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STATE MIGHT AID.

The demands made upon the people of Clackamas county to aid the many persons who have been rendered homeless and destitute by reason of the recent terrible conflagrations has assumed such proportions that the burden is being keenly felt, and yet only the very immediate needs have been supplied. There is a vast amount of work yet to be done in order to place the homeless people in a condition to survive the storms and hardships of winter, which is now upon them. It would be not at all out of place to ask the state to assist in this worthy cause of relieving the people of this county who have suffered the loss of their homes and crops, and it is not unreasonable to presume that an appropriation could be easily procured for that purpose. Clackamas county is third in wealth in the state, contributes largely to the support and maintenance of the state government, and has never received or asked for aid in any way, and now that a time has arrived when some assistance could be given we feel justified in making such a demand.

Very truly do we appreciate the kindness and generosity of the people of Portland in their endeavors to relieve the suffering, entertaining a similar feeling for all others who have assisted in this work, but the extent and magnitude of what remains to be done is greater than is realized by those not the most familiar with the conditions existing. Thousands of dollars are needed to purchase lumber and other material for providing shelter for both people and stock, and procuring food for both man and beast in order to prevent suffering throughout the long winter months. We believe the members of the state legislative body from this county would experience no difficulty whatever in securing an appropriation of several thousand dollars for that purpose. That an effort to this effect will be made is not an unreasonable supposition.

ANOTHER SURPLUS.

When it was found on August 16 last, that the treasury receipts from July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, had fallen \$10,250,000 below expenditures for the same time, there was an apprehension that the removal of the war taxes would cut more deeply than was anticipated, and that the surplus on June 30 next, might be near the vanishing point. But the prospect has decidedly improved within the past thirty days. On September 8 the deficit since July 1 dropped to \$1,325,203, and existing conditions point to another considerable surplus for the present fiscal year, which has still over nine months to run. Customs receipts are much larger than they were a year ago. They show a gain of \$11,000,000 to September 9, or about the amount of decline in internal revenue receipts by the repeal of the war taxes. If government expenditures in July and August had not been heavier than in 1901 there would have been a large surplus for the two months, in spite of the reduction in internal revenue. Though the taxes on

fermented liquors and manufactured spirits have been cut down, they are yielding through increased production, more than before.

Last year the postoffice department came near paying its way. For the first quarter of the fiscal year there was a deficit of \$3,647,000, but in the second and third quarters an excess of receipts was reported, and the fourth quarter will probably bring down the deficit for the entire fiscal year to \$1,300,000. Last year the deficiency was \$3,408,000, or about the same amount spent to establish and operate free delivery routes. The people may congratulate themselves on the increasing business and improving finances of the postoffice, for these results will encourage congress to broaden the work of the department in several important directions. The postmaster general has abridged the facilities for abuses in second-class matter, which the government has been carrying at a loss of over 80 per cent. Vigilance in this quarter will be of great advantage to the people.

The forest fires which have been raging in the Northwest during the past week but emphasize the fact that too much caution cannot be exercised in the use of fire in the dry season. During the week scores of lives have been lost and untold horrors experienced by those who had to bend every energy to escape an awful death by fire in the forests. Thousands of acres of valuable timber have been burned, causing a loss that mounts up into the millions, while the lumbering industry has received a severe check in some parts of the two states of Oregon and Washington. Words of warning and caution were passed along the line only a few weeks ago but the fires gained a control which could not be checked until the great damage had been done. Josephine county needs to be ever watchful. It can hardly be supposed that a person would deliberately set a blaze in the forest, but we have proof that some one in this county set four fires along a densely wooded ridge in the space of an afternoon. Let us take warning from the events of the past week which have wrought death and destruction so lavishly.—Grants Pass Courier.

The coming session of the legislature of Oregon should devise some legislation calculated to more fully protect timber of the state from serious conflagrations, says the Timberman. A suggestion has been made that a bill be framed with a view of instituting a fire patrol under the direction of the sheriff of each county, the tax to maintain the patrol to be levied by a special tax on each district where the patrol is desired. The owners of timber lands would generally be very willing to pay a tax of this nature. If it were practicable to pass a bill restricting the time for lawfully burning a "slashing" from the month of October to the 1st of May, much danger of destroying the green timber would be averted. While the farmer comes in for a considerable share of criticism in causing conflagrations, it is well to keep in mind that many loggers are almost criminally careless in their methods, and many serious fires are attributable to their direct negligence. The farmers in the burned sections of Oregon and Washington have probably in the aggregate been the heaviest losers by the recent conflagrations, hence their assistance in urging the legislature to pass remedial fire legislation should be easily secured.

The attention of taxpayers is directed to the fact that only a few days remain in which taxes can be paid before the delinquency period. The sheriff will be obliged to obey the commands of the law, which say that taxes shall be collected by law and sale, together with penalty and interest added. On October 6th the limit expires when taxes can be paid. After that time the sheriff is compelled to at once turn the roll over to the county clerk, and that official shall, within ten days, return such delinquent amounts to the sheriff, with warrant attached, commanding him to begin the collection of such delinquent amounts by force and sale. It behooves all who have not yet paid their taxes to do so at once, and thus avoid the inconvenience they will otherwise be subjected to.

