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U'REN CIRCULATES LAND TAX PETITION

TEST CASE TO DETERMINE WHETHER INITIATIVE MAY BE BY COUNTIES.

CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR IT

License Taxes in Cities Will Be Wiped Out if Measure Becomes Law—Lawyers in Doubt About Home Rule.

An initiative petition for the passage of a single tax bill in Clackamas County was sent out for circulation on Friday by the Home and Farm Tax Exemption League, through W. S. U'ren. The measure is recommended by the Oregon Single Tax League, of which E. S. McAllister, is President; George M. Orton, Vice-President; H. W. Stone, Treasurer and W. S. U'ren, Secretary.

Mr. U'ren said the petition would be circulated in all the counties, if the league won its fight to have the measure passed on by the counties instead of the state at large. There is opposition to the home rule plan of having the bill voted upon, and it is probable that the circulation of the petition will result in a test suit here to determine its legality.

"Some lawyers are of the opinion that the law does not provide for the circulation of county initiative petitions," said Mr. U'ren, "and that is what we desire to determine before we begin the work of obtaining names throughout the state. There is no doubt about the constitution providing for the county petitions, but some say there is a question as to whether the statutes on the subject are broad enough. The amendment to the constitution adopted last year gives the counties the right through the voters to tax or exempt from taxation any property subject to general laws of the state. If the bill we are advocating becomes a law it will wipe out all license taxes in cities, and the taxes must be derived from the value of the land, and the state corporation license tax."

The petition is addressed to Secretary of State O'Leary, and is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, citizens and legal voters of the State of Oregon and of the County of Clackamas respectfully demand that the following proposed bill for a local law for the County of Clackamas be submitted to the legal voters of said County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1912, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the County of Clackamas, my residence and post office are correctly written after my name."

The bill is as follows:

"For a local law for the County of Clackamas to exempt from taxation all trades, labor, professions, business, occupation, personal property and improvements on, in and under land, and to require that all taxes levied and collected within said Clackamas County shall be levied on and collected from the assessed values of land and other natural resources, separate from the assessed value of public service corporation franchises and rights of way.

"Section 1. That all business, labor, trades, occupations, professions, and right to conduct, work at or practice the same; and all forms of personal property; and all improvements on, in and under all lands shall be and hereby are exempt from taxation for any purpose within Clackamas County, and no tax shall be imposed upon any trade, labor, business, person, occupation or profession under the pretext of a license or the exercise of the police power within said County; but in its application to licenses and permits this is intended only to prevent the raising of revenue from such licenses and permits, and to prevent exacting of fees therefor greater than the cost of issuing the permit or license, and is not intended to impair the police power of the County, City or State.

"Section 2. All taxes within Clackamas County shall be levied on and collected from the assessed values of all lands, water powers, deposits, natural crops and other natural resources, and on and from the assessed values of public service corporation franchises and rights of way. This act does not affect corporation license fees and inheritance taxes collected directly by the State, nor lands as are used only for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, already exempt from taxation by law."

Mr. U'ren has left a copy of the petition with Justice of the Peace Samson where voters may sign it.

BIG FOREST FIRE Baffles Fighters

Southern Pacific Men Fight Desperately to Save Timber and Power House.

Springwater is Not in Danger

Force of Workers to be Augmented and Blaze, it is Thought, Will Soon be Checked—Family Forced to Flee.

The Southern Pacific Railroad on Tuesday started a force of fifty men to fighting the big forest fire near Springwater, which threatens the \$1,000,000 power-house which the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is building and timber valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One family has been forced to flee from the flames and others will be routed by it unless it is soon got under control. The fire is one of the severest ever known in the forests of Clackamas County. For a time Tuesday it was thought that Springwater was in danger, but reports received late at night are that the town is safe.

Fire Rages Several Weeks.

Fire has been raging in the Clear Creek district for several weeks and a small force has been fighting it. The blaze was considered of little consequence until a high wind late Monday night drove it toward the power plant and valuable timber of the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is now nearing the foothills, and the force of men is fighting valiantly to check its progress. There is much excitement in the neighborhood. A large area has been burned over, and it is not thought that the fire will be got under control for at least twenty-four hours.

