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SCHUEBEL WOULD TAX WATER POWER

CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SUBMITS COPY OF PROPOSED BILL

FRANCHISE ASSESSMENT PROVIDED

Eight Hour Shifts in Mills and Factories Are Advocated—Fish Law Amendment Urged

Following is the corporation franchise and water power assessment bill proposed by C. Schuebel, candidate for the Republican nomination for representative:

Section 1. All appropriated water and water powers in Oregon shall be assessed as land in the county where they are situated, and the assessed value thereof shall be listed by the assessor in the assessment rolls separately from the value of the land on which they are situated.

Section 2. Every franchise and every right of way of a public service corporation shall be assessed and listed for taxation by the State Commission separate and apart from the assessed value of the property of the corporation consisting of buildings, improvements, rolling stock and all other kinds of real and personal property. The State Tax Commission shall consist of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state only, and the governor has authority to employ such clerical assistants as may be necessary.

Section 3. The value of every public service corporation franchise and right of way shall be assessed by the State Tax Commission and listed separately from the assessed value of the necessary improvements and personal property legitimately and properly used by the corporation in the operation of its business.

Section 4. The value of all improvements on, in and under land shall be assessed separately from the value of the land and shall be listed by the assessor in the assessment roll in the column headed "buildings and improvements."

Section 5. Natural growths, deposits and other natural resources not expressly provided for heretofore shall be assessed as a part of the land on, in or under which the same are situated.

Section 6. The name public service corporation within the meaning of the law includes every corporation which has a franchise from the state or any municipality, or which in fact serves the public as a public corporation or which, to enable it to serve the public, is granted the right of eminent domain.

Section 7. No public service corporation owns or shall own a vested property right in its franchise, but every public corporation holds and exercises its franchises and all its privileges, rights, powers, duties and obligations for the people of every county and municipality in which it operates or by which it is granted or allowed any corporate powers, rights, privileges or franchises.

Section 8. Every tax payer is exempt from taxes on three hundred dollars of the assessed value of his household goods and personal property.

Section 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith or with any part hereof and hereby repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

Mr. Schuebel gave out the following statement:

"A bill to require water powers to be assessed in the county where they are located, and by the county assessor instead of leaving it to the discretion of the State Tax Commission, will add at least \$2,000,000 to the tax roll in Clackamas County. Most of the water power in this county is owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, but it would also add about \$300,000 to the assessment of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company and \$150,000 to the assessment of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company (the Woolen Mills)."

"A bill to require the State Tax Commission to assess railroad and other public service corporations franchises and rights of way separately from other property of these corporations, instead of 'taking them into consideration,' which is the present law, and under which the franchises practically escape taxation. This law would add at least \$1,000,000 more to the county tax roll."

"A bill requiring mills and factories that run twenty-four hours a day to employ three eight hour shifts on such work."

"An amendment to the fire laws to allow farmers to burn their slashings in the summer, when slashings will burn, instead of waiting until everything is wet with the fall rain."

"An amendment to the fishing laws to give Clackamas County fishermen a fair show, and to take from the Fish Commission its alleged power to regulate fishing by setting aside laws made by the legislature."

RECORD IS MADE IN PAYING WARRANTS

County Treasurer Tufts announced Friday that the county only owed on outstanding interest bearing warrants \$41,920.42, and that the county was only four months and twenty days behind on the payment of outstanding warrants. This is a record that has not been equaled for years. At this time last year the county was in arrears seven months. Mr. Tufts says the prompt payment of taxes and the increase in the levy is responsible for the fine showing.

S. P. SURVEYING WEST SIDE ROUTE

ELECTRIC LINE WILL CONNECT WITH McMinnville Branch AT OSWEGO

ROAD NEAR THAT OF P. R., L' & P. CO.

Operations Reported To Be Result of Trouble That Started Some Time Ago—Engineers Reticent

A force of fourteen Southern Pacific Railway Engineers began surveying a route for an electric line to extend fifteen miles south from Oswego on the West Side Tuesday morning. The line will connect with the McMinnville branch at Oswego. The engineers refused to say why the company planned building an electric line parallel with a line that is being built by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, it was learned that it was the direct result of the trouble that has been brewing at McMinnville for some time.

