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THE WEATHER
OREGON CITY—Probably fair; variable winds, mostly northerly.
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SINGLE TAX AND CRANK LAW HIT

JUDGE DIMICK PLEADS FOR PURIFYING OF "OREGON SYSTEM" OF TRICKERY

GARFIELD COUNTRY CLUB LISTENS

Latest U'Ren Measure is Shown to Have Confusing "Catch" in Provisions—Cost of Schemes Great

Before a large audience at an all-day gathering of members of the Garfield Country club and their friends, Judge Grant B. Dimick, of Oregon City, candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the next election, made a strong plea for the sensible use of the "Oregon system," and unmercifully flayed single tax schemes and the past abuses of the initiative and referendum. The Garfield country club has been formed for discussions of public questions, and for the general enjoyment of its members. Judge Dimick was heartily applauded, and those present seemed to agree with his suggestion that the ever-increasing number of initiative measures ought in some way to be cut down if real political progress was to be made.

The speaker, before turning his batteries on single tax, brought out the fact that the over abundance of "crank" laws proposed, and the many apparently needless amendments to the constitution, were actually increasing the expenses of government and proving a drain upon the taxpayers, because of the extra state machinery that they required, and owing to the manner in which suits brought to have them interpreted or tested were clogging the courts. The 15 per cent tax exemption bill, framed by Mr. U'Ren and others, Judge Dimick characterized as a trick measure, designed to confuse the voters, and one that was so drawn as to be almost impossible of repeal.

The judge's speech follows in part: "Public gatherings are usually productive of good results, provided, however, the information imparted in the discussion of any given subject, is simplified, so that it can be understood.

"We have in the state of Oregon a system of government which if not abused would be a safe-guard to the tax payers of the state, but on account of its continual abuse, certain plans must be devised whereby the crank will not be allowed to continually play his hand at the great expense of the tax payers of the state.

"The initiative and referendum are measures which were adopted for the purpose of the promotion of mental affairs close to the people, so that they would be able to guard their own interests should the legislature fail to do so for them, but on account of its continual abuse wherein the ballot is made top heavy with all sorts of crazy-quit measures, it devotes upon the score-minded tax payers of the state, regardless of political affiliation, to adopt such means as necessary to preserve the initiative and referendum by protecting it from the assaults made upon it by the crank and the faddist.

"The constant tinkering with the law machinery of the state, wherein thirty or forty measures are submitted to the legal voters for their consideration at each general state election, has become burdensome and dangerous, for the reason that the ordinary voter is unable to carefully digest the substance of the information imparted to him, and therefore he is compelled to vote upon these questions without a proper understanding of the questions involved.

"The correct remedy to abate this evil has never been prescribed, but I venture to say that education should be the proper means, and from past experiences we find the initiative measures growing more numerous until the ballot is becoming so large and cumbersome that we wonder if the end is in sight.

"This wholesale manufacturing of laws through the initiative and referendum, brings additional burdens upon the tax payers of the state. This

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BOY Wanted to run errands

BANNON & CO.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

Hours for using hose are 6 to 8 a. m., and 6 to 8 p. m. for residences; 7 to 9 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. for stores, as shown by sprinkling permits. Water will be turned off without further notice on premises of all consumers found using hose outside of these hours and fee of \$5.00 charged for turning it on.

By order of the board,
E. H. COOPER,
Collector.

Keep Cool!

A nice shady place, where you can get the cool breezes from the river. Iced cream and all kinds of soft drinks.

The Open Air Ice Cream Parlors

At West End of Suspension Bridge

YOUTH IS SLAIN WHILE HUNTING

GUS MELVIN, OF WEST SIDE, FALLS OVER SHOTGUN IN MOUNTAIN WOODS

WILD AUTOMOBILE RIDE IN VAIN

Efforts to Carry Dying Boy to Hospital Prove Futile, and Injured Lad Dies Before Oregon City Reached

While hunting in the mountains Saturday afternoon seven miles beyond Colton, Gus Melvin, 15 years old, whose home is in West Oregon City, stumbled over the 12-gauge shotgun he was carrying and accidentally discharged the weapon, sustaining wounds from which he died an hour or so afterwards.

