

THE PEOPLE'S SAY

Oregon City, Jan. 2, 1922. Editor Banner-Courier—The budget meeting has become history. In every sense of the word it was an intelligent success. It was a collection of earnest, wide-awake men and women presided over by a fair and coolheaded chairman. It was representative. Both sexes and every calling or profession was there. We reduced our expenses wherever the law permitted, and was allowed money for other things our judgment decided. Everything was orderly and with the exception of a few "sassy" words by some of the ladies, everything was courteously discussed. Nothing was said by any speaker that was intended to reflect on any opponent personally.

And yet, we find the circuit judge of Clackamas county, a man whom we all highly esteem, brands these democratic meetings a farce! This is to be regretted. But we must make some allowance for the judge. The manner in which he earns his daily bread, puts him in a position where he cannot see the side of the ordinary man. Surrounded by every comfort at his side, that toiling men have made; sitting on his throne of comfort and ease, removed from the hard struggle of the common man, who struggles on and on patiently, day by day, in sunshine and in shower; paid a high salary whether he works or doesn't; add to this his calling, which naturally tends to make a man consider a difference of opinion with impatience and you can readily see the cause of the unwise outburst of his honest opinion at our budget meetings.

So let us forgive those of like view of the judge. It isn't entirely their fault that their minds are somewhat gone wrong on democratic ideas. They don't seem to know that the men who form our city councils, state senators and representatives, congressmen and United States senators, mostly consisting of lawyers, bankers, mostly the intellectual class, constantly are hurling epistles, have an occasional flat fight when in the heat of public debate. How different our common farmer meetings. Of course we confess that we are somewhat shy on words to express what we want to say, and it is a great handicap, but for this weakness, you "intellectuals" must not consider our public meetings a farce. Farmers, educate yourselves along proper lines. Read proper literature; learn to speak proper in public, for now, more than ever, before the opponents of democratic government are at work to tie your hands. Organize at the same time or all your struggles will be in vain.

ROBERT GINTHER.

Editor Banner-Courier: About fifteen years ago the professors of our agricultural colleges began a propaganda of which the main object was of course to hold their jobs, that the solution of the farmer's troubles was to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before; two ears of corn where one grew before, etc. The farm bureau was established and agents sent out into the county both by the national, state and county governments, to teach the farmer how to do this thing. After learning how to produce an abundance of everything that man could possibly want or need, to and behold those wise men have come to the conclusion that they were mistaken and now the professors of our colleges, the Farm Bureau leaders, the Farmers' Union the secretary of agriculture and the president of the United States have come to the conclusion that the farmers' troubles must be settled by not producing so much eats.

See Harding's message to congress. Also doctrine advocated by the above leaders in their late national conventions. By the way, I am a blacksmith and will make bands for the heads of the last named people, lest such wisdom burst them. I am also one-hundred per cent American. How long are the people going to be fooled by such jingo doctrine? Millions starving all over the world, plenty of work to be done, men and women willing and know how to do it and yet must go hungry and half clothed for want of the one thing—a chance to earn money wherewith to supply their wants.

The crime of the ages is being committed by your monetary system and kindred laws that go with it. Any banker will take a private man's note and give money in return, when the private citizen has a farm or other security free from other liabilities, yet those same bankers will tell you and you believe it, that Uncle Sam's paper money would not be good although Uncle Sam would have first claim on all property in the country to take same as needed, so absolutely has the power to issue paper money, make it legal tender for all debts, hire in circulation, to build roads, ad infinitum, which would make it possible for the people to buy food and clothing.

I hold it to be fair that the limit of the good things that man is entitled to is what his mind can conceive and his hands produce and every man or woman who works in the useful occupations of life are entitled to the use of the good things produced to this limit. No honest man will dispute this and any program that prevents this state of affairs to exist is a criminal conspiracy against good government, the criminals are those who have brought into existence the present unjust, unscientific and criminal system of doing the business of the world. See Lincoln's letter to Edmond Taylor in December, 1864, in regard to government paper money. Then follow up what happened to again enslave the people through the monetary system. Part of Lincoln's letter said in regard to the full legal tender of government paper money. Chase thought it a hazardous thing. But we finally accomplished it and gave to the republic the greatest blessing that it ever had—their own money to pay their debts. But the money power got in its work

later. The exception clause did the trick and the white man of America was headed towards slavery as sure as my name is

R. SCHUEBEL.

Merry Vale Farm, Barlow, January 8, 1922.

Your editorial and write up of the budget meeting was such a pleasant contrast to that of your competitors or would be competitors in that it lacked the ill natured, snarling contemptuous, disgusting and egotistical features. It was truly refreshing to read.

You didn't agree with all that the people did. Neither did I. But instead of arrogating all the wisdom of Clackamas county to yourself, you told your readers in a manner not calculated to arouse antagonism, why you believed the majority were wrong. Therefore I take pleasure in commending you.

More files are caught with syrup and sugar than vinegar. Whenever any paper, individual or groups try to rawhide the majority to their viewpoint, they will antagonize them so to render their efforts futile. You say the meeting was not consistent in dropping the club leader and still voting money for fairs. Does the law provide specifically that the money so appropriated must be spent through her hands? If so, then that money will be saved. If not, then the proper authorities may use it to enlarge premium money for children's exhibits, or adults, or improved grounds or buildings. Or some of it may be used to pay for an additional employe for a month or two prior to the fairs to arrange for exhibits. Also to take care of them at Canby and at Salem.

