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## TAXES AND THE CHARTER AMENDMENT.

Dismiss at once and for good the idea from your mind that passage of the proposed charter amendment, placing the park and mineral plant control in the hands of a centralized body, will mean higher taxes. The passage of the amendment can not raise the taxes, as will be shown, and may be the means of a slight reduction.

As may be seen by reference to the city budget for 1917, the park board has deemed the amount of \$11,157.49 necessary for their work. Added to this is \$2,000 which is the estimated amount of upkeep of the mineral water system and watering Lithia park. The total amount calls for 4.7 mills. Last year a tax of .2 mill was assessed for the purpose of raising the \$300 given the Chautauqua under contract and for helping to support various small publicity items. This will again be necessary in some form this year and will raise the park upkeep, mineral water plant upkeep and publicity total tax to 4.9 or practically 5 mills, which is the maximum that the council can levy under the proposed amendment. Should the amendment be passed, the tax items listed above would be eliminated from the budget as it now stands and in their stead a tax, which could be anything from 5 mills down to 3.5 mills, would be levied for the new board to be used for park, mineral plant and publicity. In view of the fact that the expenses of administration would be handled under one head instead of three as at present, it stands to reason that the tax under the charter amendment might easily result in a reduction from the 4.9 mills which will be required under the present system.

The charter amendment proposition revolves around the question of whether or not the voters believe that a board of three members elected by the voters can administer the affairs relative to the park, springs and resort aims more economically and efficiently than as handled at present.

If you don't like it you can either move to California or climb on the wagon. The latter is cheaper both in the initial expense and the long run.

Ashland gave a majority close to two to one for Pendleton's normal and grieves with Pendleton in the loss of the amendment.

The demand for "For Rent" signs is not picking up despite the winter season.

Have you joined the Commercial Club?

## NOT WITHOUT HONOR.

Cannot the old adage, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," be so converted as to read, "A country is not without honor save with its own-people" and applied to Ashland? For of all who have seen Ashland, breathed Ashland's air, drank Ashland's waters, enjoyed Ashland's park and vistas of scenic beauty, the people of Ashland themselves are, on the whole, the least appreciative. Visitors "rave" and some of us are inclined to stand by and wonder "What is he trying to sell that he should play upon our vanity?" When such men as Stephen D. Mather, assistant to the secretary of the interior of the United States and superintendent of all the national parks of the nation, and Vice-President McCormick, one of the executive heads of one of the greatest railroads of the country, see a future for Ashland such as these men predict—when these men and countless others who have come here from the east and leave with the enchantment of Ashland cast o'er them and a belief that Ashland is destined to become one of the great home and resort cities of the coast, cannot we who have lived here in Ashland until, perhaps, the advantages and beauties of Ashland are taken as a matter of course, arouse ourselves to a renewed belief and an increased effort?

## CRASS IGNORANCE.

The Portland Oregonian takes 100,000 of the people of Oregon to task for their "crass ignorance" in voting against the amendment which removes the dead law against voting by negroes and Chinamen who are citizens. The law denying the negro and Chinese citizen the right to vote was rendered ineffective by the passage of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States and was inoperative, the legislature merely wishing to cut out deadwood in asking the people to repeal the law. While admitting that the Oregonian is in a measure correct, we would go farther than that and place the blame where it probably ought to be, with the Tidings and Oregonian and other newspapers of the state who failed to dwell sufficiently upon the state issues which so acutely affect us, in the heat of a national campaign. We cannot help but wonder how many of the other outcomes on the proposed amendments resulted from "crass ignorance."

## Turkey Will Hang High This Month

It can't be blamed altogether on the war. But turkeys are going up every day. The price at least is going up, if the turkeys aren't. There are not so very many turkeys raised around Ashland, just a few flocks or herds, or droves, or whatever they call turkey when it is turkeys.

It is predicted that the turkey farmer will receive all the way from 15 to 18 cents a pound for his feather-dusted friends on foot, depending on how much is feather and how much is dinner. Those approaching the ballet standard of plumpness will receive the best prices, and dealers advise the owners of wild and rangy gobblers and dames to herd them into a pen and pamper them to rotundity as soon as possible—for Thanksgiving is but two weeks away.

Those who care to take the trouble to dress their turkeys and bring them to town ready for the double roaster can probably get 20 to 25 cents a pound for them, and keep the wings to brush around the kitchen stove with. Of course, the buyers explain, the price is not as high as that now, because the relative ratio of demand and supply has not yet been ascertained. But the demand for turkeys has never been known to fail at Thanksgiving time, and it is more than likely to be a question of supply. The cold and long continued rainy weather in the spring discouraged rearing of early families among the turks, with the result that many a husky turkey just learning to gobble without squeaking will escape the November ax to stretch his neck on the block at Christmas.

