

THE FORUM

Articles of many interests are welcomed under this head. Communications must bear the signature of the author.

Editor Tidings:

A gentleman solicitor called on me Saturday asking how I stood on Frederick Steiwer for U. S. Senator. He further informed me that the Women's Christian Temperance Union support him or have endorsed him. I told him that is a mistake as they never endorse any candidate, but Pen-dleton is Mr. Steiwer's home and the Mistral Association there as well as the W. C. T. U. have refused to support him. In fact he never has been known to be a prohibitionist until the Oregonian conceived the idea of making him a candidate for the U. S. Senate and gave him a brisk swing with the Anti-Saloon League purely for votes.

Respectful, STELLA J. LEAVITT.

Jacksonville, Ore. Ashland Daily Tidings, Ashland, Ore.

Dear Sir: Please favor me with space in your paper for this communication. Facts in regard to the proposed removal of the Jackson County seat.

Taxpayers, do you know that under the administration of the late County Judge Gardner, Victor Burrell, George Alford, that an annex two story and a basement strictly fire proof was erected on the east end of the Jackson County Court House to house the county records and the county records are in vault for safe keeping.

Do you know that the same Jackson County Court purchased the Ryan concrete fire proof building across from the Jackson County Court House and expended considerable money in remodeling and furnishing to be used for the assessor's office.

Do you know that the county jail is a concrete fire proof building?

Do you know that the former County court built fire proof sheds to house the county machinery at

Jacksonville. Do you know that the Jackson County Court House has one of the best foundations of any building in the state of Oregon and with a small expenditure can be made to last until such time when the Jackson county population is great enough to warrant the construction of a new court house.

Do you know that the Medford city limit to the Jackson County Court House is only four miles, and in large cities lawyers, travel fifteen to fifty miles to the county seat to do business, and that every city in any county cannot have a court house.

Do you know that the population is often shifted from one town to another and if you move the county seat sometime in the future the taxpayers may again ask for the removal.

Do you know that Jacksonville

always had plenty of water in case of fire. Jacksonville is spending \$10,000 for more water.

Do you know that the Jackson County Court House never had a fire?

Do you know that a nice business block or the construction of a big factory for a large pay roll for any city is by far better than to take away the County Seat from a small town?

Now, Taxpayers, you are to be trusted to use your sound judgment.

J. B. RENAULT.

Entertained With Chicken Dinner

Mrs. S. A. Peters, Jr., Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., entertained her officers and standing committee with a \$3.00 chicken dinner, Friday evening, October 29, in the Masonic

Hall.

The hall was decorated in Halloween colors, and the tables were artistically trimmed with lavender chrysanthemums.

After a delicious repast, the guests spent the evening playing games and dancing. Those who enjoyed this happy affair were Mesdames Nate Bates, Andy McCallan, D. A. Peterson, J. H. Hardy, C. I. J. Porter, V. D. Mill-

er, Leah Caldwell, Hal McNair, S. A. Peters, Jr., McMillamoe, H. C. Stock, Henry Sparr, Frank Jordan, L. S. Brown, Dewey Sackett, F. E. Hardy, Messrs. W. H. Day, W. E. Blake, P. K. Hammond, H. J. Carter, the Misses Georgia Coffee, and Lydia McCall, and the hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Peters, Sr.

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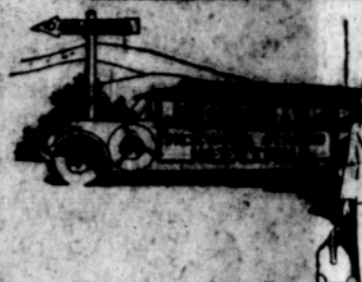


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Every Forward Looking Citizen Should Fight for Oregon and Its Development

BY BRUCE DENNIS Author of the Dennis Resolution

When the people of Oregon enacted a state income tax in 1923 they did so because they believed it was just and right. They believed it would reduce taxes. At that time they had plenty of theory and few facts to guide them.

They repealed that law in 1924 because it was a proved hard times breeder. It cost the people of Oregon the staggering total of \$40,000,000 to learn that economic conditions absolutely beyond their control are such in Oregon that a state income tax drives out industries, keeps others from coming in, reduces payrolls, makes it harder to obtain farm loans, and strikes at every home in country, village, town and city.

