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LIVE WIRES HEAR VARIED VIEWS ON IMPOST PROBLEM

Need for Reduction of Taxes
Agreed Upon Tho Speakers
Advance Widely Divergent
Methods of Effecting Cut.

SCHEUBEL AND DIMICK PROPOUND SOLUTIONS

State Administration Scored;
Inequality in Assessments
Said to be Cause of Trouble.

From behind the smoke screen of divergent opinion, varying figures, and biblical quotations one common conclusion emerged last night at the open meeting of the Live Wires of the local Commercial club and that: Taxes are too high, and something must be done about it.

Various causes were assigned to the present condition by local men who spoke upon the problem, inefficiency of the state administration, inequality of assessment, increasing legislative appropriations, and excessive voting of tax levies by the people being included. Two remedies were proposed, the readjustment of the assessment system, and the adoption of a simplified and more efficient administration code.

Judge Grant B. Dimick and Chris Scheubel outlined two widely different conclusions as to the cause and solution to the high tax problem. Mr. Scheubel laid the burden upon the unequal method of assessing property, while Judge Dimick found in the administrative system of the state the greatest evil which is resulting in a burden upon the tax payers.

Scheubel Talks Assessment
Speaking on the assessment system, Mr. Scheubel pointed to the necessity of maintaining the road and educational tax levies, which together with the levy for the state soldier's bonus, comprised seven million of the \$9,000,000 state tax. He showed that business in general is not paying on more than from 8 to 12 per cent of its actual valuation while farm lands and real estate pay from 40 to 75 per cent, and the salaried man who enjoys the benefits of government and who does not own property, pays practically nothing. The actual ratio between the assessment of business property and farm property is 22 to 78 on a valuation basis, he said. Similar inequities exist between different localities in the assessment of land itself he maintained. As a remedy he proposed a graduated income tax, and laws requiring the assessment of business property at full cash value, corporations by their gross income rather than on property valuation, and farm property, computed on a basis of 2 per cent return as against 6 per cent for business property, to be assessed at one-third of its cash value. He agreed that the inauguration of a consolidation in the commissions within

BROCCOLI HARVESTING WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK

Broccoli harvesting is beginning in the Willamette valley this week. It is reported that the quality is excellent but the size of the heads is somewhat smaller than last year. The cold weather has held the crop back, delaying harvest more than a month later than last year. The broccoli can not be grown well on low soil has been proved by this past season. Practically all of the crop on the low land was far more severely injured than that on the up land.

All of the second grade broccoli is to be canned by the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, which will probably net the grower considerably more than selling on the open market.

GEORGE STORY MAY RUN FOR CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP

George L. Story, former city attorney of Oregon City, will in all probability be a candidate for the Republican nomination as circuit judge for this county. Mr. Story's friends are grooming him for the candidacy, and as yet he is the only opposition which has developed to Judge J. U. Campbell, at present on the bench here, who has already filed his declaration.

Mr. Story stated Saturday that he had not definitely decided whether or not he would run, although he said he is being strongly urged to do so.

Mr. Story is a native Oregonian and for the past 25 years has practiced law in Oregon City.

\$100,000 EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED OLD SOLDIERS

Clackamas County. Veterans
of Civil and Indian Wars
Relieved of Tax Payment.

Tax exemptions, under the provisions made for veterans of the Civil and Indian wars, will total more than \$100,000 in Clackamas county in 1922, according to the indications of the claims being filed with the county assessor.

Announcement of an extension of time of another month was made yesterday by Assessor W. B. Cook. The law provides that exemption claims must be filed by April 1, but due to a slight misunderstanding, which has prevailed in the past, another 30 days was granted.

The law, passed by the 1921 legislature, grants an exemption from taxation on property owned by war veterans and their widows, up to \$1,000. It is necessary to file exemption claims every year, Mr. Cook points out. A number of the old soldiers believed that the filing of last year's claims was sufficient.

A total of 144 claims were filed in Clackamas county during 1921, securing exemptions on property valued at \$92,400. More claims on last year's tax roll are still coming in, according to Mr. Cook and through a ruling of the attorney general, it is possible to re-adjust the claims, though no such concessions will be made on the 1922 exemptions.

