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NEW LIGHT TO BE CAST ON OFFICIAL ECONOMY PLANS

Inauguration of Washington Administration Code for State of Oregon Looms as Important Political Issue.

COMMISSIONS HELD TOP HEAVY SYSTEM

Curtailing of Expenses by Increase of Efficiency Is Advocated by G. B. Dimick.

That political issues this year involving the gubernatorial candidacy and perhaps seats in the state senate will see a new light upon the age old question of administrative economy is indicated by Grant B. Dimick who for a number of years past has been prominent in state political circles. While not a candidate for any office himself, Judge Dimick is actively interested in the question of taxation and is making an exhaustive research of conditions throughout the state. The issue this year, the judge points out, will probably involve a fight on the basis of the adoption of some definite scheme for the reduction of state overhead. "In the past," he says, "there have been general promises of economy. What is wanted now is a definite system for the reduction of expenses. It is not more taxes that should be raised, rather the cutting of governmental costs."

Washington System Advocated

The plan which will probably be advanced this year perhaps even as a campaign issue, is the system put into vogue by the state of Washington. A total of 72 commissions and boards were reduced to 10 in number. This efficient control system resulted in the saving of \$2,600,000 in a year's period. The plan was to reduce the expenses of the institutions of the state 15 per cent, but, says the judge, the method was so efficient that it was cut 25 per cent.

In the elimination of cumbersome administrative machinery lies the possibility of reduction of state expenses, says Judge Dimick. He points to the large number of boards in commissions in the state, formed of ex-officio members and business and professional men who hold seats upon them as honorary positions. Substitution of a business system through an administrative code adopted by the legislature as was done in Washington state, is presented as a proven workable remedy.

State Institutions Are Costly

As an example of the waste under the present regime, Judge Dimick quotes authentic figures which show the biennial cost of the industrial school for boys is \$128,000 with but 141 inmates. Buildings are furnished by the state and not included in the figures. In addition the inmates conduct their own farms and raise their own stock, practically producing all that is needed for their sustenance during the year.

Another example of this condition is in the cost of \$1,601,495.50 for the upkeep of the two insane hospitals, one at Salem and one at Pendleton. Other costs such as \$105,850 for the care of an average of 101.6 people in the deaf and dumb school are cited by the judge.

Unified Control Is Solution

There are 39 members on the three boards of regents for the state college, university and normal school. Most of these are although professional duties are not in active contact with the work of the schools, which Mr. Dimick points out results in constant reliance upon the heads of the institutions for practically everything while the division between the boards causes friction and duplication between the institutions. In contrast to this the Washington code provides for a board of education composed of three men, in touch with all conditions over the state, with the result that far better results are obtained at a much smaller cost to the state.

In the advocacy of the Washington system, Judge Dimick points out that it will necessarily be rearranged to fit the individual needs of the state. A number of the present boards are created by the state constitution and legislative action could not abolish them. It is understood however that a concerted effort toward unified control of those departments within the power of the legislature is to be made with the view to making the charter changes later after the system has been proven.

\$250,000 PLOT CHARGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The senate farm bloc has set out to expose what it charges is a plot against the farmer with a \$250,000 war chest back of it. Before a sub-committee of the senate agriculture committee, testimony was to be taken today concerning an organization to combat and defeat the legislation the farm bloc wants and to break up the farmers' cooperative movement.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES INCREASED

Addition to Henriks Is Made By Taking Three-Eighths Section from Beaver Creek.

A small addition to the Oregon City school district from district 69, Leland, was ordered Monday by the district boundary board. The territory annexed involves an 80 acre tract belonging to George Busch in the Howland L. C. and Lot 1 in section 17, T 3 S, R 2 E.

The change is made for the purpose of accommodating several families who are nearer to the Mt. Pleasant school than the Leland building. Mt. Pleasant was recently taken into Oregon City.

Change in the boundaries of Beaver Creek school district was also authorized. Three-eighths of a section was annexed to Henriks. The additions are the N. E. quarter of section 22 and the west half of the N. W. quarter of section 23 in T 3 S, R 2 E.

