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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

WANTS TO MONOPOLIZE THE RIVER.

The history of the East Side Railway Company ever since its advent into Oregon City has been one of a series of grates. Its first move was to get a 50 year franchise to Main street, this giving it, by reason of the topography of the town, the complete street car monopoly of the city in its connections with Portland. Then when it came to securing a right of way into the city, in consideration that the residents of Green Point donate the right of way through their property, the company agreed that, when it bridged the Abernethy for its road, it would make the bridge wide enough that the citizens of that addition could have a direct roadway into the city. The right of way deed was made out as promised and when the company came to build its bridge it induced the city to go in with it and construct the bridge the full width of the street, the city to pay only for that part not included in the roadway the company was to build for the Green Point people. Then by a little sharp maneuvering the East Side Railway Company left the city to pay for all the bridge except the part occupied by its track, thus getting the right of way through Green Point for nothing—the taxpayers of Oregon City footing the bill for this "public benefactor."

We next hear of this grabber in connection with the paving of Main street, the company agreeing as a part of the consideration for an exclusive franchise to pay for paving that part of the street occupied by its tracks. The taxpayers of Oregon City came forward again and paid the company's street assessment. And now this "public benefactor" wants to compromise this claim with the city by being allowed to have the exclusive right to operate freight cars upon Main street, on condition that it pay its street assessment, and thus control the freight as well as passenger traffic of the city. To show to what small ends this company will go to grab all that is in sight, it has a standing rule prohibiting its conductors from carrying parcels, no matter how small, on the passenger cars least by so doing a few cents of revenue might be cut off from the freight car that it operates between Oregon City and Portland. This rule is enforced against the heaviest shippers over its line as well as the common people, notwithstanding that the quick delivery of a package might mean a great deal to the merchant. The refusal of such favors by a steamboat company would ruin its business.

Having made a complete grab of the passenger and freight traffic by land, this "public benefactor" is now seeking to gain control of the river traffic between the two cities. For some time past the company has been trying to secure a steamboat to place upon the route now occupied by the Oregon City Transportation company with a view of driving them off the Willamette. So far no headway has been made in this game of grab, though every steamboat owner in Portland has been interviewed in the endeavor to secure a boat, the river men having too much manhood and respect for the rights of their fellow boatmen, to allow one of their boats to be used to wreck the business of another steamboat line. They knowing full well that it would lead to the extinguishment of all boat traffic on this route, with the business all forced under the control of the railway line.

The future welfare and prosperity of Oregon City demands that it be allowed to retain the cheap and efficient traffic facilities now had, and any company that seeks to gain exclusive control of all our transportation lines and thereby build up a monopoly, is an enemy to the citizens of this city and should be so considered. No great factory center can be built up unless the products can be got to the point of distribution at a minimum cost.

DELINQUENT TAX SALES.

The present method of procedure in making delinquent tax sales is both cumbersome and expensive and is a relic of the primitive days in the early history of this state. The law as it now stands is a bungling attempt to add new requirements to a system totally out of place under modern methods of doing business, as much so as it would be to rebuild an old-fashioned

sailing ship into a modern steamship. The one item of posting notices on the property to be sold for taxes costs the county from \$500 to \$1000 each year with not one iota of good coming from it in a legal standpoint, or in giving the property owners warning that their property is to be sold. The law requires that in addition to the notice published in a newspaper, that a notice be posted upon the property to be sold, and to make this part of the proceedings legal it is necessary that the notice be posted on the land in question and not some adjoining land that the deputy sheriff takes for granted is the correct tract, for it is a proven fact that one of ten of the delinquent tax sale notices that are each year placed upon property in Clackamas county, are wrongly posted. Yet to get them on the right property would require a surveyor with each deputy sheriff, as much of the property is owned by non-resident holders, especially is this the case with property in the thinly settled portions of the county, as also of lots in the various additions to our towns, the owners themselves not half of the time being able to correctly locate them.

