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EXEMPTIONS AND LOCAL TAXATION

A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION TO BE WAGED AND VOTE TAKEN AT GENERAL ELECTION.

INITIATIVE TO BE PUT TO USE

Farmers and Laboring Men of the State May Combine to Secure More Equitable Adjustment.

The biggest question that the Oregon voters have had to deal with by their direct vote, since the adoption of the initiative, will be an issue in each county in this state commencing with next Monday.

The question of exemptions and taxation is to go to the voters of each county of the state separately by initiative petition at this early date, and after an educational campaign will be disposed of at the general election in 1912.

The initiative is to be brought into use now on the tax question to satisfy the united demand of farmers, business men, manufacturers and wage-earners.

The movement has already taken definite form in several counties of the state through the county organizations of men from the farm, from business and labor.

The question will be presented at the eighth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor, which convenes in Salem next Monday.

A resolution will be introduced at the convention which will have for its purpose the securing of the co-operation of the labor unions of the state with the farmers and business men in presenting a county tax law to be put on the local ballot of each county.

This movement is made possible by the labor tax amendment adopted by the voters of Oregon at the last general election, which gives the voters of counties the exclusive power to say how they shall be taxed for any purpose whatsoever and what property if any shall be exempt from taxation.

The proposed tax measure will exempt from taxation those things necessary to the existence, use and comfort of mankind and to place the tax on values created by society other than by labor power.

Specifically the proposed law will exempt labor products such as orchards, houses, fences and all such improvements on and in land, live stock, farm implements, personal property, buildings, etc., while franchise values, water power, the values in land ownership and monopoly created by our ever growing population will be taxed.

It is pointed out by the many advocates of the proposed measure that the farmer, laborer and legitimate business will greatly profit by the law, as it will remove unnatural barriers which now serve as a means of creating a large idle speculative class of men who live, not by useful labor, but entirely off of the products of labor.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET ON FEB. 4

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION.

PLAN TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S MEET

Best in the History of the Organization—Every Stockholder Urged to Be Present at the Meeting.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Clackamas County Fair Association will be held in Oregon City on Saturday, February 4, being two weeks from next Saturday.

At this time the report of the president, secretary and treasurer will be read, including a complete financial report of the association for the past year.

Plans will be discussed for the fair for the coming year and much business of importance will be considered. Every stockholder is urged to be present as a great deal depends upon this meeting as to the future of the Fair.

The Fair held by the association last fall was the best of any ever held and was given credit of being the best county fair in the state, and it is hoped that this year's Fair will even surpass that of last year.

The directors of the association at present are, J. W. Smith, president, Aurora; O. E. Freytag, vice president, Oregon City; M. J. Laselle, secretary, Oregon City; O. D. Eby, treasurer, Oregon City; Geo. M. Laselle, R. S. Coe, W. W. Eberhart, John Risley, G. B. Dimick, John Lawellen, W. H. Mattoon, directors.

WORTHY PROMOTION.

Theodore Osmund Advanced to Position of Secretary-Treasurer. Theodore Osmund was last Monday elected secretary and treasurer of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. at the annual meeting of the corporation. Mr. Osmund, who succeeds R. E. Ryan, has been connected with the company since its incorporation and was for many years in the office of the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company. He has hundreds of friends in Oregon City to rejoice at his promotion.

FRUIT AND FARM PRODUCE UNION

REITERATION OF A FEW OF THE STRONG POINTS CONCERNING THE ASSOCIATION.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONTROL

Easy to Strengthen the Organization From Time to Time—Good Start Has Been Made.

Considerable has been printed in the columns of the Enterprise in the past concerning the Oregon City Fruit and Farm Produce Union, which was recently launched in Clackamas county. While it is possible that a portion of what may be said in this article will be a repetition it is deemed best to again call attention to a few things concerning the organization that may bear repeating.

In the first place the men who urged the organization of the association were not seeking after the position of manager. This will be an important duty, and not every man can fill it successfully and to the satisfaction of members. But on the other hand, the board of directors—as the association is planned—will dictate the policy of the association and not the manager. That official will be entrusted with but little initiative and his duties will be limited to the carrying out of the orders of the board. He will be simply an executive official and will not dictate policy or lay plans; he will put into effect the policy that his superiors decide upon and carry out the plans the board entrusts him with. The board of directors, to be composed of ten members of the association will be the supreme head.

Messrs. Kuppenbender, A. J. Lewis, and M. J. Laselle, who have been devoting time and energy to the organization, are not pulling for any soft jobs. They have been spending their own money and putting time into the project with the hope that the organization may be effected and made successful, for if it can be done it will be money in their pockets—along with those of other Clackamas county citizens—and be productive of great good to the business interests of this section of the State.

