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THE H. C. OF L.

The Democratic platform of 1912 charged the high cost of living to two causes: the tariff, and trusts.

CONGRATULATE THE DALLES

The Dalles, Oregon, has started on an effort that will be watched with consuming interest—to get one hundred families of Italians to come there and locate on some cheap lands and become truck gardeners.

To bring those Italians across from the old county and make a place for them near The Dalles, and set them to producing garden truck, fruits and family supplies is a bold move, industrially.

Any effort to keep them from being robbed on the prices of land is also revolutionary, because it has been the principal business of the booster organizations to advance lands out of reach.

Of course, one hundred poor families of working people, who would go to raising lettuce, radishes, greens, carrots, turnips, and berries, that are now all shipped up from California, would be all right.

That is the way to make Oregon productive and bring down the high cost of living and make it possible for vegetable and fruit canneries to operate and cultivate our waste lands and make them valuable.

Land that is really made productive by intensive labor will become really valuable and will make the community rich—but lands with a fictitious value put on by speculation makes the community poor.

It will be in order for labor agitators and politicians to howl about bringing in cheap labor, to drag forth their forty laws on minimum wage, contract labor, literacy test, etc., and block The Dalles.

Such laws and land legislation is all calculated to keep the state from developing industrially and canneries and sugar factories will be closed for lack of cheap and abundant labor of productive sort.

WHO PAYS?

Seattle for some time has been investing millions in municipal undertaking—street car lines light plant, water plant, docks, and the like, until today the tax rate is some 45 mills.

At the election last week the politicians had loaded the ballot with another crop of municipal undertakings but the people were evidently sick and tired of the increasing cost of government for they voted everything down by large majorities.

When the politicians propose these things to the people they show they will be moneymakers for the city with a nice profit left over each year above expenses.

When it comes to paying the bill, however, the tax payer finds that for each new municipal enterprise started for his benefit and to give him "cheap service" he has a few mills extra tax burden to pay. Instead of being a "money maker" the undertaking turns out to be a "tax eater."

The profit shown on paper by the political promoters has turned into a deficit which the taxpayer always has to meet.

Politicians now tell Portland that it needs a \$2,000,000 electric plant and that such a plant will earn a net profit above all expenses of \$57,000 a year.

A nice statement with which to buy votes but who foots the bill if it doesn't pan out, the taxpayer of course. What does the job seeking politician care, he is not responsible for the debts, asks the Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

The municipal plants pay no taxes and in addition rob the city treasury of taxes formerly paid by a private plant.

the public utility commission and make it pay its share of the taxes. Put the officials who operate it under a heavy bond and do not allow it to be simply a million dollar plaything with which to buy votes.

50 Years Ago

Taken from Oregon City Enterprise March 9, 1867.

Population of Oregon City—J. M. Moore, city recorder, has just completed the annual school census of this city in accordance with existing ordinance.

Seminary Paper—The male students of the Oregon City seminary, in addition to the lyceum exercises on Monday evening, published what they term the Seminary Gazette, containing compositions, which are read on each Friday afternoon.

Oregon City Oil Manufacturing Company—Articles of incorporation for the Oregon City Oil Manufacturing Company were filed in accordance with the law governing joint stock corporations on Tuesday last.

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AGAINST BOND ISSUE.

Emphatically opposing the passage of the proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue for the construction of good roads, the Maple Lane grange has passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The legislature of Oregon which has just adjourned, passed a bill proposing to bond the state for the sum of \$6,000,000 with which to build scenic highways with the provision, that said bill be referred to the people at a special election to be held the 4th day of June, 1917, and

Whereas, we believe that the said bonding bill is only the first issue of a series to involve the further issuance of some \$40,000,000 more, and

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we, the members of Maple Lane grange P. of H. No. 296 in regular session assembled on the 10th day of March, 1917, are most emphatically opposed to the issuance of the said \$6,000,000 bonds, and that each and every one will do all possible to defeat this measure at the said election. And

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our local papers and the Oregon Grange Bulletin.

ANNA J. LEWIS, Secretary

Gosh, Girls! You Otta See the Lad When He's AllDressed Up

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12—Wearing a wig and carrying a powder puff and false moustache in his pocket, T. Witt, an auto repair man, dropped off a train from Everett, Wash., at the North Bank depot Sunday.