STORY OF REFUSALS OF ROAD PETITIONS DENIED

That no definite action has been taken by the county court in the matter of outlining the road program as it involves the combination of market and bond funds, was the statement made Monday by County Judge H. E. Cross and Commissioner W. W. Harris following the publication in a Portland paper Monday afternoon of a report to the effect that petitions for a combination of funds on certain roads had been refused.

The market and bond road problem, according to Judge Cross, remains in the same position as it has been for the past weeks. Many of the petitions for the use of market funds to aid the bond road work have been on file for nearly a year, the judge points out, while others were presented more recently.

Judge Cross and Commissioner Harris both voice the unofficial opinion that there is a strong possibility for the combination of these funds, although the two commissioners some time ago were opposed to the project. Their change of view has been due to the improvement of several very necessary arteries which has thrown an entirely different light upon the program in general. There is a feeling that as a matter of general principle the market road funds should be used for the improvement of tributary roads, but the opinion of the court is that if the bond program is to be put into action, the only solution developed so far is the use of the market funds to put the base in condition for pavement.

The county court however, has indicated that if any action in this regard is to be taken, it will include a general order covering all of the bond roads in the county. No individual petitions will be allowed, it is said, but if the combination of funds should be adopted as a regular program to be carried out over a period of years, those districts which have already asked for such action will be taken care of. Among the market roads which the court was petitioned to designate as bond roads were the highways from Wilsonville to Oswego; Monitor to Barlow; Marquam to Canby, and Oregon City to Redland.

BOOZE PLANT IS FOUND AT CLACKAMAS STATION

What is believed to be one of the most complete outfits for manufacturing moonshine ever found here, was discovered Saturday at 3 o'clock, by Constable Lowe and deputy sheriff C. J. Long, when Tony Novak and Mike Mitchv were found operating the still in a small shack at the rear of their barn about two and one-half miles from Clackamas station on the banks of the Clackamas river and about eight miles from Oregon City. The men were placed under arrest and taken to Milwaukie, where they were given a hearing before Judge Farry. Mitchv was fined \$500 and Novak \$150. Mitchv paid his fine, and Novak was brought to Oregon City by Long and placed in the county jail to serve his fine out at \$2 a day. From the indications of the premises the two men have engaged in the manufacture of moonshine for several months, a building having been especially constructed for that purpose. Here was found a 40-gallon still, 90 gallons finished moonshine, and 300 gallons mash.

CIVIL WARFARE FEARED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18.—The sheriff of Baker county appealed today to Duval county authorities to help in coping with a situation at MacClenny, thirty miles west of here, which, he said, threatens to develop into civil warfare as the culmination of the shooting and seriously wounding there this morning of Jake Wilkinson, the kidnaping last week of Mannix Robinson and the recent mysterious disappearance of T. R. Henderson, former banker and wealthy naval stores operator.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY REALTY BOARD FOR COMING YEAR

S. O. Dillman Will Succeed O. E. Freytag as President; Wallace F. Miller Elected As First Vice-President.

TWO NEW POSTS ARE CREATED BY BOARD

Inauguration of New Multiple Listing System Is Projected By Association This Year

S. O. Dillman was elected president of the Clackamas County Realty Board at a special meeting held here Monday night. Mr. Dillman succeeds O. E. Freytag, of Gladstone, who has been president of the board since its formation nearly a year ago. Wallace F. Miller, of Stanley, was elected first vice president, succeeding Mr. Dillman. Two new offices, second and third vice president, were created, which will be filled during the coming year by Minnie E. C. Youngs, of Risley, and Gordon J. Taylor, of Molalla, respectively.

T. F. Meeds was re-elected secretary and Mrs. Maggie Johnson was re-elected treasurer. A. L. Ritter, president of the Portland Realty Board Association and Fred O. Brockman, secretary of the Northwest Realty Association, spoke at the meeting upon lines of organization and legal forms in real estate work.

