

FARMERS HELD CAUSE OF BIG TAX

Judge Dimick Insists Money Needed for Freak Measures Left Little for Needs.

SINGLE TAX IS ATTACKED

Oregon City Jurist Deplores Promiscuous Use of Initiative in Oregon at Address Before Judges and Commissioners.

That fads lobbied through the Oregon Legislature which cost the taxpayers large sums of money and benefit only a few men are the cause of the heavy tax levies and the reason there is not more money left for the building of good roads in the state, is the belief of Grant B. Dimick, County Judge, at Oregon City. He said so at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the annual convention of Oregon County Judges and Commissioners at the Commercial Club.

Judge Dimick mentioned the Jefferson fish hatchery, abandoned, he said, after being built, the appropriation of \$40,000 for "chasing" burned forests, the \$50,000 appropriation for the Astoria centennial, state moneys spent for other county fairs, and new boards and commissions created in such numbers, said Judge Dimick, that it is necessary to build a new statehouse to find office for them. "The best way to get public highways is to condemn about half the high-salaried boards," he declared. This statement was greeted by applause from the members of the convention.

Single Tax Target. Judge Dimick also dealt a blow at the single tax, declaring that it will place such a heavy burden on the homesteader and small farmer that he will be unable to meet it, while the manufacturers will go free of taxation. He took issue with a statement made by H. W. Stone at a recent single-tax debate in the First Congregational Church, in which Mr. Stone used the illustration of a 540-acre farm owned by a lumber company, 12 acres of which were sold to an employe and improved, with the result that the 12 acres paid as much tax as the remainder of the 540. Judge Dimick declared there is no such example as that in Clatsop County.

He also deplored the promiscuous use of the initiative, and the careless signing of measures by citizens to get them on the ballot. He pointed out that even to put them on the ballot means added expense. The trouble with some voters, he said, is that they read the catchy headlines, and vote for them, and then vote for it, thinking they understand it, without taking the pains to read the text. Every voter, he said, ought to familiarize himself thoroughly with the text of a measure, and to know its effect upon the state, before voting for it. Judge Dimick was as much opposed to the bill providing for the elimination of the personal property to the amount of \$3000 as he was to the single tax.

As to bonding the county or state to raise money for roads, the judge pointed out the interest that must be met, and said that, although the roads are built and millions expended, as soon as a new railroad line goes in it changes the location of the roads that are used the most, as all farmers are anxious to haul to the nearest shipping point.

Head Signs Wanted. As to county fairs, he said: "I don't believe in these appropriations by the state at large to benefit local or individual enterprises. If the taxpayers are to have every fish wheel in the state and leave the fishing to the gillnetters they would save the state a heavy expense and permit the propagation of the fish to go on naturally."

The teacher supervisors created by the Legislature last year, we have no more use for them. I have for another project, but they cost us \$4000."

Head Signs Wanted. K. Henry Wenne urged that in all the counties more road signs be erected. He also urged the appointment of competent road supervisors, saying that it took the workmen building the Mount Hood road four and one-half months to grub out the stumps on three-fourths of a mile of road.

Frank B. Riley, vice-president of the Pacific Highway Association, said the Pacific Highway is now within 40 miles of the Alaskan border, and that a route to the City of Mexico is about to be located. The society has offered \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone defacing a Pacific Highway sign.

"Probate Law and Procedure" were discussed by Judges Neil and Clifton, while Judge Neil spoke on the "Juvenile Court." Commissioner Price, of Lane County, spoke on "Duties and Responsibilities of County Commissioners."

Care of the indigent and road-building are the subjects for today. A party of 25 judges and commissioners took luncheon at the Hof Brau yesterday noon, being the guests of the Wylie Brothers Company, of which Kenneth Beebe is president. After the luncheon they were taken in automobiles to visit the company's warehouse at Seventeenth and Vaughn streets.

UNSELFISH MOVE DOUBTED Local Secretary National League for Medical Freedom Gives Views.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Determined efforts are being made by a portion of the medical fraternity to have Congress enact legislation establishing a National Department of Health. The advocates of this legislation claim to be wholly unselfish. New and again things come to light that make it difficult to believe this claim. Lack of space forbids mentioning more than a few of these indications.

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Inquiry Shows That Marked Sockeye and Chinook Have Gained Strength Since Liberation.

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The fact that no fish were found at the mouth of Tanner Creek, where as far as Astoria a few days before, was evidence to him that the 33,000 marked sockeye fry and 27,000 marked chinook fry had gone out into the Columbia. Trials made at various points between the hatchery and Columbia City showed a number of the marked salmon. Experiments are to be made next month below St. Helens and as far as Astoria to ascertain if these marked salmon are leaving the river in large numbers. Examination of the fish taken showed those from points farthest from the hatchery were larger and stronger than those taken at points nearer.

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The Majestic Male Quartet is singing a special arrangement of "In the Garden of My Heart" and also a well-arranged medley of popular songs.

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"The Marquis of Lorraine" is a heavy Italian drama by Ambrosio, showing how the Marquis Outlaw led his band of followers against a peasantry settlement and carried away the two sons of a poor woman.

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Portland Young Men's Christian Association will be reported at a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium tomorrow night. The Poultry Club this year has about 30 members, who are raising chickens in competition for prizes offered by the Y. M. C. A. They are also meeting every two weeks to discuss their work and study scientific poultry husbandry.