Despite the report that the length of the road is to be only fifteen miles it is believed that the intention is to extend it. The Southern Pacific has planned for several years building an electric line from this city to Portland to relieve the congestion on the main line, and give a quicker and more satisfactory service. However, it was reported that the plan had been abandoned because of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's operations on the West Side. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's road has been completed from Oregon City nearly to Bolton and trestles have been built between Bolton and Oswego.

\$4,000 ESTIMATED ELEVATOR COST

LIVE WIRES COMMITTEE WILL ASK CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE MONEY

PLANS ARE SUGGESTED BY RANDS

County Court is Expected To Approve \$10,000 Toward Fund For Building Armory

Ernest P. Rands, who has been investigating the practicability of building an elevator at the bluff, reported at a meeting of the Live Wires Tuesday that a concern in Portland had agreed to erect one for \$4,000. Mr. Rands said the proposed elevator would be of the latest model and would accommodate all the persons who wished to use it. He recommended the hydraulic type, the power to be obtained from the falls. A committee, consisting of Mr. Rands, W. L. Mulvey and B. T. McBain, was appointed to confer with the city council regarding the building of the elevator.

M. J. Lazelle, secretary of the Promotion Department of the Commercial Club, who has charge of the booster day arrangements, reported progress. The celebration will be held April 27, and Mr. Lazelle reported that it would be the biggest in the history of the county. He said the department had decided to have industrial exhibits instead of carnival shows as given last year. Mr. Lazelle reported that a big horse parade would be held in the morning of the celebration.

Dr. L. L. Pickens announced that he had conferred with the county court regarding the suggestion that the county appropriate \$10,000 for use in connection with the construction of an Armory. The state will give a similar sum, and the city already has donated a site for the building. The court has not made a decision, but it is believed the appropriation will be made for it would save the county a yearly expenditure of \$300 for rent of the building now used as an Armory.

DEMOCRATIC DINNER TO BE "LOVE FEAST"

Assessor J. E. Jack, chairman of the Democratic banquet committee, says that the banquet to be given in this city April 13 by the Democrats of Clackamas County, promises to be one of the greatest events of the season in a political way. Prominent speakers from all parts of the state are expected to be present and are expressing their desire to be placed on the program. The fact that this is Presidential election year, will make this occasion one of the largest political gatherings to be held in Clackamas County this year, and all men regardless of party affiliations are cordially invited to attend. The spread will be one of the most elaborate that can be procured, and the music will be furnished by the best musicians of the city.

Mr. Jack also states that owing to the seating capacity being limited, he would advise all persons desiring to attend this banquet to procure their tickets early.

POULTRY CAR TO BE HERE 2 DAYS

EXPERTS OF OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

LECTURE PLANNED FOR CHILDREN

Questions From Audience Are Urged Regarding Problems That Apply To Particular Localities

The poultry demonstration car equipped by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College, to be sent over the Southern Pacific Lines for forty-five stops in various parts of the state, will reach here on Saturday morning, April 27, at 10 o'clock. C. C. Lamb, of the college poultry department will be in charge, and will be assisted by R. B. Thompson of Portland, a junior in the agricultural course. Professor James Dryden, head of the poultry department, is to have the general supervision of the trip, and has arranged an interesting program of lectures and demonstrations for the time the car is in town.

First there will be a lecture and demonstration especially for the school children, which will last from half an hour to an hour. Following that there will be a half hour lecture for the general public on "Poultry Feeding," and afterward for an hour or an hour and a half those interested will be given a demonstration and a chance to inspect the car exhibits. Another half-hour lecture for the general public on "Housing Chickens," and a demonstration and exhibit of an hour or more will close the program. There will be an opportunity for everyone to ask questions regarding the solution of problems of their own particular location, so that the greatest possible amount of practical help may be given to all.

Since the car is to be in this city for so short a time, it will be absolutely necessary for the school children, who are to have the first lecture, should be there promptly. Superintendent L. R. Alderman has arranged for this visit to the car with the teachers of the schools all along the route and H. E. Lonsbury, general freight agent of the railroad, has sent out an itinerary showing the exact time the car arrives and leaves, so no one should have any difficulty in being there.

