expressly declares that it is especially intended to exempt within its limits "all kinds of personal property and all said land improvements made for the greater convenience and attractiveness of the home or the gaining of a livelihood."

As soon as subscriptions sufficient to pay for the printing, literature and incidental expenses have been secured headquarters of the Home Tax Exemption League will be opened in Portland. Starting at this time is to give plenty of opportunity to those interested to circulate the petitions with out having to hire men and women for that purpose.

The measure provides for its re-submission if it carries, so that the people need not keep it in force if they do not like it at the end of two years, and again at the end of four years. The promoters of it have so much confidence in its beneficiary nature that they provide for it to be voted upon in 1914, 1915 and 1916.

This is a peculiar provision but if it carries it will prevent any juggling or eliminating by its enemies, and will not require any expense whatever to put it upon the ballot. Its supporters claim that if it thus carries three times in succession it will become an established part of the Oregon system.

Applied to Clackamas county it will exempt from tax nearly every small farmer and home owner. An examination of the estimated tax rolls for 1910 (the only one so available) shows that over \$3 per cent of the tax payers would have their improvements and personal property entirely exempt.

The increased tax on the remaining property would be about 16 to 18 per cent. Some close figures will no doubt be evolved later on.

As any intelligent assessor properly backed by the County Commissioners can discover valuable idle land and water power sufficient to take up this increase, it will become apparent that the farmer of small means is now paying taxes on his improvements and personal property to the assessed amount of \$1500, when he has that much, for fun, charity or out of pity for millionaires.

Hundreds of men and women to whom the general provisions of this measure have been submitted have endorsed it, or have admitted that it would carry if voted on. Only one about fifty times has any person approached and demanded it, and they were invariably large taxpayers, irremediable single taxers or avowed anarchists.

When this proposed amendment gets signed and actually assured of being voted on, it is going to create a riot. It does not exempt any skyscrapers, big mills or factories, railroad trains or department stores, a "million dollars in the bank" or a railroad depot. It just knocks off the taxes on these small homes and farms up to the extent of \$1500, if there is that much assessed in the form of improvements, live stock or machinery.

Any small tax payer who can figure that this will not help him will have to figure up side down.

The real estate man who cannot see that such an exemption of homes will bring thousands upon tens of thousands

and of home makers to Oregon needs to get another and more powerful set of glasses.

THE RESULT—LET US SEE

Judge Beatie and his admirer, and supporter, George C. Brownell have both stated public addresses that the charges this paper has printed against the county court were false.

But do you know of any effort on the part of these men to have the Courier editor indicted for publishing these charges? Do you know of any civil actions being brought against any of the men who have stood up and openly made these charges—CHARGES THAT ARE WORTH WHILE?

There are a lot of men in Oregon City who have not taken any part in the recall fight, who are asking these questions. They come into the Courier office almost every hour. They ask why Beatie and Mattoon did not bring THESE charges before the grand jury, rather than a typographical error, and have a trial that would STAND FOR SOMETHING.

Men have come in, one after another, men who have never signed the recall; they have laid their pocket-books down on the counter; lawyers have volunteered to defend.

If Judge Beatie and William Mattoon waited for over 30 days in the hope that someone would call our attention to the publication, and we would then make a comment, they got what they waited for.

The Courier editor is indicted for criminal libel.

And PERHAPS Judge Beatie and William Mattoon will get MORE than they waited for.

WAIT

Quietly waiting and working, without any help and without any noise, Rev. Henry Spiess of Clackamas, is weaving a net around some of the County Court, in connection with the County health matters. That look very bad—that look as if there was no escape for at least one member of the court.

Rev. Spiess never quits. This whole matter is astounding in the way public health has been tangled up with politics and pull, and things put over in defiance of the people and the law. It does not seem possible that these things could be hushed up and put over right on the heels of the epidemics of scarlet fever and typhoid that have cost human lives. It does not seem possible that politicians would play football with death and defy the efforts of men working for the health and safety of the county.

You will probably see and hear some developments that will surprise you before long.

It probably cost the Willamette Pulp and Paper Co. a thousand dollars to give the annual Fourth of July celebration to the employees and their families, but it was money well spent.

Isn't so much the day off and the program of sports, as it is the consideration.

Two thousand people had a splendid day of enjoyment at Canemah park last Friday, but in the minds and hearts of the most of the workmen and their families was the fact that the company appreciated their work on. If more managers had the inclination and foresight to see it, we would have less I. W.'s.

