

MISSTATEMENTS USED TO DISCREDIT MAYOR RUSHLIGHT

Article and Editorial in Morning Paper Are Shown Not to Have Been Based on Facts.

In its vicious effort to discredit Mayor Rushlight the Oregonian this morning published a false and misleading article attacking the truth of statements made by the mayor as to the reason for the fact that the tax levies under the present administration have been higher than those of preceding ones. Based on this article, apparently, a false and misleading editorial was also printed in the same issue.

The principal attack made by the Oregonian is that the statements Mayor Rushlight made in explanation of the tax levies of the past two years were not correct. Mayor Rushlight today emphatically declared that everything he has said concerning the tax levies is true and he is prepared to verify any statement by referring to the records.

Among the reasons given by the mayor for the increase in taxes during the past two years was that a special levy had to be made to provide a sinking fund for the payment of bonded indebtedness due to the construction of the Broadway bridge, the amount of \$2,500,000 of dock bonds and other bonded issues. In connection with the dock commission, the Oregonian says the only thing the mayor had to do was "to take care of the interest and sinking fund."

An Additional Burden. This is true, but to provide for the maintenance of the dock commission a levy of .21 mills was made by the commission, the mayor having no jurisdiction over this. The sinking fund for this year caused a levy of .48 mills. These two items alone make up .69 mills of the total tax levy of 7.78 mills this year. No other administration had a dock commission to take care of and the sinking fund tax levied by the preceding administration in two years was only .46 mills as against .80 mills for the same purpose during the two years of the present administration.

Yet the Oregonian says the levy to cover the interest and sinking fund on the Broadway bridge bonds is "an insignificant sum for a big city like Portland." The article does not state that the levy for the interest and sinking fund was not merely for the Broadway bridge bonds alone, but for other bonds authorized by the people before Mayor Rushlight took office, amounting in all to \$9,716,500 on July 1, 1911. The tax levy for the present year to cover interest on these bonds was .90 mill. The interest levy for the preceding year was 1.97 mills, making a total interest levy of 1.87 mills for the two years of this administration as against only 1.77 for the same purpose in the Simon administration immediately preceding.

No East Twenty-third Bridge. The Journal article stated that one of the reasons for the further increase in the tax levy was the construction of the "East Twenty-third street bridge." This was a typographical error, as there is no such bridge. The viaduct referred to was the East Street viaduct bridge across Sullivan's gulch. Without taking the trouble to ascertain that there is no bridge at East Twenty-third street the Oregonian says: "The East Twenty-third street bridge is a structure that cost considerably less than \$100,000 and as unworthy of serious consideration as to any tax levy."

Now the East Twenty-first street bridge, to which the Oregonian evidently refers, cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. To pay for this, as well as to pay for a number of miles in South Portland and elsewhere, it was necessary to levy a tax of .37 mill this year. This tax is known as the special bridge tax and the people by charter amendment authorized the construction of certain fills out of the fund created by the tax.

"As to the acquisition of lands for parks and playgrounds and the boulevard system and the improvement of roadways," says the Oregonian, "the fact is that there was a levy of but one half of a mill for that purpose." There is no levy for this out the expense is met out of bond issues and the interest and sinking fund levies are partly caused by reason of these improvements.

The Journal article stated that Mayor Rushlight called attention to the increase in the police force during his administration. The Oregonian attempts to mislead its readers by saying that there have been no additions to the police force "this year." The Journal did not state that the mayor said there had been any increase. "This year" the increase referred to was last year when 40 additional policemen were put on the payroll at an annual increase in expense of approximately \$40,000 a year.

Ten New Fire Stations. The Oregonian referring to a statement made by the mayor as to the number of fire stations that have been built under the present administration says that only half a dozen of these stations have been dedicated. The fact is, how-

ever, that 10 new stations have been completed at a cost of \$98,000 and that six others are now contemplated and will be erected this year. The tax levy of the fire department had to be increased to provide for these improvements.

The mayor stated in The Journal that about \$100,000 of equipment had been purchased for the fire department. About \$61,000 of this sum was for automobile fire apparatus, and the rest was for hose and other supplies. The mayor says the amount spent is approximately correct, although he has not gone into the records to produce a detailed statement.

Another Misstatement. "As for the new city jail and emergency hospital," reads the Oregonian article, "the people voted a bond issue of \$200,000 for that, and only a sufficient levy to take care of the interest was needed this year."