If you want something good to eat, get it at the Lithia Bakery and Restaurant. 50-ft

## INTERURBAN AUTOCAR CO.

Leave Ashland for Medford, Talent and Phoenix daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m. and 1:00, 2:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday night at 6:30. Sundays leave at 9:00 and 1:00, 6:00 and 10:30 p. m.  
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Fare between Medford and Ashland, 20 cents. Round trip, 35 cents.

## Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat)  
1917 Approaches.

We offered to buy a friend a drink of soda fountain pop. It must've insulted him, we think—It had no foam on top. But "H—l," says he, "the state's bone dry. I'll join the coke fiend cult." With blinking eye and face awry He swallowed the insult.

Fire Chief Robison says he has a rocking chair up on his front porch that was left with him on Halloween night and that nobody has claimed it as yet. Some folks are lucky and some folks have luck thrust upon them.

It was very unthoughtful of the fire department to have a fire on a cold morning like Tuesday. The wind was altogether too cold and many were forced to forego the pleasure of going to a fire, a pleasure which does not come often in Ashland. The fire department should try to arrange it so that fires come only in the middle of the afternoon or, better still, along about noon when everybody can get away from work. Those few who did go to the cold fire Tuesday a. m. were sadly disappointed. Fires are usually very interesting, but only a few of the near neighbors were there and most of them wore the usual amount of clothes. An early morning fire is generally as interesting as a musical comedy chorus. Folks most always look like they'd dressed in a hurry and not much of anything else. We thought of getting married once until we met the girl at a fire about 5 o'clock in the morning. Cruel disillusionment. We would advise everybody who is thinking of getting married to set a good big early morning blaze—but not on a cold morning.

"Most everybody has paid his election bets except "Slim" Beeler, who bet he'd starve to death if the democrats won.

Recorder Gillette enlivened the tiresome argument over budget matters at Tuesday's council meeting by telling of one time when he volunteered to act as a special policeman on Halloween and guarded the West school building. About 10 o'clock at night some boys approached, and as they climbed through a window into the darkened room in which he was hidden he grabbed one by the foot. After a terrific struggle the lad broke away leaving his shoe in Policeman Gillette's grasp. Like the prince hunting for Cinderella, he spent many days seeking the foot which would fit the shoe, but, as is so often the case in real life, the story did not have an ending like the fairy tale.

## Down on the Border.

The militia is down on the border Where the hot sun makes soldiering hell,

But take it from me, pal, there's others Who are down on the border as well.

Take, for instance, our old friend Paul Williams.

You'll admit, if you want to be square,

That thin fuzz that he calls a mustache

Is "down on the border" for fair.

And the other night at the Austin. When a guy skipped with board bill still due,

If Chisholm was down on the boarder I surely can't blame him, can you?

Christmas giving from a business standpoint is very poor practice. Do you realize that practically every Christmas gift goes into the hands of a receiver? (Our ward has flowered wallpaper.)

Sauerkrautish item from the Chico Enterprise. "Some people argue why they are against a presidential candidate are almost as clear as the guy's argument on why he didn't like cabbage: 'I don't like cabbage, and I wouldn't eat cabbage anyway if I liked it, because I don't like it.'"

## Report of Civic Club President

The club work for the year 1916 was opened last fall with a pleasant luncheon at the Oregon Hotel. Mrs. Duryea was chairman of committee on arrangements. After luncheon we repaired to the parlors for our regular meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The meetings of the next few months were marked by the successful carrying out of our monthly program, as submitted by our program committee, who deserve great credit for the beautiful and dignified year-book which we have enjoyed throughout the year, in helping to increase the interest and attendance and proving most instructive and enjoyable.

A discussion on "Compulsory Education" was ably handled by Mrs. Briscoe as leader, assisted by Mrs. Barber, who discussed the question as applied to the southern states, in a most interesting manner. Mrs. Perozzi very ably dealt with her phase of the subject.

Later, "The Wards and Aliens of the United States" was discussed, Mrs. Jack leading, and handling the subject of "The Caucasian Race" in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

Mrs. Smith illuminated "The Negro Question."

Mrs. Whitney presented a vivid picture of the Chinese alien; Mrs. Rocho the Indian, and Mrs. Gard the Filipino.

