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CLUB WOULD FIX SCHOOL TAX LAW

MUNICIPAL ELECTION BILLS ARE DISCUSSED. TWO FROWNED UPON

LEGISLATORS TO MEET WIRE

County Budget Should be Made Up Earlier in Year, Say Live Wire Speakers

Suggestions that will form the basis of a legislative bill to change the school tax laws proposed by the Live Wires of the Commercial club of Oregon City formed a theme for the discussion of the members at the regular meeting on Tuesday, and the legislators-elect from this county will attend a meeting in two weeks to discuss the proposals with the club.

Aside from the proposed bill, the initiative measures for the municipal election next Monday received considerable attention. The bill providing that the city shall levy a fare for passage on the city elevator was not approved by the Wires. In fact, they voted against the bill after discussion on both sides of the question. The bill providing that all public improvements be hereafter made from the money in the general fund was also unfavorably received. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that those who have had to pay for their own street, sewer and other improvements should not be asked to aid the other fellow. The bill to permit the city government to condemn private property for public uses was so obviously worthy that it was not discussed.

The matter of a partly paid fire department was again presented to the Wires, and they may take some action on the question at an early meeting. Some discussions on the subject of the army for which the county and the city have provided their share of cost was also indulged in.

In connection with the bill changing school tax laws which the Wires hope to see fathered at the next legislative session O. D. Ely talked at length. He said: "Under the present law each school district is required to make its levy on or before December 1, and under the present arrangement the valuations and enumerations of the previous year must necessarily be used.

"Under the present law the enumeration of pupils is made as of November 25, but the county budget is made up and is published prior to said date so that last year's enumeration must be used as a basis on which the court must make its levy for the purpose of raising the \$8.00 per pupil required. It follows that if the new enumeration shows an increase in pupils entitled to participate in the sum raised, that the pro rata per pupil will be less than \$8.00 per capita.

"Under the present law the county school superintendent must apportion \$100.00 to each school district in the county before making the pro rata distribution.

"A levy by district meetings requires two weeks notice while a special levy by taxpayers, which is required under the law in order to make a levy of more than 6 per cent in excess of that of the previous year, requires 30 days notice."

The suggestions which it is hoped to incorporate in a bill for the consideration of the state legislature, and which will be discussed at the Live Wire meeting on December 12 are:

1. That the assessor and state tax commission make report of valuations to the county court by October 15th.

2. That county budget should be made and published within a reasonable time after October 15, say by October 20, so that districts and municipalities may have information contained in county budget from which to make up their budget, and districts and municipalities should have 30 days thereafter for their special levy above the 6 per cent increase allowed.

3. Enumeration of pupils should be reported to county school superintendent by October 10 so that superintendent may report to the court by October 15.

4. That county court levy \$8.00 per child plus \$100.00 for each district.

Sue Unknown Heirs

A suit against the unknown heirs of Thomas Martin, believed dead because he has not been seen or heard of for 60 years, was filed Tuesday by Frances E. and George G. Kruse, Helen C. and Charles W. Kruse and Metta F. Stone. The object of the action is to quiet title to certain properties in the Martin estate.

Edgar Caulfield Tuesday brought suit against Archie L. and Florence W. Watt to recover on a \$100 promissory note dated August 26, 1916, and bearing 7 per cent interest. Attorneys' fees of \$25 are asked.

GAMBLERS PAY CITY AS RESULT OF RAID

OFFICERS INTERRUPT QUIET GAME AND ARREST SEVEN. FINES NET \$125

The treasury of Oregon City has \$125 it would not have had if five of the city's residents had not gambled and had not been caught at it late Saturday night by Sheriff Wilson, Constable Frost, Chief of Police Blanchard and Patrolmen Cooke and Woodward. But the game was played and G. A. Gray, E. Parker, A. F. Raasch, Forest DeLashmut and Charles Straight paid the price.

A poker game that has caused the attention of the officers for some time was raided at Mrs. Bell's rooming house in the alley between Fourth and Fifth streets at a late hour Saturday night. The players were interrupted as they were gathered about the table in a basement room. Seven men attempted to escape through a rear basement door, but were apprehended and held. A number of decks of cards were confiscated.

On Monday morning Recorder Loder heard pleas of guilty from five of the seven men taken in the game. He fined each of them \$25 and sentenced them to 30 days each in jail. The jail sentences were suspended when the five players paid back to Frank E. Smith and Lou Himler the sums of money that had been won from them, and upon their promise not to play again. Each one of the men taken in the raid said that this was the first time he had played.