The trouble with the man and the boss is the distinction. Too many look at a workman as a mule—when the day is done run him to the stable. The boss—that man won't have much who is not afraid to rub up against a pair of overalls; who thinks the day man is just as good and entitled to just as much consideration as the boss—that man won't have much trouble with his workmen.

Every manufacturer in Oregon City should join in this annual event the Willamette people put on. Such affairs pay and pay well.

What do you farmers, workmen and other little fellows think of an initiative law that would exempt \$1500 from improvements on your farm, little home or little business? Do you think it would be the right thing, or are you satisfied with the present system and present taxation? Think it over.

LET US EXPLAIN

to you some of the advantages of depositing sums of money in this bank on Certificates of Deposit. If you have any money that will be idle for a couple of months this plan of banking will interest you. Let us explain it to you.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

If Judge Beatie thought a libel action would make the Courier quit the recall, Judge Beatie has another thing coming. That old scare game doesn't work these days.

It is a cinch George C. Brownell never advised Beatie and Mattoon to try to have the Courier indicted over that County Court error. That was too coarse work for George. It looks like the work of Beatie un-advised or mighty poorly advised.

You will hear some one yell "class legislation" as soon as the \$1500 exemption law or improvements comes before the people. Let them yell. If it will reduce the taxes of the struggling class and place it where it belongs, let them call it what they may. It is a proposed law for the poor man. There are enough of them in Oregon to make it a statute.

With Rev. Henry Spiess challenging Judge Beatie to go with him before the people of the county on the matter of the board of health charges, and Robert Schuebel challenging George C. Brownell to go with him before the people on the mass meeting charges, it looks as if they were to be things doing in old Clackamas county for a few weeks to come.

There is a current rumor around the county that when the recall petitions are filed, there will be a list of names taken off the petitions. This, if true, is a shrewd little trick, but we doubt if it can be worked to an extent to accomplish the end, for we doubt if there are enough such cheap men in Clackamas county. The list of the names, printed where all may read, would be interesting.

The Courier learns from reliable sources that some of the west side projects, the Southern Pacific included, will probably be delayed for some time to come—not in any sense abandonment, but laid over until the big money market loosens. It is said the recent merger decision, and the recent anti-railroad supreme court decisions have made big money uneasy, and what was considered gilt-edged security a year ago financiers won't look at now, and the west side development projects are among those that will wait until confidence gets back from its vacation.

Alanson M. Himes was here last week from Portland for a visit with his sons, the engineers. Mr. Himes is an ardent advocate of single tax, and has lately returned from a lengthy visit in British Columbia, where he has inquired into its workings there during the two years that it has been established. He reports that country as one of the most prosperous he was ever in, and that it is growing slowly but steadily, but with a swiftness that is amazing to the conservative British old timer. Out of the hundreds that he interviewed on the single tax question, he only found six that were against the new way of taxation there and they were without exception men of wealth who had a lot of unimproved land on their hands that they wanted to hold for a rise in values. Even these men did not like to say that they were against single tax, for they knew it would hurt their standing in the community. All men of small means had unstinted praise for it as one of the greatest blessings for them and the growth of their country that had ever been tried.—Dallas Hentzer.

IS THIS CRIME?

A certain attorney says M. J. Brown should be put in jail because he published an article last week about the school clerk of this city. The article quoted Lord's Oregon Laws and asked Superintendent Gary some questions—that he hasn't answered. Are these questions and quotations of law crimes in Clackamas county? Would the gang muzzle the press and put a newspaper editor in jail because he would publish a farmer's letter that laid down the plain statutes of Lord's Oregon laws and that asked superintendent Gary some questions every voter has a right to ask?

The Courier editor did not write the letter, but Mr. Eby may see it and know who did write it if he cares to.

And anyone who wants to put the editor of this paper in jail for running these columns are enough and wide enough for free expressions of voters and taxpayers—this bunch may hop to it just as quick as they care to.

If quoting the laws of a state and making a local application of them is a crime in the eyes of some men in Oregon, it rath' looks to this paper as if it was about time men who want a square deal to warm things up.

TIME TO ACT

Is it possible that the same old opposition gang is going to jump onto the proposition to get Bull Run water?

Is it possible that people are going to stand another run of typhoid and another year or more of delay and uncertainty before they rise up, demand that this money business be cut out and safe water be provided for the city?

There isn't a county in any state in the union that has the pure water sources and supplies of Clackamas county, and yet we sit quietly by and drink sewer filth.

It's time for the men who want water more than they do jobs, to raise up and turn things over.