This is to be a thirty-day tour of the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River valleys, and the car, leaving Corvallis Saturday morning, April 6, visits Albany, Grants Pass, Medford, Central point, Ashland, Merlin, Gold Hill, Glendale, Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Roseburg, Wilbur, Sutherlin, Oakland, Yonah, Cottage Grove, Drain, Creswell, Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Lebanon, Jefferson, Turner, Brownsville, West Scio, Salem, Woodburn, Gervais, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Aurora, Canby, Oregon City, Sherwood, Newberg, St. Joseph, Carlton, McMinnville, Gaston, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McCoy, Lafayette, Sheridan, Dallas, Independence.

From Oregon City the car goes to Sherwood, leaving at 5:12 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

POULTRY CAR TO BE BOOSTER DAY FEATURE

Announcement was made Wednesday that the poultry demonstration car operated by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in conjunction with the Oregon Agricultural College, which will be in this city Booster Day, April 27, and the day following, will be in charge of Professor James Dryden, C. C. Lamb and R. B. Thompson. The following program has been arranged for Booster Day:

Lectures and demonstration for school children; lecture for general public on "poultry feeding;" demonstrations and inspection of the exhibits of the car; lecture for general public on "housing chickens;" second demonstration and inspection of exhibits. M. J. Lazelle, secretary of the Publicity Department of the Commercial Club, who has charge of the Booster Day Arrangements, says the demonstration train will be one of the features of the celebration.

DAUGHTERS' BLOOD SAVES MOTHER'S LIFE

A remarkable operation was performed Tuesday morning by Drs. E. A. Sommer, and Dr. H. S. Mount, when Mrs. D. A. Thompson, who lives about four miles from Barlow, submitted to the operation of blood transfusion. Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Edward Hilton residing near Barlow, has been a sufferer of pernicious anaemia for some time, and her condition Monday was critical. Mrs. Thompson offered to sacrifice blood enough for the operation, and the wrist of her mother, as well as her own were severed, and the blood allowed to flow from an artery of Mrs. Thompson to one of Mrs. Hilton. Mrs. Hilton shortly after the operation was much improved. Her cheeks soon showed color, and her pulsation increased. The physicians are much encouraged over the result of the operation, and have hopes of saving Mrs. Hilton's life, although she is sixty-two years of age.

LLOYD WILLIAMS STRANGELY GONE

COUNTY RECORDER HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 31

RELATIVES FEAR THAT HE IS DEAD

Bade Family Affectionate Goodbye And Said He Was Going To Clear Creek To Fish—Books Correct

Lloyd E. Williams, recorder of Clackamas County, has been mysteriously missing since the afternoon of March 31, and his family and



Lloyd E. Williams, Recorder, Who Has Been Mysteriously Missing Since March 31.

friends believe he has been drowned or was a victim of foul play. The books of his office have been examined by experts and found to be absolutely correct. At the time of his departure he took with him a fishing outfit and informed his family that he was going to Clear Creek on a fishing trip, and would return the following Tuesday afternoon. His failure to return that day worried Mrs. Williams, and the next day she asked friends to assist in finding him. Although a quiet search has been made for him ever since, not a trace has been found.

Members of the Oregon City Lodge of Elks, of which Mr. Williams was a member, Wednesday began a systematic search for him. The facts that he had no domestic trouble or business worries, and only had \$6 when he left the city have lent color to the theory that he is dead. It is thought that he was drowned while crossing the Clackamas River or in a millrace on Clear Creek near where

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SHERIFF MASS IS 'KIDNAPPED'

COUNTY OFFICIAL HANDCUFFED AND SPIRITED AWAY ON FAST TRAIN

IRONS TAKEN FROM OWN POCKET

About Forty Oregon City Elks Have Fine Time At Opening Of Home In Eugene

Locked in his own handcuffs, which were taken from his pocket by stealth Sheriff Mass of Clackamas County was surreptitiously taken a prisoner to Eugene Monday afternoon. The "arrest" was one of the most daring ever made in Oregon City, and for a time Deputy Sheriff Staats and Miles were thinking of organizing a posse to rescue their chief. However, a telegram received from the Sheriff at Woodburn gave the information that his captors were a jolly herd of Elks, and he expected to have the best time of his life at the big celebration at Eugene.

Sheriff Mass had gone to the station to see a delegation of about forty members of the local lodge board the "Elks' Special," and apparently was unconcerned as Jack Roberts, the alleged highwayman, when questioned by Sheriffs Mass and Stevens, until a few minutes before the train arrived. Then in an instant as his hands were resting on his wrist he felt something cold on his wrists and heard a click which was familiar to him. His hands were fast and as the train drew in the station four sturdy Elks seized the sheriff and lifted him on to the train.

