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THE PRESENT CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURT is evidently not keen to try out hard surface roads.

The court advanced two objections. Commissioner Knight declared the price was too high.

Knight's objection was knocked in the head about as soon as the commissioner voiced it.

The argument of Judge Anderson was far more substantial than that of Knight's.

But even this argument falls down. If Judge Anderson believes in hard surface, he believes that the demands of many of the county's leading citizens are even to be recognized.

The county court is not anxious to try out hard surface. They are deaf to the plea of many of the county's most substantial citizens.

Although somewhat discouraged, boosters for real roads in Clackamas county have not given up.

WHEN THE REPUBLICANS MADE THE TARIFF, unemployment and other national questions an issue in the mayoralty campaign of last spring.

Now everybody is coming to understand that a free trade tariff—with its accompaniment of shortened hours, curtailed wages or lack of employment altogether—has a distinct bearing upon municipal affairs.

According to the figures of the poor relief department of the county, the department in February of the present year fed as many people as live in Springfield, Ill., the third largest city of the state.

If the population provided for at the county hospital and Oak Forest, together with one-half of the 18,208 patients visited at their homes by the county agent's physicians, and who do not receive other assistance, and also the 2588 non-residents and aliens given temporary assistance in 1914, are added to those directly assisted, it is estimated that in round figures the actual total of those assisted will come close to 125,000.

These figures do not include 16,268 patients treated at dispensaries operated in connection with the county hospital, nor the 5788 children cared for by the juvenile court, which are also poverty's contribution to the charity service of Cook county.

In other words, the application of Democratic policies in the nation—as shown by the Underwood tariff and its effects—has just about doubled the number of people who cannot earn a whole living in Chicago.

A GREAT BATTLE for the short ballot is on in the New York Constitutional convention. That convention, which has been in session several months, and which expects to conclude its labors in a few days, is presided over by Elihu Root, who, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says, has attracted national attention to himself a number of times in the course of its proceedings.

PENSION YOURSELF

When people are too old for active work, they need a pension. But only a small percentage of people can draw one from employer or country.

THE BANK OF OREGON CITY OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

comptroller, and the concentration of the 152 state departments and commissions into seventeen executive departments, the heads of which are to be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.

Mr. Root made a remarkable address in behalf of this amendment, Monday. He strongly condemned the "invisible government" by "party bosses" which he said had dominated New York for the past forty years.

No man in America has a more profound knowledge of the evils of bossism than Mr. Root, and no state in the Union has been so boss ridden as New York.

THE ESTACADA PROGRESS has the following to say concerning a recent editorial in The Enterprise:

"One of the Oregon City newspapers comes out with the following: 'Clackamas county has been offered a rare opportunity. The Worswick company is willing to lay an asphaltic concrete road, 16 feet wide, for \$1 a yard.'

"Do you think this same paper would boost such an offer, or would the court sanction it, if the asphaltic concrete road was to be built from Logan to Estacada, or from Boring to Barton?"

But the Progress is wrong. The Enterprise has asked for years that the county court lay a mile or two of real hard surface as a test on some trunk highway. It makes no difference whether that road lead to Molalla, Estacada or Oregon City, as long as it is one of the principal roads in that community.

The plans of the local boosters for permanent highways have often been misunderstood and their purpose questioned. Perhaps the construction put on The Enterprise editorial is only natural for a paper as prejudiced against the rest of the county as is the Progress.

If Editor Standish of the Progress will come out in a strong demand for a test hard surface in east Clackamas, The Enterprise will work for the proposition as strongly as it has worked for the Oregon City-Gladstone improvement.

THE IMPORTANCE of the land grant conference to Clackamas county can hardly be over-estimated. Not less than 92,000 acres of land, with an appraised valuation of \$1,148,000, or roughly about 4 per cent of the total assessed valuation of the county, is involved.

Clackamas county will be well represented at the Salem conference. Four delegates will represent the county court, one the local Commercial club and each member of the 1916 legislature will be present.

Incidentally, other issues are tied up in the matter. The collection of thirty-odd thousand dollars in taxes a year in Clackamas county alone is a matter pending settlement of the question.

Actual settlers on this land are most needed. With this great area, now idle, put to use, the population of the county would be greatly increased, the annual harvest swelled and all benefited.

THE TRIUMPH of the humble jitney over its rival, the steam railroad, is complete in Coos county. Between Marshfield and North Bend, a county road parallels the railroad track and jitneys operate with great frequency.

The question confronting the two Coos Bay towns is: Why force the Southern Pacific to keep up an expensive service at a loss of \$800 a month, when the people prefer, patronize and enjoy the jitney service?

It was announced months ago that the Portland Railway Light & Power company has been losing money through the jitney competition and other traction companies in large coast cities have suffered a reduction in receipts because of the operation of these automobile buses.

