

PUBLIC'S MONEY WASTED IN PADDED COLUMNS OF TYPE

Forceful Example Presented in Delinquent Tax List as Published by Seaside Sentinel.

EXTRA PUBLICATION IS MADE Same Service Could Have Been Obtained Through Mails at Far Less Cost to Taxpayers.

A forceful example of the waste, overcharge and padding to be found in the publication of delinquent tax lists as required by the statute enacted by the 1917 legislature at the behest of the paid lobby of the Willamette Valley Editorial association, is seen in the list recently published by the Seaside Sentinel.

This list, as set in the hanging indentation and generously leaved style of the Sentinel, was 680 columns inches long per insertion. For this publication the paper received 15 cents per inch per insertion, and there were five insertions, making the total bill paid for the work amount up to \$10.

"Padding" in Type Setting Apparent Right off the bat this slips an extra and legally unwarranted \$102 onto the taxpayers of the county, for the very simple reason that the law requires but four publications of the list and the statute has been so construed by the attorney general of the state.

Comparisons on Cost Low Two excerpts from the publication, reproduced herewith, show the heavy hanging indentation and padding by double leading. More than that they show the needless repetition of the name of the owner of the various parcels of property listed to them as delinquent.

The Neaoxite addition is evidently owned by the Columbia Beach company. In the list as printed in the Sentinel there were 26 separate parcels of land listed to this company, and in the list the name "Columbia Beach Co." was repeated 26 times, each time filling half a line of type. It required 8 1/2 column inches to carry the descriptions of the 26 parcels. The cost of printing of publishing, five times, was \$6.37.

A separate letter for each of the 26 individual parcels could have been sent to the Columbia Beach company for 75 cents, on a three cent postage basis, and the cost of publication would have been \$247.75.

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Space Needlessly Filled But examination by expert printers shows that the 19 inch list of the Neaoxite and Flavel additions could, by proper condensation and the elimination of needless repetition in the names, easily have been condensed into 12 inches of type. On this basis the 2400 inches, which represent the five insertions in the list as published, could have been published in 2147 1/2

HOW TAXPAYERS LOSE MONEY

Table with columns for Neaoxite Addition, Flavel Addition, and Flavel Center. Lists various parcels and their corresponding values.

inches, showing an overset caused by indentation and double leading of 1253 inches, and a consequent overcharge to the taxpayers of \$187, even granting for argument, that the extra fifth insertion was lawful.

On the lawful basis of four publications, however, the 2727 inches required to publish the list as published could have been condensed by proper composition to 1718.185 inches, in which case the cost of publication would have been \$247.75.

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Schooling Will Be Given in Mechanical Trades, Especially in Automobile and Radio Work. COURSE TO LAST 2 MONTHS Men Will Be Housed and Fed on Campus, Gymnasium Probably to Be Turned Into Barracks.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 20.—Two hundred and forty men of whom 100 are to take up automobile trade work, including the construction, principles, operation and repair of gas engines, 40 blacksmithing work, 40 radio buzzer work and 40 training for service as army carpenters and wood construction foremen, are to be sent here by the war department for training beginning on May 15, as the result of a special conference at the college Friday between President Kerr, college officials and Frank H. Shepherd, district director of vocational education for the war department committee on vocational training.

Professor Shepherd reported to the conference that the government is seriously short and must have, within the next two months, 12,345 men skilled in auto trades, the lobby and basement locker quarters, permitting ample accommodations for more than the 240 men.

According to present plans both women's dormitories will be left available for summer school students and it is very probable that men in attendance during the summer session will obtain the military instruction given the regular soldiers if they so desire it.

The summer promises to be one of the busiest ever seen on the local campus. Every effort will be made to make the soldiers on the campus as comfortable and happy as possible, and no means will be spared in providing for their entertainment as well as making the instruction thorough and complete.

Professor Shepherd left today for Seattle to arrange with the University of Washington for similar instruction, after which he will go to Washington State college at Pullman, to the University of Idaho at Moscow and to the University of Wyoming on a similar mission.

Three Seniors Recommended Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 20.—President Kerr has wired Brigadier General E. Winslow, U. S. war department, Washington, recommending three men, all seniors in engineering, for the fourth engineer officers' training camp, to begin at Camp Lee, Va. on May 5. The appointments were all recommended by President Kerr on the strong recommendation of the faculty scholarship committee and are based on the scholarship character and general suitability of the candidates. The three nominations were made in the following order:

Everett, Dye, Oregon City, senior in mechanical engineering; Arthur O. Leach, Corvallis, senior in mechanical engineering; Louis Happold, Klondyke, Or., senior in electrical engineering.

The appointments, which will entitle one of the men to take a three months' course in training for a second lieutenancy in the engineering corps, to which he will be detailed on completing the work.

Will Dedicate Service Flag Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 20.—The huge O. A. C. service flag, bearing 1000 stars, of which five are gold, will be unveiled and formally dedicated early Monday afternoon in the men's gymnasium, with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of the entire board of regents, President Kerr, the entire faculty and student body.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IS TAKEN BY DRAFT ORDER Albany, Or., April 20.—Albany women organized an auxiliary to the Home Guard at a meeting held here last night. The organization will be of a semi-military organization, and the members have pledged themselves to do any service they can toward winning the war. The leaders in the move were Mrs. P. A. Young and Mrs. Willard Marks.

