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## The County Budget

THE county budget represents the effort of the budget committee to plan the finances of the county for the ensuing year, and a study of the budget in comparison with the expenditures for previous years shows that the committee has endeavored honestly to conserve the public funds. The budget does not vary greatly from those of previous years. Some of the allowances for the different offices are increased but the work to be done grows steadily from year to year and provision must be made for its cost. The non-high school area will find itself taxed a pretty penny to pay for transportation costs imposed on it by a recent law. The amount to be raised is \$32,300 for Marion county.

The budget committee is to be commended in the desire to hold down expenses and not go to the full limit of the six per cent increase permitted under the constitution, as do many of the levying boards. One of the evils of the six per cent provision is that it is a constant temptation to go the full limit whether the money is really needed or not.

The published budget is honest in this feature also that it gives an estimated balance of \$100,000 on hand at the close of the year. Some budgets fail to report this, concealing the cash on hand. Normally one might say that this estimated balance should be deducted from the amount to be raised, but the budget committee extinguishes it by offsetting accounts under the heads of estimated obligations, emergency, and expenses up to May 1, 1930, and delinquent taxes. This is better business than trying to run too close and having to issue warrants. The officers appreciate the fact that no budget is ever entirely raised. A certain percentage of taxes is lost; so a fair discount must be made from anticipated receipts to avoid running out of cash.

In one respect, we must criticize the work of the budget committee and that is their cutting down the request of the health unit for \$8000 to carry on the health program for Marion county. The extra amount is so small, an amount which might easily have been picked up by some savings elsewhere, that we think the committee was too niggardly in this one division. This health work has brought distinction to the county, has brought economic gain of great importance through reducing mortality and improving health conditions everywhere in the county. We have been singularly benefited for several years through the bounty of eastern philanthropy. Surely the public agencies ought to be able to provide on a continuing basis the funds which will make a reasonable health program a permanent thing for the county.

As to what is the correct sum, we would not say of ourselves. But the head of the health unit, Dr. Warner, insists that the full \$8,300 from the county is essential for the proper handling of the work. In addition the city and the school district of Salem, after investigation, are each contributing this amount. As a matter of fact the county ought to carry more than a one-third share, because the property of Salem pays the city tax, virtually all the school district tax and a very large proportion of the county tax.

If one looks at the road allowances one almost shudders:

County roads, bridges, ferries.....	\$175,000
County market roads.....	345,000
General road fund.....	138,000
	\$658,000

While not all of this is raised by direct tax, the most of it is. When we see such mammoth sums going into roads the sum of \$8300 for public health seems utterly trivial.

As we view it the county cannot afford to pinch down on the fine service which the health department has rendered, it cannot afford either to affront the foundation whose support has been willingly accepted for some years. We believe it would be wise policy, sound business and a gracious deed for the budget committee to revise its allowance for the health unit to a figure equal to the engagements of the city and the school district.

## A Good Year for Farming

SECRETARY of agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, has submitted his annual report to the president. It contains many facts of interest and comments which the public is concerned with. To reduce that report to space which the average citizen will read is difficult. But here are brief extracts that tell the story of the 1929 crop year:

It is probable that the total income from agriculture for the 1929-1930 crop year will equal, if it does not exceed, that of the 1928-1929 season.

Though this season's wheat crop is considerably smaller than that of 1928, it may return the grower a larger income. . . . The total world supply for 1929-1930 is only about 360,000,000 bushels less than the supply available in 1928-29.

Further improvement was made by the livestock industry in 1929.

In general the position of the dairy industry has been favorable this year, though not so markedly so as it was in 1928. Prices have not averaged as high as they did. . . . The dairy industry is very stable. It is not showing any immediate prospect of a marked expansion.

The movement of population from the country to the town declined, and the rate of depreciation in farm-land values declined also. . . . In the last two seasons the current value of agricultural property has increased.