Little argument is now necessary to convince men of the beneficial results that have accrued from the organization of the Hood River association. And yet at the outset more opposition was encountered than in trying to duplicate that success in Clackamas. The organization of the onion association in Texas was fraught with greater expense than will this association entail here. Added to that was the loss of which came in blating the way for the success of those who follow, which need not be encountered here. Then the California oil association, which is successfully backing the Standard Oil Company, emphasizes the fact that despite the most strenuous opposition on the part of those who rely on his metal if he will pin his faith to organization and business methods.

In the case of the California oil association there were grievous errors made at first by the association's managers, the outcome of not knowing the business. Added to this was the fact that the Standard Trust every possible obstacle in the way of the new and weaker rival. But a manager trained and by sticking together the association did finally win and is now trimming the sails of that giant corporation and paying handsome dividends to its members.

It may take a little time for the fruit and produce union in Clackamas county, and its new officers—for they must be now at the outset—to learn the ropes sufficiently well to at all times market its product at a satisfactory price, but now is the time, when the producers are few and have small bearing orchards, for its officers to learn the ropes so that in five or six years from now the organization may be in shape to market any quantity of fruit and produce which its total membership may raise.

It is the purpose of the organization not only to market the produce of its members but to also teach those needing instruction how to care for their orchards and produce, how to grade and pack to get best results, how to fight pests, furnish at least expense to members materials for packing and fertilizing and in a score of other ways aid members to produce best results for them individually and collectively.

It is not the aim of the association to require members to sell all their products to the association. A member may have ten acres of strawberries and declare but five. In the case he sees that the association will be able to pay him twice the price he can realize on the outside he cannot require the association to take the crop from the second five acres, and it will not do so unless it need the fruit to fill its orders; i. e., it is up to the producer, even when a member, to declare the portion of his crop he wishes to entrust to the association, but he can then expect to have the association care for only what he has declared.

The members of the association will be required to in a measure pin their faith to the association. But the member will be very kind and use member will be required to hold but one share of five dollars as a member. With but a small sum tied up in the stock and the opportunity open for an easy withdrawal, every fruit or produce grower in this section should early align himself with the men who are striving to make good with in Clackamas County Fruit and Farm Produce Union.

Petty differences between farmers (Continued on Page 4.)

CAPTAIN GRAHAM ESTATE PROBATED

MRS. JULIA E. HASKELL OBTAINS \$6,000 BEQUEST UNDER TERMS OF WILL.

STEAMBOAT MAN WAS WORTH \$15,000

Remainder of Estate Goes Share and Share Alike to Six Children of Pioneer River Pilot Who Died Last Week.

The will of the late Captain John M. Graham, pioneer steamboat man, who died in Oregon City last week, was admitted to probate here yesterday, the estimated value of the property being \$15,000. The chief beneficiary is Mrs. Julia E. Haskell, who inherits \$6,000 for faithful service, she having taken care of Captain Graham during his declining years. Until the estate is settled Mrs. Haskell is to receive \$50 per month, and the bequest becomes void only if she remarries. The family stock is left to Captain Graham's son, John M., and the family portraits to the other children. The remainder of the estate is willed, share and share alike to his sons and daughters, Alden B., Arthur W., and John M. Graham, and Mercy W. Anderson, Anna May Morrill and Jessie J. Fuchs, his daughters. The executors of the estate are his two sons, Alden B. and Arthur W. Graham, and two sons-in-law, William Andrewsen and R. D. Morrill.

PLANNING FOR A LIVESTOCK SHOW

PORTLAND, MARCH 20, 21 AND 22. ARE THE PLACE AND DATES CHOSEN.

TO HAVE EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Prizes for Best Stock and No Admission Charge to the Show—Lectures by Competent Authorities.

Portland will have a fat stock show March 20, 21 and 22. The affair will be of the same nature as similar shows held in the packing centers of the Middle West and it is expected to develop into a great aid to livestock growing, creating interest in the industry, and spreading information broadcast as to methods followed with the most success.

There will be handsome prizes offered for the best stock, and entries will close March 20. There will be no admission charge to the show and it is believed it will be one of the best possible ways to educate the farmers of the Pacific Northwest to become stockraisers. Lectures will be given by competent authorities on the subject of fattening stock and conditions throughout the territory from which the Portland livestock market gets its supplies will be considered.

The show has the backing of both the Hill and Harriman systems and prominent livestock and packing interests are leading their full support to it.

