

SUPERINTENDENT ANSWERS DOUBTER COUNTY UNIT PLAN

If "New" System Would Do No More It Will at Least Equalize the Tax Burden and Opportunities for Children.

System Is Not New But Has Proven Fine Success in Many States; Many Districts Overburdened With School Taxes.

I read in the Lincoln County Leader an article, written by a reader of the paper but his name was not given, which stated that the county unit plan is a new fangled plan. This writer advised to keep shy and vote NO. I wish to state, without criticism, that the less we know about anything the more we are against it.

This is not a new plan. It has been working for the past eighteen or twenty years in some of all of the following named states: Delaware, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Montana, Oregon and Washington. In the first ten named it is working in the entire state, the others have it only in some of the counties. Where it has been tried, they have not gone back to the older system.

The two leading features of this plan is EQUAL TAXATION and EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN. The hiring of teachers, the upkeep of the building and equipment, the levying the school tax and the business in general will be done by the board of five. Of course this board of five will be advised by the local boards as to the needs and wishes of the districts, and in most, if not all cases, their wishes will be granted.

Under the present district organizations, our taxes are very unjust and unsettled. For instance, in district No. 10 known as the Stanton dist. the special levy last year (1921) was three and four-tenths mills. This year (1922) it will be about ten mills. In the Waldport district No. 12, last year the special levy was four mills. This year it will be about 20 mills. I have not figured all the special levies but many others will be similar. Some will be less than last year but yet they would be too high. With the COUNTY UNIT PLAN working in the county the tax which would take the place of the special levies would be about four mills. It should be a little less, and every one in the county would pay it, making the taxes for school purposes equal.

It has been said that this measure is a school teachers' plan. I don't know of any teachers working against it, but here are the names of a few who are favoring it, that are not teachers: Judge James, Jay Dunn, C. M. Warren, Ira Wade, J. W. Parrish, S. W. Scoville, Dr. Carter, Geo. Schenck, Guy Roberts, Geo. McCluskey, Tom Hawkins, Ben Jones, R. A. Arnold, Ed. Stocker, L. H. Payne, R. Simpson, Carl Gierde, W. R. Tindall and others too numerous to mention. I might say, the doctors, the lawyers, the merchants, the business men in general are supporting the measure. I know of a few, perhaps a dozen and there may be more who say they will vote no on the Unit Plan.

This should be remembered by every taxpayer in the county. If the Unit Plan carries there will not be a special levy in the county but all will pay the same which will be equal to about 4 mill levy. That is to say we are all paying two and a half mills now and by adding four mills more making a total of 6 1/2 mills we will have money enough to run the schools.

R. P. GOIN,
County School Superintendent.

MARRIED MEN PROVE EQUAL OF SINGLE MEN AT FOOTBALL

The fact that a man is married does not take away his fighting qualities was clearly demonstrated Sunday afternoon when a bunch of "single birds" concocted the idea that they would like to "romp on" the poor married men of the city in a gridiron battle at the fair grounds. The married men immediately accepted the challenge and they were soon on their way to the battle grounds where after an hour of "wallowing in the mud" both teams emerged undefeated, the score standing 6 to 6, "in favor" of the married men. The members of the teams were as follows:
Married men—Kit Carson, Bunny Service, Geo. Andrews, Nels Anderson, Clyde McMillan, Kenneth McCauley, Arthur Wade, "Pat" Colos, Wm. Volk, Clarence Holverson, Larry Altres.
Single men—Raleigh Taylor, Owen Hart, Terrance Gather, Louie Bain, Geo. Freeman, Gus Graham, Clare Altres, Alec Thompson, Chris Bredstedt, "Butch" Levie, Royal Dunn.
It is rumored that "Louie" was the only star of the game and, it is reported, that he admits it, so, we presume he was.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS NEW TEACHER IN COMMERCIAL DEPT.

A. Buedahl, formerly a teacher in the La Grande high school, came here last Thursday to take charge of the Lincoln high school commercial department. Mr. Buedahl is particularly well qualified for his work both in experience and training. He is a graduate of the university of Chicago and has taken special work at the Benke-Walker Business College in Portland and also at the Gregg school in Chicago.