The sheriff telegraphed the news from Woodburn to Mrs. Mass, and knowing what fun was in store for her husband, she joined with others in the belief that he was not such an unwilling prisoner after all. In fact several of his friends have been unkind enough to insinuate that the conspiracy was arranged by the sheriff himself.

Among the Elks from this city who went to Eugene were John Jennings, of Jennings Lodge, Dr. Clyde Mount, Sheriff Ernest Mass, who was kidnapped, T. P. Randall, Charles Redmond, of Jennings Lodge, John E. Risley, Charles Risley, Harry Moody, William R. Logue, E. T. Avison, R. L. Holman, L. Stipp, Curtis Miller, Fred Metzner, W. H. Howell, Roy A. Young, Judge G. B. Dimick, James Cary, C. H. Warren of Oak Grove, W. Harris, of Oak Grove, William Sheahan, Henry O'Malley, exalted ruler, C. E. Ramsby, D. F. Skene, Theodore Osmond, Henry Henningsen, Henry Fuser, and J. W. Cole. The new home of the Eugene lodge was fittingly dedicated.

THINK SUSPECT HAS CONFESSED

ROBERTS REPORTED AS DENYING HE INTENDED KILLING MEN IN AUTO

SHOTS AIMED ONLY FOR MACHINE

Ex-Convict Alleged To Be Paving Way To Escape Jail—Sheriff Will Not Discuss Report

Breaking down before the mass of evidence collected by Sheriffs Stevens and Mass, Jack Roberts is said to have made a confession of the fact that he killed George Hastings and Donald M. Stewart, as the two young men and three associates sped by him on the Whitehouse road.

While admitting that he killed Hastings and Stewart, Roberts, in his confession, is said to have insisted that he is innocent of deliberate murder. His explanation, it is believed, is that he intended to shoot low and had no intention of wounding or killing the young men who thwarted his attempt and Roberts' explanation of the shooting were made, it is supposed, in the hope of receiving a penitentiary sentence and escaping the death penalty. Sheriff Stevens, his deputies and others connected with the case, declined to discuss the rumored confession.

"I have nothing to announce," was the only answer Sheriff Stevens would give when pressed for an admission that Roberts had confessed his guilt. "You can say for me, however, that I am positive we have the right man. The evidence is so conclusive that there is no chance for a mistake."

WANT AUTOISTS TO AID ROAD WORK

GRANGE APPROVES PLAN TO COMPEL OWNERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

\$1 TAX ON EACH HORSE POWER URGED

Law Providing Money For Local High Schools Approved—Juvenile Fairs Are Commended

Pomona Grange, at a meeting at Eagle Creek Wednesday, adopted a resolution endorsing an act which will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature providing for a change in the registration of automobiles. The plan is to charge \$1 annually for each horse power of the machine instead of a flat fee as at present, and the money derived from the assessment will constitute a road fund to be expended by the state. The automobile licenses vary now from \$3 to \$19 and under the proposed system they will range from \$20 to \$50. It is the opinion of the majority of the grangers that automobiles do more harm to the roads than other vehicles and the owners should be compelled to contribute liberally toward the building and maintaining of the roads.

The grange also adopted a resolution approving the law providing a general fund for local high schools. Although the legislature has passed the law the counties will have to vote upon it before it becomes operative. The school fairs also were endorsed. A resolution approving the law providing for county school superintendents was discussed and will be passed upon at the next meeting. J. D. Chitwood, of Damascus, master of the grange, presided, and about 200 members were present. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies.

Resolutions of respect to the memories of deceased members of the grange were adopted at the evening session and several applicants were initiated.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BOOSTER PARADE

The third annual Oregon City Horse Show will be held Saturday, April 27. As has been the custom in the previous years, a booster celebration will be held in connection.

Several brass bands will furnish music, the streets will be filled with free attractions and the business houses will have special sales and attractions, including demonstrations in their stores.

Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Experiment Station and College will deliver an address in the afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms to the farmers upon agriculture and horses. The big parade will start at 10 o'clock in the morning and cash premiums will be paid for the best decorated vehicles. Beautiful ribbons and cash prizes will be given to winners among the horses of the various classes.

