

OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE

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IN SPITE OF THE FACT that the city council has raised the tax levy to 10 mills over the eight and one-half mill levy of the year before...

Through the campaign that was waged against the saloon evil, this paper has declared time and again that it believed, in the event of an increase in taxes...

It takes that same stand now in face of the increase in the rate. It believes that it is much easier and better to pay \$10,000 into the city treasury directly through taxes...

No business house would spend \$150,000 in order to save \$10,000. It isn't good business for a wholesaler or a retailer. Why should it be good business for a municipality?

Oregon City is better off without the saloons. Though the taxes will have to be raised to meet this loss of revenue, the people will discover that they judged rightly when they overthrew the power that has held them in its clutches for many years...

Even with a higher tax rate, the city is saving \$140,000—a sum that will be spent at home hereafter and that will go into the pockets of home dealers. The saloons can derive very little pleasure from their "I told you so" cry since the council made its decision.

The city saves an annual sum of \$140,000 that went into the pockets of the saloons before. It seems to the Enterprise that the people of the city have the right to gloat a little over the saving and that the saloons ought to accept their defeat in silence.

THERE IS no doubt that the weather bureau renders valuable service to the country, and especially to shipping by its attempts at forecasting the weather, but its failures are not infrequently more striking than its achievements. During the past month or six weeks "fah weather" has been mostly restricted to the predictions of the bureau.

THERE is some speed to the state board of health in Oregon. The last report of the department includes its activities to and including December 31, 1912. When these statements reach the general public, they are almost one year old and the benefit that the state derives from the work of the office is, on the face of it, very important.

It does seem that the heads of the department could get around with their report in less than a year's time after the work has been completed and could get their statements before the public in time to do the people of the state some good. The public generally is little interested in a report that is a year old and the benefits that can be derived from an analysis of conditions so long after they have happened that they are dead and forgotten are few and far between.

For instance, the report gives the results of the water tests made at the filter plant during the year 1912 and about 23 out of 39 tests show the presence of positive colon bacilli both in the city water and in that taken directly from the river. But that condition is of little interest to the people here now for the conditions of a year ago are possibly not the conditions of today.

OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

issued every now and then, does not show one of our strongest assets—reputation. This is an important part of our resources, the value of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

a period that would give the people some benefit of the work done.

Subservient reports made to quiet the anxiety of the people do not help health conditions in the least and the benefits that the state can gain from the existence of a health department are many if that office is conducted on the basis of impartial reports regardless of whom or what it hits.

For some cause or other, the people of Oregon City have little faith in the state board of health. During the typhoid troubles with which the city has been afflicted for months, several things have happened that have shaken the confidence and faith of the people in the state board and its decisions on water, as on other matters, are not taken with any particular seriousness by the public generally.

A health board is the protecting wall for the people of the state against the encroachments of disease. It behooves the state, therefore, in making its selection of the men who are to have a position on that board to pick those who have the backbone to stand even against public sentiment when that sentiment is against public health.

There have been health officers over the country who have done this. While their work may not have been appreciated by their own people at the time, the appreciation became all of the keener after the work began to show its results in the reduction of disease. W. C. Gorgas, chief officer of the department of health in the Panama canal zone was such a man. From the malarial swamps of that torrid country, filled with disease and death for the white man, he brought about the present healthful conditions of the American property. There have been others who have made themselves leaders in the fight for health.

SANDY'S ENTERPRISE in deciding to construct a hard surfaced highway through to the county line of Multnomah county is commendable in any city and much more so when it is considered that the project is undertaken by a town with scarcely more than 300 souls.

Good roads has come to be an epidemic through all of the counties of the state and has taken a firmer grip on most of the farmers than one would, at first blush, imagine. They have now come to realize the loss of revenues that are taxed against them in transportation costs and have undertaken special road taxes and made special levies to keep their roads in passable condition and to construct new and better highways.

Such sentiments as those shown by the people of Sandy have been expressed by the farmers of many of the counties of the state. In several of them bond issues have already been authorized and the people at the polls have instructed their several county courts to build better roads and to build them of the kind of material that will last.

It is but a concrete example of the working out of the doctrine that the Enterprise has been preaching for sometime. This paper has never yet realized the value of a poor road nor could it ever figure out, as a matter of dollars and cents, why the county should be taxed \$240,000 every year for its mud.

Clackamas county mud produces record breaking crops. It also produces wagon breaking, revenue breaking, transportation cost increasing roads. Mud is all right in its place and it brings in the fat harvests, but it is a poor community at best on a country road. The soil that produces the best crops usually makes the worst roads and this county is one of the best examples of that fact that road boosters could produce in the West.