The first regular meeting for this year has been called for Monday night, at which definite plans for the procedure during the coming period are expected to be outlined. The local realty board has become interested in what is known as the multiple listing system, a new method for cooperative handling of real estate sales which has proven successful in other counties and states. It is indicated that the program for the coming year will include a concerted effort toward the adoption of this system over the entire county.

POSTAL EXAMINATION IS SLATED FOR GLADSTONE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—(Special).—A competitive examination at Oregon City is set to fill the existing vacancy at the Gladstone postoffice, which is declared officially open. The position is being filled by Carrie N. Parker at the present time.

As the examination is conducted under a special order rather than city service regulations, the outcome is not necessarily binding, but from the list of applicants will be filled any further vacancies which might occur. The salary at Gladstone, which is a third class office, is \$1,000 a year.

TAX COLLECTION TOTAL \$5,038 FOR FIRST DAY

Tax collections in Clackamas county for Monday, the first day which the 1921 rolls were opened, amounted to \$5,038.23, according to I. D. Taylor, head of the tax department. A total of 95 receipts were issued during the day, and the largest amount of tax paid by any one person was \$386.63. The smallest receipt issued was for 70 cents.

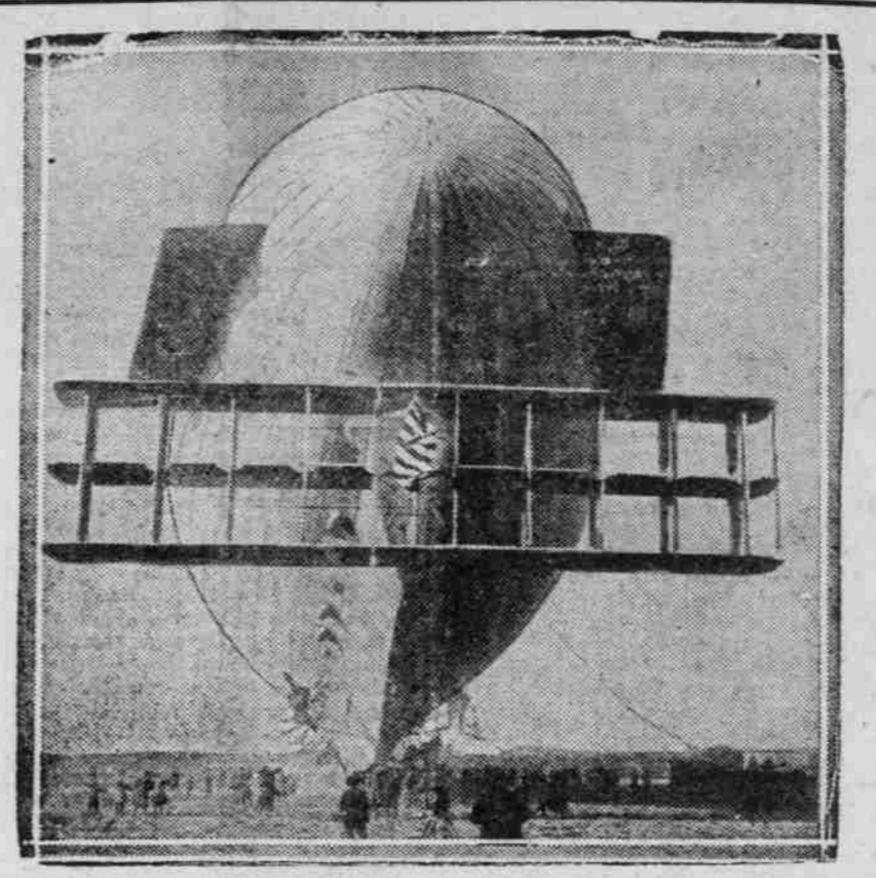
TWO ARE FINED \$25 ON INTOXICATION CHARGES

Jake Boylan and Pete Perdosito were fined \$25 in the recorder's court Monday on charges of being intoxicated. Boylan, who is known as the "Cabbage King" of West Linn was taken into custody by Officer Titus Saturday night at a local barber shop when he attempted to secure a shave and haircut on 28 cents. He was found to be drunk. Patrolman Hemmingway arrested Perdosito Sunday night, when the proprietor of a local pool hall found the man in an intoxicated condition and put him out of the place. In the mele, a glass door was broken. Both men pleaded guilty.

