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PERMANENT SALARIES NEEDED

Why all this howl about the lamented "Gill bill" which sought to fix the salaries of the county officials in every county in the state, and what is to be gained by declaring that it is, or it isn't, or wasn't, a West measure, or that it isn't, or wasn't a "salary grab"? The bill was never considered as one of Governor West's measures, although he is said to have suggested some such arrangement. In this the governor was right. In endeavoring to take this everlasting salary proposition out of the hands of the legislature for good, the governor had the right idea and no one would welcome such a reform more warmly than members of the legislature. But the method used as a basis to fix the salaries in this bill, was thought to be wrong by the majority of senators in which branch of the legislature the bill was killed. While all admitted that a law providing for a general adjustment of salaries would be beneficial it was contended that an arrangement which sought to fix them according to the size of the county in square miles, or on its assessed valuation, would be unjust in many cases. Conditions in Eastern and Western Oregon are so different that what would be advantageous to one would not be at all acceptable to the other, and the greatest fight against the Gill bill came from Eastern Oregon. While all this is true, it is nevertheless a fact that the governor tried to whip the legislature into line for the Gill bill by vetoing every salary bill sent to him, basing such refusal on the statement that the "Gill bill will take care of this salary increase." He continued in such messages even after he knew that the bill had been defeated and even sent a special message to the legislature at its veto session, urging the passage of the bill. The Observer doesn't believe that a single bill passed at the recent session fixing the salaries of county officials will work injustice on the taxpayers in the counties affected. The official as well as the laborer should be worthy of his hire and when we find a county school superintendent who is serving the people for \$50 per month, as was the case in some of the counties where increases were made, common sense would seem to demand that he be given pay commensurate with his services.

The Corvallis city council has gone on record against further high-priced paving and at a recent meeting passed a resolution declaring that, hereafter, \$1.25 per square yard will be the limit for such work. This price includes the grading of the streets and all other work connected with hard surface improvement. The council is also agitating the installation of a city plant to handle the work and thus escape paying the handsome profits resultant from paving contracts by outside corporations. The city ownership idea, noted at Corvallis and suggested in Mr. Hayter's article printed in today's Observer, appears to be growing all over the country. And when one stops to think he can see no reason why every city should not do its own paving. While it may not be able to use any of the patented pavements now being laid by protected corporations, it would be entirely possible it seems, to employ a competent paving man to oversee the work and then have all improvement carried on by the municipality as it does in California. This would mean an immense saving and

keep at home the vast sums of money otherwise paid to outside people. It is possible that vital faults exist against the adoption of this plan but they are not observant at this writing. It's worth considering anyway.

Many merchants complain that the large mail order houses secure business from people who should patronize the home stores, and while this is probably true, how many of these same merchants really make an effort to secure the trade that is slipping away from them. Nine times out of 10 the man who does the biggest job of kicking against the outside concerns, is the same fellow who says it "doesn't pay to advertise." Yet it is a fact that the big houses, all of them, spend a princely fortune every year in advertising. This does not mean that the money is expended in newspaper space, for the very apparent reason that no single newspaper reaches the patrons of a concern whose business extends from one end of the country to the other, but it is spent in catalogues and in other ways. If the home merchants would make an effort to show that they can meet this mail order competition, quality of goods and loss of time considered, we do not doubt that they could, to a very great extent, counteract the inroads of the catalogue or mail order houses. Combinations among merchants to maintain prices for the goods they sell, or to control the schedules paid for country produce, is another feature which, to a certain extent, operates in favor of mercantile establishments in other communities, although it does not, of course, have any bearing on the mail order business. When the farmer receives more for his produce at one place, or in one store than he does at another, no one may blame him for trading where he can do the best. But, if the merchant really wants the trade of the community he should forget that old plea "everybody knows me" and go after the trade. While a certain amount of business is bound to go to the mail order concerns, The Observer believes that it lies in the power of the local merchant to divert considerable of it to his establishment, if only the proper methods are employed. It's worth a trial anyway. Let the people know you are on earth and doing business.