A sample of the absurdity of trying to comply with the law in posting notices upon all of the property mentioned in the delinquent roll is given below from the Astoria News:

"The present system of levying on property is more or less a farce but the law is to blame for it. Each piece of property must have a notice posted on it and the deputy sheriff who does the work must make an affidavit that he was actually on the property. Among the timber the task is difficult, but when it comes to tide land the trouble increases. At first piles were driven and the notices posted on them but this was found to be too expensive. Some bright mind suggested an expedient that has been carried out this year. A small board has the notice of delinquent taxes pasted on it and then thrown overboard with a string and a stone tied to it. Every lot that is delinquent must be so decorated and of the tide lands several tracts are platted with 25-foot lots and are delinquent. Since they have been levied on the water give the appearance of being burdened with a flock of decoys. Every few days a fisherman appears at Sheriff Hare's office with one of the notices saying he found it at the mouth of the river."

Before the advent of newspapers the posting of notices upon the property in question was a necessity, but now that the habit of reading is almost universal and people have come to look to the newspapers for all their information on matters of public concern, it is a useless burden upon the taxpayers to have a score of deputy sheriffs riding over the county each year posting notices that are never read and seldom ever seen, for those that the boys do not tear down, the wind, rain and, as in the Clatsop county case, the tide soon destroys, so that 30 days nor even 10 days notice is not given of the proposed sale. Some legislature that could rise above the boodle and other distracting features of a senatorial election and give the Oregon taxpayers relief from this burdensome feature of our tax laws would earn the lasting gratitude of a long suffering public.

One of the things shown by the expert's report is that it is no longer possible for a person not a thorough accountant to handle the books in the treasurer's office. To such magnitude has the county's business grown, with the multitude of funds and accounts to keep track of, that an expert book-keeper is absolutely required to handle the books of the office. With the nearly \$150,000 passing through the treasurer's office each year to be segregated and placed to the credit of the various funds makes the volume of business to be transacted equal to that of an ordinary country bank and to properly discharge the duties of treasurer for Clackamas county requires as much skill and training as it does to act as cashier in a bank. There are now 119 school districts in this county with each of whom the treasurer must keep an account. Add to this list 31 road districts, the indigent soldier fund, and other county and state funds, and the accounts that have to be kept with the clerk, recorder and sheriff, and it can be seen that there is some book-keeping to be done in the treasurer's office. The present incumbent had his books in such a jumble that he was unable to give the experts any of the data they required from his office and they were compelled to rewrite his books for the entire time that he has been holding the office. While no one doubts Mr. Shade's honesty, yet there is little likelihood of his being able to continue his books in a tangible shape, for he has no more knowledge of bookkeeping than he has of differential calculus, and the \$5.00 per day the county paid out to the experts to have his accounts straightened out is just that much money thrown away so far as his profiting by it is concerned. If the taxpayers are alive to their interests they will insist that hereafter none but competent persons be placed in charge of the county treasurer's office, otherwise the time will come when they will pay more dearly for their indifference than they have in the past.

BROTHER EMERY orders us to either put up or shut up concerning his legislative record. Under the necessity of obeying orders, we have decided to put up. We will put up the populist member, U'Ren of Clackamas, who says the hold-up members, with one exception, were paid out of a sack raised by the enemies of Senator Mitchell, meaning "Jo Simon and his gang," as the populist brethren are fond of putting it. We will put up Brother Emery himself, who promised if elected to the legislature, to abolish the railroad and other useless commissions, reinstate the mortgage tax law and assist the people to any amount of remedial legislation. Instead of fulfilling these obligations, we see him consorting with such fellows as U'Ren in a herd managed, fed and fattened by Jonathan Bourne and Jo Simon to prevent a legislative session; to prevent the railroad commission from being abolished; to prevent any remedial legislation whatever. And he says the populists of Yamhill county are satisfied with such a report.—Yamhill Reporter.

To show the position the ENTERPRISE occupies with the press of the state it can be said, without egotism, that no paper in Oregon, not even the Oregonian, is more freely quoted than is this paper. Not a week goes by but what from one to a dozen of the newspapers of the state republish editorials from the ENTERPRISE. That the honor is appreciated goes without saying, for there is not a more discriminating set of literary geniuses in the land than are editors and when they express a preference it means that the article has merit.

THE ENTERPRISE SUSTAINED.

MARQUAM, June 15.—(To the Editor)—In your last issue of the 11th inst I noticed a "write up" of one P. A. Marquam, a saloon keeper of this place. I was greatly impressed with the accuracy of this article and you will please allow me the privilege with many others of our citizens in commending the ENTERPRISE's stand in the Marquam affair. I am perfectly familiar with the facts in this case and assure the taxpayers of Clackamas county that a great injustice as well as imposition has been done and I can truthfully say that the saloon business as conducted by Marquam has been a burden to our citizens and a menace to our society. J. E. JACK.