6000 KLANSMEN PARADE

FORTH WORTH, Texas, Feb. 17.—Led by a klanman bearing a flaming cross and an American flag, about 6000 members of the Ku Klux Klan paraded the streets of Fort Worth late last night. Banners proclaiming that the klan stands for Americanism and law and order were carried. About 100,000 persons witnessed the procession. All traffic was suspended on the main streets during the parade.

AIRSHIP ROMA WHICH EXPLODED AT NORFOLK TUESDAY KILLING THIRTY-FOUR



The photograph was taken of the Roma arriving at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., after a record flight through a fierce gale from Langley Field, Virginia. It was making a trial flight preparatory to a demonstration trip to prove the Army Air Service's contention that the semi-rigid airship is highly efficient. Officials say the accident cannot be held as an indictment against aviation on a large scale.

RECALL FAILS TO OUST MAYOR AT MILWAUKIE

Snyder Wins Election by Margin of 18 Votes Out of Total Ballot of 388; Pelton's Candidacy Lost.

CITY OFFICIAL WINS IN MUNICIPAL SCRAP

Inefficiency Charges Are Denied; Action Vindicated By Voters; Poll Is Large.

MILWAUKIE, Feb. 16.—(Special).—J. M. Snyder is still mayor of Milwaukie. By a margin of 18 out of 388 votes cast in the recall election here Thursday night, he was retained as a city official, and the recall measure, together with the candidacy of G. C. Pelton failed.

The vote cast, as unofficially reported last night, was: Precinct 1, Snyder, 115; Pelton, 110. Precinct 2, Snyder, 88; Pelton, 75. The poll is considered very large. Some fourteen or fifteen ballots, which were incomplete or not marked, were thrown out by the election boards.

The recall movement was started here about a month ago when charges amounting to official inefficiency were launched. Snyder denied the accusations and stated that he would stick and fight the issue. Pelton, candidate for the position, was formerly mayor of the town.

In their campaign, Snyder's opponent had charged that his main street property became a possession of the city when he failed to meet the assessments; that the mayor himself tried traffic violators last summer and retained fees; that contrary to the mayor's assertion that the boxing matches have paid for the paving of two streets, the town still owes \$4000 for the paving and has received only \$2500 from arena bouts; that Snyder has neglected to make an annual financial report; that permission to inspect the boxing commission's records has been refused, and that the mayor was prime mover in the sale of the old car barn which, according to reports, was to be used for uncensored pictures and Sunday dancing.

FARMERS PLAN BIG POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A national farmers' organization, built around the "farm bloc" in congress, was in process of organization here today.

Belief of farmers that the only relief from present conditions is thru politics caused the call of a meeting of representative agrarian leaders of the nation. The conference was called by Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, who arrived today. Only the conservative farmer element will be included in the organization, authorities said. Members of the national Non-Partisan league, American Farm Bureau and the United States grain growers will be active in the conference tomorrow.

There will be no new or radical plans come out of the farmers' conference, it was said. The new organization will be formed along lines already attempted by conservative farm leaders.

BOARD ALLOWS OVERTIME

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Train dispatchers were allowed overtime pay after the ninth hour of work by a decision of the United States railroad labor board today.

W. C. T. U. ACTIVITIES IN COUNTY ARE INCREASING

Drive for Funds Progressing; New Unions Are Formed; Farm Home Is Supported.

The vigorous campaign which the W. C. T. U. has conducted throughout the state for the past year has resulted in the establishment of a number of new branches. One of the chief projects of the society is the establishment of a children's farm home at Corvallis, the grounds for which have already been purchased.

