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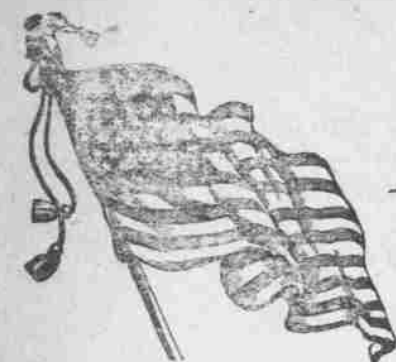
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"Flag of the free heats' hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."
—JOSEPH DRAKE.

"BY THEIR WORKS..."

The politician who tries to make the people instead of the legislature shoulder the responsibility for the huge appropriations which have increased the burdens of the taxpayers either takes a long chance at being called for his bluff or hopes the voters will not inform themselves of the facts in the case. In the first place the members of the legislature in referring various measures which the voters have approved recently passed upon those same measures favorably as the preliminary step in submitting them to the people.

Again the claim that the taxpayers voted the larger amount of tax on themselves doesn't "hold water" when applied to the great number of expenditures which the tax-burdened public is now protesting. For a few examples: The members of the legislature, themselves voted last year \$175,000 to the Pacific International Livestock Association—a private organization of stock men, bankers and speculators; \$25,000 to the Oregon State Tourist Information Bureau—an excellent thing for the railroads and land speculators who should pay for it; \$75,000 to the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association expenses to help Washington, Idaho, Canada and Oregon to attract and entertain tourists at a time when Oregon taxes are so high they will drive all classes of settlers and investors away to other states where taxes are lower; \$171,000 for the Oregon State Fair which like the Pacific International Livestock Association should be self supporting. Here is a total of \$446,000, every item of which could have been omitted without injury to the state.

The last regular legislative session cost the state for clerk hire alone for forty days \$43,000 or over \$1000 per day. And during the last special session the kind hearted senators and representatives appropriated \$64,000 for the fish hatching business which benefits the canning trust of this state.

These are but a few items that show the wanton and inexcusable sowing broadcast of the taxpayers money.

The taxpayers voted none of these items. The legislators voted them and on their records many are asking a return game. "By their works ye shall know them" applies to the qualifications of governors, commissions and legislators as to all other aspirants for public office.

LIGHT THE PIPES OF PEACE

The council at its meeting this week took the proper course in its effort to determine the advisability of Singer hill site for the city hall before subjecting two sites to the ballot which means the renewal of a bitter sectional fight, the defeat of one or the other site, followed probably by the recall of the bonds if the down town site shall carry.

Oregon City occupies in this matter of the city hall a very unfortunate position—one of dissension where there should be unity. The utility of position has become secondary in the contest, to personal and sectional feeling. At every council meeting in which the matter is brought up there is the same contention that there is only one place for the hall. And in this contention the desire of the ma-

majority is not mentioned. And over against this attitude there appears increasing opposition to the down town site.

Several of the firms along main street which have been depended upon to oppose a hill site are reported as now favoring the same in the interests of harmony, and a united city. Both sections, if the Singer Hill site is feasible for an attractive, conveniently arranged building which will serve the entire city with the obnoxious jail below and the swell truck above, should yield personal desire to the public good. And the big chiefs in the council, the warriors above and below the bluff, the medicine men and every brave in the village would better light the pipes of peace and boost for a bigger, better united city.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY

An organization whose work and influence is essential to the welfare of the community but whose efforts are little emphasized is the Humane Society. The work it performs is not of the pleasant nor of the "flowery" variety. Its chief function is to protect against violations of the laws of human kindness and to punish for acts of cruelty against helpless, unfortunate humanity or the dumb animals. Its mission, also, is to provide comforts and protection.

The water trough for dogs and horses, the drinking dish for birds are examples of the comforts it advocates and which in thousands of cases it has provided to comfort these helpless creatures. The strayed and homeless cats and other animals of little or no intrinsic values find in the Society their best friends.

To the cruel drivers of horses, sore, maimed or unfed this organization gives a warning. And it demands that the starving, the shelterless and the sick shall be fed, housed and given treatment and care. And those who neglect, beat or otherwise maltreat the dumb and helpless creatures of creation are warned or punished.

The Humane Society—should be encouraged and sustained in their humane efforts. The members are doing nobly and unselfishly for the dumb friends and servants of mankind, and for the delightful songsters of the air. May they go forward in this good work sustained by the enforcing elements of the law, by a united public sentiment and by public disdains for those who ill-treat or injure the children, the birds and the dumb animals entitled to the protection and kindness of mankind.

BONUS

Twenty-nine senators have declared that a soldiers' bonus measure shall be voted on at this session of congress. It doth not yet appear what the measure shall be nor how it shall be financed but when it shall be brought forth it will probably be like unto the others which went glimmering before.

Meanwhile the Chief Executive is in perfect accord so long as the payments may be made in cash and in the same manner as bricks are made without straw.

To the boys who wore the khaki the jingle of the coin is still heard afar off.

NEW VALUATION TARIFF PLAN

The scale of wages in foreign countries against whose labor American workmen are compelled to compete is used as argument in defense of the proposed tariff laws.

The following is the comparative scale showing earnings in the chief countries of the world:

United States	\$30.32 per week
Germany	5.17 per week
Japan	6.68 per week
England	15.68 per week
France	8.69 per week
Belgium	9.43 per week
Italy	4.86 per week

The purchasing power of gold in the various countries is also combined with the results of labor and the claims of tariff. An ounce of gold in the United States purchases, 17 hours of labor.