The claims filed so far this year number but 80, and the exact valuations have not been computed as they will be used in making out the assessment roll for the coming year's taxes. Estimates that the exemptions will aggregate more than \$100,000 are based on the fact that the report for the past year at the period in the filing similar to that at the present, showed an aggregate of \$65,785. The exemptions, according to Mr. Cook, would amount to approximately \$5,000 in the total of taxes paid on this property.

SECOND INSTITUTE HELD BY LOCAL INSTRUCTORS

The second local teachers' institute of this year was held in the Milwaukee school Saturday.

The institute opened at 10 o'clock with suggestions as to changes in the state course of study in history, civics, geography and grammar in the elementary schools and in history, civics, industry and science in the high schools.

Committees were appointed during the morning session to investigate and report on the suggested changes. They were: (elementary schools) history and civics: Lewis E. Reese, Mrs. Margaret Twombly, John R. Bowland; Geography, Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Mrs. Mary Critcher, Erma Lacey; Grammar: Beattie Cunningham; Minnie B. Altman and N. W. Bowland; (high school) history and civics: Miss Doris Miller, Edgar R. Means, Richard Abraham; English: Margaret DuBois, Mrs. Pearl Cartledge, Margaret Miller; industry: Bert E. Alward, Loren Shove; L. V. Cleworth; science: Miss Marjorie Little, Miss Ruth Steele, C. O. Main.

During the afternoon session the "County unit plan for school administration" its advantages to the school children and to teachers was discussed by J. W. Leonard, principle of the Gladstone school and its advantages to the taxpayers and to the county superintendent by Mrs. Emilie C. Shaw, principle of Sunset school.

Four local institutes are held during the year the next being scheduled to be held at Jennings Lodge probably on the first Saturday in May.

2 FINED, 1 CONTINUED IN TRAFFIC OFFENSES HERE

L. W. Hoffmeister of Boring was fined \$15 and costs in Justice Nobles court Saturday on a charge of driving without a license. V. G. Hillard of Boring, on a similar charge, was fined \$5 and costs. The case against Paul Poplin of Hoff, for the same offense, was continued. The arrests were made by Carl J. Long, county traffic officer.

Bill Strange was arrested Saturday night on charges of operating on the 82nd street road without proper lights. He will be sentenced by Judge Perry today.

FATHER OFFERS REWARD FOR MURDERER OF SON

A reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of his son, Everett E. Davis, has been posted by Granville Davis, of Indianapolis.

E. E. Davis was discovered on his homestead near Wilhoit on December 12, 1921. His head had been completely severed by a blow from a hand axe, later discovered near the cabin. No clues to the mystery were found despite the arrest of several suspects. The reward of \$500 is to stand until December 31, of this year.

COMMISSIONERS DELAY ACTION ON SOUTH END ROAD

Adjustment of Final Details
of Financing of Outlet to
Pacific Highway Is Still
Pending; Figures Needed.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO COMPUTE COST SHARE

Location of Line Is Expected
Within Few Days; Engineer
At Work Upon Estimates.

Pending the final arrangement of details of financing the proposed South End road here, the State Highway Commission, Monday delayed action on the location of the routing of the Pacific Highway outlet.

The decision of the commission was to have been rendered yesterday but detailed figures for the Southern Pacific railroad, which will be called upon to bear a considerable cost of construction of the road, are not yet completed, and the commission will take no action until it knows definitely what each corporation interested will pay.

The highway engineers are working out the specifications on the overhead crossing which would have to be built at Canemah in the event of the use of the basin route. If this line were established, the S. P. would be called upon to pay the larger portion of the cost, and it is understood that their objection to one of the hill routes would be the same as the cost of the construction of their share of the overhead. The commission, in figuring this amount, was not satisfied to take the rough estimates made on a lineal basis, but accurate estimates are to be made in order to determine the rating of this concern.