Henry Cromer, road overseer, is assisting in fighting the flames through E. E. Blackley, construction engineer for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who is aiding the fire-fighters, arrangements were made with the Government Forest Service officials in Portland by which 100 soldiers from Vancouver Barracks will arrive in a special car to assist in getting the fire under control. Every available man in this city has joined the force of volunteers that is endeavoring to check the conflagration.

The devastated section is situated between the Clackamas River and Clear Creek. A strong east wind is blowing and the fire is spreading rapidly. Volunteers left Estacada to assist in fighting the fire.

It is not known just how the fire originated, but the prevailing opinion is that a campfire left by a party of fishermen on the bank of Clear Creek was scattered by the strong wind.

\$20,000 Warrants Paid by Treasurer

Article in Enterprise Brings Scores of Holders to Office.

Company Negotiates for Rails

Directors Considering Plan to Cease Selling Stock and Bond Road For Enough to Complete Work.

An experience of Thursday convinced County Treasurer Tufts that there is a great deal in newspaper publicity. As the result of an article in The Enterprise he paid out a cool \$20,000 in a few hours and expects to pay out about \$15,000 today. The article gave the information that the County Treasurer had \$35,000 with which to liquidate all road warrants issued and endorsed prior to December 14, 1910, and that the money would be paid today. Mr. Tufts had hardly opened his office before he was besieged by a crowd of warrant holders, and, although he had not intended to take up the warrants Thursday, he decided to do so.

"The Enterprise certainly reaches the people," said Mr. Tufts, "and it is a fine medium in which to advertise."

There is a moral in this little story, which should appeal to the merchants of Oregon City. This isn't the editorial department of the paper, but in connection with the above illustration it is a mighty good place to repeat, reiterate, and resuscitate the old axiom, which everyone should know—**ADVERTISING PAYS.** Do you ever go to the Grand Theatre. Aren't the crowds large at that playhouse? The management believes in advertising and is one of the most consistent patrons of the columns of The Enterprise. "Then, too, Mr. Schram knows how to advertise. THERE IS SOMETHING IN THAT." Go to the big storehouse and warehouse of the Oregon Commission Company sometime and see what a fine business is being done there. Messrs. Beattie and Robbins believe in advertising and they know HOW TO ADVERTISE. And the same story could be told of several other houses in Oregon City.

Railroad Draws Many Investors

Enough Subscriptions Obtained to Grade Line to Molalla.

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The work on the Clackamas Southern Railway is progressing faster than at any time during the progress of the work. The company has about eight men and thirty teams engaged in the work of grading and clearing, and the employees are making good progress along the line.

The farmers in the Molalla district have been subscribing very liberally, and at this time the company has more subscriptions than will be required to complete the entire grade from Oregon City to Molalla.

Subscriptions Come in.

Each day new subscriptions come in which more than cover the expense incurred on the line, and that alone is very pleasing to the board of directors, who are earnestly working for the completion of the project.

They feel that in a short time track-laying will begin, as the company is now negotiating for steel to be used in the laying of the track, and ties are being subscribed by the sawmill men in that part of the county affected by the road.

Bonding Plan Favored.

A large number of the subscribers are advocating a policy which the directors are carefully considering at this time, and that is to cease selling stock and complete the grade, and bond the project for enough to lay the steel and procure the rolling stock.

They figure that by pursuing that course the earning capacity of the company will continue. Work on the road would pay the bonds in a short time, and the stockholders would then absolutely own the road, and with only a small amount of stock out and owned the road, the stock would be very valuable.

Boosts Oregon on Visit to Old Home

William Beard Does Fine Missionary Work on Trip in East.

Friends Call it Political Play

Governor's Boasted Non-Partisan Commission Denounced as Farical—Department Left Without Experienced Man in Charge.

