

ARGUMENT POINTS OUT URGENCY OF INCREASED MILLAGE FOR STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The urgent necessity of adopting the bill for an increased millage tax for the State University, Agricultural College and Normal School is shown by argument that has been filed in support of the measure and which is to be presented in the voters pamphlet.

Because of the importance of the matter the East Oregonian is publishing the argument in full, using one half of the space today with the expectation of using the remainder on Monday.

Facts Concerning the Crisis at the State University, Agricultural College and Normal School, as Copied from the Official Voters' Pamphlet of the State of Oregon.

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1. Higher Educational Institutions Forced to Appeal for Relief:

A financial crisis is upon the Oregon Agricultural College, the State University and the Oregon Normal School. It is due to causes over which they have no control. Upon this crisis, the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the last legislature held a hearing. The committee found the three institutions in desperate need. It found that they should not wait until next year. Accordingly it recommended to the legislature an additional levy of 1.25 mills for support, beginning in 1921, and as appropriation of like amount for this year alone. The legislature itself was barred by the six per cent. tax limitation from making the levy and appropriation, so it referred the bill to the people and directed that two pages be set aside in this pamphlet to explain the facts to the voters. The voters are to decide May 23, and as many of the facts as can be contained in two pages will now be set forth.

2. One Cause of Crisis is the Remarkable Increase in Number of Students:

Since the original millage bill went into effect in 1912 the number of full-time residence students at the Agricultural College and the State University has increased one hundred and fifty percent. At the Agricultural College in 1912 there were 1264 full-time students; there are now 3278. At the State University in 1912 there were 681 full-time students; there are now 1745. The institutions have tried hard to make income meet maintenance costs in the face of this remarkable growth, but have been unable to do so.

3. Meanwhile There Income is Further Reduced by Great Upheaval of Costs:

Not only has the number of students increased one hundred and fifty percent, but in the same seven years the cost of supplies and equipment has doubled. (This is not true of faculty salaries, which have necessarily been increased very little.) The buying power of the dollar of 1912 is today about 45 cents. The experience of the three institutions has been the same as the experience of every Oregon family: It is as if a family of four in 1912, with an income of \$2000, has been increased to a family of ten in 1920, with an income of \$900. And with the attendance one and one-half times as great, and the buying power of the existing income cut squarely in two, the millage tax revenue has remained almost unchanged.

4. Millage Income Little Changed Because of Policy on Assessed Valuations:

The millage tax revenue has stood almost still because assessed valuations in Oregon remain about on the same basis as they were in 1912. It was the expectation of the legislature, of the tax commission, and of all concerned, when the present millage support was passed, that the annual rise in assessed valuations would equal increase in maintenance. How conspicuously it has failed to do so is shown by the following table:

1912		\$254,282,374
1914		292,413,980
1915		324,495,032
1916		378,763,944
1917		428,405,570
1918		487,523,896
1919		596,425,472

That is the increase in the state's assessed valuation since the millage bills were passed in 1912 has been three and eight tenths percent, while the increase in student enrollment has been one hundred and fifty percent, and the increase in operating costs about one hundred percent.

Further, the number of students de-

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This photograph was taken while the smallest airplane in America, if not in the world, was undergoing its final try-outs at College Point, Long Island, before being shown to the public at the Aero Show in New York City. This baby of the flying family, or aerial flivver, will sell for the same price as a small car of good make. Driven by a 70 H. P. motor, its speed, with pilot and passenger, is seventy-five miles an hour. Miss Peggy Eleanor, an ardent aviator, is seen here starting the motor. When Captain Jack Foote was testing the machine she was his passenger.

scribed, totaling about 5400, at the three institutions, includes only full-time students, and does not include the many thousands who take winter short courses, summer schools, extension classes, or correspondence study. All of these also have to be financed, however, from the millage tax income, and their number, has increased tremendously.

5. When Expressed in Terms of Dollars Crisis Becomes Apparent:

In actual dollars the State University is receiving only \$10,846 more than it would have received in 1912 from the millage tax income, but it has 1854 more full-time students. The Agricultural College is receiving only \$14,461 more, but it has 2014 more students. The Normal is receiving only \$1445 more.

Had it not been for thrifty and far-sighted administration, the three institutions would long before now have been turning students away. A pre-war report of the United States Bureau of Education gave the average cost per student per year at \$325 in the great number of American universities and colleges that entered into the calculation. At the State University this year, however, in spite of the rise in prices, the cost per student is \$205, and at the College \$180. Even with the new millage bill in effect the cost in Oregon would still be below the average for institutions of similar grade. The annual student cost at the Agricultural College, as an example, would still be \$79 a year below the annual student cost at a typical group of five agricultural schools in the Middle West and the West—those of Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Indiana and Washington. (Note: In addition, the costs of the five colleges mentioned were taken from a four-year period preceding the war, when costs were about one-half what they are now.)