Melvin was out with a small party, and word of the accident was at once sent to Molalla. Dr. Paul Powell, of that city, at once responded, and after doing what he could to aid the boy, started at top speed for Oregon City with the lad in his automobile. News of the accident had in the meantime been sent here, and Dr. H. S. Mount started for Colton, burning up the road in his car.

The two physicians met just this side of Molalla. A hasty examination showed that the boy was practically past aid, but in spite of this the rush to the hospital was continued, the dying youth being transferred to Dr. Mount's speeder car. Before Oregon City was reached the boy expired from the shock of his wounds.

The shot from the gun practically tore the lad's arm off at the shoulder joint. Other shot penetrated his lungs, while the side of his body was torn and burned by the discharge from the muzzle of the weapon he was carrying. The body was removed to Holman's undertaking establishment. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

MOLALLA MEETING IS ROARING FARCE

Recallers who are after the scalp of the county court had a lovely time at their meeting Friday night at Molalla. Candidates Anderson and Smith spoke as did Ed Olds and the Rev. Dr. Spiess. From time to time they addressed their remarks to County Treasurer Tufts and Attorney O. D. Eby, who were present, and every time they tried to put over a campaign falsehood, their efforts were promptly nipped.

The audience seemed to hugely enjoy the discomfiture of the campaigners. Much of the time of Olds and Dr. Spiess was taken up with denouncing The Enterprise, which they seemed to regard as a campaign issue. W. W. Eberhard got considerable attention when he challenged the recallers to state where they had got their information, published in The Courier, that if the present county court was retained in office there would be a nice new bridge built for the district. He said it was a lie, pure and simple. A Mr. Meredith, who was present, answered the speaker, that he knew where the information came from, but that he didn't care to state the source. Eberhard said Molalla didn't even want a bridge, and was not seeking bribes to vote the way justice demanded that it should vote.

GIRL ASKS DELAY IN HER LIFE TRIAL

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 9.—When Miss Augusta Edwards, the striking-looking stenographer who emptied a six-shooter into the body of George Riehl July 24, is arraigned in court Monday, a vigorous attempt will be made by counsel to have her trial deferred until fall.

The slaying of Riehl, a wealthy shirt manufacturer, was one of the most spectacular murders in the well-known history of crime in this city. Miss Edwards, the man in the heart of the business district at 8 o'clock in the evening, when the streets were thronged with people, the girl coolly pushed the man away from her as she opened her shopping bag and pulled forth a revolver. Her spectators had no chance to interfere between the six rapidly fired shots.

Miss Edwards accuses the man she killed with her ruin. The day of the crime she learned that he had a wife and could not carry out his promise to marry her. This, coupled with the fact that she had received a message from him saying that he was between them, is believed to have led to the murder.

This is the third killing of the kind that has occurred in New Orleans recently. In each of the previous cases the accused woman was acquitted.

WEINHARD AGENT PAYS FINE FOR SUNDAY SCALE

Chris Hartman, local agent for the Weinhard Brewing company, who was arrested by Tom Kay, special deputy for Governor West, for selling liquor on Sunday, and who was found guilty in Justice Sievers' court, Saturday decided not to appeal the verdict, and came in and paid his fifty-dollar fine. Hartman and the two proprietors of a local cold storage warehouse, from which the keg of beer in question was taken while Governor West was in town "stopping the circus" a week ago, were all defendants in the case. The proprietors pleaded guilty and got suspended sentences, but Hartman fought the case.

ANOTHER RECORD WON



HARD FIGHT MADE BY "BLACKIE" ILES

News has been received from Dallas, Texas, whither went Sheriff E. T. Mass to bring back "Blackie" Iles, alleged ring-leader of the Oswego strike-breakers, that the fugitive from Oregon is making a hard fight for freedom, but that in all probability his battle will be in vain. Sheriff Mass got to Dallas just in time to block habeas corpus proceedings from succeeding in getting the wanted man out of custody.