The poultry contest will close next March at which time the contestants will exhibit their fowls in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Judges will pass on the displays, as well as the records made by the boys in caring for and feeding the flocks. Beginning in January the young poultry fanciers will present a series of lectures on poultry raising.

MERCHANTS NOT GAINERS Early Shopping Move Humanitarian Only, Says Partner in Big Store.

"It does not think that if every person in Portland did his shopping early the department stores would do a greater amount of business," commented a partner in one of those establishments yesterday. "It seems to me that the plea for purchasers to be made in the mornings should be looked at from a purely humanitarian motive. Portland people should endeavor to distribute their shopping over the day, so that those unable to attend the stores in the mornings may be able to get their business done with more convenience during the remaining shopping hours."

MODJESKI FIXES ON FORM Engineer Rumored to Have Decided on Style Bascule Draw for Bridge.

Unofficial reports have been received at the office of Mayor Bushart that Engineer Modjeski, who is supervising the building of the Broadway bridge, has definitely decided on the form of bascule draw to be used, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Steelton, Pa., has started work on the steel. The report has not been verified.

GIRL DARES MISTLETOE Miss Wears White Berries in Hair and Says Oglers Are "Horrid."

Her hair was blown all over her face in pretty black tendrils, and just where her hat fitted on to her locks a tiny sprig of white-berried mistletoe was fixed.

CHARLES N. RANKIN BURIED Last Tribute Paid by Many Friends. Elks Hold Services.

The funeral services over the body of Charles N. Rankin, who died Sunday morning at his home at 524 East Burnside street, were held in the chapel of Finley's undertaking parlors Monday. The services were conducted by Rev. Benjamin Young, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, who also delivered a short sermon. D. Solis Cohen delivered the eulogy in behalf of the Elks lodge.

FIVE GOVERNORS HEARD EXECUTIVES GIVE FIVE-MINUTE TALKS AT HARRISBURG, PA.

Each Tells of Own State, 3000 Listening Intently—Down to Date 35,000 See Car Displays.

"Five-minute Talks by the Governors of Five States" was the programme that attracted nearly 3000 persons to the Orpheum Theater at Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday, according to a telegram received yesterday by H. Dickson, ticket agent for the Great Northern Railway, from H. A. Noble, general passenger agent, who is in charge of the work with the Governor's special, now touring the East.

IRRIGATION ROW AVOIDED Chamber of Commerce Sees No Need of Sending Envoy to Meeting.

"The Portland Chamber of Commerce sent no representative to the irrigation meeting at Pendleton Tuesday night," said C. G. Giltner yesterday, "because it seemed to us that there would be no advantage in mingling in a quarrel between two localities over the merits of their proposed irrigation projects. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has never taken a local view of the irrigation question and has held that the welfare of the state will do the state at large much good, and can in no case do it any harm."

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A NEW NOVEL BY LOCKE STELLA MARIS W. J. Locke has written another novel in that style which so many readers have learned to love. Stella is an invalid seemingly compelled to spend her life lying on her back in a big, beautiful room. This room is all windows on one side and looks out upon the sea. So Stella has come to be known to her friends as "Stella Maris." Her world is the world these friends bring to her sickroom, and they keep from her all knowledge of its misery and unhappiness. It is when she recovers and learns what the real world is that Locke has a chance for those contrasts which make his stories so fascinating and which he works out so ingeniously. Stella Maris in her individual way has the charm of Clementina, of Zora, of all the Locke heroines. "Stella Maris" will be the serial of The Century for the forthcoming year. Subscribe now and enjoy it. CENTURY MAGAZINE 25 cents a copy, \$4.00 a year. At all book stores, or The Century Co., Union Square, New York

the Pendleton Commercial Club urging that a representative be sent from the Portland Chamber to take part in the discussion. "Our only activity in the irrigation question," said Mr. Giltner, "has been carried on direct with the departments in Washington, and instead of a representative at a local meeting where two differ, not districts are involved in a useless controversy over the proposed West Umatilla project, we have J. N. Teni in Washington as our representative, working to have Oregon's irrigation facilities improved without regard to individual interests or local jealousies."

Idaho Lad Dies at Mount Angel. MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Joseph Hoffman, of Nampa, Idaho, 18 years old, a student who attended Mount Angel College but a month ago, died here yesterday of a hemorrhage of the lungs. Out of respect to the departed student the basketball game which was to have been played with the local athletic club tonight was postponed. The body will be sent to the Hoffman home tomorrow and will be escorted to the train by the student-body.

YOUR UPSET, SOUR, GASSY STOMACH IS RELIEVED IN A FEW MINUTES

Take a Little Diapiesin Now and Your Stomach Will Feel Fine in Five Minutes. Every family here ought to keep some Diapiesin in the house, as any one of you may have an attack of Indigestion or Stomach trouble at any time, day or night. This harmless preparation will digest anything you eat and overcome a distressed, out-of-order stomach five minutes afterwards. If your meals don't tempt you, or what little you do eat seems to fill you or lays like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion. Ask your Pharmacist for a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin, and take a little just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors. Pape's Diapiesin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it prevents fermentation and takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery at any drug store, waiting for you. These large 50-cent cases contain more than sufficient to cure almost any chronic case of Diapiesin, Indigestion or any other Stomach trouble.

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