Mrs. E. B. Andrews, of this city, state organizer of the W. C. T. U. organized branches at Gladstone and Clackamas last week. The meeting at Gladstone was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Moran, the following officials were elected: Mrs. Annie Butler, president; Mrs. Charles Moran, vice-president; Mrs. Grant Olds, secretary; Mrs. T. E. Gault, treasurer. It was decided to hold meetings of this branch on the first Tuesday of each month.

Talks Are Planned

Mrs. Andrews is also chairman for Clackamas county for the proposed children's home and visited Estacada, Stafford, Eagle Creek, Viola and Garfield in the interest of this fund. Today she will address the Women's community club of Oak Grove and in the near future plans to speak before the woman's club and the grange at Oswego. In the districts visited by Mrs. Andrews she has appointed a number of deputies to assist in the raising of the Clackamas county quota towards the farm home.

Of the \$3200.00 needed a total of \$1,000 from this county has already been subscribed and word has been received from Evergreen, one of the counties in the state, that they have succeeded in contributing \$200, the amount needed to purchase one acre, to the fund and are contemplating further efforts in an endeavor to get a second \$200.

Much Aid Is Given

Individuals and organizations throughout the state are responding to the need for this home by purchasing one acre or more of land. The Ashland W. C. T. U., one of the first contributors, bought five acres and was given the honor of making the first charge of every 12 or 15 children. In home surroundings, the children will be given Christian training and the preparation for life, to which every child is entitled.

The farm which has been chosen by the board of directors, is three miles east of Corvallis and contains 245 acres. Nearly all the necessary buildings, except those for housing the children, are at present on the site. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be available so that the home can be ready to receive children by early summer.

Treasurer Job Lures

The senatorial race in the county looms as probably one of the husky frays of the primaries. With Senator Thomas F. Ryan a candidate for the office of state treasurer the seat may be hotly contested. William Stone who is at present in the lower house and R. E. Cherrick, of Barlow, are the only ones to definitely announce their candidacy. It is expected however that George Randall, will try for the office. Llan Jones, former mayor of Oregon City is mentioned for the position, but last night declined any definite statement regarding his probable action. Grant B. Dimick, former county judge was rumored to be grooming himself for the senatorial run, but emphatically denies that he will seek any office. John F. Clark is also mentioned but has come out with no definite statement.

Only one candidate for joint representation from Clackamas county has appeared on the definite side of the line. He is Fred J. Meindl, of Portland, who up till some time ago resided in Clackamas county.

Relection Is Sought

The county commissioners may also develop a husky fray. W. W. Harris, county commissioner at present will seek re-election. He has served for four years. W. A. Proctor, the other commissioner has two years of a four year term to serve while Judge Cross has four years of a six year term before him. E. D. Olds, of Oak Grove, and Henry Kruse are the only ones who are to run against Harris so far. Kruse however, has not definitely decided.

One higher judicial office, the position of circuit judge, is to be filled. It is expected that Judge J. U. Campbell will succeed himself upon the bench, without opposition. Although no Democrats or other candidates than the Republicans have been announced, there is considerable talk of the revision of the state constitution, the entire aspect of things may change. For state offices, such as the legislature, candidates must file before April 14, or 35 days before the primary election. County office seekers have until April 19, or 30 days before the election to declare their intention of seeking office.

RAWSON IS NEW SENATOR

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 17.—Charles A. Rawson, of Des Moines, is the new senator from Iowa. Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Rawson, who is state chairman of the Republican state central committee, to succeed William S. Kenyon in the upper house of congress, was made by Governor N. E. Kendall today.

PHONE RATES HERE NOT TO BE REDUCED

Public Service Commission Issues Blanket Decision In Upholding Raise Granted Company Just a Year Ago.

The order based upon a rehearing last July and August completely reaffirms the order of the commission of February 28, 1921 raising the rates from 30 to 100 per cent, depending upon the various types of service.

ORDER IS BASED UPON REHEARING LAST JULY

Present Rates and Service Held Equitable; Charges On Portland Calls Stand.