During a recent investigation by a legislative committee in Illinois into conditions prevailing among working girls in the city of Chicago, a number of the big department store proprietors, or managers, were questioned and all of them invariably defended their position and the wages paid their girls, declaring that it was possible for any girl to live on \$5 a week, if she desired, and those who "went wrong" on such wages were only those who were attracted to such a life. The statements of the bosses are entirely irrational. How do they know whether a girl can live respectably on \$5 a week? Julius Rosenwald, head of the great mail order house of Sears, Roebuck & Co., said his company couldn't afford to pay their girls the proposed minimum wage of \$12 per week, although he admitted that his company paid dividends last year in excess of \$3,000,000. It appears that the questioning of the store proprietors will amount to nothing. They will all maintain that financial ruin stares them in the face if they are compelled to pay their girls a living wage. What the legislature needs to do is to pass a bill and compel the employers to obey its mandates.

After many years of darkness it is possible that the face of the clock in the tower of the Marion county court house at Salem will be illuminated at night. It is said that the Marion county court has the "matter under consideration" and that "several other interests" are agitating the innovation. This is really a very weighty matter and the officials should approach the solution with fear and trembling and with due regard for the importance of the venture. Just think of the immense burden the lighting of the court house clock will impose upon the property owners. It is said that the greatest demand for the illumination of the clock comes from travelers on the Oregon Electric railway. This explains it, and we may all rest easy. If the clock is illuminated it will be because of a demand that originated outside of Salem—your Capital City resident isn't interested in the passage of time.

For the benefit of the imported editor of the Capitol Journal The Observer will say that Company G basketball team of Dallas, is not used to playing on the "rough pine boards of the little country village in the foothills" but in a modern armory building with the floor fully as "slick" as that in Salem. Neither is the team asking that the third game with Silverton be played in Dallas. Objection is made to Salem, undoubtedly, because a game there with Silverton would be practically the same as a contest on the home court of that team, and for the further reason that it is impossible to secure a square and honest deal in the capital city in matters wherein the capital city sports are interested. If there is a third game it will not be in Salem and the cheap sports of that ancient burg will not have the opportunity to shine at the expense of outside athletes.

The Observer sincerely hopes that the movement now under way to secure executive clemency for the Humphreys, condemned to die on the gallows the latter part of this month,

will be successful, and that their sentence may be commuted to life imprisonment. Possibly they may be guilty of the murder of Mrs. Griffiths near Philomath, but in the minds of the great majority of those who know the accused, and who are acquainted with the facts regarding the atrocious crime, there are grave doubts of their guilt. No service to society can be rendered by the legal murder of these harmless incompetents.

Charles S. Fisher who recently sold a half interest in the Eugene Guard after 25 years in the newspaper harness, announces that he will take a long vacation and a trip to the south which shall include Cuba and the Panama canal, after which he will return to Eugene and "perhaps build a home as well as a business building on Willamette street." When a newspaper man gets to be a bloated millionaire it is high time he left the profession. The most of us seldom get further from home than a half day's travel and our building operations are generally confined to a residence for the poultry.

That the Democratic party has profited by the quarrel of its opponents and is now guiding the ship of state by reason of that quarrel is probably of no moment to the members of that party and those who want a job at the pie counter. In President Wilson's inauguration we see the triumph of the perfidy of one man who made such an outcome possible and which, although the party has actually decreased in numbers as compared with the vote of four years ago, it has still been enabled to gain control of the government. This outcome should be extremely gratifying to the leading citizen of Oyster Bay.

If Governor West really desired to be consistent in his veto of salary raising bills, he might have placed his disapproval on the measure increasing the pay of his private secretary to \$3,000 per year. So far as The Observer is concerned, we have no fault to find with the salary, and believe it is small enough for one who fills this responsible position, but the question of the fairness of salaries and the actual need for them, was overlooked in all other cases by the executive, in order to play to the galleries—why not in this instance?

The determination of the city council to visit other cities for the purpose of inspecting the different pavements and learn all there is to know regarding their cost and practicability, is a move in the right direction. It is the only way in which the plain, unvarnished truth may be ascertained and may, in the end, save thousands of dollars to Dallas property owners. There is no reason why Dallas should not profit by the experience of other cities and the city council is taking the sensible method to find out about it.

Since the city of McMinnville has undertaken the work of hard surfacing its principal streets, the council has found considerable difficulty in keeping up with the demand for the improvement, property owners generally being a unit for the extension of the paving plans to include their holdings. This is the usual result when the work is once begun and the installation of several blocks of paving is always followed by a universal demand for more.

