

TRUE FOSSIL FORESTS.

Yellowstone Park's Array of Stony Relics of Volcano Activity.

Remarkable fossil forests exist in Yellowstone park, the most remarkable, it is believed, of the several fossil forests which have been discovered—there are others in Egypt, in California and in Arizona—because in the Yellowstone most of the trees were entombed in their original upright position and not found recumbent and scattered about the ground.

In Arizona, for instance, the fossilized trunks have evidently been carried a long distance from where they originally grew.

In the Yellowstone the trees now stand where they grew and where they are entombed by the outpouring of various volcanic materials.

Now as the softer rocks surrounding them are gradually worn away they are left standing erect on the steep hillsides, just as they stood when they were living. In fact, it is difficult at a little distance to distinguish some of these fossil trunks from the lichen covered stumps of kindred living species. Such an aggregation of fossil trunks is therefore well entitled to be called a true fossil forest.

It should not be supposed, however, that these trees still retain their limbs and similar branches, for the mass of volcanic material falling on them stripped them down to bare, upright trunks.—Exchange.

HELP FOR HOMELY MEN.

Facial Decorations and Other Ways to Tone Down Ugliness.

If my face is too wide a beard lengthens it; if my face is too narrow it expands as if by magic with the addition of what have sometimes been affectionately called "mutton chops" or "siders."

If my nose projects, almost like a nose trying to escape from a face to which it has been sentenced for life, a pair of large, handsome mustaches will provide a proper entourage—a nest, so to speak, on which the nose rests contentedly, almost like a sitting hen; if my nose retreats backward into my face the aesthetic solution is obviously always.

A stout man can do wonders with his appearance by adopting a pointed beard and a suit of clothes, shirt, necktie and stockings with pronounced vertical stripes. A thin man, on the other hand, becomes at once substantial in effect without being gross if he cultivates side whiskers and wears a suit of clothes, shirt, cravat and stockings with pronounced horizontal stripes.

If my face lacks fierceness and dynamic force it needs a brisk, arrogant mustache, or if it has too much of these qualities a long, sad, drooping mustache will counterbalance them.—Atlantic Monthly.

The Dancing Mania.

The "dancing mania" of the middle ages came on the heels of the great plague known as the "black death." It was some sort of nervous disease and is now supposed to have been what is known as "St. Vitus' dance." It began in the year 1374 at Aix-la-Chapelle and spread all over Germany, the Netherlands and Italy. The dancers formed circles hand in hand and appearing to have lost all reason continued dancing, regardless of the bystanders, for hours together until in their wild delirium they fell to the ground in sheer exhaustion. Panting and foaming at the mouth, they would suddenly spring up and begin the dance again, to be again exhausted, and so on until they died. The mania involved millions of people.

Old Saws and Sayings.

A few old sayings on the subject of food come to us rather as a surprise in our age of daintiness and refinement, yet they have their raison d'être notwithstanding. "Meat is much, manners are more;" "Cease your chatter and mind your platter;" "The ass that brays most eats least;" "The wing with the liver to him who's the giver;" "He can give little to his servant who licks his own trencher."

Appropos of this remark it is amusing to note that "manners" was the name given to the remnants of a meal. These came to the servants as official perquisites; hence our well worn expression before emptying a dish, "Leave the last slice (or whatever it may be) for manners."

A Queen Who Was a King.

Only once in the history of the world has a queen been officially known as a king. This was in Hungary, when the Hungarians gave the name of king to their Queen Mary in order to avoid the infamy which the laws of that country cast upon those who are governed by women. She bore the title of King Mary till her marriage with Sigismund. After that she took the title of queen.

Good Role.

Johnnie Hobbs was regarded as the town simpleton, but occasionally he was gifted with a flash of keenest repartee, as a city visitor discovered to his discomfort. "What part do you perform in the great drama of life?" he asked. "I mind my own business," replied Mr. Hobbs.—Argonaut.

Keep on the Move.

Blng—Borely is going to take up rail-roading. Bang—So many nice girls have told him to make tracks that I don't wonder at it.—Town Topics.

Not in His Line.

She—You must give him credit for the fact that he expresses his ideas beautifully. He—But, you see, I am a freight agent.—Judge.

Be neither ignorant nor careless with respect to the future.—Verel



A YOUTHFUL BONNET.

This kiddie's bonnet matches her brown coat. Its "tam" crown of brown velvet sits on a rolling brim of pale blue taffeta, and its ribbon band is finished with a gay little beaded "fancy." Indeed, velvets are the favorite material for children's hats, decidedly tailored shapes—tricornes, sailors and odd designs—with ribbon bands and happy little nosegays as trimming.

Miss Helen Cowgill of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college was a Dallas visitor late last week.

PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of the whole or any part of \$9813.32 of 1915 Street Improvement Bonds of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, as authorized by Ordinance No. 254 of said City, will be received by the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge of said City, until 6:30 o'clock p. m. on Monday, January 10, 1916. Said bonds will be ninety-eight (98) in number and in denominations of \$100.00 each. Each of said bonds will be dated July 17, 1915, payable in ten (10) years from date, and will bear interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent. per annum, interest to be payable semi-annually on the 17th day of January and the 17th day of July of each year; both principal and interest to be payable in United States Gold Coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, at the Dallas City bank in the city of Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, without charge, cost, or expense to the purchaser or holder of said bonds.

The said City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to take up and cancel said bonds, or any part of them, upon the payment of the face value thereof and the accrued interest to the date of such payment, at any semi-annual interest period at or after one year from the date of said bonds, to-wit: At or after one year from the 17th day of July, 1915.

The above-named bonds will be sold to the highest bidder, by the said City of Dallas, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1916, in the Council Chamber in said City. The bids must state the rate of interest, not exceeding six (6) per cent. per annum; but said bonds shall not be sold for less than their face value, together with the accrued interest thereon from the day of their date to the date of their delivery. Said delivery of said bonds will be made at the office of the City Treasurer of the said City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

The City Council of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids must be marked "Bids for 1915 Street Improvement Bonds," accompanied by a certified check for ten (10) per cent. of the amount bid, and addressed to Charles Gregory, Auditor and Police Judge, Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 6th day of December, 1915.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 10th day of December, A. D., 1915.

CHAS. GREGORY, Auditor and Police Judge.

PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF 1915 UGLOW AVENUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of the whole or any part of \$2851.88 of 1915 Uglow Avenue Improvement Bonds of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, as authorized by Ordinance No. 255 of said City, will be received by the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge of said City, until 6:30 o'clock p. m. on Monday, January 10, 1916. Said bonds will be twenty-eight (28) in number and in denominations of \$100.00 each. Each of said bonds will be dated October 20, 1915, payable in ten (10) years from date, and will bear interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent. per annum, interest to be payable semi-annually on the 20th day of April and the 20th day of October of each year; both principal and interest to be payable in United States Gold Coin of the present standard of weight and fineness,

at the Dallas City Bank in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, without charge, cost, or expense to the purchaser or holder of said bonds.

The said City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to take up and cancel said bonds, or any part of them, upon the payment of the face value thereof and the accrued interest to the date of such payment, at any semi-annual interest period at or after one year from the date of said bonds, to-wit: At or after one year from the 20th day of October, 1915.

The above-named bonds will be sold to the highest bidder, by the said City of Dallas, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1916, in the Council Chamber in said City. The bids must state the rate of interest, not exceeding six (6) per cent. per annum; but said bonds shall not be sold for less than their face value, together with the accrued interest thereon from the day of their date to the date of their delivery. Said delivery of said bonds will be made at the office of the City Treasurer of the said City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

The City Council of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids must be marked "Bids for 1915 Uglow Avenue Improvement Bonds," accompanied by a certified check for ten (10) per cent. of the amount bid, and addressed to Charles Gregory, Auditor and Police Judge, Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 6th day of December, 1915.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 10th day of December, A. D., 1915.

CHAS. GREGORY, Auditor and Police Judge.

NOTICE.

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 234, Laws of 1913, notice is hereby given that the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, will be in session at the Court House in the City of Dallas, Oregon, in the Court Room thereof, on the 30th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at which time and place opportunity for a full and complete discussion of the estimates of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, will be given any taxpayer subject to such tax levy, when made, to be heard in favor of or against any proposed tax levies.

The following is an itemized estimate of Polk County's proposed tax levy for each department of county government, county office or county officer, each county improvement, the maintenance of each county building and institution, the salary of each county officer and employees, including those whose salary is fixed by statute.

General Fund.
Expense of Registration and Elections, Ballots and Supplies, Salary of Judges and Clerks, total.....\$ 6,000

Sheriff's Office.
Salary of Sheriff..... 1,600
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks..... 1,800
Expenses of Office..... 1,100
Total.....\$4,500

Clerk's Office.
Salary of Clerk..... 1,600
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks..... 1,620
Expenses of Office..... 780
Total.....\$4,000

Treasurer's Office.
Salary of Treasurer..... 750
Adding Machine..... 225
Expenses of Office..... 250
Total.....\$1,000

Assessor's Office.
Salary of Assessor..... 1,200
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks..... 2,450
Expenses of Office..... 350
Total.....\$4,000

Surveyor's Office.
Fees of Surveyor and Deputies, Expenses of Office, Total..... 250

School Superintendent's Office.
Salary of Superintendent..... 1,200
Traveling Expenses..... 200
Salaries of Deputies and Clerks..... 720
Teachers' and Eighth Grade Examinations..... 100
School Officers' Convention... 100
Institute Fund, fixed by law.. 300
Miscellaneous expense, including supplies and printing 1,000