After reaching the Texas city, the sheriff hastened on to the capital, and there had his extradition papers endorsed. He then returned to Dallas, where, at a hearing on Monday last the lower courts refused to grant the freedom of the prisoner upon habeas corpus proceedings. Counsel for "Blackie" took an appeal, however, and the sheriff is waiting for the action of the higher courts in the matter. He believes that the prisoner will be turned over to him.

Sheriff Mass, in private wires, has reported that in Texas it is exceptionally warm. In fact he says it is hot, and that each day it is getting hotter. He hopes to be home in time to cast a vote in the recall election, but may be kept by the Iles appeal so late that this will not be possible.

CATHOLICS TO WAGE WAR ON SOCIALISM

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 9.—Plans for a nation-wide campaign against the spread of Socialism will be formulated at the annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies in this city next week. The federation represents a membership of 2,500,000.

The convention will be formally opened tomorrow morning with a pontifical high mass in St. John's Cathedral at which Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore will be celebrant. The sermon will be preached by Archbishop Keane of Dubuque. In the afternoon there will be a street parade of the Catholic societies of Milwaukee and vicinity and in the evening a concern will be given in the auditorium.

The regular business of the convention will be taken up Monday morning. It will begin with a conference of the social service commission, which was formed at the Louisville convention last year for the specific purpose of mapping out plans to combat the spread of Socialism in America. The conference will be presided over by Bishop Muldoon, of Rockford, Ill., who has taken a leading part in the anti-socialist propaganda.

WASHINGTON LAND ALTERS SHAPE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 9.—State Forester E. W. Ferris, who has just returned from Skamania county, after inspecting a piece of state land that has within the last few months evidenced an ambition to stand upright and cavot about the neighborhood reports peculiar geologic changes in the country around Stevenson.

"In this piece of state land alternate risings and depressions have made the trees all criss cross until they look like they were trying to do a split," stated the forester. "But in the country in the vicinity there are even more peculiar conditions.

"In one case a water course has been raised suddenly so that one end of the stream bed was left 20 feet in the air. In another a piece of mountain, trees and all, apparently has dropped flat into the ground leaving a bare cliff where there was a gradual slope.

"Mr. Bowles connected his house with a water tank and in two years the house and tank 'hunched' together so that it was necessary, three times, to remove a length of pipe."

BEAVERS SHUT OUT

Venice 1, Portland 0.
San Francisco 5, Sacramento 1.
Oakland 8, Los Angeles 2.

Coast League Standings

Portland	542
Los Angeles	504
Sacramento	500
Venice	492
Oakland	492
San Francisco	473

Denver Filling With Knights

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 9.—Outward and visible signs that the great convulsion of nights Templars is near at hand were abundant today. Delegations of air knights have been pouring into the city all day, and in almost every instance the visitors have been met by a local lodge contingent and escorted to headquarters.

RECORD GRAINS ON VIEW AT SHOWSHOP

One of the finest displays of grain ever collected is at present being "cured" on the rear walls of the exhibition booth of the Oregon City Commercial club, and when ready for shipment will be made into stands by Publicity Manager Freytag and sent to the Hill Hotel at St. Paul for exhibition purposes by them. The grain embraces several superb varieties of wheat and oats, together with some barley. Some of the heads of wheat are five inches long, and are fully developed throughout.

Mr. Freytag, who has lately been creating a sort of informal competition between Clackamas county farmers to see which can send in the finest specimens of the various kinds of produce grown here, has been particularly successful in his quests. Saturday he received a giant cucumber from Gladstone, grown by his brother, R. Freytag. The big "pickle" measures about ten inches in length, and close to a foot in circumference, and is a record breaker for the season.

Daily there are brought to Mr. Freytag specimens that are the best kind of demonstrators of the fertility of the local soil, and he is gradually forming an exhibit that will be a marvel when it is placed on view at the several land shows which are to be held in the Northwest this year.

Pity the Man "Sot" in His Ways

"Preserve us from the man who becomes so 'sot' in his ways—that he cannot be told anything," says a certain editor. "And yet he serves a useful purpose in life. His friends can use him to laugh at when the cheerful stories run out."

Men and women who know the most are those who admit they have always something to learn.