Policeman Ferry nabbed him. But the visitor proved himself no desperado in police court Monday. He explained: "I wear a wig and oft times a moustache to improve my appearance."

Whereupon the nettled policeman casually observed: "And from your looks I guess you need to."

A CASE FOR PITY

FROM THE HOOD RIVER GLACIER

Some of us up-state newspapers have been prone to get very angry at the Portland Oregon Journal because of its continued inordinate case of protest against a law providing for the publication of delinquent taxes.

Because a man sincerely believes that delinquent taxes should not be published in the newspapers is not going to arouse our hostility against him. The Journal may now believe, really believe, in its campaign. It is said that a man can tell some outlandish tale of adventure of his boyhood until he comes to really believe it.

All questions have at least two sides. We believe in publication of delinquent taxes because we think the system the best that can be devised for stimulating collections. It is very natural for any good citizen, on first thought, to reach a conclusion that the publication expense is one that might be done away with, but when those very citizens have the matter fully explained to them, when they realize that the expense and the publicity is an added penalty for delinquency, they see the efficiency of it.

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If the Portland Journal had conducted a campaign against delinquent tax publications as a matter of principle, if it had not endeavored to make its efforts a demagogical asset, the legislators might have heeded to a greater degree its arguments. It is very likely that evidences of graft in connection with delinquent publications have appeared at different times. We can, indeed, discount by 50 per cent some of the alarming outcries of the Journal in its recent campaign, and still show conditions that are deserving of criticism.

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ESSAY CONTEST HAS SCHOOL CHILDREN RIGHT UP ON TOES

Some of the students of the Clackamas county schools are interested in the good roads essay, in charge of Senator Wood, of Hillsboro, and are to compete for the prizes that are offered. These essays must be placed in the mails before March 15 and are to be addressed to Mr. Wood.

The essays are to be used as a basis of argument for the road bonds, which are to be published in the state election pamphlet.

Four Divisions. The essay contest has been divided into four divisions. One person may enter only one contest, and the papers must be marked so that the judges will know which division it is intended for. The arguments are not to exceed 200 words.

Contest A—Subject: "The benefit accruing to the county in that the writer is a resident from the improvement of the road described in the \$6,000,000 bonding act."

Contest B—Subject: "The benefit which will accrue to the state at large from the improvement of the roads described in the bonding act."

Contest C—The same as contest B. This contest is open only to bona fide students of Oregon high schools.

Contest D—The same as contest B, and is open only to bona fide students of Oregon grammar schools.

Prizes. There are 26 first prizes and 26 second prizes in this contest.

For the best argument, a first prize of \$25. For the second best argument, a prize of \$15.

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THIS CHAUFFEUR IS CORRECTLY GARBED FOR WORK



The Motor Girl.

Soldier's blue wool velours, cut in a military with a flared skirt, deep cape and striped belt, makes a fetching motor coat. A feminine touch is added by the long chiffon veil worn so picturesquely and confined in the belt.

GOVERNOR PARDONS PHILIPSTUDER; CALLS SENTENCE EXCESSIVE

Phillip Studer, of Canemah, who was convicted of burglary here nearly a year ago, has received a conditional pardon and was released from the penitentiary yesterday.

Studer was sentenced to a minimum of two years for stealing chickens. On the ground that the sentence fixed by law was excessive for his crime, local people interposed and petitioned the governor in his behalf.

WAR SCOUT BOATS TO PROTECT COAST FROM SUBMARINE MENACE

WASHINGTON, March 12—Preliminary steps were taken by the navy department today toward contracting for the quick construction of 100 or more high-speed coast patrol-boats of a new type for scouting against submarines.

AIR COAST PATROL BEING PLANNED

WASHINGTON, March 14—A joint army and navy board is studying the Atlantic and Gulf coasts preparatory to the establishment of eight afloat stations, which besides having two dirigibles and six or eight seaplanes each for aerial patrol work, probably will serve as bases for the new 110-foot coast scout boats, of which the navy will order more than 100 in a few days.

Sixteen dirigibles and a sufficient number of seaplanes already have been contracted for. The only station site already definitely selected is that at Coco Solo, near Colon, Canal Zone. At present no stations for the Pacific coast are being prepared, although the chain of coast patrol bases will be extended along the entire coastline as rapidly as machines can be secured and men trained.

The immediate plans require the training within the next four months of 50 officers and 250 men at Pensacola, Fla., in handling dirigibles.