In Great Britain purchases	50
In Japan purchases	95
In France purchases	117
In Germany purchases	201

And from these statistics there may be gleaned the main reasons for a tariff on foreign manufactures or other productions. The phase of the tariff problem here obvious is the protection of the American workman. It does not exhibit the other side which is increased cost to others and to himself on goods and products essential to the daily needs.

The tariff bill now before congress provides for what is termed the valuation plan. By this scheme the tariff is based on the American wholesale value instead of being based on the foreign wholesale value as under our present system. And the advantage to this country in the proposed over the existing plan is clear to the average person so far as protection goes. The foreign wholesale value is far less than the value here on account of the smaller cost of production, and the depreciated values of European currency.

It is declared that the mail order houses and the importer, profiting by the lower costs at the point of production in foreign countries are almost a unit against this new Valuation plan known as the Fordney Tariff.

Standards of living, factory operation, the wage scale and the price of goods, as well as the benefits of protection play the important parts in all tariff adjustments.

A WISE MOVIE MOVE

Will H. Hays, head of the motion pictures producers' association insists on the cancellation of all contracts for the showing of films in which "Fatty" Arbuckle appeals. It is reported that 10000 contracts are thus affected.

In this official act of Mr. Hays is a step forward in restoring filmland to the position of moral respectability possessed before the drunken debauch and death of Virginia Rappe in the comedian's apartment at the St. Francis hotel.

With so many scandals issuing from the various movie quarters the public demands a tightening up of filmland morality and a class of pictures suggestive of

the better standard of life.

To those who have investments in the movie and even in the theatrical business the action of Mr. Hays will come with the assurance of increased confidence and business. And the permanent success of the business in the future as in the past will expend upon the clean and elevating attractions.

O. C. H. S. NEWS NOTES

The "Second Six weeks Examinations" are claiming the attention of every member of the student body this week.

The boys of the O. C. Club will hold a party, which will take the form of a carnival, on Friday evening, April 21. James Sullivan is president of the club, and Wilbur Criswell is chairman of the carnival committee.

At a meeting of the Literary Society held on Thursday evening, April 13th, a name was chosen. Hereafter the society will be known as the Keenewahee Literary Society. Membership in the club is limited to thirty, members to be chosen from among the girls of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. As there are several vacancies in the membership of the club, a tryout will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 20th, at 3:30 p. m., at that time all who wish to apply for membership will be given an opportunity.

The Juniors showed up strong in baseball against the Sophomores on Monday evening by defeating them with a score of ten to nothing. Toban and Criswell were the batteries for the winners. Five runs in the first inning put them in a good lead. Many errors were made by the Sophomores. The final score was ten to nothing in favor of the Juniors.

Six of the Oregon City High school students attended the conference of student body presidents, secretaries and editors, at Eugene, Oregon, April 13 to 16th. The students left last Thursday noon, by auto, and returned to Oregon City Sunday evening. A fine time was enjoyed by all. Those representing the school were, Quentin Cox, Peter Laurs, Bud Baxter, Albert Grosenbacher, Dwight Hedger and Philip Paine. All meetings were held in the University buildings. The visitors were entertained in the fraternity houses.

The purpose of the conference was to get the student body presidents together, to talk over student body affairs and the editors to help them put out better annuals and papers.

This is the second such conference held in the state and has resulted in a permanent organization, with state officers, who will meet in the fall of every year.

Wherever God's temples arise the devil also erects a shack.

Some of us follow the straight path and some of us have cold feet.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Weekly Record of Property Changes Compiled From County Recorder's Office. List Includes Transfers up to Each Wednesday

Ella and Ella Mosier to Anton Kloer Pt. of Lot 4, Blk. 75, Oregon City.

Adolph H. Salomon to August G. and Sybil B. Marker, Milwaukie Heights.

Carl W. and Bessie Brandstetter to Geo. and Amy Vickery, Lots 7 and 8 Blk. 2, Milwaukie Park.

Muriel E. Hunt to Harry Greaves Lot 10, Blk. 17, Willamette Falls.

James L. Howard to Henry Weigel Part of Tract 10, Clackamas Heights.

J. B. and Lizzie Walthall to C. H. and Bertie Robinson, Lot 1 and 6 ft. of Lot 2, Blk. 143, Oregon City.

James B. and Mary A. Mason to Nora Arnold.

Jas. M. Sr. and Drusilla Tracy to Cassius and Georgia Stricklin.

Fred and Wilhelmina Oldenstadt to Anna M. Snidow. Lot 4, Blk. 7, Willamette Falls.

James and Sarah E. Roake to P. R. and Norma C. Davidson. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Blk. 9, Bolton.

R. G. and Grace E. Scott to T. F. and Nora E. Meeds. Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 52, Gladstone, Oregon.

Nine Obtain First Papers

The first step in becoming American citizens has been taken by the following who received their first papers recently.

Joseph Nizich, Primoston, Austria, Oregon City.

Hermann Oberholzer, Thalwil Switzerland, Clackamas.

Ella Bideau Liddell, Hillsburg, Canada, Milwaukie, Route 1.

Giuseppe Carbarino Lorisca, Italy Milwaukie Route 1.

Richard John Liddell, County Holt-on, Ontario, Canada, Milwaukie Route 1.

George Edward Morley, Durham county, England, Clackamas Route 1. George Frederick Noakes, Edinburgh, Scotland, Milwaukie Route 1. Henry Frank Elsasser, Gulga, Russia, Oregon City. Gabriel Gigliotti Piane Crote, Italy, Eagle Creek.

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