William Beard, who left here in May for a trip to his former home in Western Wisconsin, returned to Oregon City Saturday morning, after a most delightful trip, despite the warm weather he encountered. He spent some time in Wisconsin looking over the scenes of his boyhood days, and also visited relatives in St. Paul and Duluth, Minn. In St. Paul Mr. Beard found the weather extremely hot, the thermometer registering one day 112. On the Pioneer Press building at that place a thermometer has been placed at the top of the building, registering 92, so an Oregonian had an idea of the heat in an Eastern city. An uncle of Mr. Beard's, who is eighty years of age, became prostrated with the heat while walking with Mr. Beard. He was carried to a nearby residence, where medical aid was rendered. Mr. Beard says many of the Eastern states are suffering from drought, but in Iowa and Kansas the crops never looked better, and the farmers are overjoyed at the bright prospects of good crops.

Mr. Beard, who came to this city several years ago, from the East to make his home, is one of the best boosters of not only Clackamas County, but the entire state, and soon after his arrival in several of the Eastern cities, his former homes, he was called "the chronic booster of Oregon," many of the newspapers commenting upon his boosting qualities. Mr. Beard took with him a large supply of literature pertaining to the state which was distributed, and was eagerly sought, as many of his friends have contracted the "Oregon fever," and Mr. Beard said in an interview Saturday that he did not think they would recover from the malady until they came to look for themselves and then they would be convinced.

Mr. Beard had on his trip several unpleasant experiences, and in several places he was charged exorbitant prices for food. In one place he had to pay 75 cents for a cup of coffee and "a glad hand." Mr. Beard made the trip to his old home by way of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, the Denver & Rio Grande, and returned home by way of the Oregon Short Line. He says in all his travels no state looks so "good to him" as old Oregon.

Wisner is Out as Hatcheries Head

Office Abolished on Pretext of Cutting Down Expenses.

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J. Nelson Wisner, who was two months ago employed as State Superintendent of Fisheries, has been legislated out of office by the State Fish and Game Commission. Following a meeting of the commission held in the Yeon building offices last Monday afternoon, Mr. Wisner was informed by one member of the commission that his office had been abolished and that his services would not be required after August 1. Commissioners Cranston, Kelly, Stone and Hughes were present at the meeting and Commissioner M. J. Kinney was absent.

Mr. Wisner, whose home is in Oregon City, was taken utterly by surprise at the unexpected action of the commission but when seen by an Enterprise reporter he declined to make any statement for publication. Think Politics Caused it.

His friends here, however, are keen in the belief that Governor West's boasted anti-political commission is entirely farical and that Master Fish Warden Clanton and his political allies were displeased when the office of State Superintendent of Fisheries was created and Mr. Wisner's appointment announced.

The service of the deposed superintendent would unquestionably have been of great value to the Commission because of his long and varied experience in matters relating to fish culture. He was for about 10 years one of the two field superintendents of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, working first on the Atlantic Coast, but his longest service was in the propagation of salmon and trout in the waters of the Northwest. He has been in charge of the Government operations in Oregon and Washington.

It is understood that the reason given for Mr. Wisner's enforced retirement is economy, but it is suspected that this is not the real reason, and it is possible that after Mr. Wisner has severed his connection with the commission on August 1, he will be induced to make a statement, which may be highly interesting.

State Left Without Expert.

Governor West, when in Oregon City a few months ago, said in a speech that his new fish and game commission should establish a record, that it was independent of him and that it had plenty of money to spend in furtherance of its work.

The abolishment of Mr. Wisner's office leaves the commission without an expert in propagation work, which will naturally be conducted in future by men who owe their appointments to political favoritism and who have little or no experience in the important work which the commission has undertaken.

City Swelters on its Hottest Day

102 Degrees Most Accurate Record Obtainable on Main Street.

Hill Section is Little Cooler

Mercury at Maple Lane Goes to 115 in Sun—100 is True Record on Bluff—Relief Promised Today.