CHANGED HIS FACE. James-Hello! Where did you get that mask? John-It ain't a mask. It's toothache.—London Sketch.

HUNTER LIGGETT TO BE NEW MAJOR GENERAL OF UNITED STATES ARMY

WASHINGTON, March 15—Hunter Liggett, nominated by President Wilson for advancement to the rank of major general in the United States army, in succession to the late Frederick Funston, has been a brigadier general since 1915. He commands the department of the Philippines.

General Liggett is a Pennsylvania man, sixty years old, and was graduated from the Military academy in 1875.

WILL BUILD FLEETS OF WOODEN SHIPS IN CASE OF WAR

WASHINGTON, March 14—Speeding-up measures to enable the United States in event of war with Germany to procure without delay a great fleet of vessels for transportation of supplies to the allies were discussed here today by wooden shipbuilders of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, who met at the call of the shipping board. Yards that produce steel-hulled already are working to their capacity.

In the near future the board will call in Pacific coast builders and then the makers of power machinery will be consulted.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson and son, Lloyd, motored to Portland Wednesday.

FISHERMEN WILL SAVE BY BUYING LICENSES AT ONCE

Fishermen and hunters may save fifty cents on each license by buying them before May 21st, as on that date the law passed at the recent session of the legislature goes into effect increasing the price of hunting and angling licenses from \$1.00 to \$1.50, and a combination license from \$2.50 to \$3.00. State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker says that there has been quite a rush for licenses in many parts of the state, due in all probability to the fact that the raise in licenses will become effective soon.

Women are exempt from purchasing angling licenses, but must obtain a hunting license if they desire to hunt for any of the game birds and small animals of the state.

The deer season for District No. 1, which is western Oregon, has been shortened two weeks and will hereafter open on August 15th and close on October 15th, the bag limit has been reduced from three to two deer in any season.

The open season on migratory birds throughout the state will be from October 1st to January 15th, with the exception of Malheur and Harney counties, where the season will be from September 16th to December 31.

The Chinese pheasant hen has been protected and only male birds may hereafter be killed, the bag limit is five in any one day and not more than ten in any seven consecutive days.

All over the state the bag limit on trout has been reduced from 75 to 50 trout, or 35 pounds in any one day.

The open season on six inch trout begins April 1st and sportsmen are urged to purchase their licenses and carry them on their person as strict orders have been given deputies to check up all anglers found fishing in the streams.

POSTMASTER COOKE SNAPS WHIP AND GOOD ROAD APPEARS

It took a Sunday of the "federal aid" time of Postmaster John J. Cooke to straighten out a bad road condition in the Beaver Creek district, and to secure an improvement that would permit the rural carrier to an investigator and he took soundings along the road and called at a dozen farm houses and when he had his facts in hand he discovered that a contract had been let for the plank, that the mill had them ready, but they had not been laid. Armed with this "dope," Cooke accented the supervisor, and threatened to recommend the discontinuance of the mail route unless the road was placed in passable condition.

He brought home his bacon. The mail carrier reported Wednesday that the miry stretch had been planked. It's queer how they all hop when Uncle Sam's representatives issue the big ultimatum.

TOMMY ATKINS FIGHTS WAY RIGHT UP TO LAST LINE OF BOSCHE DEFENSE

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, March 12—Capture of Ires by British forces brings England's fighting men to the main German defense line between Loupart wood and Achiet le Petit.

Report of the Condition of The First National Bank at Oregon City, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 5th, 1917: RESOURCES

Table with financial data including Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation, Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits, Securities other than U. S. bonds owned unpledged, Total bonds, securities, etc., Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, Value of banking house, Furniture and fixtures, Net amount due from approved agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities, Net amount due from banks and bankers, Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Outside checks and other cash items, Fractional currency, nickels and cents, Notes of other national banks, Federal Reserve notes, Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, Total, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, Circulating notes outstanding, Net amount due to banks and bankers, Individual deposits subject to check, Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days, Certified checks, Postal savings deposits, Total demand deposits, Certificates of deposit, Other time deposits, Total of time deposits, Total, State of Oregon, County of Clackamas—F. J. Meyer, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. J. MEYER, Cashier. E. C. LATOURETTE, Notary Public. My commission expires July 18, 1919. Correct—Attest: D. C. Latourette, M. D. Latourette, C. D. Latourette, Directors.