MOTHER OF MR. SHAWE DIES AT PORTLAND

Mrs. Lucy H. Shawe, mother of Victor Shawe, superintendent of the public schools, died at Portland, October 28, 1922, at the ripe age of 76 years. She is survived by four children, Mrs. Lucile Richardson, Mrs. L. C. Logan, both of Portland; H. Bruce Shawe of Corvallis and Victor Shawe of Toledo, all of whom were at her bedside when she died. The funeral was held in Portland at 10 a. m. Monday morning.

SENATOR STANFIELD ENTERTAINED HERE AT SPRUCE MILL

Expresses Surprise at Magnitude of Local Concern and Possibilities; Will Fight for Harbor Appropriation.

United States Senator R. M. Stanfield and State Senator J. S. Smith arrived in Toledo Tuesday from Newport where they were the principal speakers at a meeting held at the beach resort Monday evening. The senators were the guests of officials of the Pacific Spruce mill during their stay in the county seat.

Senator Stanfield was invited here to inspect the Pacific Spruce mill by W. K. Patterson, district supervisor for the U. S. F. C. in order that he might personally see the absolute necessity for the deepening of the Yaquina river in order that ocean freighters can come here for loading and unloading cargoes, the appropriation for this project having been under consideration for some time.

Senator Stanfield expressed surprise at the magnitude of the Pacific Spruce Corporation's undertaking here and pledged himself to do everything in his power to pass the bill for the dredging of the river channel when it comes up for reconsideration in congress.

REBEKAHS AND ODD FELLOWS ENTERTAIN AT HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The Odd Fellows hall was crowded Tuesday evening when the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families gathered in the hall for a "Hallowe'en Party." According to those who had the pleasure to attend the affair was one of the most successful social events of the season. An elaborate array of amusements appropriate with the season had been arranged for the entertainment. Danes, eats, fortune-telling and "Spook" stories kept the crowd in the best of spirits throughout the evening.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

In this issue of the Leader at least one business firm of Toledo has advertised the fact that it will be Closed All Day Armistice Day in Honor of the meaning of the day and in honor of the boys who suffered and died that the cause they went to fight for in the late world war might be upheld.

It's a good example, we hadn't thought about it ourselves, but THE LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER, will follow suit, and be closed all day Armistice day.

"Lest We Forget"
"Then came an order to charge. Over we went, and at 'em.
"Don't ask me to say what a fellow thinks in a hell like that. I, for one, didn't think. I worked like a machine. The only sane thing I can remember thinking was, 'WE MUST STOP THEM!' We must smash those gray-green walls! I guess every man felt the same way. Then Heime wavered, then broke, and we drove on."
"It was a tidy trimming for the Germans—worth all that cost. Staggering, yes—but it was the job we had been sent to do—and we couldn't fall those who had sent us."
Fellow citizens: That is a brief story of THEIR job—written on a memory leaf of more than a million Yankee doughboys. Our job is to never forget a sacred trust—a perpetual honor to American Youths who sailed away to make possible a step forward for world democracy. Let's Close in Honor of the Day.

STATE HAS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REAP BIG HARVEST

Oregon Will Reap Greatest Prosperity in History Providing State Votes to Let Portland Finance World Exposition.

The general committee in charge of the 1927 exposition campaign expresses strong confidence that the people of the state will cast a good majority vote November 7 for the constitutional amendment to permit Portland to levy the exposition tax in that city and thus inaugurate of a new era of development for Oregon.

Feeling certain that the verdict of the voters will be favorable for the measure, the committee is proceeding with plans for the 10 year Oregon development plan of which the 1927 exposition is to be the central feature. The first step will be the starting of a campaign of publicity through which the attractions, resources and opportunities of all sections of Oregon will be set forth to the people in all parts of the United States. This advertising campaign will have for its purpose the attraction to Oregon of more tourists travel and more actual settlers, farmers and investors so that Oregon's resources now lying dormant to a large degree may be developed.