This is also misleading and incorrect, as is shown in the following statement of the municipal jail fund:

Amount realized from sale of bonds at discount, \$191,278.40; appropriation from the police department, \$30,000; appropriation from the fire department, \$29,000; total, \$250,278.40.

Disbursements from this sum were as follows: Fox & Co., plumbing \$11,505; Northwest Steel Works, steel work \$27,240; W. L. Bradley & Co., wiring \$12,445; Fox & Co., contracting Co., construction, \$122,320; W. W. Cox, heating, \$17,730; architect's fees (estimated) \$10,750; amount paid for lot \$35,000; miscellaneous expenses, \$2,210.55; total, \$248,558.55. Balance in fund \$2,689.85.

The Oregonian admittedly states that only a sufficient sum was necessary in the tax levy for this year to care for the interest on the bond issue of \$200,000. But the mayor, in referring to the cause for the increases, did not confine himself to this year. He mentioned general increases that have occurred during the entire two years of his administration. Some of these were accounted for in the year's tax levy and in referring to the municipal jail building having caused part of the increase, the mayor had in mind the appropriation of \$30,000 from the police fund and \$30,000 from the fire department fund mentioned in the statement just quoted in the preceding paragraph. Here was a total of \$60,000 that had to be raised by the tax levies on the two departments.

The Oregonian headed its article of this morning with the ridiculous untrue statement that the mayor never made a speech credited to him in The Journal yesterday.

ARMY OF LIVING DECKS GRAVES OF ARMY OF DEAD

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symbolized there the enduring quality of affection, recollection and reverence, even beyond the grave.

At the head of each old soldier's mound, a flag placed and snapped to the brisk wind of a perfect day.

The older veterans were aided by detachment of veterans of the Spanish-American war.

Ray Respects to Dead.

Forty-five years ago Memorial day, as an occasion set apart for decorating the graves of the dead in wars, had its official inception with an order from General John A. Logan. Issued on May 5, 1863, this order directed that veterans observe May 30 for this reverential purpose. It has remained thus to this day, and though not an official national holiday, is observed as such in most of the states. This is the forty-fifth anniversary of the day since that time.

Just one month ago, on May 30, Confederate veterans in similar manner paid their measure of respect and affection for the dead of the armies of the lost cause. The great public, though, has long ceased to differentiate between those of the one side or the other as honored veterans, and such Confederate graves as are in Portland cemeteries will be decorated today also. Memorial day as a custom had its beginning in the southern states.

In the 45 years since General Logan's order, Memorial day has come to have even a broader significance than as a day of honor to soldier dead alone, though their place is first. In this time it is reckoned a day for decorating graves of all who have died, and as such it was observed in Portland today. Today's parade began in Fourth street, in front of the courthouse, at 3 o'clock. Veterans had first assembled there at 1:30 o'clock and been assigned to machines by Cleve Newell, in charge of arrangements for their comfort. W. G. Copley was marshal of the day.

Act as Escorts of Honor.

Military organizations in the procession acted as escort of honor to those of the Grand Army. These organizations included the Third regiment, O. N. G., under Major L. A. Bowman; medical corps, O. N. G., Captain A. N. Creadick; coast artillery, O. N. G., Captain Charles O. Brown; battery, O. N. G., Lieutenant Frank I. Randall; Oregon naval militia, Lieutenant J. A. Beckwith.

At the Armory this program will take place this afternoon:

Prayer, Chaplain M. J. Morse; offertory, "In Memoriam" (H. Perry); Coast Artillery Corps band; Memorial day orders, Adjutant Hendershott; selection, Veterans' quartet; address, "Woman's Relief Corps," Mrs. Jennie C. Fritchard, president; Women's Relief Corps; Lincoln's Gettysburg address, Elmer R. Lundberg, United Spanish War Veterans; song "The Faded Coat of Blue," Miss Metta C. Brown, Miss Margaret Lamberson, piano accompanist; address, Rev. Edward J. Conaty; song, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," Miss Grace Dawson; "America," Veteran quartet and audience; salute to the dead, detachment Oregon National Guard; benediction, chaplain, "Papa," buglers of Coast Artillery Corps band.

The principal exercises in connection with strewing the graves of soldiers took place at Lone Fir cemetery. There, during the decoration preparations, from 10 until 12 o'clock, the North Portland band gave a sacred concert.

Flowers Are Tossed.

At 10 o'clock on the Willamette river occurred the striking ceremony of tossing flowers on the waters for sailor dead. This was performed by members of the Oregon Naval militia from the cruiser Boston, and veterans.

