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OREGON COMMUNITIES have issued bonds totaling \$54,000,000 and the interest charges thereon reach the total of about \$2,750,000 a year, according to figures prepared from detailed information prepared by the New York Commercial and Financial Chronicle. Based on a population of 800,000, the per capita interest charge is \$3.40 annually. The total assessed valuation of the state is \$900,000,000, making the total bonded indebtedness about 6 per cent. The Oregon Voter, in discussing the figures of the eastern financial periodical, says that while the information is complete in as far as it goes, more than 25 municipalities have been omitted.

The Voter further asserts that less than 10 per cent of the bonds issued by Oregon municipalities are held within the state, which means that nearly all the money paid for interest goes elsewhere without benefiting local people from the circulating. Further than that, \$10,000,000 goes out of the state annually for premiums on fire, life accident and other insurance, raising the total outlay from the 800,000 people in this state for bonds and insurance to about \$1,000,000 monthly.

The total is awe-inspiring. Yet the end has justified the means. With that \$54,000,000 in bonds, Oregon cities, counties, port districts and school districts have undertaken and completed projects of unestimable value to the state. Roads, school buildings, the improvement of ports, better water and sewer systems, modern municipal buildings and a score of other betterments are made possible by the issuance of bonds. Just as a man must go into debt to make progress, so must a community go into debt to secure needed improvements. If properly managed, a needed municipal improvement financed by bonds is always a success and will pay for itself. A modern water system, a high class highway, a modern street or a deepened harbor will raise the value of the property benefited, increase the total taxable property of the community and lighten the burden of paying principal and interest.

Many of these bond issues are not of the serial variety and will come due in 20 or 30 years. By that time—for who questions the fact that Oregon is steadily growing—it will be an easier matter to meet the payments of principal. In other cases, the communities which have issued the bonds, also are providing a sinking fund, which is not taken into consideration in reaching the total. Portland alone, for instance, has \$1,500,000 on hand to meet payments on principal.

A majority of the bond issues which made the total of \$54,000,000 were issued during the last six years. During the next 10 years the total will probably be doubled. If such is the case, it will be a certain sign of the progress and prosperity of the state.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY has an assessed valuation of \$30,000,000. Multnomah county collects taxes on \$300,000,000 worth of property. Clackamas county has a general road levy of 8 mills, Multnomah county 2 mills. Clackamas county, in addition to its general road fund levy, has numerous special road district levies, varying from five to 10 mills. There are Clackamas county farmers who pay 18 mills road tax year after year, while Multnomah county pays only two mills. And then, Clackamas county has about 1200 miles of road to look after, many of which are in a mountainous region, or several times the mileage of Multnomah county roads.

It therefore ill behoves Portland newspapers to cast reflection on Clackamas county as far as roads are concerned. Clackamas county may have wasted money, may not have yet adopted the right methods of getting the most out of the road funds, but no one can deny the fact that Clackamas county taxpayers are trying hard enough to get good roads. Much of the criticism that is directed at the county's road building is undeserved. For instance, the Oregon Journal in a story Sunday morning says: "A curious feature relative to highway development in Clackamas county is that the improvement of the main roads leading into Multnomah county ends a mile or so before the county boundary is reached. * * * Some say that it is due to lack of funds, others that the county officials discriminate against a large portion of the county in favor of Oregon City, the county seat." The county court, composed of three men from Canby, Logan and Estacada, is not discriminating in favor of the county seat. The road from Oregon City north on the east side of the river, for instance, has been a disgrace to the county for years, and the road down the west side, north of West Linn, is in as poor a condition.

The principles outlined in the Journal story are correct, however. Clackamas county needs good roads. That paper concludes: "With a good road from Oregon City to Estacada along the Clackamas, and from Oregon City to Portland, Clackamas county would have an investment which would yield big returns."

"It would make a magnificent section of country more accessible and would open up to the tourist a region of unending pleasure."