"I believe the people of Oregon realize that this state now has an opportunity to start a well founded development movement," says Mayor Baker, who heads the exposition committee and I believe they will do their part by granting Portland permission to hold the 1927 exposition. In Portland the situation looks very favorable for a big majority in favor of the exposition tax measure.

U. S. GOVERNMENT DECLARES PEOPLE 'HELD UP' IN PRICE

Finance Committee of Senate Drags In to Sunlight Evidence of Astounding Exploitation by Big City Merchants.

Written specially for the LEADER
By Edward Percy Howard.

The committee on finance of the United States Senate has just dragged into the sunlight evidence of the most astounding public exploitation that has been disclosed in the history of America.

The disclosure comes in the form of a documentary report by the treasury department made at the request of the senate committee, a report which shows in detail the prices at which 122 products—and there are more to come—are purchased abroad and the amazing prices at which these same articles are sold when they are disposed of to the people of America by New York and other big city storekeepers.

The figures are a public indictment of the American trade and prove beyond a question that profiteering in the big cities has reached the point of open scandal.

"YOUNG" HALL LANDS BIG SALMON IN SLEETZ

Herald Hall, 11-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Hall of Toledo, is feeling rather cheery because of a little stunt he "pulled" the other day. Herald was a member of a fishing party on the Sletz last week composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCluskey, Mrs. F. N. Hayden and Mr. Chas. Gomoke. He was quietly fishing in a "hill hole" when all at once he tried to pull in his line and it "stuck." He thought he had snagged a log, but soon changed his mind when his line shot out into the stream "a mile a minute." Young Hall was put to the test of his life but won out and landed a 7 1/2 pound "Chinook" salmon. It is reported the river went down three inches when the fish left the water.

FORMER SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN SEES NEED U. S. MARINE

Says, Though a Democrat, Opposition by His Party to Ship Subsidy Bill is Wrong Attitude; America Needs Own Ships.

Washington, Oct. 29—(Special Correspondence)—"I am a democrat, but by thorough study of this subject has convinced me that my party is wrong in its opposition to a shipping subsidy," exclaimed former Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, in an address before the City Club of Washington a few days ago. And he supported his views by a convincing array of facts and arguments that show the soundness of the republican attitude.

That the most important reason for the building and maintenance of an American merchant marine is related to the national defense, was the first assertion of the speaker. He recalled the fact that during the Spanish-American war we were dependent upon foreign transports for the carrying of our men and supplies across the Pacific, and also asserted that when President Roosevelt sent the American fleet around the world, the battleships could not have gone even as far as Honolulu without the aid of colliers and supply ships operated under foreign flags and employed by the United States government. If those auxiliaries had deserted the fleet abroad, it could not have returned home. At the beginning of our participation in the war in Europe, we were dependent upon foreign ships or commandeered foreign ships for transportation of our men and supplies.

Discussing the subject from the standpoint of finances, Senator Chamberlain said that in the last 100 years we have expended only a billion dollars on the improvement of rivers and harbors as aids to our commerce, while in the same time we have paid foreign ships twenty-eight billion dollars to carry our foreign commerce, yet "there are some people who will condemn congress for extravagance in river and harbor appropriations." His exposure of the greater expenditures of American money for the support of foreign ships was greeted with hearty applause.

As another means of illustrating the unsoundness of employing foreign ships to carry our goods, he said that in the past seven years we have paid out \$3,000,000,000 for the carrying of our foreign commerce—a sum nearly equal to the debts foreign countries owe us.

Senator Chamberlain expressed the kindest feeling toward the British people and said that the test of blood relationship ought to make impossible any war between them and the people of the United States, but this is no reason why we should hesitate to adopt plans that will insure the carrying of the major portion of American commerce in American ships. "We do not aspire to carry the major portion of world commerce. But we should aspire to carry a major portion of that part of world commerce that flows in and out of our own ports." That we are in no danger of approaching Great Britain's position in world commerce he indicated by saying that our effective merchant ships have a carrying capacity only about 22 per cent of that of the ships that sail under the British flag.