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Master Jack Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Hamilton, is being reared in the ways of good, patriotic citizenship, and thus early in life is lending his savings to Uncle Sam through the purchase of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

PRESIDENT LEE OF ALBANY COLLEGE TO MAKE EASTERN TRIP

Hopes to End Agitation by Decision of Board to Maintain College. Albany, Or., April 20.—Dr. W. H. Lee, president of Albany college, who has been selected as a delegate to the National Presbyterian assembly to be held at Columbus, Ohio, opening May 16, will leave shortly for the East, and while there expects to bring the agitation for the merging of Albany college with the Forest Grove institution to an end.

Dr. Lee will confer with the national college board of the Presbyterian church at New York, while in the East, and believes it is probable that the financial trouble of the institution will be cleared by June. The excellent showing made this year is expected to remove much of the opposition to the college.

The enrollment for the past semester is not as large as in the past, but the number of women in school has increased slightly. There are but four boys in college this spring, this being due directly to the war.

Crabtree Union High Standard Albany, April 20.—The Crabtree union high school, near Albany, has now been added to the standard list, and is now on a par with other union high schools in the county. Superintendent J. A. Churchill of Salem visited the school this week on an inspection trip and stated that the school had fulfilled all the requirements.

The scientific equipment owned by the school is valued at over \$300, and there are 300 carefully selected books in the library. Oscar Ingram is principal of the school at the present time.

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FORMER STUDENTS OF PROFESSOR VAN SCOY REMEMBER HIM WELL

Educator Long Prominent in Oregon Passes in Ashland at the Age of 70. Medford, Or., April 20.—Professor William T. Van Scoy, who passed away at Ashland recently aged 70 years, had for years been one of the most active educators of the state. He came to Oregon in 1882 and was successively principal of various schools in the Willamette valley and was at the head of the normal school at Drain for three years.

He came to Ashland in 1895, establishing the Southern Oregon Normal school. It was in connection with this school that the happy results of his labors were indelibly impressed upon hundreds of students who came in contact with his genial personality and sympathetic nature. Persistent industriousness was a predominant trait of his character and many of his old-time pupils will bear testimony to the good results of the encouragement which they received at his hands.

For several years Professor Van Scoy had been instructor in rural schools, never admitting that the age of retirement applied to him individually. In November, 1917, he and Mrs. Catherine S. Walker of Ashland were married. His widow survives him.

Both physically and mentally Professor Van Scoy was of the robust type. Commanding in appearance, firm in his views, energetic in action, he was known far and wide and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

Pioneer Contractor Of Portland Is Dead Lewis C. Shorno, a resident of Portland for 40 years, died at his home, 533 Montgomery street, Saturday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock at the age of 73 years. He was a member of the G. A. R. and was commander of George Wright post. He was also a member of Harmony lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Samaritan lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Shorno was engaged in the contracting business. No funeral arrangements have been made. Miller & Tracey have charge of the body.

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BAKER FARMERS VOTE TO JOIN FORCES FOR BULK GRAIN ELEVATOR

Farmers' Milling Co., Farmers' Elevator Association and Tri-State Farmers' Union Merge. Baker, April 20.—Members of the Farmers' Milling company and the Farmers' Elevator association at a meeting this afternoon voted unanimously to merge interests of the two organizations with the Tri-State Farmers' union, combining under one head for the construction and operation of a bulk grain elevator here in connection with tri-state system, in effect for several years past in the Pacific Northwest.

The proposal was submitted by Manager C. W. Nelson of the Tri-State company and embraces exchange of stock on a dollar for dollar basis. Formalities will be completed early next week. Construction of the elevator here will begin soon under the direction of the Tri-State company, which will establish a local manager here.

Many Hoarding Flour Baker, April 20.—Mayor Palmer, chairman of the county food administration, stated today that word has reached him that many in the county are hoarding flour in excess of a 30 days' supply, contrary to the food administrator's orders. The mayor has asked that all persons having more than a 30 days' supply retire to the dealer from whom it was purchased to be turned into proper channels for redistribution where it is most needed.

Miner Found Dead in Bed Baker, April 20.—James Smith, 65, a miner who came here recently from Salmon, Idaho, was found dead in bed in a local lodging house this afternoon. Death was due to natural causes. Authorities have been unable to get in touch with relatives who are said to live near Salmon.

Express Raises Suspended Salem, Or., April 20.—The public service commission today issued an order suspending the increase in intrastate express rates proposed by a new schedule filed by the American Express company. The rates were to have gone into effect today. The suspension is until July 18. In the meantime the commission will investigate the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

Herman C. Ostein To Enter 'Y' Service

Monmouth, Or., April 20.—Professor Herman C. Ostein, for seven years at the head of the department of mathematics at the Oregon normal school, has resigned from the faculty and will leave at the close of this semester in June to enlist in some branch of the war Y. M. C. A. work.

Mr. Ostein has headed the mathematical department ever since the normal school was reorganized under the new regime in 1911. No successor has been chosen by the board of regents.

Encourages Dramatic Work Monmouth, Or., April 20.—Mabel Holmes Parsons of the dramatic department of the University of Oregon, spoke here at Oregon normal school students Friday morning on the subject, "Little Plays." The object was to promote an interest among English teachers for simple dramatic work, which was declared to be beneficial to children.

Hood River Police Arrest Portlander

Hood River, April 20.—Registered at a local hotel as H. Adams, but declared by Portland police officers to be W. A. Taylor of Portland, a man was arrested here Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct. A married woman of this city, with whom Taylor is said to have visited Seattle and San Francisco, is connected with the case.

Taylor has been released by Hood River authorities on his own recognizance, according to Assistant United States Attorney A. Hop yard near Independence early Friday morning to take into custody Earl Buffon, who had arrived there a short time before, violent in insane. He was committed to the state hospital by the Polk county court and taken to Salem, Friday. He came from Hoquiam, Friday.

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