But our state is again in turmoil because a determined effort is being made to force practically this same law upon the state this year. Our people are being asked to ignore plain fundamental economic facts. They are being asked to enact a law on a "guess" that it will bring good times now, when painstaking, honest investigation proved that the former tax did drive out industries, capital, jobs, and millions of taxable wealth from Oregon, and a new state income tax will do it again.

Oregon is full of meritorious projects that should be developed. Big public improvements are necessary to open up our state, to bring the farms closer to their markets and cities closer to their bases of supplies. Wealth untold lies idle in natural resources awaiting the magic touch of development capital to bring it to the tax rolls, to create new payrolls, new activities and better livelihood for our people.

Since the last income tax law was repealed millions of dollars have been loaned in Oregon by outside financial concerns, at low rates, on long time, and with repayment privileges never known to Oregon before. If a new income tax law is enacted, and this discrimination aimed directly at these investors, rates will go up, much of the unloaned funds will be withdrawn, and our people will again face the inescapable fact Oregon needs capital, but capital does not need Oregon.

This is no time for prattle. It is high time for plain speaking, straight thinking and recognition of the hard economic fact that Oregon's farms, her industries, and her citizens desperately need capital, and that the only place we can get it is from outside the state.

We can drive capital out, but we cannot force it to come in unless we make it advantageous for it to do so. Oregon, ninth state in area, is relatively insignificant economically. 119,000,000 of America's 120,000,000 people reside outside of Oregon. Let us remember the industrial city of Detroit has over 100,000 more people than the state of Oregon, with its 96,000 square miles. Let us remember that 782,254 people here didn't make enough to file income tax returns, and that only 311 people in the entire state had earnings in excess of \$10,000; that of Oregon's 5000 corporations only 1073 made enough profit to file taxable reports, that 473 made less than \$5,000 and only 163 over \$20,000, including all public utilities, lumber mills, flour mills, factories, railroads, and other industries.

We have 55,157 farms, one to every 15 persons, 2500 industries, one to each 330 persons. What would one industrial center like Detroit mean to our farms, our home owners, our workers, our state? Oregon wants them, Oregon wants capital and wants to go ahead. Oregon wants to avert economic disaster, and instead wants to offer capital, new people, new industry, opportunity to help us grow.

That is what the Dennis Resolution is for. It guarantees that no state income tax can be enacted to discriminate against development and progress before 1940. It guarantees to every Oregon family that the state will not tax its accumulations when the bread winner dies. As a prosperity making measure it deserves the support of every forward looking citizen.

Vote 500 X YES - Dennis Resolution. Vote 250 X NO - Old Income Tax Bill. Vote 250 X NO - George Income Tax Bill.

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As To Law Suits

In July the Medford boosters filed a case in the Supreme Court, argued it and we as taxpayers knew nothing about it. On Thursday, October 29, Platt, Platt, Fales & Smith, attorneys of Portland representing taxpayers filed a suit asking for an injunction in the Circuit Court. The case has not been argued or decided, no difference what Medford attorneys say. So a good idea is to vote down the county seat removal, thereby not taking a chance of a long drawn out law suit. We do not want another Klamath county court house case. By voting 501 X NO you will leave the county seat where it is. There will be no law suit and you can save your tax money. COME OUT AND VOTE AND LET THE "BUNCH" KNOW THEY CAN NOT TELL US HOW TO VOTE. YOU CAN NOT TELL WHAT THEY WILL DO, SO GET OUT AND VOTE 501 X NO.

A Medford Business Man's Opinion

Jacksonville, Oregon, October 30, 1926.

As a voter and taxpayer of Jackson County and opposed to the removal of the County Seat to Medford it seems to me that Medford has put forth many wildly exaggerated statements and produced few if any, logical arguments to convince the voters that the County Seat should be moved to Medford.