The men arrested told of games that have been conducted in several places about town throughout the past few years. The Bell rooming house was simply one of several places where a few men managed to deprive laborers and others of their pay checks. One Chinaman is said to have lost close to \$300 in the games. Gray, one of the men arrested and fined, is said to have collected 25 cents from each "pot" and in this way made money whether he won or lost at the game itself.

STEAL POISON FLUID ARE FOUND BY ODOR

ALLEGED THIEVES LIVE, AS THEY DID NOT DRINK THE STOLEN ALCOHOL

A stolen half-barrel of denatured alcohol supplied an odor for Henry Cooke, night patrolman, by which he was able to discover the hiding place of the liquor, stolen from the Jones Drug company's store on Monday night. W. W. Hamlin, John Doe Farmer and Paul Wyman were arrested on a charge of petty larceny and officers are looking for John Boothe, supposed to be implicated in the theft.

Patrolman Cooke was making his rounds when he smelled the peculiar odor of the fluid as he paused at the northwest corner of Sixth and Water streets. He waited in the shadow of the building until Hamlin came out. Hamlin was arrested, but the others escaped. In jail Hamlin is said to have confessed to the theft and implicated the others. He was released upon his own recognizance. It is impossible, doctors say, that the men could have partaken liberally of the liquor, for it is poisonous and would have caused their death or made them very sick. Hamlin says he did not drink of the fluid.

The trial of the men on a petty larceny charge will probably be before Justice John N. Stevers, but officers are inclined to wait until they have arrested the fourth man. The three arrested pleaded not guilty in the justice court on Wednesday. Linn E. Jones, manager of the store from which the alcohol was taken, swore to warrants for the arrests.

CANNERY BURNS

Gresham Farmers Suffer Loss in Building and Their Products

Fire Thursday completely destroyed the building of the Gresham Fruitgrowers' association and a large amount of canned goods, which had not been moved out. The total loss on the building was between \$10,000 and \$15,000, with a loss on stock close to \$6000.

The fire was discovered by Fire Chief Etsel Jones and his father, Frank Jones, and was burning in the office room, in a front corner of the building. They immediately turned in an alarm and rushed to the building in the hope of checking the blaze, but found when they arrived, that the water was shut off from the whole building.

The cannery was owned by more than 100 stockholders, mostly farmers, and the individual loss is small, but as the stock was all paid up there is nothing left to go on except the insurance and ground, with an indebtedness of about \$4000 against it.

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TWENTY SCHOOLS ORGANIZE CLUBS

INDUSTRIAL PROJECT ENTHUSIASM TAKEN TO SCHOOLS BY SUPERINTENDENT

CHILDREN WILL MANAGE WORK

Many Officers Elected by Little Folk Who Will Grow Crops and Live-Stock as Study

A campaign that has taken County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan and L. P. Harrington, field worker for the state department of education, to practically all the schools of Clackamas county within the past ten days, has resulted, thus far, in the organization of twenty school industrial clubs, aside from some already organized.

That twenty clubs could be added to the list or revived after the vacation is a tribute to the value of the industrial club plan, Superintendent Calavan takes it, and all signs point to the most successful year in the history of these organizations in this county.

Most of the new or revived clubs have already perfected their organizations for the winter and have elected officers. The work now to be done will be directed along many lines as outlined by the superintendent: There are to be dairy and pig feeding projects, grain and vegetable growing projects, sewing, cooking, manual training and several other branches of vocational endeavor that fit into the modern school system, whose chief ambition as designed seems to be to achieve the greatest possible result with the children in school.

The children of Clackamas county are not as old in the club work as are those of some other counties, but the exhibition of their products at the county and state fairs last fall is certain indication that their inexperience costs little in the quality of the results obtained. The livestock fed by the school children, the vegetables, fruit and grasses which they grow and their domestic and manual training work would in practically any case be a decided credit to persons much older in years and experience.

The clubs which have launched already for a year of activity and which have elected officers are given below. The schools at Parkplace, Oak Grove, Milwaukie, Jennings Lodge, Clarkes and Meadow Brook have also organized clubs, but they have not notified Superintendent Calavan of the election of their officers.

Barlow—President, Charles Dregnie; vice-president, Lyle Pennell; secretary, Irene Wurfel; treasurer, Cora Auson.

Canby—President, Olive Kendall; vice-president, Hildred Baker; secretary, Lucile Baker; treasurer, M. Mina Graham.