Here is a list of officials of the day for the parade and memorial observances:

Marshal of the day—W. G. Copley. Commander—Thomas B. McDevitt. S. V. Commander—R. C. Markee. J. V. Commander—J. W. Tasker. Chaplain—M. J. Morse. Officer of the day—E. E. Covey. Officer of the guard—J. W. Gray. Adjutant—W. M. Hendershott.

General committee for memorial observances—George Wright, post, L. C. Shorne, J. L. Misenheimer, A. E. Borthwick, Lincoln-Garfield post, T. B. McDevitt, J. W. Curran, J. S. Hamilton, Sumner post, M. L. Pratt, H. S. Fargo, Clarno Newell, Ben Butler post, J. W. Tasker, T. C. Wilson, J. W. Gray, J. A. Granger post, Charles C. York, H. A. Severance, John Benninger, Scout Young camp, H. S. W. V. W. G. Copley, J. W. Baker, J. B. Dowd.

"Campfires to Burn."

At Woodman hall, East Sixth and Alder streets, there will be a campfire at 7:30 o'clock.

Members of the Women's Relief Corps.

furnished luncheon for veterans at Grand Army headquarters, fifth floor of the courthouse, at noon.

More than 300 veterans assembled at the various schools yesterday afternoon and related to the 43,000 children stories of old battles and of patriotism, and impressed upon them love of flag and country. Each school also had a special patriotic program, and the assembly hall was decorated with flags and flowers. Each veteran, as he stepped to the platform, was presented with a bouquet of roses.

Oakland Children Decorate Graves.

(United Press Local Wire.) Oakland, Cal., May 30.—Commemorative exercises were held in Mountain View and Evergreen cemeteries. School children took part in the strewing of flowers upon the graves of the departed soldiers, and salutes were fired over the plots at the close of the exercises.

San Francisco Strews Flowers.

(United Press Local Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., May 30.—San Francisco's tribute to the men who forfeited their lives that the nation might endure began at 7:30 this morning, when the United States army tug Stoughton started strewing flowers outside the Golden Gate in honor of the fighters

who died at sea. From that hour on Memorial day was observed by several kinds of exercises.

Veterans March at Los Angeles. (United Press Local Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., May 30.—Veterans of two wars, marching to the drums of Antietam, Gettysburg and San Juan, paraded the business streets of Los Angeles today in honor of the nation's soldier and sailor dead.

LISTER IS TO NAME MANY APPOINTMENTS

(Special to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., May 30.—Governor Lister is at Tacoma today delivering a memorial address. He will be here Saturday and will probably attend the first meeting of the new forest commission that day and is expected to announce a number of appointments, including a tax commissioner to succeed T. D. Rockwell, and a secretary of that commission, who may be J. J. Koors, former secretary and now one of the Republican members; a member of the public service commission to succeed Harry E. Wilson, and men to fill the vacancies

of secretary to the governor and secretary of the state board of control. Sunday the governor leaves for Colville, where Monday he will deliver an address. He will later inspect state highways in Stevens, Spokane and Walla Walla counties, and at Walla Walla will take up particularly with Superintendent Drinn of the state penitentiary the working of convicts on state roads. Governor Lister's plans will probably keep him on the east side all of next week.

RIVER SWARMS WITH HUNDREDS OF LAUNCHES

Hundreds of launches are out on the river today carrying small picnic parties to attractive points. Many of them left the foot of Stark street early this morning with happy crowds carrying lunches

for the day. The water, backed up by the high stage in the Columbia, is exceptionally favorable for fine boating at this time, as it is clear and practically free from current.

AT COTTAGE GROVE HIGH TWELVE GET DIPLOMAS

(Special to The Journal.) Cottage Grove, Or., May 30.—Professor A. R. Sweetser of the University of Oregon delivered an able class address at the high school commencement exercises Wednesday night. The following young women and men received diplomas: Marguerite Johnson, valedictorian; Fern Holcomb, salutatorian; Pearl Demorest, Prude Chesbro, Jane Gilechrist, Esther Angerson, Edna Ellsberg, Carol Sams, Ruby Keyes, Frances Cox, Waldo Hull, Ralph Milne.

RICHLAND, WN., STORES CLOSE; EVERYONE GOES TO STRAWBERRY FIELDS

(Special to The Journal.) Kennewick, Wash., May 30.—The entire town of Richmond, Wash., is closed up and every man, woman and child available is out picking strawberries. The stores, offices, and all other business houses have shut up shop and all hands are assisting to harvest the unusually large crop of berries. The city sent shipped 1000 crates yesterday, the ruling price being \$3.50 and \$4.

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