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THE SAN FRANCISCO ARGONAUT draws a picture all unprejudiced Oregonians know to be overdrawn when it says: "Unfortunately for the cause of prohibition, the impending try-out of the restrictive rule comes at a time of general depression in the states of Oregon and Washington."

The first mistake in the Argonaut's remarks is that there is a depression in the lumber business. It is true that the industry, on which the northwestern states do depend so much, is not crowded for orders, but the market is improving steadily.

The other principal mistake of the Argonaut is the assertion that prohibition empties store buildings, throws men out of employment and creates general industrial havoc.

But some way it does not work out. There are few empty stores in Portland, caused by the moving of saloons. In fact, in most cases, other lines of business were ready to move in as soon as the saloon left on the first of the year.

The evils of prohibition from a business standpoint are overdrawn. But even if they were not, even if the worse picture pointed by the wets were true, would it not be better to have a few empty buildings, an idle brewery or two than ten thousand desolate homes and cheerless firesides.

THE NATION just at the present time is witnessing a press agent campaign for preparedness carried on at a gigantic scale. At the head of the movement is the president of the United States, aided by army and navy officers.

The keynote of this preparedness talk is that a large army and navy will insure peace. Better spend a hundred million now than a billion to repel actual invasion a few years hence, is the cry.

It was only two years ago that the entire world considered extreme preparedness as insurance against war. The European conflict, which had so long been predicted, was declared to be an impossibility, because Great Britain, Germany and France were too well prepared.

Just how the American public can take some of this preparedness talk without smiling is a puzzle. One dignified official declared in an interview the other day that we should have an army second to none, and that only England of all nations should have a larger fleet.

The trouble with much of the preparedness talk is that it comes from high officers of the army and navy, who are naturally radical exponent of an extreme military policy.

That the United States should adopt some sane and reasonable preparedness program cannot be denied. But any legislation which would tend to put the United States in the class of the war-crazy nations should be shunned as war itself.

THE BIENNIAL APPEARANCE of the politician who attracts wide attention by his attack on corporations and successful men in business, no matter how honest, is due. Within a few weeks we shall see him in every town in the state, and speaking at every crossroads hamlet.

ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION

Can you consistently say that you will some day be independent? Are you providing now for the time when you will be unable to earn?

Step in—now—while you are thinking about it—and begin your Savings account. This is the best assurance of future independence.

The Bank of Oregon City THE OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

pearance during a few weeks preceding an election is as certain as the coming of rains in the winter or the automobile tourist in summer.

The men who have the enterprise, the foresight to establish a company, whether it is to run a railroad, operate a creamery or build a building, automatically make themselves an object of attack from the politician.

The tragedy of the proposition is that the man who can yell the loudest about the corporations and the successful men usually get elected and the quiet man, who really deserves the post and can fill it to the satisfaction of all, is defeated.

The American public, at least the few hundred thousands in the state of Oregon, has not yet clearly learned to distinguish clearly between a man and the noise he makes. The louder the noise, the bigger the man, seems to be the guiding principle.

Following on this truth, the people of this state have elected the best grandstanders of Oregon to the legislature, and true to one of their pledges, they have been playing havoc with Oregon industry.

And so it goes. Our politician friends, radiating smiles, handshakes and promises, are elected to the state lawmaking body. Usually we find that their promises are so much wind.

MOLLIE FANCHER, of whose 68 years 50 have been spent in an invalid's bed, is truer to the spirit of the poet's line, "I thank whatever gods there be for my unconquerable soul," than the poet was himself.

To a reporter who interviewed her on the approaching event she referred to it as the "golden jubilee" of the accident which, at 18 years of age, made her a hopeless cripple and invalid.

The story of Mollie Fancher will be an inspiration to many others afflicted, to find the brighter side of things, recalling, as it does, the fable of the two water buckets, one of which, in passing the other at the middle of the route, complained, "Every time I go up full I come down empty."

AN ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatch of recent date tells of the big plan of the International Harvester company, to sell stock on the monthly payment plan to any of its 350,000 employees who may wish to take advantage of the offer.

And now comes the news that the United States Steel corporation has announced an increase in the wages of its employes of 10 per cent, meaning about \$10,000,000 a year increase in pay.

County Clerk Max Gehlar, of Marion county, this week issued a statement showing that the county to the south of Clackamas spent \$261,000 for roads in 1915. This sum includes the money turned over to the incorporated towns and cities of the county, the district and special funds as well as the general county road fund.

PORTLAND IS IN GRIP OF WORSE STORM IN YEARS; TRAFFIC HELD UP; WIRES DOWN; DAMAGE HEAVY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—With the worst storm in the memory of railroad men raging through the Columbia river gorge, train service was absolutely annulled today by the O.W.R. & N., and the North Bank, for lack of wire communication and lost track of all its trains.

Street railway officials announced this afternoon that unless weather conditions change for the better immediately, car service must be discontinued.

Telephone wires are falling in all parts of the city, dropping under trolley wires and burning them out faster than linemen can renew them.

The Morrison street bridge became stuck at noon and service on all lines operating over it came to an abrupt standstill. The street car company sent word to the department stores and other large employers that it would be well to dismiss their employes early that they may reach their homes.

Several blocks of trolley wire fell on Williams avenue between Killingsworth and Alberta.

1916 WILL BE YEAR OF UNEQUALLED PROSPERITY FOR OREGON CITY, JUDGING FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS

A year of unequalled prosperity and development for Clackamas county in general and Oregon City in particular is generally predicted, the forecast being based on the list of projects announced or actually under way.