With the exception of this detail, it is understood that the arrangements for financing one of the two hill routes are practically complete, and which is chosen will depend largely upon the amount of money which can be raised. Practically all of the expense will necessarily be borne by the corporations as neither the county nor the state are empowered to expend funds within the city limits and the city has no money to handle the work which would have to be paid through general taxation as the nature of the highway makes it impossible to levy a special assessment upon the property through which it runs.

Definite location of the road and immediate steps toward its improvement are expected within a few days.

\$24 SCALP BOUNTY PAID BY CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Scalp bounty in the sum of \$24 was paid by the county clerk over the week end. This represents bounty on 6 bobcats and 2 female coyotes, and was allotted as follows: C. E. Mitts, Aurora, route 2, 1 bobcat, \$2; Ernest Douglas, Estacada, route 2, 2 bobcats, \$8; O. I. Evans, Eagle Creek, 2 bobcats, \$4; Krist Klinker, Bissell, 2 female coyotes, \$8, and 1 bobcat, \$2.

LENINE DEAD, REPORT

LONDON, March 30.—A Central News dispatch from Paris says a report that Nikolai Lenine, Russian soviet premier, is dead is published by the Rome newspapers, who treat it with reserve.

NEW MANAGER SLATED AT CROWN WILLAMETTE

C. W. Morden to Come Here;
A. Bankus Is Advanced to
North Western Offices.

A change in the personnel at the Crown Willamette mill at West Linn was announced by the company. A. Bankus, for the past year manager of the local mill, will be transferred to the Portland office, and C. W. Morden will take the position as head of the local plant.

Mr. Bankus, who was formerly manager of the Canas mill, will be assistant to A. J. Lewthwaite, resident manager of the north-western operations of the company with offices in Portland.

Mr. Morden, who is to succeed Mr. Bankus here has been in the Portland offices for a number of years and is widely experienced in the technicalities of paper making.

STAND OF COURT ON DANCE HALL LICENSE RAPPED

Condemning the county commissioners for their action in granting a license to the Oak Grove Dance Hall, going on record as opposed to the use of bill boards for cigarette and tobacco advertising, and urging officials to make strenuous efforts in the enforcement of prohibition and the lessening of child delinquency, the Clackamas County Sunday School convention Saturday night adjourned the first day of their convention at Jennings' Lodge.

All of the officers who have served during the past year were re-elected with the exception of the Superintendent of the Adult Division, Royal B. Cox will succeed Mrs. Thomas Gault. The officers who were re-elected are: President, Rev. A. J. Ware, vice president, M. C. Glover, secretary, Mrs. A. B. Hogg; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. White, superintendent of the children's department, Mrs. E. P. McCulloch; superintendent of young people's division, Mrs. Carl E. Smith; superintendent of Administrative Division, Mrs. J. A. Eberly.