Oregon City has the reputation of always having a great time on Booster Day and it was estimated that last year on this day, 10,000 persons witnessed the parade. The Horse Show and Booster Day will be given this year as it has in the past, under the auspices of the Commercial Club, with M. J. Lazelle as manager. For further information or premium lists address the manager at Oregon City.

COURT URGED TO AID ARMORY FUND

APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 BY COUNTY WILL INSURE HOME FOR COMPANY

STATE WILL PROVIDE \$15,000 MORE

Oregon City Expected To Take Rank With Salem, Albany, Dallas and Woodburn, Which Have New Armories

The County Court Friday took under consideration the question of making an appropriation to defray a portion of the cost of erecting a State Armory in Oregon City and promised to make public its attitude at an early date. Application has been made to the Court for the appropriation of \$10,000, the city having already practically agreed to provide a site, which will have a valuation of not less than \$5,000. Should the County Court finally agree to make a levy for the purpose of raising the fund petitioned for, the State will then provide a sum equal to that furnished by the City and County, which, in this instance would be \$15,000, and an Armory building costing \$25,000 would then be erected and maintained by the State, without further cost to Clackamas County.

For many years the County Court has given \$25 monthly for the rent of a building that has been and is still being used for an armory, though entirely inadequate for that purpose. This annual appropriation of \$300 would be entirely wiped out through a lump appropriation for a new Armory and the County would be money ahead eventually.

While the Court did not indicate what its attitude would be, the men who are most vitally interested believe Judge Beattie and Commissioners Mattson and Blair will look with favor upon the proposition. Salem, Albany, Dallas, Ashland, Woodburn and several other cities of Oregon have recently acquired new Armories through the aid of the State, and it has always been argued, and with reason, that as these Armories are used for civic as well as military purposes, and the towns mentioned have places for public meetings of all kinds, the investment of Clackamas County would be justified.

Colonel James Jackson, inspector-general, and W. E. Finzer, adjutant-general of the Oregon National Guard; T. W. Sullivan, William Beard, George C. Brownell, J. E. Hedges, J. W. Moffat and B. T. McBain talked before the Court, and all of them urged a liberal appropriation. The matter was argued from every conceivable standpoint. Mr. Sullivan said the appropriation would necessitate a levy of only two-fifths mills. Probably one-fifth of the total taxable property in the county was represented at the hearing, where a voice was raised in opposition to the appropriation. The meeting was arranged by Dr. L. L. Pickens, chairman of the new Armory committee of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS FAST CONTEST

The first game of the Clackamas County Interscholastic Baseball League was played Saturday afternoon between Oregon City High school and Milwaukie High School and resulted in a score 12 to 11 in favor of Oregon City High school.

The game was hotly contested up to the ninth inning when the Oregon City boys succeeded in scoring the winning runs. The game throughout was marked with errors and ragged plays on the part of both teams. The next league game that the Oregon City High School plays will be with the fast team from Molalla High School. Although Oregon City made a poor showing in the Milwaukie game, the boys expect to be strong contestants for the pennant.

The batteries for Oregon City were Holms and Roland and for Milwaukie King and Bristow. The attendance was poor, only a few high school students being present.

BIG ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN STARTS

The Publicity Committee of the Commercial Club has started a big advertising campaign which it is believed will bring hundreds of persons to Clackamas County. It will be conducted in connection with the booster celebration April 27. The committee also is negotiating with representatives of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company regarding the erection of a big electric sign containing the words "Oregon City, Power, Prosperity." The sign will either be suspended above the bridge or will be erected on the highest building in the city. A special edition of the Oregon City Publicity, the club's official paper, will be devoted to Booster Day. It probably will be printed in red.

Husband Charges Desertion

Declaring that his wife deserted him while they were living at 655 Everett street, Portland, April 1, 1911, Reuben E. Atwater Thursday filed suit for a divorce from Carrie A. Atwater. They were married at Arlington South Dakota, December 26, 1884.

Authorities Seek Evidence Here Against Roberts



Jack Roberts, ex-convict, who is accused of killing George Hastings and Donald M. Stewart, members of an automobile party which was fired upon on the Whitehouse road. Sheriffs Stevens and Mass are desirous of learning who sold the suspect a loaf of bread, a pair of his overalls, a black second-hand derby hat on the inside of which were the initials "E. E. F." The authorities think these articles were obtained in this city the day after the crime was committed.