So far as can be determined, owing to a lack of standard thermometers, and a weather bureau, Monday was the warmest day in the history of Oregon City. The thermometers on Main street ranged anywhere from 102 to 104 in the shade in the afternoon. At the home of C. C. Babcock, on the hill, where the trust test was taken for that section, the temperature was just an even 100.

During the recent warm spell and on Sunday when it seemed that spontaneous combustion would soon ensue, if there were not immediate relief, the mercury registered 98 degrees in the shade. A Morning Enterprise reporter looked up all the data obtainable last night, and there seems to be no question as to yesterday having been the hottest day ever experienced in this city. Charles McCarter, of Thirteenth and Washington streets, who is probably the best informed man in the city in meteorology, said that he was confident it was the warmest day ever experienced in the downtown section of the city. He said, however, that about ten years ago there was for a short time a slightly higher reading on the hill.

Mercury Keeps Climbing.

The mercury registered 68 degrees at 5 o'clock in the morning and kept climbing until in the afternoon when it registered at various places from 100 to 105. The reading at 7 o'clock in the morning was 70; at 8 o'clock 75; at 9 o'clock 80; at 11 o'clock 85; at 12 o'clock 89; at 1 o'clock 94; at 2 o'clock 97; at 3 o'clock 98; at 3:30 o'clock 100; at 4 o'clock 102 or 105, according to the different exposures of the various thermometers. The mercury had dropped to 73 at midnight.

The thermometer in the downtown section which probably registered the most accurate yesterday, was that of E. P. Elliott & Son, at the corner of Seventh and Main streets. This thermometer was virtually in the shade all day and, in the afternoon when the highest temperature—102 degrees—was registered, Main street had been sprinkled at the corner and a cool draught was coming up from the basement steps at the head of which the thermometer is suspended. Mercury on Hill 105.

The mercury in the rear of the Gadke plumbing shop on Main street registered 102 in the shade at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and Mrs. Walter Bonner's thermometer, at her home in Kansas City, showed 105 at the same time. All these thermometers were in the shade at the time the highest records were taken, and it is safe to say that a standard thermometer, under conditions such as those found at the various weather bureaus would have recorded more than 100 degrees.

At Maple Lane several thermometers registered 115 degrees in the sun.

WILLIAM E. GRACE MARRIES.

NEWLY ELECTED TEACHER QUILTS

Gladstone Directors Will Receive Applications For Position.

Miss Pearl Stevens, who was recently elected teacher of the third and fourth grades, Gladstone, has resigned because of ill health. She will spend several months in Eastern Oregon. The school directors Thursday announced that applications would be received for the position.

EX-LEGISLATOR TO BECOME NURSERYMAN

F. M. GILL, GOOD ROADS ADVOCATE, PLANS RETURN TO THIS COUNTY.

F. M. Gill, formerly of Clackamas County, and for the last two years a resident of Dufur, Wasco County, will return to Garfield where he will go into the nursery business. Mr. Gill believes that there is a great future in selling trees, and says that from 8,000 to 10,000 trees may be planted on an acre of land. These trees bring about 12 cents each when sold in large quantities, and there is a net profit of about nine cents a tree.

Mr. Gill has been farming on his father's place at Dufur. He was last year elected to the legislature from Hood River and Wasco counties. He was an ardent advocate of good roads for farmers, but resisted the attempt to build a highway across the state for the benefit of automobile owners.

In the Garfield country, where Mr. Gill expects to locate in September, the Oregon Agricultural College has planted an experimental apple orchard, the soil being particularly adapted to fruit growing. Mr. Gill hints that he may become a candidate from Clackamas County for the legislature next year. He has long been a prominent member of the Grange.

\$20,000 STOCK IN LINE SOLD IN WEEK

100 MEN AND 30 TEAMS MAKE DIRT FLY ON CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN.

More than \$20,000 stock in the Clackamas Southern Railroad was sold the past week. This is the record for a week, and the indications are that the demand for the stock in the company will continue. Work on the roadbed is being pushed rapidly and it will not be many months before the screech of the big locomotives is heard in the rich Molalla valley and millions of dollars in timber is being hauled to market. Because of the rich territory the road will traverse there is no question as to its paying for the state. Almost 100 men and thirty teams are working daily on the line and dirt is certainly flying.