Henric—President, Earl Strong; vice-president, Lloyd Henric; secretary, Anna Robertson; treasurer, Walter Henric.

Ardenwald—President, Mildred Lynch; vice-president, Clara Bann; secretary, Anna Lucks; treasurer, Maxwell Kaiser.

Concord—President, Evelyn McLean; vice-president, Darwin Smith; secretary, Mildred Deary; treasurer, Arthur Tucker.

Harmony—President, Muriel Linnett; vice-president, Ruth Rubin; secretary, Bertha Miller.

Carus—President, Esther Casto; vice-president, Minnie Edwards; secretary, Ruth Fisher; treasurer, Erna Casaday.

Maple Lane—President, Gene Schmidt; vice-president, G. Wesenberg; secretary, Ollie Aman; treasurer, Lois Pagnunoff.

Reaver Creek—President, Tommy Parry; vice-president, Wilber Bohlander; secretary, Clara Bohlander; treasurer, Doris Price.

Wichita—President, James Gibson; vice-president, Bessie Adams; secretary, Lauretta Hemphill; treasurer, Paul Jackson.

Mount Pleasant—President, Alene Christensen; vice-president, Everett Thomas; secretary-treasurer, Fern Yexley.

Gladstone—President, Eugene Vedder; vice-president, Clinton Warren; treasurer, Norma Lecte.

Clackamas—President, Orlo Hayward; vice-president, Mabel Huggill; secretary, Ernest Huggill; treasurer, Harold Roberts.

Willamette—President, Marvin Warfolk; vice-president, Ruby Ross; secretary, Vivian Bartholomew.

Twilight—President, Elmer Nash; vice-president, Lydon Bingham; secretary, Florence Bentley; treasurer, Emil Bingham.

A Thanksgiving Memory

An Autumnal Tonic, by James Whitcomb Riley

What mystery is it? The morning as rare
As the Indian Summer may bring!
A tang in the frost and a spice in the air
That no city poet can sing!
The crimson and amber and gold of the leaves,
As they loosen and flutter and fall
In the path of the park, as it rustlingly weaves,
Its way through the maples and under the eaves
Of the sparrows that chatter and call.

What hint of delight is it tingles me through?—
What vague, indefinable joy?
What yearning for something divine that I knew
When a wayward and wood-roving boy?
Ah-ha! and O-ho! but I have it, I say—
Oh, the mystery brightens at last,—
'Tis the longing and zest of the far, far away,
For a bountiful old-fashioned dinner today,
With the hale harvest hands of the past.

BILL PROPOSED WOULD CLOSE RIVER TO NETS

STATE SPORTSMEN GATHER TO DISCUSS PRESERVATION OF FISHERMEN'S PARADISE

At the coming meeting of the Oregon Sportsmen's league, which will be held at Portland on Monday, December 4, the anglers of the state will have a good deal to say. One of the principal topics will be the salmon fishing on the Willamette river, as the anglers of this part of the country are determined that there shall be absolutely no more net fishing for salmon in this stream.

The popularity of salmon-trotting between Portland and Oregon City has spread to a wonderful extent. Not only does this trotting furnish sport for hundreds of local people, but it is beginning to draw anglers from all over the country. The enactment of the Gill bill two years ago improved the fishing somewhat, but was only a halfway measure at best. The net fishermen are still able to take out nearly all the fish in a few nights' work, with the result that the trolling is beginning to get really good. By closing the river absolutely to net fishing, no one will be seriously affected, as the net fishermen only work two or three weeks out of the year, but, on the other hand, it will mean grand sport for literally hundreds of people who love to get outdoors, says the Telegram.

The Multnomah Anglers' club has gone on record in favor of the following changes in the law: The entire Willamette river and all its tributaries to be closed to all salmon fishing except with hook and line; a limit of six fish for a day's catch for any angler; each person restricted to the use of only one hand line or one rod and line. At present there is no restriction on the amount of tackle one can use, and some selfish anglers will feign their entire boats with short heavy rods and hand lines so that no one else has a chance to fish near them. The entire Multnomah delegation to the legislature has been pledged to work for the enactment of these changes in the Willamette river law, and in the opinion of local anglers there is little doubt that the bill will go through without much opposition.