CHINAMAN SUICIDES BECAUSE DESPONDENT

NOT HAVING MONEY TO PAY DEBTS HE HANGS HIMSELF IN BARN.

Gon Chip, a Chinaman of Wilsonville, hanged himself Tuesday afternoon. Coroner Fox was called to hold an inquest. The verdict was that deceased came to his death by hanging, the injury being inflicted by his own hand.

Chip was a conscientious Chin and believed the theory of his countrymen that if one did not pay his debts he was disgraced beyond redemption. He was working for H. C. Young and a few days ago drew \$30 of his wages. He then made a visit to Portland where he purchased a few presents for Mr. Young's children, as was his custom. Later he was induced to gamble, and lost what money he possessed. The New Year in his religion drawing near, and he not able to pay his debts, he took his own life.

Chip went to a small structure of his own and throwing a rope over a beam swung himself free. He used what is known as a "granny knot," and is said to have choked to death.

Chip leaves a wife and a son and daughter in China, whom he had never brought to this country. He was between 50 and 60 years of age.

CHARGED WITH BEGGING WHILE DRUNK.

C. C. Armstrong, who hails from Portland, was found begging on the streets Tuesday, being in an intoxicated condition. Chief of Police Shaw took him in tow and locked him up in the city prison till such time as he should sober up. Wednesday he was taken before Recorder Stipp and given a sentence of 30 days in jail.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS INTERRUPTED

HEAVY RAINFALL WASHES OUT BRIDGES—CAUSING TONS OF ROCK AND DIRT TO FALL.

NORTH AND SOUTH TRAINS STALLED

Tracks of O. W. P. Covered With Water at Several Points Between Here and Portland.

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COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

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NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING NEEDED

PRESENT QUARTERS ARE INADEQUATE TO INCREASED WORK MADE NECESSARY.

POSTMASTER RANDALL SENDS DATA

Washington Authorities Made Acquainted With the Conditions and Needs and the Probable Cost.

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STATE AID ASKED FOR ROAD MAKING

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS TO COVER PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

COUNTY COURT TO DESIGNATE ROADS

Improvement Must Be Begun Within Two Years From Passage of the Enabling Act.

An effort is being put forth to provide State aid to the counties for road building. A bill that in view has been introduced into the legislature. We print the text below: Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$500,000 to be used as provided for in this act, one-half of which shall be available in the year 1911 and the remainder in the year 1912.

Section 2. Each county, as now organized in this state, shall be entitled to receive \$10,000 of the money appropriated by Section one of this act for the year 1911, and \$10,000 for the year 1912, to be used in the construction of permanent roads in that county as provided in this act.

Section 3. Whenever any county shall desire to accept the money as mentioned in section two of this act it shall provide and make available as needed, a fund of \$20,000 to be used with the \$5,000 mentioned in section two for the construction of a permanent road in that county. After having so provided such fund the county court shall select the particular location of the road to be constructed and shall designate the place of beginning and definitely describe the location of the road, all of which shall be entered on the journal of the court. Such road shall begin at one of the principal market places in the county or shall connect with a permanent road leading to such place, and shall be so located as that when constructed, as herein provided, it will constitute one of the main traveled roads to the place from whence it starts.

Section 4. All roads constructed under the provisions of this act shall be constructed by and under the exclusive direction and control of the State Highway Commissioner. Whenever the county court shall have complied with the requirements of section three of this act it shall notify the Commissioner of that fact and, at the same time, render him assurance that it has or will procure when needed such machinery, tools and appliances as they may determine will be needed in the construction of such road, but no part of the fund of \$30,000 mentioned in section three of this act shall be used for the purchase of machinery, tools or appliances or for any other purpose except the construction of such road. Necessary engineering and supervision work shall be deemed construction. As soon as the Commissioner shall be satisfied that the county court has complied with the requirements of sections three and four of this act he shall commence the construction of such road at the place of beginning thereof as designated by the county court and proceed with such construction as expeditiously as possible. As the work of construction proceeds the cost thereof shall be paid as follows: At the end of each calendar month, or oftener, in the discretion of the Commissioner, he shall prepare an itemized statement in triplicate showing the amount due on account of the construction of such road and the persons to whom it is owing. One of these statements of account shall be delivered to the county court, one to the Secretary of State, and the other he shall keep on file as a part of the records of his office. As soon as the county court receives such statement of account it shall cause warrants to be drawn according to such statement for 65.23 per cent thereof, and as soon as the Secretary of State shall receive such statement of account he shall in the same manner draw warrants upon the State Treasurer for 33.13 per cent thereof, and in this way such payments proceeded until \$30,000 shall have been expended.