THE SALEM COMMERCIAL CLUB is considering a plan whereby the farmers will be invited to join the organization. It is proposed to make the farmers members of the agricultural department of the club and give them voting power in that department, but not in the general commercial club organization. The farmers would also be given the social privileges of the club and the dues received would be used to promote work in the agricultural department.

The plan is one worthy of careful consideration from similar organizations throughout the state. The commercial club of the capital city has seen the necessity of the town uniting with the farmers, has been converted to the gospel of co-operation and organized effort and now is debating taking

in all the surrounding country into the scope of the club's membership and work.

There is only one flaw in the Salem Commercial club's scheme of things. The club proposes to interest farmers in its work and, incidentally, to collect fees therefor, yet the club will not give them the full privileges of the club. The farmer cannot take part in the general activity of the club, cannot vote at the general commercial club elections. His place in the Salem Commercial club scheme is in one lone department.

The Salem Commercial club will find upon investigation that the farmers of Oregon are worthy of confidence, that they are, as a body, hard working, saving, interested in the matters of public concern and as earnestly devoted to the upbuilding of the state as the business man in town. The farmer is worthy of partnership with the business man in such a body as the Salem Commercial club, but he should be given full membership, with equal duties, burdens and honors.

ON THE MOTION of Representative Martin B. Madden, of Illinois, the house recently adopted an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill fixing a 50-pound limit for parcel post packages. Speaking of this amendment, Mr. Madden said that the parcel post law fixed the original limit at 11 pounds, which, under authority contained in the law, the postmaster general with the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission had increased to 50 pounds in the first two zones and 20 pounds in the second two zones.

"The average weight of parcels last year," said Mr. Madden, "was 11 pound and 11 ounces, but great abuses existed in the west where whole carloads of coal, ore, brick, sand, and other materials were shipped in 48-pound packages, the cost of transportation and delivery averaging two to three times the amount of postage."

"If the senate should adopt the house provision for railway mail pay on the space basis, and the parcel post weight were as much as 150 pounds, a great deal of freight business of the railroads would be diverted to the mail storage care and thus do a great injustice to the railroad companies and break down the rural delivery service, which would be compelled to carry these packages part of the distance. Moreover, 50 pounds is all a carrier can properly handle."

"There has been no complaint that the weight now allowed is not sufficient. If future parcel post business proves the necessity for more than 50 pounds weight in a single package, nobody will be more ready to respond than I. After the adoption of my amendment the postmaster general expressed himself to me as satisfied with the limitation and said he did not intend to increase the weight until it was evident the demands of the country justified it."

THE FACT that registration throughout the state is small reflects discredit on Oregon. In Clackamas county, for instance, only about 11,000 votes out of the 14,000 persons entitled to vote have attended to their duty as citizens. This condition indicates a general lack of interest in matters political, an apathy that should not exist.

Those citizens who have not registered have no grounds to complain of higher taxes or lack of economy in state or county governments or to criticize public officers. They have been offered an opportunity to help in selecting public officials, and have turned down the chance. Through pure laziness, for under present methods it is no hard job to register, they have forfeited their rights as citizens of the state and county, they have "passed up" their rights as American citizens.

By some the small registration is taken to mean that the primary campaign will be quiet and the vote May 19 light. Yet, this year the county will elect a district attorney, three members of the lower house of the state legislature, a county commissioner, a sheriff, clerk, county surveyor, recorder, assessor, school superintendent and other officers. The primary election is just as important in naming these officials as the fall election, and in one or two cases the primary campaign probably will be hard fought and the vote closer than next November.

Oregon City and Clackamas county are backing Miss Rose Uptegrove, the county's candidate for queen of the Portland Rose festival, in fine shape. Through the energetic efforts of the committee in charge of the campaign, the aid of the several thousand school children of the county has been secured. Other methods, as novel as the Easter egg plan, are now being worked out.