The promoters will attend a big barbecue today at Mulino and acquaint the farmers with the progress of the work. Road building will be started at the Molalla end of the line soon.

FREYTAG WORKS FOR STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

FRED ACHILLES BRINGS IN FINE SAMPLE OF SIBERIAN WHEAT.

Fred Achilles, of Willamette, was in this city on Saturday, having brought with him a fine sample of seven Heated Siberian wheat, his crop being almost ready for the threshing. The heads are full and this is the best sample of this variety that has been placed on exhibition this year, at the real estate office of Freytag & Money.

Dr. Schultz has also brought to the office of this real estate firm a fine sample of oats, and these with the other samples that have been received, and are brought in later, will be taken to the State and County fairs. Mr. Freytag asks that name Oregon farmers of Clackamas county bring in samples of grain, so that he will be able to make a good display at the State Fair, as he will have charge of the exhibits from this county. Last year it was late in the season when it was decided to have Clackamas county represented, and the exhibit was not as large as it should have been, although it was creditable and won one of the prizes.

Samples of fruit left with Mr. Freytag will be placed in a preparation, with the name of the grower on the jar and taken to Salem. A. A. Pease, of Mount Pleasant, brought a sample of cherries on Thursday, which have been placed in a preparation and are on exhibit in the real estate office windows where they are attracting much attention.

Mr. Freytag is taking an active interest in the welfare of the county.

J. C. EDMONDS MAKES NEW BERRY RECORD

U'REN AND SINGLE TAX PLAN SCORED

J. C. Edmonds, of Willamette, is making a record as a berry grower, and the berries he is bringing to the Oregon City market are attracting much attention. There is such a demand for Mr. Edmonds' fruit that he finds it unnecessary to sell to the merchants. The consumers take his entire crop direct from him.

Mr. Edmonds brought some of his Loganberries and Mammothberries to market Monday. The Loganberries were almost two inches in length, while the Mammoth, which resemble blackberries, were two inches and more in length. They are of unusually fine flavor. There are eleven varieties of berries on the Edmonds place which are grown on one-half acre of land. The vines are well taken care of and in the spring they are cultivated, and receive another cultivation before the bearing time. They need no water whatever, and the soil has proved that it is excellent for the growing of this variety of fruit. Mr. Edmonds expects to harvest about 40 crates of Loganberries and about 15 crates of Mammothberries, the latter commanding a higher price than the former, as there are very few raised in this county, especially like those raised by this grower. The vines that are producing such luscious fruit are from two to three years old. They are trained like those of the hop vine, each hill for a vine.

Mr. Edmonds has three acres of land at Willamette, and not a bit of this land is left untilled. Mr. Edmonds came to this city from the East, and is now one of Oregon's boosters.

SEEKS DIVORCE FROM WIFE THOUGHT DEAD

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Married in 1861, Peter Portuge Tuesday filed suit in the Clackamas County Circuit Court against Ellen Portuge for a decree of divorce. Portuge says his wife deserted him in 1862, and in 1883 he heard she was dead. Ten years after that time he remarried. He does not say so in his complaint, but the assumption is that Mrs. Portuge's ghost has confronted him and caused him to worry.

JUDGE QUOTES POETRY AS HE SAVES TREE

J. E. HEDGES WINS FIGHT TO PREVENT REMOVAL OF BIG WALNUT.

Judge Campbell harked back to a poem learned in his school days Friday when he granted a perpetual injunction against the City Council removing a fine walnut tree in front of the home of Mrs. Nellie V. Walker at Seventh and Washington streets. "The Council might well heed the command of the oft-quoted poem," said the judge in starting his oral opinion: "Woodmen, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough! In youth it sheltered me. And I'll protect it now."