Telephone rates in Oregon will not be reduced, and present toll charges between Portland and Oregon City, Oswego, Milwaukie and Oak Grove will stand as the result of an order issued by the Public Service Commission Tuesday afternoon.

The order based upon a rehearing last July and August completely reaffirms the order of the commission of February 28, 1921 raising the rates from 30 to 100 per cent, depending upon the various types of service.

According to the commission's order, both the charges of the company and the service are entirely satisfactory. The following rates for Oregon City, which represented a straight rise of 75 cents, are reaffirmed:

Charges Are Listed	Rate
One party business—	
Wall	\$4.50
Desk	4.75
Two party business—	
Wall	3.75
Desk	4.00
One party residence—	
Wall	3.00
Desk	3.25
Two party residence—	
Wall	2.50
Desk	2.75
Four party residence—	
Wall	2.25
Desk	2.50

The local consumers entered a protest regarding the service and the rates, while the residents of the outlying towns complained of the toll service to Portland. In this regard, the commission gives the following opinion.

"Discriminations have existed between communities as well as classes of patrons. Communication from Oak Grove and Milwaukie to Portland has been permitted without charge, a five cent toll rate being required in the opposite direction. The latter charge was frequently evaded by prearrangement of calls. Subscribers in these towns thus received what was virtually Portland service. They received it for less than Portland rates, though the cost of giving it was more, on account of distance. Under the present tariff a five cent toll rate is charged in each direction and the exchange rates have been slightly decreased.

Portland Service Asked

"Milwaukie now proposes that it pay the Portland rates and be included in the Portland primary rate area, arguing that it is only a mile outside the city limits. Oak Grove amends by proposing that the area be extended to the Clackamas river. The Clackamas river is just outside the city limits of Oregon City, so it would be unreasonable to restrict the claim that Oregon City, too, should be included with Portland.

"The size of the primary rate area, as well as the number of users in it, is an important factor in cost, and consequently in rates. The boundaries of the primary rate must be restricted as much as practicable in the interest of the subscribers. Inclusion of Oak Grove and Milwaukie would mean that the extra cost of serving them would be laid on the Portland rate area. The line must be drawn somewhere and we can see no other place as suitable as at the city limits.

City Plan Followed

"In large cities, like New York and Philadelphia, it has been found advisable to establish separate rate areas within city lines. These zones may be separated only by the center line of a street which is solidly built up on each side, yet toll rates are charged for communication between areas.

"It was shown by the company at the hearing that the total of the charges to the subscribers in Milwaukie in the month of April at the Portland exchange rates would have been more than the charges actually paid. Toll and exchange combined, with a toll charge of only five cents, it is not conceivable that any necessary messages were not sent, although doubtless much unnecessary conversation was eliminated. It is evident that if Milwaukie were included with Portland at the request of a few whose total charges would be lowered, there would be at once a vigorous protest from the larger number whose charges would be increased.

Oswego Ruling Made

"All that has been said of Milwaukie and Oak Grove applies with even more force to the situation at Oswego. This community of less than two hundred subscribers is separated from the Portland exchange area by several miles of almost wholly unoccupied territory. Isolated as it is, it is not practicable to serve it except

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MURDER IS THOT TO BE CAUSE OF STRANGE DEATHS

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 16.—J. H. Jahne, deputy prosecuting attorney or Lewis county, today took active charge of the investigation into the death of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhodes from poison last Saturday. Following announcement that the package supposed to contain pure Epsom salts contained 10 per cent of poison, Mr. Jahne expressed the view today that the poison was placed in the salts between the time they left a Tacoma wholesale house and the fatal event. Investigation has shown that the salts were pure when sent out from Tacoma, Mr. Rhoads said.

ARMY CUT IS RUMORED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In line with Secretary Denby's recent declaration that reductions of the naval establishment beyond those he had suggested must of necessity be made primarily in the navyards and stations, cutting the army below its present authorized 150,000 enlisted strength undoubtedly would be reflected in abandonment of old army posts over the country.