Human life should not be measured against the expense of a pipe line; and if obstacles and opposition are raised against the sincere efforts of the men who are trying to get pure water for this city, it is time to call a public mass meeting and take the matter into the hands of the people.

The story is told of the night of the mill riot of how a poor fellow accidentally got caught in the circumstantial net. He was a workman at the mills, a foreigner who cannot speak English and who had only worked one day. On the night of the sheriff's round-up this man was going to work. He was turned back, and was afterward arrested with the crowd and taken to jail. He was indicted by the grand jury and has lain in jail since. He doesn't think this is the "land of the free." It might be interesting to know on what evidence the grand jury found the indictment.

Mayor Vinton, of McMinnville, some weeks ago, refused to approve a paving contract made by the city council. Taken to the circuit court Judge Galloway ordered the mayor arrested for contempt of court, sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$300. Vinton carried the matter to the supreme court, where the decision was reversed, and he was told he was within his rights in his action. Will The public be cordially invited.

If the recall movement needed one thing to stir up a certain indifferent class in this county, it was the action of Beatie and Mattoon toward the Courier, the arrest of the editor, and the County expenditures and the resulting indictment. This action has brought out men of all classes and parties who have red blood in them, and you are going to see things move in the recall fight from now on.

Next December Oregon City should put in a commission form of government, and the people will vote it in just as surely as a charter that really means a reform is presented.

Portland is now under commission management and it bids fair to be a splendidly governed city. This city will adopt some commission form of government as soon as the right form is presented and some of our public spirited men will get behind it and show the voters the benefit.

The attempt last year was a failure because the people knew but little of the proposed charter and they thought something was being put over on them.

This city should be put under a thoroughly practical business management, and run as a factory or department store is run—managed by men qualified to manage.

This is a matter of the utmost importance to this city, and one that we should all take a hand in. Its our duty. If we make the change next December it is up to some of our brainy men to donate a little work and push the form along. We are growing, we will continue to grow, and we need a far better system of government.

THE BIG DRAWBACK

Eliminating entirely the recall, the paper wants to present a few facts to common-sense men to consider.

You might as well face it, taxation is the greatest drawback Clackamas county has. It is holding back this county as nothing else can.

When a farmer can't make six per cent interest on the land he buys here it is a pretty close crowd to confiscation.

This isn't a knock. You know it, I know it, we all know it, and the commercial organizations of this city and county could not possibly do the county a better work than to get right into the matter of a more economical government for county and cities and get taxes down into proportion with population and needs.

Lower prices and lower taxes have got to come in western Oregon, and unless they do come the efforts to bring settlers to this county is no more nor less than a plain bunco game.

These are things we should face and remedy. We should have a county court that would cut to the bone—cut out every soft snap, every useless expense and reduce taxation a half.

It's costing a world of money to run this county. Taxation is mounting until the poor man, loaded for all he can hear of debt and interest, can't stand it.

When taxation gets around the two-dollar-an-acre mark, its time to use the suction pump on those responsible.

Twilight Writer Says They Will Stand by If Needed

Was not the recent Grand Jury bill against the Courier Editor for libel ill advised, and more illly timed? The explanation given in last week's edition seems not only reasonable, giving the true version of the affair, but the final act of a gentleman recognizing an act of injustice. If it should be construed retaliatory for his outspoken manner in defense of the taxpayers of this county, in justice to our expositor, should not a defense fund be provided among his supporters for a proper defense of this action? With upwards of 3,000 known supporters of the crusade against usurpation such a fund should quickly amass without being felt by the donors.

Everybody, including his girl, picniced at New Era on the Fourth. J. M. Jack and wife together with their house girl, attended the cherry fair at Salem Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bentley entertained a number of Oak Grove friends over the 4th.

Frank Henriksen of Union Mills, formerly of this community, spent a day last week with his wife's father, L. J. Hyton.

Fifty-two years ago last Friday morning, July 5th, while a soldier in the Southern Army, L. J. Hyton, received a gun-shot wound in the abdomen, the bullet lodging in his back, was extracted, and is now in his possession as a relic. His condition was considered hopeless by the surgeon in charge, the removal of the bullet only accomplished through Mr. Hyton's insistence, who now at the advanced age of 86 still preserves the memento.

Much clover hay will be put up this present week if weather conditions continue favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Schwale of Oregon City, were Totem Pole ranch callers Sunday.

Our boys have argued that Totem Pole Ranch should not be quotation marked and we have capitulated. A truly it can be said that no disparaging remark of the Dadd's family has ever been heard in this community, of which they are members and we are pleased to cast the flowers before the customary time.