American farm workers using mechanical power now produce from two to five times as much as similar workers in the older countries of Europe. In 1928 there were approximately 855,000 tractors on American farms. This year more than half of our hard winter wheat, one-fifth of our hard spring wheat, and a smaller proportion of our soft winter wheat was harvested by combines.

Taxes on farm property continued to increase slightly. Farm population was estimated at 27,511,000 as compared with 32,076,950 as estimated by the census for January 1, 1919.

A majority of the small farms are low-income producing and low value farms. Effective action to raise living standards on our small farms is necessary.

Total exports of agricultural products amounted to \$1,847,547,000 in the fiscal year 1928-29, an increase of about 2% over the previous year. Gains were made in the exports of cotton, tobacco, pork products, fruit, feed grains. Shipments of wheat declined. Agricultural exports in the past year made up only 33 per cent of our total exports of all commodities, the smallest percentage, with the exception of that for 1917-18 on record.

The remedy for over-extended agriculture is to curtail production, and the place to curtail is where returns are lowest.

## Dogging His Footsteps



## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Welcome outside help:

George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Association, Portland, writes under date of December 6th: "Ward, Thompson—born, Bourbon county, Kentucky, April 6, 1789; married Elizabeth Koons, date unknown; profession lawyer; captain in war of 1812; general of militia in Kentucky; member of Kentucky legislature 16 years; removed to Missouri in 1842-3; crossed plains 1854; location, Salem; died August 2, 1860.

"John C. Bell, a pioneer of 1850, removed to Missouri a number of years before that, lived in Salem a number of years. He knew General Ward well; knew him in Kentucky and Missouri, and I have the impression that they were connected with each other by marriage ties, directly and indirectly. I am writing to Frankfort, Kentucky, hoping to find a little material about General Ward. If anything is found, I will advise you."

This is in answer to the inquiry concerning General Ward; what he was general of, where he was buried, etc. The donation claim was in the name of Thompson Ward. It was next to that of Dr. A. M. Belt, who married Nancy Ward, daughter of General Ward. Note the difference in the spelling of Thompson, or Thompson. The donation claims of Belt and Ward joined, and next was that of Moore, and next that of Governor John P. Gaines; they were in the southwest part of the Liberty district, near the present Skyline orchard. Both Ward and Gaines brought slaves, and had slave cabins on their farms. A Salem man remembers that the bodies of two of the Ward slaves burned on the Ward farm were taken up, by a colored relative who came to Oregon later; and that they were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery here. J. W. Harritt, 605 Union street, remembers this.

This is from Capt. Frank J. Smith, 442 12th street, Portland: "In the issue of December 5, I note that you refer to Wacanda as the settlement that once occupied the spot near where the Duck Inn now holds forth on the Pacific highway, and that it was platted September 3, 1868. Wacanda, on the first, that has been instrumental in forming a series of what could be termed a migratory village, was 12 miles north of Salem and was the first stage station on the route between Salem to Portland. In the days of its youth it could not boast of having a post office of its own, and the one at Beipassi at that time was not much more than a wide place in the road, and although this road was at some seasons of the year nearly impassable, as well as impassible, the citizens of the budding municipality, christened Wacanda, swallowed their discomfort in having their mail delivered at the town of their rival.

"On November 28, 1863, it was given out in the weekly press that Wacanda had already secured within her confines one physician, one store keeper, one surveyor, one lawyer, one blacksmith shop, one wagon maker, one plow maker, one brick maker, one meat market, three carpenters, and that the Baptists were building a church. It was claimed that the name of their village was of Indian origin and that they were located at the crossing of the valley stage road and the one that connected Parkersville with St. Louis.

"Late in 1871 the promising village now known as Brooks was known as Brookville, and from there to Ash Mills, now known as Ashland, there have been many changes and many additions since

the advent of the railroad.