Statistics were presented showing the lower cost of operating ships under German, Japanese and other foreign flags, and the assertion was made that unless the United States is willing to retire entirely from the seas and leave the carrying of her goods to her competitors, this country must either go down to the foreign standard of wages and living or must adopt the policy of aiding our shipping by some sort of subsidy. He insisted that the policy of protection which has been applied to our industries—agriculture, manufacturing, etc.—must also be extended to the merchant marine, which he asserted is one of the most important of all.

WANTED 100 MEN

Nov. 5th, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at Toledo Methodist Episcopal church to give \$1.00 each on repairing church and parsonage. Admission free. \$1 to get out. We are spending \$500 on repairing will you help \$1.00 worth? The fine spirit in which the business men and friends of the church have subscribed makes it possible to do the work, yet we need \$100 to finish, this gives you a chance to contribute if you have not been solicited.

The basement is to be fitted up for Sunday school purposes. Let the parent of children attending send or bring \$1.00 to make a suitable place for to hold the Sunday school. Church and parsonage are dressed up in a new coat of paint, new foundation under church and repairs in general, that improves wonderfully. Let's all pull together to promote good citizenship and give our children the best chance possible.

J. D. CAIN,
Pastor.
Dr. F. W. Kellogg, Eye Specialist, will be at the Lincoln rooms November 2, 3, and 4. 35 ft

WILLAMETTE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE HERE ON BUSINESS MISSION

Clarence D. Smith, representing the Willamette University at Salem, Ore., is in Toledo this week seeking pledges for support in the University's forward movement to raise \$1,250,000 in its constituent territory. A million dollars of this money is for the endowment; fifty thousand or more for a new gymnasium; two hundred thousand for expenses and other obligations. The movement has been authorized by the board of trustees of Willamette University, by the Oregon Conference and approved by the Laymen's association of the Oregon Conference. All pledges for this forward movement are on a 5-year basis.

TOLEDO MAKING RAPID STRIDES IN POPULATION

Toledo in the year 1920 only had a little better than 700 people living within its border, according to the government census taken during that year. Today, according to a census just completed by the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, we are boasting a population of better than 1500 people. Some gain in less than two years.

The local chamber made the recent survey for use by the State Chamber of Commerce, according to Peter Frederick, secretary of the local organization.

VOTERS WILL STOP ARGUMENTS TUESDAY BY CASTING BALLOTS

Most Interesting Campaign in Oregon's History Will Come to End When People Exercise Right of Suffrage.

The political fight in Oregon which is now raging at its fullest capacity will come to an end Tuesday, November 7, when the people of the state cast their ballots at the respective polling places.

Mr. Olcott seems to be the favorite in this locality for governor and it is predicted at the capital that he will be elected by a large majority over Walter Pierce of LaGrande.

The fight over the Compulsory Public school bill is also a hot one, the proponents of the bill claiming that the public school is the "melting pot" of American democracy while its opponents claim that the state has no right to take away from parents the freedom of sending their children to private or public schools. The law if passed will compel all children to attend public schools from the ages of 8 to 18 years.

Electing a sheriff and the adoption of the county unit plan are the only county issues that are causing much discussion in Lincoln county, but it is expected that those favoring the new school system are in the majority. M. Simpson seems to be the favorite for the office of sheriff but the supporters of G. H. Horfall for the same office seem to think there is little doubt of his election.

CITY ELECTION.

Little interest seems to be taken by the voters in the city election, only one ticket being in the field. R. S. Vanclieve is the candidate for mayor. Tom Hawkins says he will not serve if elected. His name is on the ticket for the council. The voting place is at the city hall.

PHONE RATES ARE CUT BY COMMISSION

Portland—In a revolutionary order handed down by the state public service commission Monday afternoon, telephone rates throughout Oregon are reduced from 7 to 25 per cent on certain classes of service, pending such period as shall be found necessary by the commission to obtain information by a thorough investigation, on which to base a permanent rate schedule on all classes of service furnished by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

BLIND WAR VETERANS TO HOLD CONVENTION

Special excursion fares from stations in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah to Baltimore for the benefit of delegates attending the convention of the United States Blind veterans of world war, to be held at Baltimore November 6 to 11, have been arranged by the Southern Pacific Company.