6. They Find Themselves Unable to "Make Ends Meet" Any Longer

The State University, Agricultural College, and Normal have at last "come to the end of their rope." The war piled on burdens that made Universities and Colleges everywhere stagger. It not only raised prices to the breaking point for them, just as it did for every man's household, but it compelled them to add branches of study, to intensify their work, to whip up their speed; for few agencies rose to meet the call of the war as did the universities. The war also showed hundreds of thousands of men the wonderful value of a college education. Nearly 1500 ex-service men have hurried to the State University and the Agricultural

College alone. Welcomes as they were, they have nevertheless helped to create a problem that cannot be met without more aid from the state. (To be continued on Monday.)

ONE MAN LOOKS AFTER "MANNERS" OF LONDON

LONDON, March 6.—If you want to know which knife to eat your peas with or how to eat melon without wetting your ears, consult Mr. W. Knight-Smith of Hamersmith.

Knight-Smith looks after London's manners. He's the Master of Ceremonies de Luxe, the Royal Toastmaster, and his knowledge of little points of etiquette is a marvel of mankind.

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To hear your self announced by Knight-Smith is to make you throw your chest out, and lose the wobbling at the knees realizing that in the eyes of this splendid personage at least all men are equal.

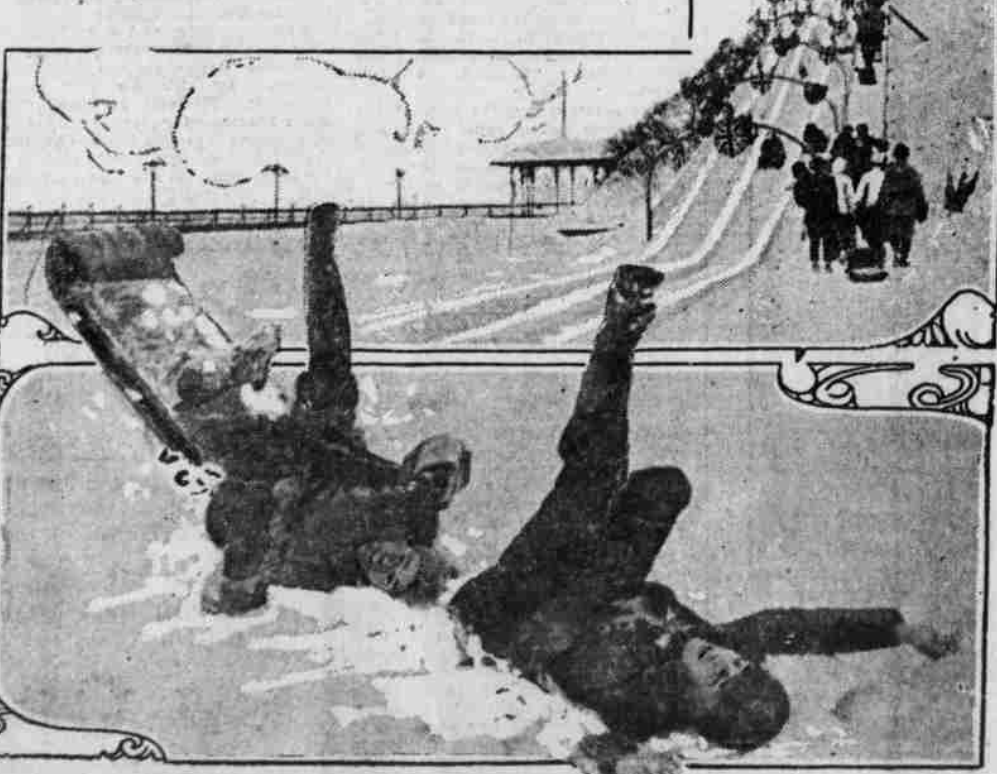
"Looking back on my 25 years' experience of duty at royal, civic and society functions, I consider that—with the exception of royal banquets—the dinners of the old city companies of London are the most dignified and well-ordered ceremonies of the kind in this country," he says.

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Parks & Neberzall, local firm which engages in automobile repair work, has secured the agency for International truck. The International is one of the oldest makes and is well known in this territory.

ICE-MAROONED GOBS AT QUEBEC'S WINTER SPORT

QUEBEC—Quebec has opened its arms to about 300 American Jackies and 30 officers—marooned there in the ice. The boys are skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing and tobogganing to their hearts' content. It has put a new international interest into Quebec winter sports. Picture shows how well the gobs take the spill after a slide down the slope.



SPORTS

FIRST BASEBALL GAME RESULTS IN WIN FOR ECHO OVER HERMISTON

High School Teams of West End Towns Open Season; League of Project Town Teams May be Settled Monday.

The first high school baseball contest in the county this season was played on the Echo grounds Friday afternoon between Hermiston and Echo, Echo winning out, 26 to 11, after a close contest during the first seven innings. The game was fairly fast considering the practice which both teams have been able to get.