"You mention also that the bateau or sail scow, Callapoolah made a trip to Astoria in August, 1844. This was her initial or trial trip under a crew composed of Aaron Cook, master, J. W. Nesmith and M. B. and E. W. Otis, deck hands. Your informant, in giving the list of passengers, overlooked one of them, the daughter of W. H. and Mary A. Gray. This passenger was at that time known as Caroline A. Gray and later became the wife of Jacob Kamm. Mrs. Kamm of Portland is the only living survivor of that trip, and although a mere child at that time she recalls the occurrence and in the years following made numerous journeys on her father's sailing boats, Salt River Packet and Phoenix, from Skipanon Landing (Warrenton) to Cuhute (Indian name for Oregon City).

"In the compilation of the biography of her father and her husband she has painstakingly caused to be gathered much data from Oregon, and from 1850, the date of the arrival of her husband, on up to the last few years, material hitherto unpublished. This material had not been accomplished had not the compiler, who served many years in the employ of Mr. Kamm, been aided by private papers, letters and well kept diaries. Mrs. Kamm was the daughter of a historian and one of the leading factors in the provincial government, and the wife of a man who came to Oregon to erect and operate the machinery in the Lot Whitcomb, built the first sternwheel boat in Oregon, financed and held the major stock of the Carrie Ladd, the nucleus of the Oregon Steam Navigation company, of which he was a large holder of stock, managing owner of the Onward Rival and Surge on the Willamette, and was the first Portlander to buy and operate an ocean steamer out of an Oregon port, in 1868.

"His life of 62 years in marine ventures on Oregon waters was daily recorded in his well kept diary. The Gray and Kamm records of daily happenings will at some time not far distant be of historical value to the state of Oregon."

"Long live the Bits," adds Capt. Smith, with the following addenda, made in the advertisement dating back to the early 50's: "New Stage Line by Daylight from Champeog to Salem. E. Dupuis Line of Stages. The above line just established from Champeog to Salem is stocked with superior American horses. This being the daily line the stages will leave Champeog on the arrival of the Washington and other steamers. Also one steamer leaves Salem every morning. Soliciting a share of the patronage, the proprietor pledges himself to employ none but experienced drivers and gentlemanly agents. Samuel Clark, W. E. Rees, Champeog, Aug. 23, 1852—"

J. L. McAdams, local astronomer, 215 D street, has a small gavel made of what resembles walnut or oak wood on the head of which there is engraved plainly the initials, J. F. G. Mr. McAdams, about 20 years ago, bought an old fashioned umbrella rack from John M. Payne, father of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Payne, then old time residents of Salem, but since that time living in Portland. Hanging on a nail on the back of the ancient piece of furniture, Mr. McAdams found this gavel, wrapped in the title page of a book on the life and sayings of Benjamin Franklin, which, he thinks, serves to establish the antiquity of the gavel. Mr. McAdams thinks this hall rack and the gavel

must have belonged to John P. Gaines, second appointed governor of the territory of Oregon. Mrs. George Dunford of Salem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Payne does not remember having heard of the ancient gavel before. It may have been hanging unnoticed in its place on the back of the hall rack while the ownership was with her parents. The piece of furniture, if it belonged to Governor Gaines, was probably brought "around the horn" in 1849-50, after he was appointed governor of Oregon territory by President Zachary Taylor. He might have had uses for the gavel when serving in the Kentucky legislature from Boone county, or in congress from that state, or in several positions that went with the office of chief executive in Oregon, where he served on commissions dealing with the Indians for their lands, etc., etc. Further inquiry is being made concerning the identity of the old gavel.

## Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

DEC. 10, 1904

F. L. Beatty, William Goodrich, Charles Clagett, George Hodge, Thomas Ross, Mr. Joseph, Charles Henderson and Frank Hall, farmers of the Chemawa district, have subscribed to a new telephone company which proposes to connect with the Yamhill lines at Wheatland. It is not known yet if it will meet with the Pacific States switches here in Salem, although this is likely.

The wires were strung and the east approach to the bridge across the Willamette here. It is up to the citizens of West Salem to secure an appropriation to light the west approach.

Several incidental questions have come to the front, following decision to construct a high school building here. Many have expressed the opinion that they do not believe the present building is near the future center of population, and for that reason the location of the Central school should not be used for the new building.