There are few highways through the county that are even passable in the winter months and most of them have become notorious because of their bogs and ruts in the season when a good road is worst needed. The annual tax levy of the county amounts to \$240,000. All of it is spent every year on the county roads. No lasting impression upon the highway shows where a cent of that money goes and what it was spent to accomplish. It seems to us that the county could much better afford to build a certain definite number of miles of trunk line with a portion of that amount and get something that would be of lasting benefit for the distance that it traveled than to spend all of it promiscuously on all of the county roads and get nothing in return.

But this county can never accomplish anything definite for better roads until the people learn that bad roads cost money while good ones fatten the bank account and proceed at once to authorize the county court to issue bonds that will provide the cash for the construction of permanent hard surfaced highways.

A road that doesn't last and that costs money to keep continually in repair isn't worth the time that it takes to plan it. What this county, along with every other county of the state, needs vitally, is a system of good roads of hard surface and the only way to get it is by saving some of that \$240,000 annual mud tax and putting it into a bond issue that will enable the county court to do something worth while.

EASTERN WOMEN have taken the right track in fighting the egg trust and the cold storage combine. They have determined that the members of the various clubs will use no more eggs in their households until after the prices have dropped to 32 cents a dozen.

Past years have shown the strength of the women to force prices down to a reasonable figure in matters that effect the household wants. For a time, the women waged a successful fight against meat trust of the east and boycotted the markets until the producers and cold storage men were forced to place their product on the market at a fair price or find no sale for it at all.

When dealing with thieves, one must use the methods of a thief. If the trust proposes to rob the housewife, she should take some stand to rob the trust of his illegitimate profits. For several years, there have been complaints that the storage companies were holding back the supplies in the effort to boost the prices and they have continued to do so unmolested by the government or the state authorities. Only the women have fought against the high prices but in almost every instance they have been successful to a large extent. If the housewife refuse to buy his product, what good does it do the storage man to hold the goods hoping, by monopoly, to raise the prices to a prohibitive figure. For the past few weeks, eggs have been steadily rising in price. Almost every changed quotation showed a fluctuation in eggs.

The government has received notice of the stand that the club women have taken in the matter and it has spurred the officials to the point where investigations will be made into the price of the eggs on the market and the supplies that are in cold storage. The man who buys eggs when the market is down and holds them until it goes up is entitled to a fair margin of profit. But he is not entitled to such a prohibitive price as he has been demanding the past few weeks. The investigations of the women and the government ought to result in some definite good for the country at large.

SPEAS FIRST REGULAR BASEMAN ON BEAVER TEAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22.—From present indications, Bill Speas will be the regular first baseman of the Portland Beavers next year and Fred Derrick will play the utility roles. Manager McCredie admitted as much several days ago, and backed up the statement made earlier in the season that Speas was the best first sacker in the league, although he has played but little at the position.

There are many who consider Fred Derrick the peer of any guardian of the initial sack in the league, and well they may. He is certainly the best fielder in the circuit, and one of the greatest basemen.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

- "Don't sit in a draughty car." "Don't sleep in hot rooms." "Don't avoid the fresh air." "Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Overeating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers. (Adv.)

HORTON TALKS FOR PROGRESS

BELIEVES INTERESTS OF ALL OF THE CITY GREATER THAN THAT OF INDIVIDUALS

STREET IMPROVEMENTS AN EXAMPLE

Property Owners Must Suffer to Get Those Things that Tend Toward Public Betterment Even if They Cost

Progressiveness was the central thought in a short but pointed speech by Councilman Horton, at the franchise meeting of the city council and the property owners Monday night. Pointing to past mistakes that the city has made in refusing to allow competing lines to enter the territory and throwing obstacles in the path of new lines, he declared that he believed the city would be committing gross error if it did "anything that would prevent the construction of a new railroad through the town."

Great Mistake. "I believe it would be a great mistake," said Mr. Horton, "if this city council and the people should do anything that would cause them to lose this road. I believe that Oregon City needs a new line and that it ought to encourage, rather than prevent, the construction of every line that wants to enter here."

"I presume that I shall be censured for the statement but I believe that the interests of the city are greater and more important than those of any individual or any sets of individuals. The things that are for the benefit of the whole community should be taken into consideration by the council even though to push them through should injure some individual taxpayers of the city."

City's Interest Important. "In matters of street improvements, we do not consider the objections of the taxpayers as above those of the whole people of the city. For my part, I would rather have given away the lots upon which one of my houses stands than pay for the improvement that the city has ordered there and which will cost me more than the lot is worth. It is a benefit to the people of the city that such an improvement should be made. I suffer the consequences of the action of the council but my interests are not as great as those of the whole people and the council believes the work necessary."

"It seems to me that just such an argument should apply in the present case. The interests of the people are centered in this road. It would benefit the whole people. We ought to get it even if it does hurt a few of us."