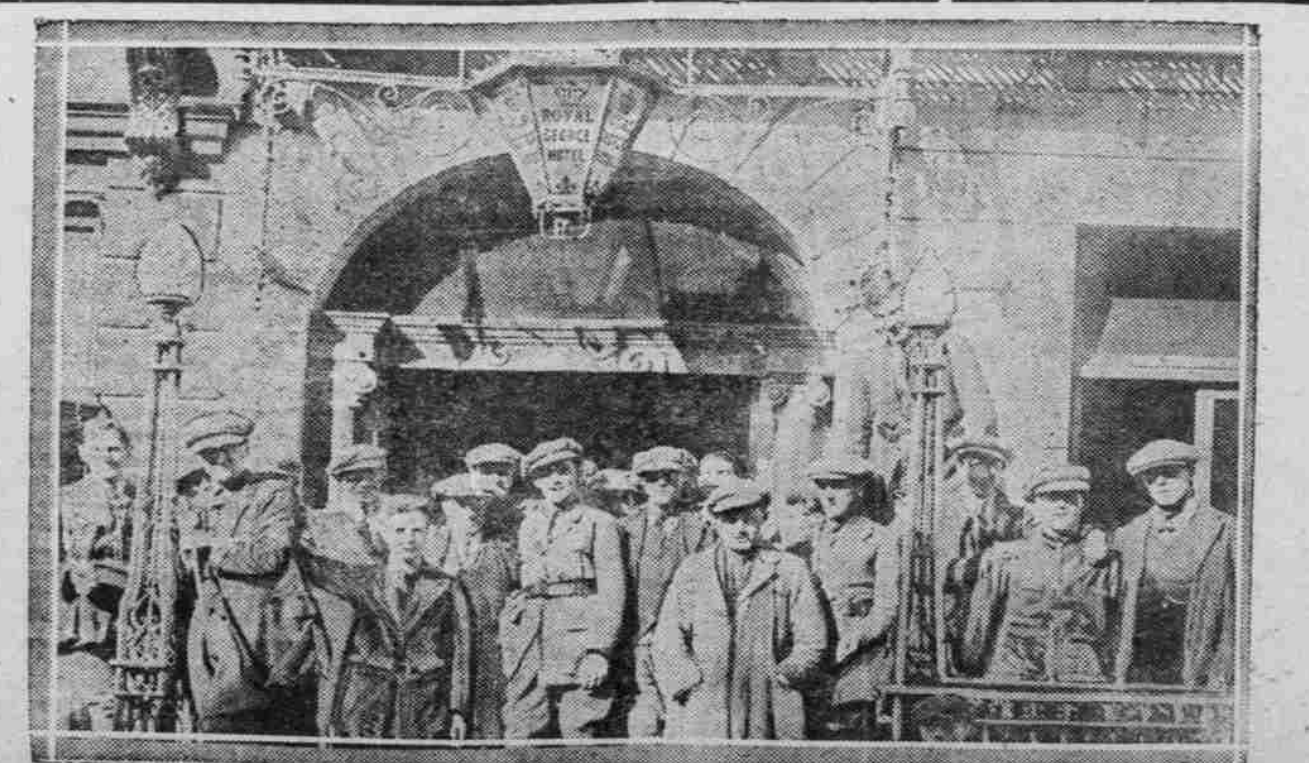
The resolution, passed condemning the court's action, follows: Whereas the Clackamas county Sunday school convention stands for those things which elevate and make for better citizenship and is opposed to those things which have a tendency to tear down and whereas the certificate of the Oak Grove dancing pavilion, as conducted during the past year was such as causes repeated protest from those who reside in the vicinity of the pavilion, and whereas the same parties who conducted the pavilion during 1921 have been granted a license to operate during the coming year and whereas the license for the same was granted by Commissioners W. F. Harris and W. A. Proctor over the protests of County Judge Cross and a petition signed by 86 residents of the Oak Grove district and personal pleas that the license be not granted, therefore,

Be it resolved that this association in convention assembled does condemn the action of Commissioners Harris and Proctor and do hereby commend County Judge Harvey E. Cross for his stand in opposing the license. The resolutions committee was composed of M. C. Glover, Mrs. Thomas Gault and J. L. Gary.

DOCTOR GETS TWO YEARS

PORTLAND, April 1.—"Dr." Charles Liscum, who was convicted Wednesday by a federal court jury for violating the Harrison narcotic law, was sentenced to two years at McNeil island this morning by Federal Judge Bean.

CIVIL WAR IN LIMERICK



The Irish Republican army in Limerick, where new civil war is threatened. Photo shows members of the Republican army at the entrance to the hotel where they are quartered.

FISH AMENDMENT PETITION IS PUT IN CIRCULATION

Initiative Measure to Prevent
Use of Seines, Traps and
Wheels Is Inaugurated by
G. G. Green of West Linn.

500 SIGNATURES TO BILL OBTAINED HERE

Concurrent Action of Other
States to Regulate Larger
Streams May Be Proposed.

An initiative petition to amend Article 15 of the constitution of the state of Oregon to prevent the use of seines, traps and fishing wheels, has been placed in circulation here. The petition is sponsored by G. G. Green of West Linn, and has been distributed over the state. Some 9,000 signatures are needed to place it on the ballot, the proponent of the petition claims.