I understand that patriotic citizens have undertaken that a large part of their each year paid a large part of their expenses while at Salem out of their own pocket books, in order that Clackamas county might have a presentable exhibit, well put up and taken care of.

The budget meeting could not touch many of the big six figured items. But the budget meeting will act as advance warning to prospective candidates from this county who would represent us that they must take steps to bring about tax reductions. Some of those terrible millage laws and expenses must be resubmitted to the people, that we can make them conform to our present pocket books, lest we perish.

I try to be thoroughly democratic. My faith in the people has never been shaken. I realize it is possible for the majority to make mistakes. But I would rather trust my fate to the majority in the long run. The world has been centuries fighting its way from oligarchies. We realize that these super intelligent men and women know more than the masses, but to the terrible disappointment and sorrow of the masses. Seldom in history has a government by the wise and brilliant been to the greatest good of the masses. I lost out on nearly every item I voted on save two or three, yet I am not a sorehead against the majority. I am glad to do their will for the next year. In the meanwhile I shall try to convert them to my idea for next December. Isn't that best?

Very truly,
R. E. CHERRICK.

To the Public: The time has again arrived for making out your income tax returns. The law provides that all returns must be in the office of the collector of internal revenue at Portland, on or before March 15th, 1922. Those failing to comply with the law are subject to heavy penalties.

All taxpayers are urged to make out their returns at once, thereby avoiding the rush at the last hour. For the purpose of assisting taxpayers of Clackamas county in making up their income tax return for 1921, Deputy Collector J. J. Collins of the internal revenue office will be at the following named places on the date given below:

Oregon City at court house, March 6th to 10th, 1922, inclusive. For any information you may desire in preparing your statement, please call upon the deputy collector as per announcement herein made.

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News Comments From Over Oregon. Marion county court has placed the maximum of loads on the road between Slayton and Mehama at 3500 pounds—that will be done with the vehicles themselves is the question.

The Molalla Pioneer has this to say about the road bond recall in Clackamas county:

It is evident that the matter on recalling the bonds by the granges of the county has lost its pep. The fact that the Pomona in session in Molalla Wednesday took no action is a sufficient ground for the public to infer that the matter is dead. The recall should be forgotten and people pull for the fulfillment of the program although it will take years to put it through. In time it will be the salvation of the south and east ends of Clackamas county.

War against the drug traffic has been declared none too soon. Of all the iniquitous vocations in the world, that of the dope peddler is the worst. It is a menace to society and should be treated as such—says the Astoria Budget.

We are coming out of a four-year orgy of promiscuous taxation. We have leveled for everything. We have bought many things with public funds. In doing so we have levied until it hurt, and then levied more. We have been willing to take a chance on the result. Now it's time to wake up and see what we have been doing as a state.—Ranier Review.

That Gresham can have successful evening service was demonstrated on Sunday evening when the M. E. church auditorium was filled to overflowing with a happy, interested throng of worshippers, is the testimony of the Gresham Outlook.

Brother J. H. Hulet, editor and owner of the Banks Herald is now school clerk of his district.—Herald.

Radical labor leaders can strike to enforce prohibitive wages and working conditions—but they cannot force industry to operate under such dictation and furnish employment, comments the Eastern Clackamas News.

From the Lebanon Express is this good advice: Just because January 1 has passed, don't imagine its too late to make a good resolution. Call on a sick friend or two and ask him if you can be of service. Stop in at this office and show your desire to boost the community by cooperating with the institution that is always boosting. Bring in or send in any item that strikes you as news. Write a letter to the editor that you believe would interest your neighbors, and speak a word of praise for any movement you think is for the betterment of the town and community. Resolve too, that if your subscription isn't paid up that it will be before another sun has set. And when you have retired, it will be to find that sleep comes quickest to the man who has lightened his own burden by making lighter the burden of a friend.

The Newberg Graphic pleads for unity among the farmers and business men—so say we, all of us.

McMinnville local Lodge of Knights of Pythias voted one thousand dollars toward securing the proposed new Pythian home for their city. The local lodge is working on plans to remodel their home at a cost of \$10,000, says the Telephone Register.

The national Farm Bureau is the greatest force in our national life. The

state Farm Bureau is one of the greatest forces in our state and by becoming a member of your county organization, you make both of these forces possible and receive all their benefits.—Oregon State Farm Bureau News.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer and representative of the commonwealth of Oregon, says too much money is being paid in taxation for education. He calls for curtailment, stating that out of \$18,000,000, more than \$17,000,000 is used for education. We do not think it is Mr. Kay's intention to make a fight to cripple public schools but just to cut out unnecessary expenses.—Woodburn Independent.

This is the way the Albany Democrat sagely puts it—"The year 1922 will be one of steady progress toward those normal conditions which in America always imply prosperity, but only men and concerns that actually earn success will reap it. Work and thrift will be the only paths to prosperity."

A Portland correspondent of the I. W. W. organization has sent out a call for the I. W. W. of the country to come to the metropolis early in the spring to be on the ground when work starts on the 1925 exposition. To members of unions the "call" for "workers" to come to Portland when there are thousands out of employment, and no prospect of relief, will not inspire much friendly feeling toward the I. W. W.—Portland Labor Press.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County. In the Matter of the Estate of Hugh Currin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Hugh Currin, deceased, has filed her final report in the office of the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, and that the 27th day of February, 1922, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A. M., of said day, and the Court room of said Court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of any objection thereto and the settlement thereof.

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ELSIE LINN,
Administratrix of the Estate of Hugh Currin, Deceased.
G. B. DIMICK & W. L. MULVEY,
Attorneys for Administratrix.

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