In the October 30th issue of the Mail Tribune the County Seat Removal Committee published a photographic reproduction of our Court House beside one of the Josephine County Court House. For the purpose of comparison these pictures are absolutely worthless as they were not taken upon the same size negative, at equal distances nor with equal care of detail as should be done when photographs are to be used as a fair means of comparison. Had our present court house been given an equal chance in these pictures it would have shown the massive stone foundation and heavy walls illustrating very clearly that it is not the worthless antiquated building they would have you believe. In fact the County Judge made the statement but a short time ago, that he doubted if there was a more substantial building in Jackson County. They say it would cost more to remodel the old building and build on the necessary additions to house our county offices than to build a new court house. This statement is ridiculous, now if the city of Medford as they claim, build a modern fire proof building twice the size of our present court house for \$50,000 imagine what could be done in remodeling and adding to our present building. As every one knows the foundations and walls of a very heavy building form considerable portion of the expense of construction. The foundation and walls of the present building are in perfect condition and heavy enough to carry far more weight than could possibly be put upon them. Let us carefully analyze their statement that it costs the citizens of Jackson county \$50,000 extra each year because the county seat is located in Jacksonville.

We will take their own basis for this statement, that 6000 cars make the trip from Medford to Jacksonville each year, or an average of 40 cars each day the county offices are open for business. Now using the known rule for figuring motor car transportation we find this amounts to \$7,200. Allowing 30 minutes to make the trip at an average valuation of one dollar per hour, we have \$6000 or a total of \$13,200. At this rate it would take 16 years to save enough to build a \$210,000 court house in Medford. Their statement that it costs the citizens of the county \$50,000 seems to be a very deliberate exaggeration of \$36,800.

The Medford boosters claim that our present buildings have very little value, in fact they would have you believe that they are almost worthless but after analyzing their \$50,000 statement we begin to think they are seeking to move the County Seat more than they are seeking for facts. The Jacksonville Committee places the value at \$400,000 with as good or better authority for their statement than Medford has for any statement to the contrary, since no competent, disinterested authority has passed upon the value of our buildings as they stand today.

Taxes are high enough now as every taxpayer will agree and there is no relief in sight, why not remodel our present building and add on a fireproof wing for our recording department, giving plenty of space for all our county officials. This can be done for approximately \$50,000 and keep our county offices in our own building. We appreciate Medford's offer of \$50,000 but why ask the citizens of Medford to donate a building for five years. The building they would expect to build, would of necessity in order to get floor space would be a plain, barn like structure, without any architectural beauty and absolutely unfitted for their purpose when the county would turn it back to them. Jackson county can pay its own way without imposing on the citizens of Medford, but why tax ourselves to raise the \$350,000 or \$400,000 which will be ultimately be required to move the different departments of the county to Medford and construct buildings for them, when a fraction of that amount would remodel our present building and make them serve us for many years, keep our county officials in our own buildings save our present investment. Wouldn't it be better business?

ERLE E. WHITE.

Paid Adv. by Jacksonville County Seat Club.

VOTERS Should Know

That an adequate water supply is the most important problem confronting Ashland. Any addition to the present system must be practical and economical.

The business men's committee BELIEVE that the people should be informed of the ACTUAL cost and location of the proposed project and reconstruction of our present water system, BEFORE being asked to vote such an enormous amount for bonds.

We believe, after due investigation, that a dam can be built on what is known as the Reader Site, storing the same quantity of water, for at least \$100,000.00 less than the estimate mentioned in the proposed bond issue and that it will not seriously interfere with the present power system.

We do not believe that the proposed improvements are the most practical, and feel that the proposed bond issue should be voted down; that a new administration and a water commission may take up the water problem to which they are pledged, unhampered, and bring their solution before us at a special election, at the earliest possible date.

We recommend that the voters elect the following nominees for councilmen, who favor MORE WATER and a WATER COMMISSION:

- JAS. BARRETT, J. EDW. THORNTON, DAN F. KAY, JR., O. T. BERGNER, DR. ERNEST WOODS, CHAS. A. WHITE.

Business Men's Committee:

- Dr. F. G. Swedenburg, Sylvester Patterson, A. C. Niminger, G. S. Butler, H. G. Wolcott, H. G. Enders, Sr., J. N. Dennis, Dr. G. MacCracken, E. Peil, L. A. Roberts.

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