The proposed amendment, entitled "Salmon fishing and propagation" amendment, is intended to cover all streams and rivers within the state and rivers over which Oregon has joint control. The latter provision it is pointed out, would apply only in so far as the state jurisdiction would extend but it is understood that in the event of the success of the proposed law, an attempt will be made to secure the concurrence of both Washington, where the Columbia is concerned and Idaho as it affects the Snake river.

The amendment would also provide that fifty per cent of the salmon streams and rivers must be re-deposited in the same water, not less than 20 miles from its mouth.

Penalties of \$100 to \$1,000, fine or sixty days to a year's imprisonment, are provided in the proposed bill.

Nearly 500 signatures have been secured to the petition in Oregon City, according to the statement of those who are circulating it.

The provision of the bill follows: Salmon fishing and propagation amendment: Making unlawful the use of seines, traps and fishing wheels for catching salmon in any waters of the state or over which it has concurrent jurisdiction; requiring fifty per cent of salmon spawn to be planted in the river from which it is taken, not less than 20 miles from its mouth, except where a dam or falls is within such distance, then as near as practical to such dam or falls; and providing a penalty from \$100 to \$1,000 or imprisonment in the county jail from 60 days to one year or both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHOOL TEACHERS GO ON DAY'S INSPECTION TRIP

Oregon City school children had a holiday Monday while the local teachers went visiting. Schools in this district, including Portland, Vancouver, Corvallis, Monmouth, Salem, Gresham and Milwaukie were visited, and the teachers later are to make reports of their observations. Superintendent E. W. Kirk expresses himself as well pleased with the results of the annual trip.

BLAST KILLS SALEM MAN

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(Special)—A. F. Fox, 53 years old, died in a local hospital at 5:30 this morning as a result of injuries received in a premature explosion of dynamite yesterday.

CARVER LINE MAY LOSE INTERURBAN FRANCHISE

City Council of Portland Rules
Road Must Get New Cars,
Tracks; Extension Planned.

PORTLAND, April 3.—Unless Stephen Carver modernizes his system of interurban railroading his franchise to operate within the city limits of Portland will be revoked by the city council.

This decision was reached this morning when the council instructed City Attorney Grant to draft an ordinance by means of which the franchise can be recalled unless Carver provides a better track and roadbed and more modern rolling stock for the train service he maintains between Portland and Carver, in Clackamas county. The present passenger equipment consists of an aged car propelled by an automobile engine and the Portland terminus is at Hawthorne avenue and East Third street.

On March 17th last an announcement was made of a proposed extension of the Portland and Oregon City railway from Carver to Viola on Clear creek, a distance of nine miles. The object of the extension is to set at the virgin timber in the vicinity of Viola. The estimated cost of the projected road was said to be \$90,000 and a company was formed with a capitalization of \$100,000 to carry on the improvement. Associated with Stephen Carver in the venture were C. E. Junghans, of the U. S. Mortgage and Investment Company and George F. Heuser of R. E. Menefee and company.

BONUS CRITICISMS ARE REFUTED BY SECRETARY

SALEM, April 3.—Strict business principles govern the making of bonus loans, according to a statement issued by H. C. Brumbaugh, secretary of the bonus commission, in reply to criticism addressed to the commission because of its action in rejecting the original appraisals placed on certain properties offered as securities for bonus loans.

"In making loans under the state bonus law the commission has adopted the policy of examining and personally passing upon each loan application and where the facts presented justified such action, fixing a loan of not in excess of three-fourths of the loanable value of the land," the statement reads. "The commission has taken into consideration the age upon which loans are made and naturally has not felt justified in making loans on houses which are old and in poor condition for it must be borne in mind that the State loan runs for 23 years.

"The right of reconsideration of the amount of loan tendered applicant by the commission after examination of the security they have to offer is fully recognized and in all such cases are immediately reopened upon a further showing of values than that indicated in the original report of appraisal. In several such cases, based upon additional information, the amount of loan first tendered has been increased by the commission.

"The commission undertakes to follow the principle that a loan which is not repaid injures not only the ex-service man but the state as well and believes that in the granting of loans extending over such a long period as 20 years the security offered for the loan must be most carefully considered and sound business principles applied as being the determining factor in all cases."