One of the most interesting and helping channels of information is modern advertising. It is written by bright men and women who have a message to deliver.

It is intimate information. It concerns our daily needs. It is helpful. It is useful.

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They reflect the world's activities—and nine times out of ten they give you just the information you want.

At all events they tell a mighty human interest story.

RECALL SCHEME TORN TO SHREDS

SPEAKERS AT CANBY MEETING USE FACTS AND FUN TO EXPOSE PLOTTERS

AUDIENCE LOUD IN ITS APPLAUSE

Judge Beatie Accounts Rigidly for Funds Expended, and Commissioner Blair Explains Cruise Savings

About 300 people gathered in the band hall at Canby Saturday evening to listen to members of the county court and their friends tell why the recall leveled against them should not prevail. Seriousness and humor mingled in the meeting, and there was often a loud and prolonged applause. A. M. Vineyard presided as chairman of the meeting, and about fifty per cent of the audience was women.

Judge Beatie opened the meeting, and after a neat appeal to the "new citizens" present to go to the polls and exercise their right of suffrage as their consciences and minds dictated, he plunged at once into the topic of his administration. Taking up the various charges that have been presented, the judge disposed of them in much the same way that he has at other similar meetings, and then devoted his attention to matters which while not included specifically in the formal charges upon which the recall is based, have nevertheless been utilized by his opponents.

Touching upon the courthouse addition, Judge Beatie said that while the original cost of that structure had been \$52,000, and while the addition that made it one-third as large again had cost \$26,000, or half the original outlay; that the latter expenditure had also provided for an entire new roof upon the building, a steam heating plant that supplied the whole structure, for the repainting and re-wiring of the edifice, and for many minor repairs as well.

In referring to the purchase of steel for county bridges and other purposes, Judge Beatie pointed out that Clackamas county got its material at the same time and for the same price as Yamhill county bought, and that while Yamhill county expended \$72,000 for this material, Clackamas county got the same prices on the amount it needed and spent only \$18,000, thereby making a considerable saving. In regard to the county printing, the judge said that the bills for this amounted to about \$1,200 a year, and that one of the recall leaders was "sore" because this sum did not go to his print shop.

The judge also went into the matter of roads, contrasting what had been done in this county for a comparatively small sum, with what has been accomplished in Multnomah county. In Multnomah, said the judge, there was a total of \$400,000,000 of property value to bear the road taxes, while in Clackamas the valuation of property was but \$28,000,000. Clackamas county would have to pay three times as many miles of highway.

County Commissioner Blair, in his talk, devoted himself almost entirely to the timber cruise now being made by the county, and said that while its total cost would be \$40,878, that this sum would be received and covered by the increased taxation during the first year. On the Weyerhaeuser timber holding alone, Mr. Blair said, the county would gain an increase in revenue of over \$5,000 each year under the new cruise.

George C. Brownell, the next speaker on the program, proved a mine of satire and humor for his auditors. He compared the present members of the county court with the pair that was trying to displace them, and poked irresistible fun at the recall movement. He said he knew Anderson, the candidate for county judge, would make a good judge, because his backers laid great stress upon the fact that he had sold 96,000 pound of butter. He knew it was 96,000 pounds because he had read it in the Oregon City Courier. Such qualification for judicial position was beyond question, he added.

Mr. Brownell then recalled the anecdote current at the time that Ed Olds, chief boss of the recallers, had received a shock when he sat down on a live wire, and prophesied that the shock he and his fellow workers would receive next Saturday would be a greater one.

Getting down to the question of The Courier again, Mr. Brownell said he hoped his hearers wouldn't feel too harshly towards its editor, as he knew the editor had stomach trouble, and any man who had stomach trouble was pretty apt to also have trouble with his head. He pitied the editor of The Courier, he said, pitied him and sympathized with him.

Attorney J. E. Hedges was the last speaker on the program, and he, too, gave some pretty sharp thrusts to the backers of the recall movement. Incidentally he denied completely the article in a recent issue of The Courier, which stated that he had "taken his bald head to Oswego" to make a speech. He said his bald head hadn't been in Oswego during the entire campaign. Other "news" in The Courier he characterized as being just about as accurate.