Section 5. All roads constructed under the provisions of this act shall be constructed according to the best and most scientific methods, and so as to make them as durable and permanent as possible, and no part of such road shall be constructed upon greater grade than seven per cent except by direction of the State Highway Board.

Section 6. If any road, or any part thereof, constructed under the provisions of this act shall be constructed by contract, specifications showing what is to be included in any such contract so as to enable any one of ordinary understanding in such matters to understand the same shall be prepared in duplicate, one of which shall be delivered to the county court and the other shall be kept on file by the Commissioner as a part of the records of his office, and both of which shall be open to the inspection of prospective bidders. After the preparation of such specifications notice inviting bids according to such specifications shall be printed for at least two weeks in two newspapers printed in the county, or if there is but one such paper then in it, and also by posting one copy of such notice at the court house door. All bids shall be publicly opened by the Commissioner at the office of the county judge, or at such other room in the court house as may be designated in the advertisement for bids, at such time as may be specified in such advertisement. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but, other things being equal, citizens of the county shall be preferred. The county in which the work is done shall have the right to bid and the Commissioner may reject any and all bids.

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BORAH ENCOUNTERS MILD OPPOSITION

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The amendment provides for election of Senators by popular vote, and Senator Borah, who is in charge of the bill, predicts it will pass the Senate within 30 days and the House before March 4. Certain Senators are asking for time, who are not believed to have a desire to oppose. There will be some opposition, nevertheless. Recent developments as to fraud in elections are likely to aid in its passage.

CAN BE REVIVED; NEW ORDER MADE

MRS. EFFIE B. ROBINSON GIVEN JUDGMENT FOR MONEY FOUND ON SUPPOSED FATHER.

JUDGE BEATIE REVERSES PREDECESSOR

Testimony at Early Trial of Case is Conflicting—Money is in the Hands of County Treasurer.

Judge Beatie has taken decisive action in the famous Williamson case that has been dragging along in the Clackamas county courts since September 13, 1908, when the body of an old man was found in the woods close to Springbrook school house near Oswego, with \$600 in gold in the pockets of his clothing. It was supposed the man had been dead for about six weeks, and soon after his body was discovered, Mrs. Effie B. Robinson, of Firland station, near Lentz, applied for letters of administration, claiming to be the daughter of the dead man, whose name, she said, was F. A. Williamson. She was accordingly appointed administratrix, giving the required bond, but immediately afterwards, Hesse & Beckett, of Portland, representing Bernhard Halste, filed a petition for the removal of Mrs. Robinson, setting up that her claim to relationship to the dead man was false and made for the purpose of getting control of the money. Bernhard Halste claimed to be the brother of the dead man, who was said to be one Christian Halste.

Grant B. Dimick, then county judge, went into the case thoroughly and obtained a mass of testimony that was very conflicting. Affidavits and depositions were secured from the East, and finally Judge Dimick rendered an exhaustive opinion, in which he declared that neither of the litigants had the slightest claim to the estate, and that Mrs. Robinson's maiden name was Williams, and not Williamson. Her marriage certificate was produced and indicated that the letters of administration were secured from the East after the original certificate had been made out.

Mrs. Robinson's attorney, J. H. Hitchings, of Portland, promptly applied to the Circuit Court, and Judge Campbell, after a hearing, dismissed the appeal. Judge Beatie has just made an order setting aside the order of former Judge Dimick, upon the grounds that the order was not made pursuant to any statute providing for cancellation of letters of administration and is contrary to the statutes. Judge Beatie also says the order of Judge Dimick was not accompanied by or followed administratrix, indicating that the proceedings in the county court were irregular.

This week Harry E. Draper, T. J. Myers and R. L. Holman were appointed appraisers of the estate, and they found \$524.30 in the hands of County Treasurer Tufts, and this money has been paid over to Mrs. Robinson upon an order from the court, which will prevent its being escheated to the state. It is supposed that the attorneys of Halste, who has since died, will fight the order of Judge Beatie which placed the money in Mrs. Robinson's hands.

POPULAR CHOICE OF U. S. SENATORS

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MADISON STREET BRIDGE CLOSED.

The Madison street bridge in the Kansas City addition, was closed to traffic Wednesday morning by the street superintendent. Tuesday night a huge landslide, carrying several tons of dirt, crashed into the bridge, knocking out two bents and damaging the underpinning. The principal department will make repairs immediately and it is expected the bridge will be opened to vehicles in a short time.