FORMER OREGON CITY PASTOR WINS FIGHT

REV. C. F. W. STOEVER IS ELECTED COMMISSIONER IN TACOMA AFTER HARD CAMPAIGN.

TACOMA, Wash., April 13.—Returns from 52 precincts out of 131 received at 9 o'clock tonight indicate the election of Rev. C. F. W. Stoever, formerly of Oregon City, where he lived many years, and Hamilton F. Groenen as city commissioners.

TACOMA, Wash., April 13.—Voters of Tacoma elected two city commissioners and a city controller today, choosing among four nominees for the commissionerships and two for controller.

So-called "Fawcettism" and assertions that religious influences, centering chiefly about Commissioner Woods, were the only issues in today's election other than personalities. As for the charge of "Fawcettism," it was asserted that Pettit, Groenen and Shoemaker formed a coalition, which, if they were elected, would give Mayor Fawcett complete control of the city council.

NELSON FINED \$50, AFTER GUILTY PLEA

O. P. Nelson, Wilsonville farmer who was arrested on a charge of selling or offering for sale meat contrary to the state food laws, entered a plea of guilty in the Wilsonville justice court and was fined \$50. He is alleged to have killed a cow which was about to die from natural causes and to have attempted to sell the meat both in his home town and in Portland. The complaint was signed by Deputy State Dairy and Food Commissioner Fellen-wider.

Watch Child for Worms.
Worms sap child's strength, rob child of food and make child fretful, irritable, nervous. Watch stool and at first sign or suspicion of worms give one-half to one lozenge Kickapoo worm remover. Gives immediate results, is laxative. Paralyzes and removes the worms, improves digestion and general health of child. Continue giving Kickapoo Worm Killer until all signs of worms are gone. 25c at your druggist. (Adv.)

SAILOR WRITES POEM.

Here is a poem written by Clifford Shaver, of the U. S. S. Maryland, now at San Diego, to his friend, W. C. Murray, of Wilsonville.
Dear Pal Bill, at Wilsonville
I will drop you another line
I haven't had a word from you,
For a blunder of a time
We went on shore yesterday
An' took in some of the fair,
Listen, what I'm telling you,
San Diego is there,
They have it over Frisco,
Forty thousand ways,
To see the sights both day and night
Some class for us Idle Jays
We go for target practice,
Tomorrow the Captain said,
If it gets smoky up your way,
Remember, it's us 'throwing lead,
Remember Bill that funny thrill
That goes a cha' on up your spine
When the eight inch gun, and 'the other ones
Go rattat-tat just a perfect chime,
Get on your toes, for here she goes.
See that white spot miles away,
An awful bang, a puff, and then your sight is closed,
She hits her mark in a fog of spray,
You see she hits and skips away, away,
As far as the eye can see,
I tell you Bill, I like that thrill,
No other life for me,
Tell me how's the folks at home
Up river as well as down,
Do you think the band will play,
When they bury my home town?
I read the papers printed here,
Their junk I do despise,
Do me one more favor Bill,
Please send me The Enterprise.

Pioneer Days Recalled

Mrs. Mary V. Howell, of Canemah, Recounts Events of Early Oregon History.

(By a Pioneer.)

The stories of pioneers are all of especial interest and weaves into romantic history almost without exception. Mrs. Mary V. Howell relates, how strange it is to recall the days of the "Porties" when all the northwest was a wilderness and the great forests of the Pacific slope were sounding with human energy. We realize that Oregon pioneer romance contained the greatest part and the most interesting of pioneer days.

In was in those days when the crack of the whip marked the trail of progress. How different are those days from the one which have succeeded them. The hoarse shrieks of the locomotives tell the story of man's triumph over nature.

As one of the pioneers who crossed the plains in '47, we made our homes in Clackamas county. All Oregon was open for choice then. We were one of the few who reached Oregon with little money, and less food.