65 BONUS LOANS PASSED IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

A total of 65 applications for loans under the so-called soldier bonus act have been approved in Clackamas county according to the latest figures available from Phil Hammond, bonus attorney. The work of appraising the property on which the loans are to be made is now in progress, and although no appraisals have been completed it is probable that loan payments in this county will start about on a par with the allowance of any over the state.

No figures on the cash bonuses allowed here are available to date.

GRANT DIMICK SPEAKS AT SILVERTON MEETING

SILVERTON, April 1.—Judge Grant B. Dimick, of Oregon City, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Tax Reduction league, attended by about 300 members.

Judge Dimick came down on the state executive, saying that Oregon more than ever needed a strong business executive and that the fact of the big taxes lay with the legislature and that that body coupled with the executive was responsible.

EX-EMPEROR DIES

LONDON, April 1.—Former Emperor of Karl of Austria-Hungary died today at Puncnal, Madeira, after an illness of several weeks.

REORGANIZATION OF COMMERCIAL CLUB IS STARTED

Committee Drafting Necessary
Changes in By-Laws; New
Administration Features to
Be Put Into Definite Form.

WORK TO BE RUSHED DECLARES PRESIDENT

Comprehensive Activities to
Be Taken Up; Organization
Campaign Figures Awaited.

Redrafting of the by-laws of the local Commercial Club to provide a form under which the proposed reorganized system can operate, is to be completed by the end of the present week. Joseph E. Hedges, president of the organization, L. A. Henderson and Sam Clay are at work upon the new draft which is to embrace the departmental scheme of administration of the club's activities.

Every effort to set the new system in operation as soon as possible will be made, according to Mr. Hedges. The work of checking up on the drive which closed last week is still in progress and no accurate results of the campaign can be announced until all of the pledge cards have been gone over. There are a number which are still out and as yet some of the larger subscriptions which have been promised and are counted upon, have not been delivered.

The total will run more than 720 memberships, Mr. Hedges estimates, which is 120 past the mark set for the campaign. This would ensure a budget of \$8640 for the year which would provide adequate funds for the activities of the club.

The activities of the club have not been conducted upon a comprehensive basis for the past year, it is pointed out, but the plan for reorganization of the administrative detail is expected to place the organization in functioning shape.

Official announcement of the detailed plans for the new type of operation will probably be made about Monday of next week, Mr. Hedges says. Following the arrangement of the legal provisions, the appointment of the department members is to be made. Under the club's new method, all of the members of the organization will be connected with some one of the eleven divisions, under which classification will fall all of its activities, and these divisions will elect chairmen, which will constitute the board of directors to replace the existing body.

Arrangement for the changing of the authority to the new body is to be made in the readjustment of the governing code of the organization. Under the reorganization the present officers are to continue their term in office with the exception of the governing board.

\$30,000 VOTED FOR ERECTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING

By a vote of 225 to 32 Union high school district No. 2, Saturday voted to issue warrants, not to exceed \$30,000, for the erection and equipping of a new high school building. The heaviest voting was done in the Sandy, Kelso and cotton districts, which reported 157, 45 and 25 votes respectively.

The new building will be built on a four acre tract, on the Bluff road near Sandy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. F. Burns. This building is to be used for high school purposes only and according to tentative plans will be a four room structure with an auditorium and a play room in the basement. The plans were drawn by P. Chappel Brown, a Portland architect.

A new building has been made necessary because of the great number of students in the district. The present buildings are, at the present time, crowded to capacity and the number of students is ever increasing. Steps will be taken at once to get permanent plans and to let bids on the building.

Beginning next fall it is planned to add a commercial course to the curricula. It is also planned to add some of the outlying districts to the high school district. An entertainment in the high school Saturday evening proved a successful event.

P. R. L. & P. SEEK POWER FROM OAK GROVE CREEK

Application for authority to appropriate water from Oak Grove creek in Clackamas county has been filed with the state engineer by the Portland Railway, Light and Power company. The company is seeking to develop sufficient horse power to operate the plant projected in that neighborhood. This is a part of the general new development scheme which is contemplated by the company.