Another question of great importance will be the commercial fishing on the Rogue river in southern Oregon. At the meeting of the Sportsmen's league held a year ago a committee was appointed to investigate this problem. As far as can be learned this committee is unanimously of the opinion that whatever else happens the seining for salmon must be absolutely prohibited on the Rogue. When the river was reopened to commercial fishing a few years back the commercial interests agreed that no gear would be used which would catch intentionally or otherwise any of the steelheads. Since that time it has been proved that the use of seines has been responsible for the killing of hundreds of steelheads each week of the seining season, and as the new law permits the use of seines from July 15 on through the season the number of fish destroyed by this class of gear is something enormous.

Little Girl Married

In the library vault in County Clerk Harrington's office Thursday, Margaret Myers Leichtweis, 15-year-old daughter of John Leichtweis, of Mulino, was united in marriage to Charles Rutherford Marshall, of Mulino, performed the ceremony. Miss Leichtweis had the consent of her father to the wedding and he was a witness at the ceremony in the vault.

County Clerk Iva Harrington Tuesday issued a marriage license to Cora Mabel Berg of Barlow and G. A. Johnson of McKee, Ore.

Commission Will Raise Levy Regardless of Passage of Limitation Bill

It was made known Monday that the state tax commission will levy what the state government actually needs for institutions, departments and commissions for 1917, regardless of the tax limitation amendment recently voted by the people. The levy will be made as soon as it is possible to make it.

The commission will certify the full tax to the counties of Oregon, and it will then be up to the counties to levy the tax or institute legal proceedings. By instituting legal proceedings, all concerned will get at the exact status of the case.

Members of the commission are agreed that it would be best to get a decision of the supreme court on the questions involved before the legislature meets.

Some insist that the state tax commission cannot make the so-called levy, but that it must be made by the counties, and also that the constitutional amendment does not apply to it this year, as the legislature has to provide more machinery, as in the case of the bone dry amendment, to make it effective. It is asserted that the state tax commission is not a tax levying body, and that the county court alone has the power.

LEGISLATURE IS FACING SHORTAGE

"FRENZIED POLITICS" LOOKED FORWARD TO BECAUSE OF TAX LIMITATION LAW

SPECIAL AID WILL BE ASKED

Millage Tax is Not Enough for Needs of Two Growing State Schools. State Threatened

The legislature faces a shortage in money of \$404,320 for the conduct of state government, unless commissions and boards are denied their needs or a new source of revenue is discovered, according to a review of the situation at Salem. "Frenzied politics" are looked forward to, because it is certain that boards and commissions will aim to protect themselves and to get out of a ticklish situation the legislature must find new revenue or practically paralyze the government.

It is the enactment of the constitutional amendment limiting the levying of taxes that is responsible for the pending financial difficulty. The state requires for all purposes \$3,368,000. Out of this there is already provided by law for the Oregon Agricultural college, the University of Oregon and roads a millage tax amounting to \$925,000. This millage when fixed by law, there remains when the \$925,000 is deducted \$2,443,000 which the legislature must provide for.

The operation of state institutions required \$800,000 last year and the penitentiary, insane asylum and the like will need as much in the coming year as in the past. They all are asking more. Deduct this from the \$2,443,000 and \$1,643,000 is required for other purposes.

Under the new tax limitation amendment, there can be raised \$2,573,680. To this can be added the money from licenses, fees, etc., which last year amounted to \$390,000, making available \$2,963,680. Of this total available revenue, the \$235,000 millage must be deducted, which leaves \$2,038,680 to be appropriated when the legislature meets. As shown, the asylum, penitentiary and other institutions will need at least as much as last year, \$800,000, so eliminating this necessity from the available \$2,038,680, there remains available for appropriations \$1,238,680 with which to meet the \$1,643,000.

Arithmetic shows that the legislature will not have by \$404,320 sufficient money for the operation of the state government. Inasmuch as the millage tax is fixed by law and the state institutions cannot be cut down, the only thing the legislature can do to trim appropriations to the available funds is to slash the boards and commissions and to do this these appropriations must be cut 25 per cent.

Only one solution presents itself, and that is new sources of indirect taxation. This can be done by increasing the automobile license fee and various other fees now collected by the state.

The "big show" at Salem will be the ways and means committee, which will have only so much money available and half of the members of the legislature will have bills seeking special appropriations, not to mention the regular boards, commissions and institutions.

OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

School Children Bring Provisions for Boys' and Girls' Aid Society

A large store of fruit, vegetables and clothing, in addition to \$20 in money, was contributed to the Thanksgiving collection gathered by the pupils of the Oregon City grade and high schools yesterday.