But little was left when a log hut was built and farms were plowed and sowed to replenish the larder of the coming season and to still the monotonous wail of the persistent "wolf."

In the spring fences were built and wheat began to thrive. Many fathers were working hard to shelter their loved ones.

Money was scarce in those days and many months were passed by without the sight of a single dollar. Wheat was current at \$1 a bushel and orders for wheat were many, the farmers having Oregon City for their central location.

Many French settlers secured bread and feed until they could raise their own crops and harvest them.

Eleven Americans who located here in '47 made the balance of the power that turned the French places against British rulers. The French in a short time became satisfied that this was the true policy and rendered hearty allegiance to the American flag.

The Whitman massacre occurred soon after the arrival in the Willamette valley of the settlers who came down the Columbia river from The Dalles after they had crossed the Blue mountains. They camped near Dr. Whitman's mission.

At this time Dr. Whitman had secured many implements of agriculture intending to educate the Indians as to their use and thus bring about gradually their civilization.

Upon receiving news of the massacre the citizens met and 47 men immediately enlisted for the war.

Tom McKay was the heroic character in those days and it was not long until a large company was made up and departed to fight the Indians out north. The war was called the Cayuse war of '48.

NINETY CASES CONSIDERED

Ninety applications for parole were considered by the state board of control which met in Salem this week. Forty-five of the convicts were made trustees under the new merit system and 15 recommendations will be made by Governor Withycombe.

Carrie Kirsch, who was convicted five years ago on a charge of being an accomplice in the murder of William Johnson, of Portland, whose body was crammed into a trunk, was up for parole with the others. Her application will not be acted upon until the board meets in May. Mrs. Kirsch was convicted with Jesse Webb who is now doing a life sentence. Webb is said to have signed an affidavit recently in which it was stated that the woman was innocent of any part in the crime.

His Age is Against Him.

"I am 52 years old and I have been troubled with kidneys and bladder for a good many years," writes Arthur Jones, Allen, Kas. "My age is against me to ever get cured, but Foley Kidney Pills do me more good than anything I ever tried." Many people suffer from kidney trouble who need not suffer when they can get Foley Kidney Pills. Mr. Jones in a later letter says if it was not for them he would never be able to work in the hay field. Rheumatism, aching back, shooting pains, stiff joints, all have been relieved. (Adv.)

SENATOR EXPLAINS EMBARGO ON FRUIT

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES REFUSE TO ACCEPT SHIPMENTS, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN.

SALEM, Ore., April 13.—Senator Chamberlain has sent to Manager McDaniel of the Commercial club a letter from Secretary of State Robert Lansing which throws further light on the embargo placed by Great Britain on fruit shipments from the United States. A resolution sent to Senator Chamberlain by the Dallas Commercial club called forth the communication from Mr. Lansing.

Secretary Lansing's letter follows: "With further reference to the resolution of the Dallas Commercial club of Dallas, Ore., referred by you to the department under date of March 30, 1916, I have the honor to inform you that the department recognizes the right of American citizens to ship goods, whether contraband or not, to neutral consignees in neutral countries. The department, however, is informed that the steamship companies refuse to accept various consignments of goods of this character, and there is no power in this department to compel them to alter their decision.

"The British embassy at this capital has issued a statement to the press to the effect that arrangements have been made to assist American exporters desiring to make shipments to Scandinavia. While no arrangements have been made between this government and the British government in regard to such shipments, it is possible that by writing the British embassy some time before proposed shipments are made American firms may obtain information that will be of assistance to them.

"I regret exceedingly that by error this information was omitted from the department's letter of April 1, 1916."

STATE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE IS PLANNED

SEVERAL TOWNS TO BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING IN CORVALLIS SATURDAY.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 13.—The taxpayers of Benton county, as well as those of several other counties of the valley, are looking forward to the meeting of the county taxpayers' league to be held at the court house in this city Saturday of this week.