A summary of the projects announced for the year or under way and the estimated cost thereof follows: Hawley Pulp & Paper company, new mill \$750,000

Government lock construction 100,000 County road work 225,000 Southern Pacific, new rails on main line 60,000

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

Bob Schuebel on Road Law.

ELDORADO, Ore., Feb. 1.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—In a recent issue of your paper you call attention to the fact that our road laws are badly mixed and hard to understand.

I want to call attention to one instance, the method prescribed by our road law for laying out roads.

To locate a new road we are called upon to have at least 12 signatures on a petition; post notices in four places, then present the petition to the county court together with affidavit of posting notices and bond for costs of survey, etc.

The court then turns it over to the surveyor, who together with the road viewers proceed to view and survey the proposed road. This means that some times several hundred dollars are spent, hardly ever less than \$50.

Common sense would say reverse the proceeding and add a simple remedy, to-wit: The state supreme court to write out a form that is proper, leave blanks for dates and description; the prosecuting attorney to inspect papers before expense of survey, instead of after, and we have eliminated the principal grounds for trouble.

The Chinese at Baker, the Herald says, will hold no celebration on the Chinese New Year's day, on account of their continued adherence to the cause of a Chinese republic.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the office of County Recorder Dedman:

Mary Luebben to Bernard Luebben, 49 acres of section 24, township 4 south, range 1 east; \$10.

Bernard Luebben to Mary Luebben, 40 acres of section 24, township 4 south, range 7 east; \$10.

George A. Harding and Charles H. Caulfield, executors of estate of N. O. Walden, to Antoinette Stott, part of lot 7 of block 28, Oregon City; \$750.

The following real estate transfers were filed by County Recorder Dedman Friday:

Warren C. Kendall and Laura Kendall to Lodelia N. Wallace, 2 acres of section 4, township 4 south, range 1 east; \$10.

J. E. and Hettie Cameron to Cameron Taylor Lumber company, land in section 30, township 1 south, range 5 east; \$10.

William J. Wilson to Matthey Polajnar, lot 7 of block 97, Oregon City; \$842.60.

H. L. Clark to Hawley Pulp & Paper company, part of block 28, Oregon City; \$10.

The following real estate transfers were filed Saturday by County Recorder Dedman:

The Northern Counter Investment Trust Limited to I. G. Davidson, 12 acres of Isom Cranfield D. L. C.; \$1.

Pearl M. Hoyt, George M. Dhaver, Mary A. Wittenberg and Delmar Shaver, trustees of the estate of Sarah Shaver, to J. P. Jensen, lot 9, of block 16, Shaver subdivision of "The Shaver Place"; \$125.

Marlette U. Van Meter to The Oregon Iron & Steel company, land in Clackamas county; \$300.

Occidental Property company to Mary E. Robinson, land in D. L. C. of Anson O'Ne, township 3 south, range 1 west; \$1.

Charles T. and Emma I. Austin, 16.7 acres of section 7 and 18, township 5 south, range 2 east; \$1.

The following real estate transfers were filed Monday by County Recorder Dedman:

S. C. Alexander and M. V. Alexander to C. W. and Lizzie Jenkin, lot 5 of block 87, First subdivision of a portion of Oak Grove; \$10.

BROWNELL FLAYS LEGISLATURE AT ESTACADA RALLY

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tioned the necessity of the appointment of a deputy in the office of the district attorney. In closing, Mr. Brownell said that if he was elected a member of the legislature he would work for the reduction of appropriations and the abolishment of many of the boards and commissions now on the statute books.

E. D. Olds, a candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket, talked briefly and favored a two-mill tax for the construction of permanent main trunk highways, the money to be apportioned in relation to the mileage in the several counties of the state.

John F. Albright, a candidate for sheriff, made a short speech. E. W. Bartlett, one of the Estacada precinct committeemen presided.

SILVER THAW IS IN OREGON CITY; TRAFFIC BLOCKED

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er company, which was able to maintain service all day Tuesday although not on schedule all the time, was almost forced to give up last night. The 3:30 o'clock car arrived here at 4:30 and left at 5. The next train came in from Portland at 6:30, was stalled on Main street between Sixth and Fifth for half an hour because of lack of power, and left on its return trip for Portland about 7:30. Cars later in the night ran even with less regard for schedule.

TAXPAYING BEGINS; JOHN MORRIS FIRST

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS COLLECTED ON FIRST DAY TAX BOOKS ARE OPENED.

Tax collecting began at the court house Tuesday, and \$2000 was taken in. Sheriff W. J. Wilson and Tax collector George Harrington are in charge of the tax collecting.

The first person to pay taxes this year was John Morris, owner of Oregon City property. The greater part of the \$2000 consisted of small items.

For all purposes, the county property owners this year will raise \$319,318.95, which is an increase over the total of the 1915 taxes.

ICE COATED BIRDS ARE SEEN BY CARRIER

CHINA PHEASANTS SO HEAVILY LADEN—THEY CAN HARDLY FLY—HUNTERS OUT.

Six China pheasants so heavily coated with ice that they could not fly and would be easy victims of a cat, dog or hunter were found on a road near Oregon City during the recent storm by Frank Whitman, mail carrier on route No. 2.

Mr. Whitman said that three of the birds had icicles hanging from their feathers and estimates the length of the ice, which actually dragged on the ground as they poked down the road, at five inches.

Reports have been received here that hunters are out in many sections of the county, taking advantage of the conditions of the game birds.

For the Family Medicine Chest

Green Bay, Wis., Mrs. Wm. F. Buhols says: "I always use Foley's Honey and Tar for our children as it quickly breaks up their colds with no bad after effects, and they like to take it."