County Educational Board.
Traveling expense, members of board..... 100
Salary of Supervisor..... 1,200
Expenses of Supervisor..... 200
Truant Officer, Salary and Expenses..... 80
Total.....\$5,200

Court House and Jail Expense.
Salary of Janitor..... 720
Lights.....
Water.....
Furniture and Fixtures..... 1,280
Repairs.....
Insurance.....
Fuel.....
Jail Expenses, including board of prisoners, repairs, supplies, etc..... 1,000
Total.....\$3,000

District Attorney's Office.
Expense..... 200

Circuit Court.
Jurors.....
Witnesses.....

Bailiffs..... Total 3,000
Reporters.....
Misc. Expense.....
County Court, Commissioners and Juvenile Court.
Salary and Expense of Judge 1,350
Salary and Expenses of Commissioners.....
Jurors..... 1,400
Witnesses.....
Miscellaneous Expense.....
Total.....\$2,750

Justice Court.
Fees of Justices, Constables, Jurors and Witnesses, total..... 1,000

Coroner's Office.
Fees of Coroner, Physicians, Jurors and Witnesses, total..... 200

Insane Examination.
Fees of Physicians, Witnesses, etc, total..... 100

Health Officer.
Salary and Expenses, total... 400

Fruit Inspector.
Salary and Expenses, total... 450

Stock Inspector.
Salary and Expenses, total... 100

Indigent Soldiers.
Relief of, total..... 600

Widow's Pensions.
For the payment of, total.... 5,500

Care of Poor.
Relief and Expenses of, total 6,000

Scalp Bounties.
For the payment of, total.... 100

Rebate on Taxes.
Refunds, total..... 150

Advertising.
For the payment of, total.... 1,250

State and County Fairs.
Polk County Fair, including State Fair and Land Products Show, total..... 2,000

Bridge and Ferry.
General Fund, including Inter-County and other Bridge and Road Construction and maintenance, total... 71,420

State Tax.
State Tax, total (estimated)... 56,500

Total of General Fund, \$179,670

Roads and Highways.
General Road Fund for improvement and maintenance of roads and salaries of Supervisors..... 38,300

County School Fund.
County School Fund..... 42,000

Library Fund (School)..... 17

High School Fund..... 17

Total.....\$97,434

Total estimated expense of County for the year 1916, 275,000

The probable receipts of Polk County for the year 1916 from other sources than direct taxation upon real and personal property are estimated to be..... 5,000

Total amount to be raised by direct taxation..... 270,000

Total to be raised in general fund, including state tax, 179,670

Total to be raised for county school fund, including high schools and libraries..... 57,000

Total to be raised for General Road fund..... 38,300

Total.....\$275,000

The County Court, therefore, recommends that there be levied upon the property liable therefore:

General Fund, including state tax..... 12.75 mills

General Road Fund..... 3 mills

School Fund..... 4.25 mills

The following is a statement showing the total of all taxes for the ensuing year, levied by all road districts, cities, towns and municipalities:

Special Tax Levies 1915.

City of Dallas Road District..... 3 1/2 mills

City of Dallas..... 14 1/2 mills

City of Independence..... 19.1 mills

City of Monmouth..... 10 mills

City of Falls City..... 15 mills

City of West Salem..... 8 mills

STATE OF OREGON,)
County of Polk,) ss.

We, the undersigned County Court of the County of Polk, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the above is a true, fair and complete estimate of the probable expenses of said county for the ensuing year.

We further certify that the estimate of expenses of the various institutions of the county, of the amount required for public enterprises, roads, bridges, etc., and of all other expenses of the county as therein set out, is just and is based upon a careful study of the expenses of the county during the past and a thorough examination of its probable needs during the year for which such estimate is made. That each and every item therein is believed to be necessary to the proper transaction of the business of the county, the protection of its property and interests and to be for the public welfare. That every expense estimated is in accordance with law, and is a legitimate charge against the county.

For the information of the taxpayers, the Court at this time calls attention to the fact that the tax rolls for 1913 and 1914, show delinquent taxes amounting to approximately \$46,000.00 principally on account of the O. & C. Grant lands. On this account the Court has been compelled to make a much higher levy than would otherwise have been necessary; but the matter of the final settlement of the O. & C. litigation seems to be in sight and the Court feels confident that at no very distant date these taxes will be settled, enabling a very material reduction in the general tax levy of the county.

J. B. TEAL,
County Judge.

G. A. WELLS,
Commissioner.

C. W. BECKETT,
Commissioner

Attest:
A. B. ROBINSON, JR.,
(SEAL) County Clerk.

THE GOOD JUDGE AND THE OLD-TIME



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