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"TO HELL WITH TOMORROW"

The Courier editor was at Beaumont, Tex., when the great oil gushers came in as fast as the drill could be pushed down to the oil lake.

Some of the producers seeing the awful danger should a fire get to one of these gushers and uncup the others, called a meeting one Sunday to enact some stringent precautions.

An oil-crazed speculator who had just struck a gusher the men were trying to cap, and who had another well almost in, yelled out:

"To hell with tomorrow—we may as well be dead. Let's get the grease while it is running."

It is but a matter of a few weeks when the Panama canal will open, and it presents a situation that the people of the Pacific coast seem to be absolutely side stepping.

The highest estimate of the number of emigrants that will be brought here in the opening months is 300,000. The lowest is 150,000.

These people will be distributed in California, Oregon and Washington. Probably not one out of ten of these people can speak English.

They are the poor people of Europe. They come here to get away from pauper conditions at home. Today we have bread lines marching up and down the coast.

We haven't worked enough for the men now here. Let 50,000 or 100,000 more come to Oregon, of a class to which a dollar a day looks like big wages, and where are Oregonians going to be?

Very few of these emigrants from southern Europe will be able to buy our waste land and make homes. They will be work hunters, and ignorant of our ways and standard of living. Oregonians cannot compete with them in the wage market.

And what are Oregonians going to do? It's a matter of dead seriousness and should be met before it reaches us.

"To hell with tomorrow" may find us with tomorrow and a hell.

HOW WOULD THIS DO?

Here are the ideas of a young Republican in Oregon City. Not so bad. Think them over.

"Abolish the senate, re-appoint the house with a smaller representation down to 25 or 30."

"Have the house convene every 90 days, limit the sessions to 10 or 15 days, and prohibit any bill introduced from being passed at the same session it is introduced—90 days between introduction and passage."

The people of Oregon might wait a long time and do a heap worse than adopt this outlined reform.

If we had one house and it so small a man couldn't hide himself, there would be a line-up where every voter could see the standing.

With no senate to duck behind and with the handy recall, there would be direct responsibility, and a lot less graft.

But these changes will come. It is a pretty sure bet the senate is going, and when once gone, the people will make the house sit up and be noticed.

THE SCARE OF BONDS (Aurora Observer) The proposal to issue \$850,000 in bonds to build hard surfaced roads is sure to arouse opposition from those who have an unreasonable prejudice against bonds for any and all purposes.

Just why this prejudice exists it is difficult to explain. Many public and semi-public works and enterprises could never have been carried on in any other way.

Scarcely a railroad in the United States could have been built without issuing bonds. Many municipal corporations, to say nothing of counties and states have built thousands of miles of the finest roads in the world in the Eastern States, and all have been built by issuing bonds to supply the funds.

This method distributes the cost over a number of years, making future as well as present users pay for the benefits received. By this method only can hard surfaced roads be built for present use, for the small amount of yearly taxes is not sufficient when spent in annual dribbles to make even a decent beginning.

AN OPENING Three Democrats of Cos county are said to be out after Representative Hawley's political scalp. They are John D. Goss, Hugh McLain and Judge John F. Hall, of Marshfield. It seems as if any live man ought to be elected this year, as the present representative of this district appears to have about as much influence in Washington as a snow man.—Salem Messenger.

CANT YOU SEE IT?

"Single Tax" grasps out some of our exchanges at the sight of the Home-Tax Exemption amendment. Some of them are throwing conniption cat fits in an endeavor to scare the farmers into the brush by telling them of the a-w-f-u-l results of exempting from tax the house and barn, live stock, tools, etc., to \$1,500.

The opponents of the measure say it will exempt one-sixth of the property from taxation. That is when you can get them down to any existing whate'er. In fact the amount will exempt in different counties. In the county like Douglas, where land and franchise values and rights of way amount to five-sixths of the total assessed values, it could not possibly increase taxes more than one-twelfth.

Old Granny Oregonian assumes that it will encourage him for Washington county; and it would probably do as much for Clackamas as it would for Washington. The indications are that it would exempt about one-tenth of the assessment roll, however.

If it did exempt one-sixth any 12-year old girl can figure out what the effect will be, the farmer having a total assessed value of \$6,000, of which \$1,000 would be exempt. The example would run like this: If "John Henshaw" pays \$120 in taxes now on \$6,000 what taxes would he pay if he was exempted one hundred percent. He would pay \$120 and had one-fifth added to the remainder?

But "John Henshaw" might have \$10,000 in land values on the assessment rolls and nothing worth speaking of aside from that patch of land. Well, in that case, this amendment will greatly encourage him, for it will bring him buyers and neighbors for half his land and enable him to develop the rest with the capital.

Most of farmers in Clackamas who work their own land for a living have about \$2,000 in assessed values on the average. If the exemption of \$1,500 and labor values exempted by this measure would be about half that at the very outside estimate; the figures indicate less than \$750.

The small farmer with \$1,500 of exemptions allowed could have \$7,500 of land values in addition and still be about even on the taxes he paid. If he had much more property than that he could afford to pay more taxes better than his neighbor having perhaps \$300 in exempted property and land assessed for \$1,000.

The small farmer pays very heavily on his property taxes in proportion to values. A score of corporations in Illinois dodge taxes every year on more property than all the farmers in Oregon own.

We have a score of corporations doing the same thing in Oregon but the figures are not fully compiled.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Clackamas county is going to make a noise like less taxes this year. It doesn't appear there will be any senate for the elected to go to this fall.

There will be little use for the Republicans to hold a National convention in 1916.

Ex-Senator Bourne suggests that the nation borrow a billion and lend it to the states to build good roads. To many that would seem like getting something for nothing.—Buffalo N. Y. Courier.

FOR SHERIFF

Henry K. Koehler, of Oswego, has announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Clackamas County on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Koehler is a blacksmith by occupation and has been a resident of Clackamas county for over twenty years.

He has served as Constable and is under no obligations except the duties of the Sheriff's office, if nominated and elected.—Paid Adv.

The "Mischief Quartette" and It's Work Each year the month of January numbers its list of victims from influenza, la grippe, bronchitis and pneumonia. The prompt use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will check the onset of a cold and stop a cough, preventing the development to more serious conditions. Keep it on hand.—Huntley Bros. Co.

It is to be hoped that the agitation for cheaper insurance for the poor man will come to something—the workingman may have a policy at actual cost, without graft, dividends, big salaries and big expenses. The trouble with the present day insurance is that the man who can afford to carry it doesn't need it, and those who need it can't afford it. A man came in the office last week, a man close to the seventy mark, a poor man and in poor health. He is rounding out his life in a struggle between work, sickness and meeting monthly payments ranging as high as \$9 a month. He has paid in for years and years, depriving himself of the little comforts that help to make life enjoyable, and now must die to win—or that a wife or child may win. It isn't worth the struggle. More happiness would have come from the spending of the assessment money than the family will ever get from the use of policy money.

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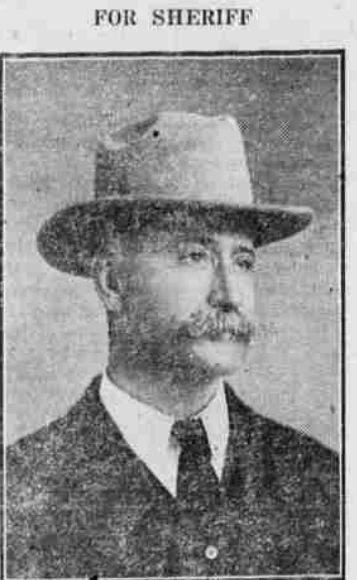
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