Recently we emerged from a sixty-hour surge of sick headache, the result of biliousness. The fact of our illness had escaped our household when a neighbor rushed in with a root and herb remedy. She had no sooner departed than another rapped on the living-room door with a sedlitz powder, quickly followed by a third with a package of epsom salts.

Through fear of their displeasure wife insisted on giving each a trial. This ordeal was scarcely over when our most intimate friend appeared at the rear door with a sheepish expression bearing a can of ground mustard and our established courtesy demanded an application of his remedy. We are now up and about the house having overcome the ill effects of all these treatments except the mustard which finds us with our hat down, but unable to wear our pants.

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The Combination Suits

are made of good quality nainsook, cambric or longcloth, and are prettily trimmed with fine or heavy laces or dainty embroideries. They come in two styles, either corset cover and skirt or corset cover and drawers.

The Gowns

are made of good quality nainsook, longcloth, cambric or crepe. They come in all new styles with low neck and kimono sleeves, slip-over style, or high and V-neck, long sleeves. All trimmed with fine lace or embroidery.

The Princess Slips are made of good quality lawn, batiste or nainsook, and are neatly trimmed with lace, insertions and embroideries. An excellent assortment to choose from.

The Skirts are made of fine quality nainsook, longcloth or cambric, and are shown with ruffle of fine embroidery, plain hemstitched or lace trimming. They come in the narrow widths now so popular. Our best 89c \$1.25 grades, on sale tomorrow at, the garment

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A splendid assortment of dainty new Corset Covers, made of fine quality cambric, batiste or nainsook. All are neatly trimmed with fine laces, insertions and embroideries. The best 75c grade, priced for this sale at 50c only

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A complete line of Drawers of extra good quality nainsook, longcloth or cambric. They come in several styles—knicker-bocker, circular and the new narrow style. Prettily trimmed with fine laces, embroideries and ribbons. Regular 75c grade 50c

George E. Chamberlain, so the Washington dispatches state, will run for U. S. senator again. Aud Jonathan Bourne, so political rumor says, will make a fight to come back. And there may be others.

The Kellands entertained Dr. and Mrs. Moreland of Portland over the 4th, their three children remaining over for a week or two additional outing.

library; and that is the People's University. Just now there is at the library a collection of books, loaned by the State Library, on Sanitation and Public Health. Besides the books on files and their unclean habits, there is material on water supply, disposal of waste, tuberculosis and typhoid, and their prevention, floods and food adulteration, and, in fact, practically every phase of the subject of sanitation.

Here is a text of scripture a reader wishes us to refer Judge Beatie and William Mattoon to—Proverbs 26: 27. If there is a Bible in the grand jury room we would ask them to borrow it and look it up.

Mr. and Mrs. Spiger had as guests for a few hours the 4th, a party of Spokane friends on their way to the sea shore for their summer vacation. Joe Simmons, a worthless character of this vicinity, while harmless himself, maintains a dog which causes more or less damage and excitement in the neighborhood. Recently the dog broke into the apiary of the property of Percy Knowlton and in his rush to get away from the bees jumped through a sky-light in his hot house, rushed through a henney, breaking up a number of setting hens, finally relieving his agony by rolling down a bed of sweet peas. Moral—most of us are passably fair, but in some way maintain a nuisance particularly annoying to some of their neighbors.

In connection with the books there is a very unlovely chart, issued by the U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. While it is not attractive to look at, the conditions which it pictures are less so; and they may exist in some place not far removed from our beautiful town. If they do, it is time for somebody to get busy.

COURIER HAS 3,000 SUPPORTERS

The Jacks had company last Sunday.

Parcel Post stamps are to be done away with as quickly as possible. The inconvenience of the separate issue for merchandise has proved too great for its continued use and beginning July 1 parcel post stamps will be accepted for postage on all mail matter and regular postage stamps will be accepted in payment of postage on parcels as well as letters. As soon as the parcel post stamps that are on hand are disposed of, no more will be issued and the ordinary stamps will be used on all mail matter.

Twilight Writer Says They Will Stand by If Needed

The weather has finally become settled, the rains dispersing and most of the recalcitrant members have rushed back into the Look Pleasant Club.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Time to Get Busy

Why should Eugene be a fitless town and not Oregon City? They have declared war on the pestiferous fly in the university town and mean to make it possible to leave houses unscrubbed. But Eugene hasn't anything over Oregon City if it has the State University. We have the public

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"Nature's Playground," as these beaches have been called, are now open for summer visitors. New hotels, with all modern conveniences, cosy cottages, camping grounds and

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