Ralph Dorn, pitching for Echo, would have held the score down tight had his support in the field held up. Hermiston worked three twirlers but none was effective. Hitting on both sides was plentiful but several hits would have gone for outs had the field been in shape and the players in better practice.

Echo is going to make a bid for the west end track meet this spring and will put the grounds in first class shape for events. Last year the meet was held at Stanfield. It was practically agreed with Hermiston yesterday that the meet should go to Echo this year.

The legion members in Echo will have a meeting Monday night to attempt to organize a town baseball team. There is said to be plenty of material for a county championship nine there and if a fast team is organized, attempts will be made to have Echo win the county championship. Hermiston and Umatilla put similar teams in the field and have a west end league. The commercial club at Echo is said to be in favor of the game.

VASCO COUNTY ROAD BONDING IS OPPOSED

THE DAILIES, March 6.—Determined opposition to the proposed bonding of Wasco county for \$400,000 for road purposes has come to light. Some of the foremost Wasco citizens assert they will fight the issue to the last, but are not opposed to more moderate means of raising money. That the county bond at present for \$100,000, and then impose a 5-mill tax to take care of roadbuilding each year, is a suggestion meeting with approval.

HEAVIEST CAMERA BARRAGE IN WORLD IS LAID DOWN AT WHITE HOUSE DOOR

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Officials declare that the heaviest camera barrage in the world is that periodically laid down in front of the entrance to the White House executive offices.

Commercial and news photographers until with battalions of movie men in formidable and disconcerting array whenever a group of distinguished visitors or some labor committee or other body temporarily in the limelight appears for a conference. Occasionally a lone caller regarded as "good film" by the discerning cameramen is "shot" going in and coming out. The day may be chill and the skies overcast but the victim is mercilessly subjected to the ordeal of the lens, in order that the paper-reading or movie-going public may be regaled later with the image.

The true test of sang froid around the White House used to be a drawing room entry at one of the receptions when names were loudly called and the arrival advanced beneath hundreds of inquiring eyes into the presence of the chief executive. Nowadays the courageous or retiring nature is brought out by the men with the boxes. The "stances" of some officials high in government councils is very poor when the movie machines turn loose. On the other hand, many display talents unfortunately lost to cinema studios with "careless but knobby" poses.

The news film men still speak admiringly of the great form of the Prince of Wales. On the occasion of his recent visit to President Wilson he stood, walked, smiled and talked with endless patience while the celluloid was ground out. Secretary Joseph P. Tumulty is the "best bet" of

GENECK WOULD TUSSE AGAIN WITH M'CARROLL



Louie Geneck offers to buy Ray McCarroll a horse to use in the 1920 Round-Up if he can throw Geneck in a half hour. The offer to meet McCarroll in a finish match for steel and all was penned by Geneck and turned in to the East Oregonian last night.

At the recent American Legion smoker, McCarroll threw Geneck for one fall and then took on the Indian, Hayes. Geneck says he understood they were to go two falls and is anxious to wrestle McCarroll to a finish, two out of three falls.

WASHINGTON MAT TEAM MEETS AGGIES TONIGHT

OREGON AGRICULTURE COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 6.—Aggie wrestlers will have their first intercollegiate meet of the season tonight when they mix with the grapplers from the University of Washington. From present indications the meet will be held behind closed doors, the influence ban on public gatherings being on in Corvallis.

Definite decision as to the length of time the men will wrestle has not yet been reached. The conference ruling is for one bout of nine minutes, but there has been considerable talk of changing this to the two best out of three six-minute bouts, by mutual agreement of the coaches. It is argued that this will give a better show to the audience, as well as a fairer chance for the men competing.

Final tryouts for places on the Aggie team were staged this week and the team has now been picked. Palmer will wrestle at 125 pounds, Glosier at 135, Rochelle at 145, Armstrong at 155 and McElin at 175. A hard match is expected by the Corvallis men, as Washington is reputed to have a team of veterans. The fact that Arbuthnot, Aggie coach, also coached Washington the last two years adds considerable interest to the meet, as the northern contingent is out for a win over their old coach.



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any official, but he cannot be classed as an amateur, having faced the cameras about as often as a movie idol.

All the ingenuity and persistence of the cameramen frequently the executive offices at present is directed toward obtaining pictures of President Wilson. There efforts have not yet gained them the necessary permission and the attempt to photograph the President from a load of hay was broken up by Secret Service operatives.

Unless Baboon Plague Gets Us. If Doctor Voronoff's discovery becomes popular we can say that our great-grand-children sprung from the ape.—Cartoon Magazine.

Or Treasure Those who marry for business may repent for pleasure.—Cartoon Magazine.

Many ex-officers of the British army have been forced, by unemployment to take to peddling on the streets. Those who do, wear masks to conceal their identity. Numbers of them wear decorations for bravery.

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