The afternoon was in part given over to a short entertainment in each room of the grade schools and to a general assembly at the high school, where programs fitting to the season were rendered. At the high school there were musical features.

The provisions gathered by the school children will be turned over to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland and the money that was contributed will be used for various worthy purposes. Annually some money is spent for such things as the purchase of eye glasses for those children whose parents cannot supply their needs and it is probable that a share of the \$20 will be used for this purpose this year.

Circuit Court Orders

Judgement in the case of Sidney Gordon against B. J. Berg, dated February 11, 1911, was reversed by Judge J. U. Campbell Thursday and entered as of date February 27, 1911.

Egmos Kuzminski, through his guardian, Thursday, was awarded judgement against Charles F. Libby in the sum of \$526, of which \$475 is for actual and general damages, \$24 for special damages and \$27 costs of action.

The suit of W. W. Irvin against Mary A. Cole was dismissed.

CANDIDATES FILE FOR CITY CHAIRS

ALL COUNCILMEN WILL HAVE OPPOSITION AT MUNICIPAL ELECTION

INITIATIVE BILLS IMPORTANT

Mayor Hackett Alone in the Field. Recorder's Job Seems to be Popular

Judging from the number of petitions filed with the city recorder by candidates for municipal offices at the election to be held next Monday, the recorder's office is the most attractive on the city list for three men have declared themselves as seekers for the glory and coin of this position.

Mayor E. C. Hackett was the only one to file his petition before noon Wednesday, which was the final day for declaration.

Those who will seek the recorder's berth are John W. Loder, incumbent; A. S. Fuller and J. O. Lizberg. It has been known for some time that these three men would be candidates. In fact there are only one or two new entrants into the contest for the several offices and councilman chairs in addition to those who had announced themselves publicly some time ago.

Christian Schuebel will be opposed for the city attorneyship by George Story and M. D. Phillips, candidate for re-election as treasurer, will be opposed by L. P. Horton, a Civil War veteran and well known citizen.

Candidates for election to the council will be the incumbent from each ward with C. I. Stafford running against H. M. Templeton in the first ward and C. W. Friedrich and Walter Schwock opposing James Roake in the second ward. Ison C. Bridges and S. Macdonald will endeavor to succeed E. B. Andrews as the representative of the third ward. J. P. Albright, F. A. Metzner, A. B. Buckles, Roy B. Cox, E. L. Moore and E. D. Van Arkes are the councilmen whose terms do not expire.

Indications in most cases are that the present office holders will be re-elected. The ballots for the election on Monday will also contain three initiative measures upon which the voters of the city will be asked to express themselves. One of these providing that the council shall have power to condemn private property for public purposes is enjoying a very general support and there is only slight possibility of its defeat. In most quarters it is considered a worthy measure and one that should have undivided support.

As to the other two measures there is a varying sentiment. Among the organizations in the city which have frowned upon both of them is the Live Wires of the Commercial club. Their fate will be decided on Monday. These are the bill to put the city elevator on a self-supporting basis through a fare which it is proposed to charge all who use the lift. One quarter cent a ride is the fee which has been set. The measure is fathered by James Roake, councilman, and its support was divided in the council when the subject was first proposed.

The last of the three proposals is that to make all public improvements payable from the general funds of the city. In the past it has been the practice to assess all street, sewer and like public improvements against the property owners directly benefited. But under the proposed bill, if it is made a law by the voters, the entire taxpaying population of the city will have to share the cost of each public project. A sewer is to be built in district 10. This construction, as an illustration, will cost each taxpayer in the city an equal amount, whereas similar improvements made in the past have been paid for by those taxpayers who get the direct benefit from the operation of the sewer system. Streets built below the hill would cost the taxpayers in Mountain View or anywhere else within the city the same amount as they cost those who own property facing the street.

Ten Mills for Roads

Road district number 38 has made a progressive step toward the continuation of its campaign for good roads throughout the district and has recently voted a ten mill special tax levy for road purposes. There were 58 votes polled on the measure and only 8 were against the levy. R. Richardson is the capable supervisor of district 38, which is out from Milwaukie.

Woman's Club Meets

The usual business and a review of the novel "A Certain Rich Man," were the features of the regular meeting of the Woman's Club in the Commercial club rooms Thursday afternoon. The story of the rich man was read by Mrs. D. M. Shank and it was discussed by Mrs. L. L. Porter and Mrs. E. W. Scott. A musical program will feature the next meeting, on December 14.