The city desired the removal of the tree in order to lay a concrete sidewalk, but the court held that it was not necessary. He decided that a portion of the roots might be cut off on the outer line of the curb, and above a plane of two inches below the surface of the proposed sidewalk. J. E. Hedges represented Mrs. Walker and City Attorney Story appeared for the council. The decision is regarded as a precedent and will, it is expected, save other beautiful trees of the city.

BROTHER AND SISTER AT WAR OVER ESTATE

County Judge Beattie on Monday heard arguments on a motion to compel Frank Mott, of Canby, to turn over to his sister, Mrs. Kate E. Horton, administratrix, the business of his father, the late Elias E. Mott. It is said that about \$2,000 is involved.

OREGON CITY HAS BIG SUPPLY OF WATER

During the past three months there has been about 5,000 feet of piping installed for the carrying of the city water. The pipes are ready for the installing on Main street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, under the direction of Superintendent of Water Works W. H. Howell. There is a large supply of water this year, and little complaint is being heard of the water supply in this city, as in other cities, where the supply is short, owing to the extreme dry weather. There have been 24 fire hydrants installed recently, some of which are along the streets that are undergoing improvements, while others have been installed along other streets.

HILLS NOT KILLED BY SLAYER OF COBLES

Sheriff Mass is convinced that J. H. Wilson, the section foreman who has confessed to killing Archie Coble and wife at Rainier, Wash., is not the slayer of William Hill and family at Ardenwald Station.

\$4,000 IS ASKED ON OVERDUE NOTE

Rosalie D. Caldwell Saturday filed suit in the Circuit Court against Fred J. Nelson, James F. Nelson, A. W. and Lena Fordyce, the Bank of Oregon City and Mary L. Driggs, to recover \$4,000 on a promissory note, secured by a mortgage on 184 acres of land in Clackamas County. It is charged that Fred J. Nelson, who executed the note, conveyed the property to Mr. and Mrs. Fordyce, subject to the mortgage, and that the Bank of Oregon City, and Mrs. Mary L. Driggs, have claims or liens upon the land, and they are therefore made party defendants in the suit.

PITIFUL STORY WINS VETERAN FREEDOM

A. C. BAKER, OF ROSEBURG, SAYS HE BEGGED TO KEEP FROM STARVING.

A. C. Baker, a member of the Roseburg Post of the Grand Army of the Republic told a pitiful story Tuesday when he was arrested on a charge of vagrancy. Mr. Baker, who is seventy-one years of age, admitted that he had asked several persons for money, but said he had done it only when he saw starvation staring him in the face. He declared that he was recently robbed of his pension money for several months in Seattle. In proof of his assertion he called attention to a cut over a trousers' pocket which had been made by the robbers to extract the money.

"I am not a beggar," said the old man. "All I want is work. But every one I apply to for work says that I am too old. I went to Seattle seeking work, and was robbed of every cent I had. I am trying to get home where I will be cared for."

The tone of sincerity in the old man's story convinced Recorder Stipp that he was telling the truth, and he was allowed to proceed on his way to Roseburg.

TWO COUPLES GET LICENSES.

The following obtained marriage licenses on Monday: Mary Joyce and Peter A. Levin, of 1700 Morris street, Portland; Miss Mabel Hoffman and Jack Gordon, of Oregon City.

GIRL UNDER AGE IS MARRIED.

Miss Helen Burgess becomes bride of Clarence Irish.

Miss Helen Marie Burgess and Clarence Irish, of Gresham, were granted a marriage license in this city on Thursday, and were married at the Electric Hotel by Rev. S. A. Hayworth, pastor of the Baptist church. Miss Burgess was under age, and her mother, who accompanied her to this city, gave her consent. The young people are well known at Gresham, where the former is in the livery business.

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However, Mr. Stevens showed himself to be a fluent speaker, and his arguments against the single tax were far more effective than his personal abuse of Mr. U'ren. He declared the reason for this being refused, and the entire burden placed upon the landowners.

Declaring that he had not been a personal friend of the late Senator John H. Mitchell, the speaker defended him, and said he was a victim of persecution. He said the time was fast approaching when Senator Mitchell would be vindicated.