Dr. J. L. Shorey Critically Ill

WOODBURN, Dec. 9.—Dr. W. B. Morse, of Salem, physician who has been prescribing for Dr. J. L. Shorey, who has been ill for the past month, pronounced Dr. Shorey's condition as critical.

Dr. Shorey is perhaps as well known a physician as there is in this section, having practiced for 37 years in Woodburn. Five years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis as the result of a tumor, from which he did not fully recover. He did, however, continue part of his practice and was surgeon and physician in this district for the Southern Pacific company, until last February when he suffered an attack of the flu and has been gradually declining in health since then.

Mrs. Shorey, who is a trained nurse, and friends of the doctor have done all in their power to make him comfortable and Mrs. Shorey's sister, Miss Cornelia G. Shorey, is expected to arrive soon from Reno, Nevada.

## NORTH CAROLINA WINS

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The University of North Carolina Tarheels passed and ran their way to a 48 to 7 win over Duke university's Blue Devils eleven here Saturday afternoon to clinch the North Carolina championship. The game was the last of the year for both eleven and was witnessed by about 15,000 persons.

## POLK GRANGES HAVE JOINT INSTALLATION

State Master George Palmiter Installing Officer For Groups

MONMOUTH, December 9.—A joint installation was held in Monmouth's grange hall Saturday for newly elected officers of Polk county Pomona grange and for officers of all subordinate granges of the county. State Grangemaster George A. Palmiter acted as installing officer assisted by Mrs. Ernest Lettken, Buell, Marshall; Miss Adeline Rhodes, Buell, regalia bearer; and Mrs. Charles McCarter, Brush College, emblem bearer.

P. O. Powell, Monmouth, was installed as Polk Pomona master; and the masters of subordinate granges installed were: Mrs. E. G. Harris, Suver; W. J. Stockholm, Monmouth; S. L. Stewart, McCoy; S. H. Robinson, Oak Grove; Glenn Hogg, Rickreall; Herman Andreas, Brush College.

During the morning session master Palmiter addressed the grangers on the history of the national grange, and Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, Brush College; Charles Taylor, Salem; Mrs. T. J. Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bursack, Monmouth, gave impressions of the National grange convention at Seattle. Other speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Stayton.

A chicken dinner was served at noon to the assemblage of 250 persons.

## High School Clarion Is 25 Years Old

The high school Clarion, bi-weekly paper of the Salem high school is 25 years old. It marks as the second oldest high school paper in the country. It was first put out in 1904. To celebrate this anniversary the Clarion will publish a 25th anniversary number on December 25th. It will be a special edition reviewing the history of the high school and the history of the Clarion. The roster of editors and managers will be published.

Dave Eyre is editor and Robert Anthony is business manager of the Clarion this year and they are planning big things for their anniversary number. They will solicit special advertising from merchants and hope to make the edition well worth while both as a news-history of the 25 years and as an advertising vehicle.

The advertisement of The Statesman Publishing company appeared in the first issue and has appeared regularly ever since. The paper has grown from a small 6x9 page to a standard 7 column newspaper size page. Many generations of high school students have gotten training on the Clarion which has been printed for many years at The Statesman office.

On the night of December 20th, the Clarion staff will hold a banquet honoring past editors and managers of the Clarion and heads of the high school connected with its publication.

## Seek Hay Fever Relief During Off Season

Prepare Now to Guard Against Next Year's Attacks, Advises Authority

By R. S. COPELAND, M. D.  
U. S. Senator from New York  
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City

TO many people the flowers of Summer and Fall offer nothing short of torture. I speak of the sufferers from hay fever. At this time of year there may be no trouble, but with the return of Spring will come the uncomfortable symptoms.

A person who otherwise enjoys perfect health may be made completely miserable for months because of this annoying disease. Its effects may last all Winter. To be sure, many of the sufferers from both hay fever and asthma have other symptoms of ill health.