Stone News.

STONE, June 14.—The school picnic given last week, was enjoyed by all present, and will long be remembered by the children, as a day happily spent.

Miss Alice Williams is spending a few days with her uncle, Mr. McFarland, of Clackamas. She intends to return to her home in California soon.

Wm. Watts has returned home from Southern Oregon. He intends remaining here a few weeks.

Morning and afternoon services were held at the picnic grounds on Clear Creek, last Sunday by G. P. Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Githens, of Eagle Creek, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Githens' parents Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb. Jas. Hatton is contemplating a trip to Eastern Oregon, soon.

Union Hall Happenings.

UNION HALL, June 16.—The cool weather is greatly enjoyed, but we are very much in need of rain.

Strawberries which were a fair crop are nearly gone.

J. H. Burns and J. Thomas have a large cordwood contract.

H. S. Phelps made a business trip to the county seat last week.

Miss Eliza Burns taught school last Friday as our teacher went home on Thursday evening on a business trip.

The new church at Phelps corners is nearing completion. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Wheeler who have been on the sick list are improving.

Some cattle were sold from this vicinity to Oregon City butchers at a good figure last week.

D. F. Warner returned to his post of duty, as teacher in this district, Monday morning, having been at Currinsville. He reports crops looking well and plenty of good showers at Barton, Eagle Creek, Currinsville and Garfield, and noted a great improvement in road building this summer.

The dance at this place June 5 was a grand success. Thirty-six numbers were sold and everybody had a good time.

Stafford Notes.

STAFFORD, June 14.—Sunday the 6th inst our popular postmaster, Gottlieb Renner, joined hands in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Amalia Schmitke, of Scappoon, Rev. Reichle officiating. The ceremony took place at the German Baptist church at 4:15 p. m. About 50 were present. The young couple have taken up their abode in the residence of his mother, Mrs. Renner. Tuesday evening the residence of Conrad Schroeder sr., was destroyed by fire. Origin of the fire unknown, a sack of flour was all that was saved from the flames.

Our school was out on the 11th inst, and Miss Ida Francis and school gave a picnic in Gage's Park. There were over 100 present and a very enjoyable day was spent. Long tables had been erected, and all the goodies imaginable were spread out at the noon hour. Empty lunch baskets were the only thing taken home. Three immense swings, one of which swung out over canyon were kept going the entire day. Sack races, croquet, quilts, etc., were a few of the other games indulged in.

There is some talk of having a picnic in the park on the Fourth.

Mr. A. M. Holton and wife, of La Conner, Washington, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gage.

A young neighbor aged 17 is dispensing of apple-jack to the boys. It looks rather foreboding for a boy, and no licence. He got 22 boys "Oh be joyful" last Sunday night.

Carus Notes.

CARUS, June 13.—After some weeks of absence, your correspondent takes up the pencil to record passing events in this little hamlet, for the interest and pleasure of the many readers of the ENTERPRISE. Notwithstanding the hard times, more or less improvements are going on. H. O. Inskip has about completed a fine large barn 60x40 feet in measurement. Joseph Eaton has a good sized barn in process of erection. Frank Doughty of Hillsboro, is in Carus, superintending the building of a barn for his son Ruel. Bert and George are also helping on the work.

Wednesday evening of last week the Beaver Creek band, under direction of Miss Randall of Oregon City, were invited to meet at the home of Fred and Hal Lindsey for practice and social. The members of the band accompanied by ladies, and a few invited guests were present. Some very good music was rendered and much credit is due the band and its leader for the progress made. Refreshments in the form of strawberries, cake, ice-cream and lemonade were generously served and greatly enjoyed.

Miss Lula Hayward, in company with Oregon City friends, went down to Portland last Thursday to attend the "Madrid Carnival."

Miss Phoebe Reynolds of Vancouver was a guest of Mrs. Will J. Jones. The M. E. Sunday School is in progress. Mrs. William Miller acting as superintendent. An entertainment was given in the church last Wednesday evening.

The Dalles, is visiting Miss Clara Graham. Will Hornsbuch, who went to Chicago some time ago for treatment, is expected home soon. It is reported that he has failed to receive any benefit.

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