The prompt action of the Oregon City populace in generously responding to appeals for aid from the destitute of the neighboring sections, demonstrates the willingness to aid and appreciation of the necessity of rising to a duty. Nothing

more than a humane spirit has been shown in this matter, and nothing of an extraordinary character of philanthropy has been shown to any greater extent than our good people would exhibit upon any other similar occasion. Plain duty promptly performed is the self-conscious reward, however. Much misery and suffering has been relieved, for which the people of Oregon City may rest assured that they have the thanks of many persons.

If Quay will end the coal strike some of us will be disposed to forgive him for owning Pennsylvania.

Two shirts are the cause of a \$25,000 damage suit in the Chicago courts. There must be a sad tale mixed up in this affair somewhere.

We may admire many useful things without wishing to test them. The fender on a trolley car is a great invention, but no one yearns to be scooped up by it.

PAPER HOSIERY is the latest thing out. It is so manufactured that it resembles a cloth texture, and a pair costs only three cents. Stocking darning will soon be a thing of the past.

JOY is said to be much the same sort of a sensation as grief, and often times it is hard to tell one from the other, especially when a man is weeping over the death of a rich uncle.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS WARE has issued an order that none of the employees of his office shall indulge hereafter in any beverage that intoxicates, during office hours.

It is stated that an annual report of the Southern Pacific will show that a yearly saving of \$4,000,000 or 50 per cent has been made in the fuel bills of the company by the use of oil.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER OWNS a park of 90,000 acres in the Adirondack mountains. He keeps adding to it right along, and expects in time to use the rest of York State as his back yard.

SOMEBODY estimates the treasury surplus for the present fiscal year at \$90,000,000. The republican surplus habit is too big a fact to be overcome, even by the abolition of the war taxes.

NOTWITHSTANDING the calamitous fires which have visited us during the past fortnight, the grand old county of Clackamas will nevertheless reap an abundant harvest and make a pretty good showing after all.

It seems to us to be a little early to begin worrying over the radical things that may be done to the trusts. Why borrow trouble? They are still pulling along in spite of the hardships that have not been imposed upon them.

THE Yamhill County Reporter ought to be denied transmission through the mails for perpetrating this joke on a helpless public: "Corn is king, but that trolley car accident in Massachusetts came near making Hay president."

A BRITISH official report shows that it took an army of 448,000 men to subdue the Boers, and that the British deaths from bullets and disease exceeded 20,000. No need to say "lest we forget" to the present generation of Englishmen.

OREGON timber land owners should not be too anxious to sell for ten to twenty cents a thousand stumpage offers. In the Wisconsin and Michigan belts—and their timber is about exhausted—stumpage commands five to seven dollars per thousand.

THE Aurora Borealis says: "Clackamas county is making a mistake by not encouraging the use of wide tire wagons." Indeed, Brother Borealis, the state law encourages the use of wide tire wagons to the extent of giving a rebate of \$4.00 annually on road tax to all who use such wagons and claim their dues. Anyhow, Clackamas county does not discourage the use of such vehicles; indeed, many are in use here.

A TIMBER land buyer says that logs have advanced 60 cents per thousand in

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price as a result of the recent fires. This advance, he says, is not due to any material decrease in the quantity of timber, but to the cutting off of some of the available supply of logs locally. He says that some of the logging camps that were burned will not be in operation again for two months, and that this will temporarily advance the price of logs.

The Roseburg Review pays its respects to knockers in the following forcible language: "There have been knockers on the earth ever since Father Noah first laid the keel of the ark, and the number remaining in this section would lead to the conclusion that many must have escaped the deluge. Even progressive Roseburg has a few, who hoot at enterprise and sneer at their progressive citizens, yet complacently accept the beneficial results of public enterprise as if the gods had bestowed them upon them as a special benediction."

A 9,700,000-ball cotton crop for 1902, which is the figure at which the yield for the year is put, means lots of prosperity for the planters. The corn and wheat growers, and the hop-raisers of the Willamette valley are not the only agriculturalists who will be in clover this year. The yield of cotton may be slightly below that of 1901, but in the general tendency toward an increase of the foreign demand the chances are that it will bring considerably more money than last year's output did. The country is in a flourishing condition in every respect, and the best part of the story is that the prosperity is diffused throughout the entire nation, and in almost all interests.

A LEGISLATIVE DUTY.

Early in February of this year the Register investigated the provisions of the new tax law and was the first paper in the state to recommend changes in the law in the interest of the majority of the tax payers. Our position met the hearty endorsement of the people of Lane county irrespective of party, and the state press also took up the question, viewing the situation in the same light. We published several editorials on this point, one of which, appearing in the daily issue of February 28, 1902, contained recommendations that should occupy the attention of the legislature at its next session. Following are our previous remarks:

In regard to the new law for collection of taxes we believe the taxpayers will endorse our opposition to two of its features. We want the law changed so that taxes become due in the fall of the year instead of the spring, for the reason as we have stated several times before, that the majority of taxpayers have more ready money after crops are harvested than in the springtime. In addition to this we think the provision which gives a discount of three per cent as a premium for payment of said taxes by March 15 ought also to be knocked out. Oregon is not so hard up for money that it has to discount its bills. Property over the state is good at all times for the amount of taxes due and the giving of a discount is all unnecessary. If every taxpayer could command the ready money by March 15 to pay his taxes and thereby get the rebate but the vast majority will probably pay half their taxes by the first Monday in April and the balance the first Monday in October and fail to get the discount. Our proposition is that the new law would be satisfactory to the majority of people if taxes become due in the fall and the discount feature was entirely eliminated. This would put every taxpayer more nearly on an equal footing.—Eugene Register.

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