"Skirts one-third off" is the way an announcement reads in a Newberg newspaper. Think of that, in Newberg, of all places. Perhaps, however, if the other two-thirds remain intact, the reputation of the Yamhill county town may remain undiminished.

The Amity Standard came out last week all home print and in a new and improved form and appearance. Editor LeMasters is making good and is giving the people of Amity one of the best weekly publications in the valley.

To Boost Sheep Raising. The Oregon City commercial club is making an investigation into the profits in sheep raising in that section of the Willamette valley. While not a new industry there, it is thought it is one that is capable of large expansion.

Special Stock Train. Livestock raising throughout Eastern Oregon has increased to such an extent that the O-W. R. & N. Co. has inaugurated a tri-weekly special livestock train service from Huntington to Portland. Its present twice-a-week service has been found to be insufficient.

"Salmon Day" Friday. Oregon will observe Salmon Day on Friday, March 14. It is expected to make it a state-wide event and the governor and public officials have been invited to attend a special observance in Portland. President Wilson has been sent some Oregon salmon with a request that he have it served on the White House table on that date. It is expected this will become an annual event ranking in importance with California's raisin day.

Show Babies at Frisco. Oregon's best babies may have a chance to be exhibited at San Francisco's world fair in 1915. Provision has been made for an exposition of engines at the State Fair next fall with the idea of getting the best babies of various ages which may later be entered in a national contest at San Francisco. Other states are taking similar steps.

—Trespass notices, weather proof, for sale at Observer Job office.



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Commissioners Finish Work.

The county commissioners wound up the month's business on Friday by auditing the various bills as published elsewhere, and in addition to the proceedings as published in The Observer last Friday, on petition of W. L. Newbill for establishment of gateway from his residence to the Dallas and Grand Ronde public county road, board of reviewers was appointed and time of viewing set for March 12.

NEW IDEA PROVES SUCCESS

Farmers Short Course at Burns Meets Hearty Approval.

Portland, Mar. 11.—(Special).—The first short course for farmers and stockraisers ever held by the Oregon Agricultural college away from Corvallis has lately been finished at Burns, which has aroused that part of the state to the benefit of this work. The interest was high and the attendance large. The subjects treated were stockraising, general agriculture and domestic science.

One family rode nearly 100 miles in a wagon to attend and great good resulted from this "missionary" work by the college. All went away very much interested and highly appreciative of the work done.

Chorus Section to Meet.

The chorus section of the Woman's club will meet in the assembly room of the library at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

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Frank L. Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Elda Jones, Defendant.

To Elda Jones, the above named defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above named case and Court on or before six weeks from the date of the first service of this summons upon you by publication, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in his complaint herein, to-wit: that the plaintiff is the owner of the North half of the Thomas Holcomb D. L. C. being Claim No. 41, Not. No. 5166 in Township 7 South of Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, and that the defendant is the owner of the South half of said D. L. C. subject to the life estate of Joseph Brown and subject to the claims of any subsequent heirs of the said Joseph Brown, and for such other and further order and decree in the premises as the Court may think proper.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. B. Teal, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 7th day of March, 1913, and the date of the first publication is March 11th, 1913, and the date of the last publication will be April 22nd, 1913.

SIBLEY & EAKIN,
3-11-22 Attorneys for plaintiff.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, C. W. Beckett, the administrator of the estate of Jane Beckett-Thompson, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1913, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court Room of said County Court in the city of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

C. W. BECKETT,
Administrator of the estate of Jane Beckett-Thompson, Deceased.
Attorney.
Dated and first published February 18, 1913. 3-18

REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLE
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County.—Department No. 2.
Application No. 62.
NOTICE.
In the matter of the application of Ladd & Bush, Bankers, a corporation,

to register the title to the real property, situate and being the Southeast quarter of Section 5 and the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, all in T. 9 S. R. 6 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon.
Ladd & Bush, Bankers, a corporation, Applicant,
vs.
Defendants.

All Whom It May Concern.
To All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 7th day of February, 1913, an application was filed by said Ladd & Bush, Bankers, a corporation, in the Circuit Court for Polk County, for initial registration of title to the land above described. Now, unless you appear on or before the 12th day of March, 1913, and show cause why such application should not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

(Seal.) ASA B. ROBINSON, JR., Clerk.
CAREY F. MARTIN,
Attorney for Applicant. 2-11-13

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