MANY HUNTERS SHOT

THE LAST SEASON HAS MANY VICTIMS

In the hunting season just ended there were three serious accidents and a number of minor ones. Two men were killed and one other is hovering between life and death.

The three more serious accidents all happened in the southern part of the state and were the result of hunters mistaking their companions for deer. The many other accidents represent every kind of carelessness from "unloaded guns" to stray bullets.

George Bingham, of this city, and Elmer Conger, of Jacksonville, were the two hunters who were killed and Albert A. Dixon is the man who lies at the point of death as a result of a trip near Canyonville.

GAME PLAYED IN RAIN

OREGON CITY LOOSES COUNTY HONORS TO ESTACADA

In a field covered with water and during a drenching rain, the Oregon City High school lost the county championship to Estacada Saturday to the score of 12 to 0. The contest was hard fought by both teams. The local boys struggled desperately against their heavy opponents but without avail.

The local boys protest that the game was not fair as the referee was the Estacada coach and all the other officials were either connected with the school or residents of the town. It has not been yet decided whether the game will be contested or not or whether any attempt will be made to cancel the contest.

If the Oregon City eleven allow the score to stand without dispute, the team from eastern Clackamas will have a good claim to county championship.

SHOOT DETECTIVE MINER IS ARRESTED

TRINIDAD, Colo., Nov. 21.—Following the assassination of Chief George Belcher of the Baldwin-Peltz Detective forces in the southern Colorado fields, Trinidad was under martial law for six hours early today.

Belcher was shot and instantly killed last night as he stepped from a drugstore in the center of the business district and paused to light a cigar. The shot was fired by one of a group of men ten feet from the drugstore entrance. Police were on the scene before this group had time to scatter, and Louis Zancanelli, an Austrian miner, was arrested. The police asserted that Zancanelli tossed away a revolver as Belcher fell. Zancanelli denied it.

CLOSER-WILCOX—Miss Rose Closer and Gerald Wilcox of Springfield, received a marriage license from the county clerk Saturday.

YODER-BLAIR—Miss Grace Leora Yoder and John Milo Blair, of St. Johns, were licensed to marry by the county clerk Saturday.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money and Makes Better Food

HEAVY PURCHASES OF TURKEYS MADE

Heavy purchases of turkeys are being made by outside interests for shipments to the north, although so far as can be ascertained nothing above 23c a pound is being paid for fancy dressed birds.

Big shipments are due in the local market Sunday and Monday, when the price will be formally set for the Thanksgiving trade. In all probability, there will be a liberal increase in offerings over last Thanksgiving, because the birds at this time are said to be in a better condition than then.

IDAHO POTATOES TAKE VALLEY TRADE

There is a rather quiet tone in the potato trade in northern Oregon markets. With the recent lowering of prices in the south there has been a corresponding reduction in the price of fancy stuff at Oregon county points. Former bids for fancy shipping stock have been reduced to 90c.

Little stock is being offered by growers but this condition is not felt in the south, according to latest information coming from there to local shippers. Idaho has been shipping so much stuff to the California trade that every want is being supplied at lower prices than Willamette valley growers have been willing to do business.

The entrance of Idaho potatoes into the San Francisco market this season has been a real hard blow to Willamette valley stock. The Idaho growers are going real hard after the California trade and they are putting up a very fancy potato to capture the business. The stock is being graded according to the wants of the south era trade.

FLUCTUATIONS NOTED IN LOCAL MARKETS

Several changes were noted in the local markets Saturday and quotations varied, according to the commission men. Poultry prices weakened materially during the day as did the potato market values.

On the other hand, eggs and hides are higher and the tone generally is firmer with a brisk trade. Oats also tightened in price, the demand being heavy for the grain.

HOP TRADE SHOWS RATHER DULL TONE

The hop trade continues to show a rather dull tone, although some sales willing to bid above 23c a pound for supplies.

While it is quite possible that some selection may possibly bring a cent above this figure still most dealers claim they have no orders to buy at such a value.

Hop growers themselves are uncertain as to the course of the market, and while some are holding very tight for higher prices, others are letting go at the quotations named.

The market is entirely a bull and bear affair, but so far as can be ascertained the bulls have recently done the trade more damage than the bears, because they have quoted values at which hops were not actually selling. In a measure the bullishness and fake quotations given have caused some of the big buyers to retire from the market, otherwise they would now be purchasing.

Even dealers themselves admit that there is no reason why Oregon hops should be selling at a price so much lower than English and New York hops are bringing. However, they are unable to help themselves for that is all buyers are willing to pay.

Safest Laxative for Women. Nearly every woman needs a good laxative. Dr. King's New Life Pills are good because they are prompt, safe, and do not cause pain. Mrs. M. C. Dunlap, of Leadhill, Tenn., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills helped her troubles greatly." Price 50c. Recommended by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Hubbard and Canby.