If you are one of these unfortunates, set about it immediately to determine the condition of your nose. There may be some irritability point or some normal nasal obstruction. This in itself is sure to aggravate the hay fever. Go to your doctor and have him examine the nasal passages thoroughly with this idea in view.

When the underlying condition has been determined, it is quite possible that a few treatments will add much to your comfort and lessen the attacks of hay fever you may have next year and thereafter. Begin now to get rid of the trouble.

Just what is the cause of this affliction is a much discussed question. The exciting cause in many instances appears to be pollen. Its chemical and mechanical characteristics are such that it may irritate the mucous membrane of the nose and eyes. Sensitive persons may be affected by more than one variety of pollen.

The hay fever of late summer and early fall is excited by the pollen from weeds. It is said that 85 per cent of cases are due to ragweed. The wind carries the pollen of small flowers and weeds. It is also carried by insects.

Local treatments are usually given by the specialist, and the removal of any growth in the nose with a good antiseptic solution helps much. Special treatments with serum have a markedly good effect in many cases.

For patients who can change their places of residence, even for a part of the season, it is often most advantageous to do so. In the East, the Adirondacks and the White Mountains are highly beneficial. There are healthful sections in many parts of North America. To get into a bracing climate and away from the pollen of vegetation is the surest cure for this aggravating trouble.

I am not satisfied to leave the subject here. As a matter of fact, a lot of helpful research is being done. As in the case of asthma and hives, studies are being made to see if some form of food poisoning may be an element in promoting hay fever.

The "foreign protein"—that is the particular poison in the food or in the pollen—is being sought for and will surely be found. We have much to learn in this field.

I have purposely discussed hay fever in an "off season," to set you thinking about it. Talk with your doctor about your uncomfortable ailment. He will advise you to have the various tests made in order that the thing which marks a point of low resistance in your body, may be discovered and removed.

Don't wait until the attack comes. Attend to the preliminaries now.

## Answers to Health Queries

I. D. M. Q.—What will improve the circulation.

A.—Build up the general health and your circulation will improve.

B. T. A. Q.—What causes a black spot to appear before the right eye?

A.—May be due to a number of causes. Have a thorough examination.

## NEAT SUM RAISED AT GIRLS' CARNIVAL

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 9.—(Special) The Girls' League carnival was a great success. It was given at the high school gym Friday, Dec. 6. There were over 300 people there and the girls are delighted over the success of their carnival. The carnival was started with the idea of raising \$50 towards the scholarship fund and instead over \$100 was cleared. This will cover all of the fund.

Each year the Independence Girls' League gives \$100 to a worthy girl to further her education.

A carnival spirit prevailed in the gym, confetti, serpentine, an artificial ceiling of crepe paper, and barker's all added to the atmosphere of a real carnival.

Among the many attractions there was a gypsy camp where you could get your fortune told by any means, a Japanese tea dog show, nail hammering, balloon throw, baseball throw, art gallery, country store, grab bag, hot dogs, hamburger, cider, candy and souveniers.

A program was given at 8:30 to cover the admission fee of 15 cents. It consisted of a clogging stunt, two songs by the "Hicks," two acrobatic dances and two songs again.

The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing.

## GERVAIS, December 9—Gervais chapter No. 118 O.E.S., elected the following officers at the regular meeting held at the Masonic hall Friday night: Worthy Matron, Kate Sturgis; Associate Matron, Amy Harding; Conductress, Dorothy Aspinwall; Associate Conductress, Clara Fuller; Worthy Patron, R. E. Sturgis; Associate Patron, Pierre Aspinwall; Secretary, Ella Harper; treasurer, Verns Keppinger.



## Are You Just Thinking or Acting

OF course careful thought is necessary for sound action. But only action gets results.

That is why, in the matter of your family's future, you should act now for your protection.

A short time with your lawyer—a consideration of the specialized estate knowledge which we gladly offer you—and your Will will be drawn, your wishes known, your family's welfare safeguarded.

An institution acting in all trust capacities