We responded to the demands of "Red Letter Day" with \$5 to our state scholarship loan fund. We contributed \$5 per month to our Ashland band.

Under the leadership of Miss Hicks a prize contest for the building of bird houses was most successfully carried out, our club offering \$25 in prizes. About fifty bird houses were built, all of them very nice and some of them really beautiful. About thirty-six received prizes. The houses became the property of the club and were distributed throughout Chautauqua and Lithia parks for the purpose of encouraging the birds in their housekeeping propensities in these parks, and also for the artistic effect to the park itself. The rest were sold for from 25 cents to \$1 and the money paid over to the boys owning them, thus rewarding all and causing a large number to be placed all over town.

During this time we were perfecting our plans for other activities in the early spring, which found their fulfillment in the planting of 135 trees; in promoting "Clean-up Campaign Week;" a "Western Food Products" dinner, in co-operation with the Commercial Club; a pageant staged in our new park grounds through co-operation with the Greater Medford Club; rags were solicited, gathered and disposed of at a good price; paper was solicited, gathered and disposed of at \$10 per ton; co-operation with the Auxiliary and other city clubs contributing to the splendid success of the Southern Oregon District Federation. We were most active in helping to carry out the plans incident to the big three days' celebration, our Auxiliary proudly carrying off the first prize for their wonderfully beautiful float.

The Civic Club felt no loss of dignity at receiving second prize with their five brilliantly decorated cars.

This Civic Auxiliary, founded the year before, has each month been growing stronger and exhibiting greater possibilities for growth. Already its influence has gone out beyond the limits of Ashland through its high ideals and splendid energy, and we have every reason to expect it will fulfill all the requirements of real service and uplift to the community for which it was organized.

Our hope of obtaining a club house site has been a careful study by your committee, and we find that the site in question, which today looks more desirable than ever before, it is not in the province of the council to give, but will have to be referred to the vote of the people at the coming election or later. Supposing it were voted us, your committee have hesitated to place on the club the probable debt of paving, draining and sewerage. Of course, there would be ten years in which to pay off the debt. I believe, if looked at in the right spirit, it would become more of a pleasure than a burden. Again, the people might vote it to us as willingly and assume the responsibility themselves as a city.

I believe there is scarcely any forward movement in the city in which this Civic Improvement Club is not looked upon as an important factor in bringing it to a successful fulfillment; and in consideration of the benefits accruing to the city through the efforts of this club, the people of the city of Ashland as well as our mayor and city council will be glad to grant us a site for a permanent

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Hermiston, A construction company employing 100 men is about half through widening the government feed canal.

A saving of 10 to 50 per cent on hats at Miss Hargrove's during the Thanksgiving sale. 51-3t

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The chairman of the committee to interest high school and grade pupils in the building contest of bird houses was Miss Blanche Hicks, city librarian. To her more than to any other one person is the success of this undertaking due.

The chairman of the city beautiful committee, Mrs. Maude Rocho, an indefatigable worker, sold out the entire nursery at a net gain to the club of \$122.

The chairman of the Rogue River Valley Pageant Association, Mrs. E. C. Gard, fought her battles almost single handed and won valiantly in netting the C. I. C. about \$45. As a result of this pageant a feeling of comradeship is established among Grants Pass, Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland artists.

The so-called guaranty legend on packages of foods and drugs does not mean that the United States government has passed on the quality of the product.

## Subscription Bargain

### Club Offers for November

- No. 1. Ashland Tidings and Sunset Magazine one full year ..... \$2.50
  - No. 2. Ashland Tidings and The Youth's Companion one full year ..... \$3.50
  - No. 3. Ashland Tidings and Daily and Sunday Oregon Journal ..... \$7.00
  - No. 4. Ashland Tidings and Daily Journal (not Sunday) ..... \$5.75
  - No. 5. Ashland Tidings and Sunday Journal only ..... \$3.75
  - No. 6. Ashland Tidings and Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal ..... \$2.75
  - No. 7. Ashland Tidings and Weekly Oregonian ..... \$2.50
  - No. 8. Ashland Tidings, Poultry Life, and Rural Spirit one full year and Daily Evening Telegram for three months, all for ..... \$3.25
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  - No. 10. Ashland Tidings, Ladies' World, Today's Magazine with pattern, and Woman's World, all one full year for ..... \$2.35
  - No. 11. Ashland Tidings, The Housewife, Woman's World, and Reliable Poultry Journal all one full year for ..... \$2.45
  - No. 12. Ashland Tidings, Modern Priscilla, Today's Magazine with pattern, and Woman's World all one full year for ..... \$2.55
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