REAL ESTATE

Mollala Power company to Mollala Electric company, tract of land in section 11, T. 5 S., R. 2 E., 27 acres; \$1.

W. F. Akin to John H. Hargreaves, lot 17 of Gibson's subdivision of John A. Logan tract; \$500.

Eva Michael to E. W. Gillan, lots 33, 34, 35, in block 71, Minthorn's addition to Portland; \$150.

J. R. Edwards and wife to I. W. Moffat, lot four, in block one, Darrell's addition to Oregon City; \$50.

E. F. Riley and wife to H. E. Clyde, two and one-third acre, section 20, and 21, T. 2 S., R. 2 E.; \$253.

J. Eliza Case to Emma J. Boyce, N. W. 1/4 S. W., and lot one in section 29, and other tracts, amounting to 157.78 acres; \$1.

Oregon Iron & Steel company to J. A. Taylor, lots 12, 13, 14, block 44, First addition to Oswego; \$10.

United States to Maude Letzel, section 14, T. 7 S., R. 2 E., patent.

S. M. Brown and wife to Clarence R. Miller and wife, section 9, T. 2 S., R. 3 E.; \$3500.

G. Moehne and wife to Albert Moehne, section 31, T. 3 S., R. 3 E.; \$1.

Portland Railway, Light & Power company to Frank Ross, lot D, tract 22, Willamette & Tualatin tracts; \$95.

Portland, Eugene & Eastern to same, tract in same tracts; \$1.

Charles A. Robertson to Vira Robertson, T. 2 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

Mollala Power company to Mollala Electric company, T. 4 S., R. 1 E.; \$11.

Mollala Power company and Aurora Electric company to Mollala Electric, rights franchise; \$1.

J. N. Peary and wife to W. H. Warren, property in south Oswego; \$250.

Boyle, P. M. and Alice to L. W. Robbins and wife, lots one and two, block two, Mollala; \$1.

Earl Jack to Robert L. Landsdown, tract in T. 1 S., R. 4 E.; \$100.

Simonston, E. A. and F. M. to R. C. Coffey, lot six, block 15, Oregon Iron & Steel addition to Oswego; \$300.

C. W. Minor and wife to H. F. Hughes and Charlotia A. O'Connell, lot 20 Tualatin Meadows; \$10.

M. T. Duffy to Ethel M. Holman, T. 2 S., R. 1 E.; \$10.

T. W. Cloe and wife to Henry Von Groenewald and wife, tract 45 in Concord; \$10.

L. G. McQuade, George M. Rivley, T. 3 S., R. 3 E.; \$10.

Theodore Young and wife and Anna Colleen, to H. G. Hartshorn, T. 2 S., R. 2 E.; \$10.

W. A. Beck and wife to Fred Shafer lot six, block two, Taylor's addition to Mollala; \$200.

R. J. Moore and wife to W. A. Wood T. 5 S., R. 2 E.; \$10.

C. K. Letzel to Clayton E. Letzel, section 14, T. 7 S., R. 2 E.; \$10.

Clara Erion to Ora R. Powell, section 27, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.; \$1000.

R. B. McArthur and wife to L. O. Ralston and others T. 5 S., R. 2 E.; \$1.

W. J. Rowe and wife to S. H. Rankin, lots seven, eight and other fractional lots, block 53, Gladstone; \$700.

Deed by state of Oregon to Inkerman Helmer, N. W. 1/4, N. W. 1/4, S. E. 1/4 section 26, T. 7 S., R. E.; \$1500.

C. H. Dye, trustee, to Frank E. Andrews, lots 5, 6, block 18, south Oregon City, No. 1; \$10.

Frank E. Andrews and wife to Alice M. Pederson, section 22, T. 4 S., R. 4 E.; \$10.

Thomas R. A. Sellwood and wife to Harry E. Nicfels, lots six and seven, in block eight, Quincy addition to Millwaukie; \$350.

Ferdinand Long to David W. Long, tract of land of 30 acres in D. L. C. of Edward A. Wilson and wife; \$750.

Pierce W. Gould and wife to Anton W. Logrand, tract of land in D. L. C. of Lot Whitcomb and wife; \$10.

J. E. Holbrook and wife to Alex Norman, lot 15 in block five, Alder Crest acres; \$500.

H. M. Elliott to W. J. Giger and wife, 40 acres in section 29, T. 5 S., R. 1 E.; \$1800.

Otto Moehne and wife to George M. Chapman and wife, W. 1/4 N. W. 1/4 N. E. 1/4, section 35, T. 3 S., R. 2 E.; \$2200.

W. J. Giger and wife to Albert E. Peterson, 40 acres in same description; \$2000.

P. W. Howlett and others to Gust Backstrom and wife, 172,900 square feet of land in Minthorn addition to Portland; \$3000.

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