It is the main purpose of this meeting to present the proposition of organizing a state league of taxpayers and have it ratified. Many of the valley counties have organizations, some of them long in existence, but little has been accomplished in the way of lowering taxation, for as single organizations they can do little.

The proposition is to form a state organization and merge the county units into the big order and in this way it is thought there will be a medium of strength to influence the legislature or to inflame legislation to abolish many of the boards, offices and commissions.

The meeting will be an all day session and representatives of many of the counties of the Willamette valley are expected. Committees appointed at the January meeting, taking up all departments of county management, as well as state legislation, have been digging into public matters, and they will make their reports. There are nine committees to report.

There will be five speakers: Judge Bruce McKnight of Linn county; Robert E. Smith, editor of the Tax Liberator of Roseburg; Attorney L. G. Lewellen of Albany; Senator Vinton of McMinnville, and Senator Cusick of Albany.

The officials of the county league propose to call a meeting in Portland in the early part of May to effect a state organization and if the proposal is favored the matter of whether it will be advisable to attempt initiative legislation this fall will be discussed. A large attendance is expected at the meeting Saturday.

GROWERS FIX PRICE.

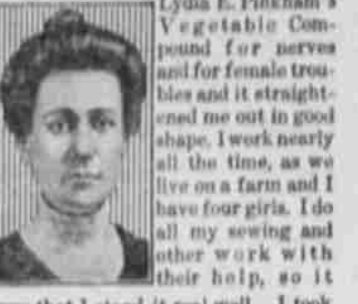
SALEM, Ore., April 13.—A committee was authorized to draft constitution and bylaws for the Marion County Loganberry Growers' association at a meeting of the association held in the Buena Crest school house.

The committees which have been working among the growers in the county, reported that the loganberry producers are enthusiastic in support of the association. The growers are practically unanimous in holding that they cannot sell the green fruit for less than three cents. The committee report that there are 1000 acres of loganberries in Marion county and 2000 acres in the state.

Yoncalla: Thiel Brothers building large warehouse—district to erect \$15,000 school.

WOMAN HAD NERVOUS TROUBLE

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BEAVERS LOSE OPENER

SOUTHWORTH'S HOMER TIES SCORE IN SIXTH SET.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—True to tradition, the Beavers today lost their first game on their own grounds with the score, 13 to 9. Noyes, who was in the box the first part of the game, and his successors were easy meat for the Bees. The Salt Lake aggregation being able to secure 14 hits while the Beavers themselves landed out 12.

The game was only a sluffest, a poor exhibition of the national game, although no errors were made.

Governor Withycombe, from his box sat in the grandstand pitched out a ball to Mayor Abree that was used in a game at New York between the Athletics and the Mutuals in 1862. It is the property of Manager McCredie.

Approximately 9000 fans had stationed themselves in the grandstand and bleachers before the game started. Two large bonquets of carnations were presented to Managers McCredie and Blankenship by a representative of the Portland Baseball Boosters club.

On Gulato's first appearance at the plate he was presented with a large floral piece by representatives of the Portland Christian Brothers' association at the request of St. Mary's college.

Munny Brief, left fielder, on his first time up, poked the ball into the leftfield bleachers for the first home run of the season in Portland.

Huddy Ryan was presented with a new bat.

About 100 homing pigeons of the Oregon Homing Pigeon association were released just before the start of the game.

Manager McCredie brought an infielder named Penelli, who was highly recommended to him, with him on the trip north for a tryout.

Today's batter order:
Salt Lake—Rath, 2b.; Orr, ss.; Quinlan, cf.; Brief, 1b.; Ryan, 1b.; Shinn, 1b.; Murphy, 3b.; Hannah, c.; Huchon, p.

Portland—Spears, rf.; Vaughn, 2b.; Southworth, 1b.; White, cf.; Gulato, 1b.; Stump, 3b.; Roche, c.; Ward, ss.; Noyes, p.

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