SENATOR STANFIELD URGES VOTERS TO 'KEEP HOUSE CLEAN'

Says Re-election of Ben Olcott Over Pierce Is Vital Necessity in Developing Oregon Industries.

J. S. Smith Says the Only Way Pierce Knows to Reduce Taxes Is to Reduce Them Upwards; Points to Record.

"Oregon has received more appropriations from the national government during the present administration than she has received before in 20 years" stated Senator R. M. Stanfield at a meeting held in Newport Monday evening. "Your Republican representatives, aided by the cooperation of our Republican state government, has been enabled to secure recommendations for appropriations of \$5,000,000 for rivers and harbors, \$7,000,000 for roads and highways, \$5,500,000 for agricultural loans and \$20,000 for the naval base at Tongue Point. In addition to this Oregon was enabled to receive recommended appropriations for new irrigation projects, being the only state in the entire union favored in this manner. Outside of many other appropriations one that is of special interest to you of Lincoln county is the fact that we have secured the recommendation for the expenditure of \$400,000 on the Yaquina bay to complete the project of making this one of the finest harbors on the Pacific coast," he stated further. "Our house is in order" now to gain great things for Oregon—Let's keep it so."

Senator Stanfield spoke at length on the achievements of the national administration and ended his address with an appeal to the voters of the state to keep Ben Olcott in office, "the man who has given Oregon the best business administration in the history of the state."

SENATOR SMITH SPEAKS.

State Senator J. S. Smith of Coos county followed Senator Stanfield on the platform and confined his remarks to the defense of Governor Olcott.

"I am not here this evening for the purpose of making a political speech," Senator Smith stated, "but I am here merely to defend a friend against some of the outrageous misstatements that have been made. I am not making a fight for the Catholic church because, in fact, I am an 'old line' Presbyterian. It has been charged that Governor Olcott is a Catholic and that the greater portion of his appointments are Catholic men and women when, the truth of the matter is, that he has made only nine Catholic appointments during his term of office. The Catholics represent 15 per cent of the population of the state of Oregon and their proportionate share of appointments, according to the number made by the governor, would have been 45. The statement that Mr. Olcott is a Catholic is another 'line of political bunk' being used by his enemies in an attempt to gain votes for Walter Pierce.

"Mr. Olcott's opponents have scoured the records in an attempt to find some flaw in his administration, but without avail and in their frantic efforts to oust him from office are using the mentioned tactics in hopes of gaining votes."

Pierce Reduces Taxes Upwards.
Senator Smith pointed to Mr. Olcott's long record as a state official. "He knows how to run the state government in a thoroughly businesslike manner, while Pierce 'thinks' he knows. Can the people of Oregon afford to take a chance with him?" The senator pointed to Pierce's record while a member of the state senate where "in not one instance was he responsible for an attempt to relieve the taxpayers of their heavy burden. I know these to be facts because I was a member of the senate at the time. The only way Mr. Pierce ever attempted to relieve the taxpayer was to reduce his taxes upwards."

THOUSANDS TO ATTEND PORTLAND EXPOSITION

Approximately 150,000 persons are expected to attend the Pacific International Livestock Exposition to be held at Portland, November 4 to 11, according to an announcement made by John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent for the Southern Pacific Company at Portland.

Livestock breeders from the entire Pacific Coast, including points as far north as British Columbia, have arranged for entries at the show and more than \$75,000 will be awarded in prizes.

WESTERN RAILROAD MAN DIRECTOR TRAFFIC CLUB

W. C. Fitch, freight claim agent for the Southern Pacific Company, has been elected a director of the Associated Traffic Club of America. The membership of this new organization will represent both shippers and carriers and their unbiased conclusions should be of great benefit in solving transportation problems.