In the earlier part of the day Judge Beatie addressed a gathering of the Garfield Country club, eight miles beyond Estacada, and was well received. The county judge at that time spoke on much the same lines as at Canby, and held the close attention of his audience for over an hour.

TAXES USELESS IN WILLAMETTE

RULING OF JUDGE CAMPBELL IN DOWNY CASE HITS CITY "BELOW BELT"

NO CHARTER POWER TO LEVY HAD

Neighboring Municipality Incorporated, But Lacks Right to Assess Property to Pay Its Civic Expenses

Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell has handed down a very important decision in the case of James Downey vs. E. T. Mass as sheriff of Clackamas county. Mr. Downey, who was the first mayor of Willamette, and who is the present owner of the waterworks of that town, brought suit against the sheriff as tax collector of Clackamas county, restraining him from collecting a special ten-mill tax levied by authority of an ordinance of Willamette passed in December 1912. At the time there was a rumor, perhaps without foundation, that the ordinance was enacted for the express purpose of affecting Mr. Downey, who was the largest property owner in town.

Mr. Downey in his complaint alleged that Sections 3206-7 of Lords' Oregon laws are unconstitutional and void for the reason that said act delegates to the county court legislative power, also that the constitutional amendment giving the people residing in any proposed territory power and authority to incorporate is not self-executing, and that the town of Willamette attempted to incorporate but did not adopt a charter and had no power to levy any taxes upon the taxable property within its limits.

This last contention was upheld by Judge Campbell, who gave a decision holding that there was no provision of law authorizing the town of Willamette to levy a municipal tax, following the decision of the supreme court of Oregon, in the case of Corbett vs. City of Portland, 31 Oregon, page 407 (1911). It follows from this decision that Willamette finds herself in odd predicament; she cannot levy a legal tax upon property within her limits to pay the current expenses. Willamette has lately expended more than usual owing to the fact that two special annexation elections have been held.

At the first election the territory desired to be annexed was bounded by the center of the Willamette river and included about 2.5 of the paper and pulp mills and the electric plant on the west side of the river. At that election those residing outside of Willamette, and in the district desired to be annexed, rejected the offer by a majority of three. Willamette, not at all discouraged, resolved to try again and drew a line which would include those who favored annexation and exclude those who did not see things in that light. The line began at Willamette, went to the center of the Willamette river, followed this for about a quarter of a mile until near the Young and Moehnik residence, then ran around them and came out again to the center of the Willamette river; thence to a point just below the residence of the Langs, to include about one-half of the mills; thence following the road to Willamette, including a tier of tracts and parts of tracts in Willamette Falls.

In one instance the line was so drawn as to take nearly all of the property but the center of the Willamette river. The voters in the house immediately moved into tents and established a legal residence in time to vote. There were rumors current to the effect that at the election the craws of the river boats, "N. R. Lang" and "Ruth" noted. This upon investigation was found to be untrue. The fact was six men, who make their home, sleep and work on the Lang, which is every night tied up in the district desired to be annexed, did vote. But they acted upon the advice and counsel of the Hon. A. M. Crawford, attorney-general of Oregon. They had no domicile, and for years had considered the Lang their home.

CHICAGOANS WANT TO HEAR ABOUT US

Pearsons & Taft, a financial firm of Chicago, have written Secretary Freytag, of the Oregon City Commercial club, for information as to the Willamette valley. In the letter they say that the impression prevails in their office that the Willamette valley is so dry in the months of June, July and August that farming has to be abandoned.

They were somewhat surprised, therefore, to receive the other day a forecast of the Clackamas county crop this year, and they want to know whether the forecast is correct, and if so, how much area is put under irrigation in this hot and stifling climate to make things grow as it is said they grow.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS SOON

Gospel tabernacle meetings will commence August 21 and continue over three Sunday at the corner of Eighth and Jackson streets, in charge of James and Estella Crooks, evangelists of the Oregon Holiness association. Mr. and Mrs. Crooks are good singers, and the meeting will be inter-denominational.