Will they last through the winter is a question asked by many. It is certain that the operation of these cars between cities, such as Portland and Oregon City, will be hampered by the condition of roads and that people will prefer warm, well lighted cars to the bumping, mud-splashing automobiles.

NOBODY WILL WISH TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL out of the repulsive last scenes in the tragedy of Leo Frank. But it surely is germane and proper to point out that it was in the sovereign state of Georgia that this barbarous overwhelming of law and order took place.

Georgia, two hold the important chairmanships on interstate and foreign commerce and on education; while the other ten serve on the committees on rivers and harbors, public buildings, revision of the laws, elections, military affairs, coinage, naval affairs, agriculture, appropriations, postoffices, foreign affairs, and pensions.

A REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE approximates our exports of agricultural implements during the fiscal year 1915 at \$10,000,000, compared with \$40,600,000 in the "high record year 1913."

A good illustration of the methods used by the Democratic spellbinders is found in the fact that in the city they preached that they would reduce the price of farm products, while in the country they said that the farmer would receive more than ever for his products.

The Department of Commerce has published statistics showing that the price paid by the consumer has advanced, while the department of agriculture shows that on July 1 the price received by the producer was one-tenth of one per cent less than the average for seven years on that date.

"The Progressive party is growing," declares George W. Perkins. In Massachusetts it certainly is growing—smaller. There the candidate for governor whom the state committee had "handpicked" to run in the primaries could not get names enough on his petitions to qualify for the printing of his name on the ballot.

Senator Kern, of Indiana, is the leader of the Democratic party in the senate. It is plain that he does not intend to lead very far in the way of preparing for the national defence.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder, Thursday, were as follows: George Schroeder to A. Vester, 5 acres, beginning at a point near the quarter section post on the eastern line of section 36, township 1 south, range 3 east of the Willamette meridian; \$10.

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CRITIC OF STATE PROHIBITION LAW REVIEWS CHARGES

MR. BROWNELL SAYS HE IS WILLING TO MEET ANYONE TO DISCUSS QUESTION.

LAW NOT WISH OF TEMPERANCE PEOPLE OF STATE, HE REPEATS

"One of Most Vicious and Wicked Laws Ever Placed on Statute Books of Any State," Declares Ardent Local Prohibitionist.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 3, 1915.—(Editor of The Enterprise.)—I noticed Mr. Hutton's letter in your issue of the 2nd inst. and desire to say that the reason I issued the challenge to Mr. Hutton and Mr. Schuebel, was because in your issue of a few days ago there appeared, in large display lines, an article stating that Mr. Schuebel had received a letter from Mr. Hutton of the Anti-Saloon league saying that they would have a meeting in the Baptist church and that the dry law would be discussed and that Mr. Brownell would be asked to be present.

My contention is that every house of prostitution, low grade hotels, many cheap boarding houses, and many apartment houses will be nothing more nor less than saloons. My other objection was that the particular effect of the law is to say to drinking men, "You cannot drink liquor in the saloon, but you can make an affidavit and get 24 quarts of beer or two quarts of whiskey and take it up to your home and drink it there."

My only reason, originally, for raising this question, was not for the purpose of advising people how this law could be violated, because I had pronounced myself that I would never do and any man guilty of violating this law but it was simply for the purpose of calling the public's attention to this view with the hope that the temperance people, should see some way, at the next session of the legislature to correct the defects in this law, and it is utterly immaterial to me, what position anyone in this community or elsewhere may take of my view, I am ready to meet anyone in this state, or elsewhere, in public discussion or in private discussion upon this question; I know that a law that will permit individuals over the age of twenty-one and families, all over this state, to have shipped to their homes intoxicating liquor, cannot accomplish what the temperance people of this state wanted to have accomplished, and it will result in tremendous costs to the taxpayers and its destructive power in the home cannot be calculated, and in that sense it is one of the most vicious and wicked laws that was ever placed upon the statute books of this or any other state and the only law for the temperance people to work to build up public sentiment in this state that will enforce this law, as far as they can, and then work to correct and amend the defective parts thereof.

MORE FOREST FIRES ARE NOT EXPECTED

DESTRUCTION OF TIMBER AND EXPENSE OF FIGHTING FLAMES CONSIDERED SMALL.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—"We are just waiting for it to rain to put an end to our fire trouble of this season," is what T. H. Sherrard, of the forest service, has to say as to the fires in the Cascade range that have been the chief item of expense in fire fighting in this state this season. Mr. Sherrard said that the fires in the vicinity of Mount Hood were well-trenched and as soon as the rain begins no more trouble will be experienced.

MAN WHO ROBBED BLIND IS ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—Caught stealing cigars, gum and candy from Tom Long, blind cigar dealer in the city hall, John M. Haberly, manager of the Athens drug store, Thirteenth and Morrison streets, was arrested by Detective Hyde this morning.