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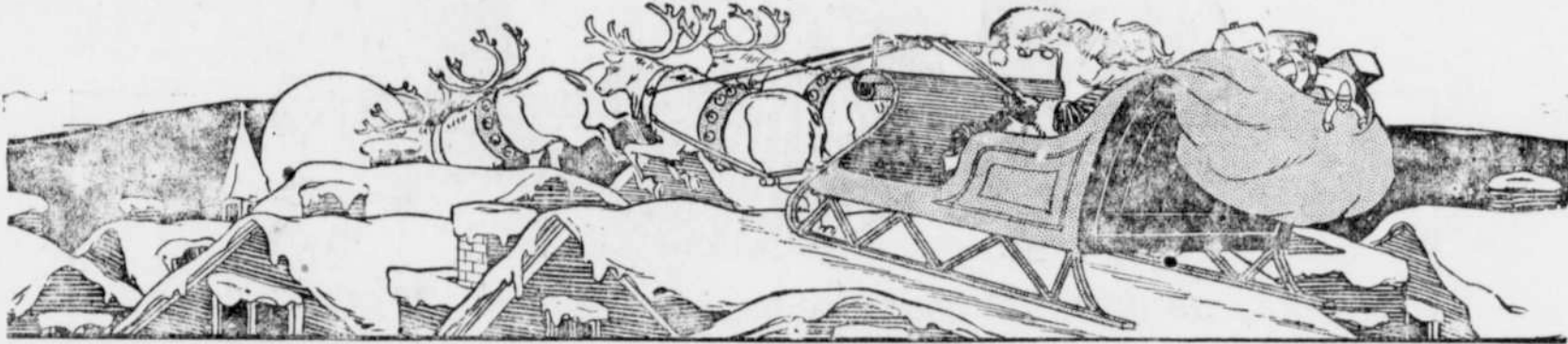
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We Wish You A Merry Christmas



TO INVOKE THE REFERENDUM

Voters Should Decide on Fair Grounds Purchase

The petition and other details, necessary to conform to the requirements of the law, are now under way in this section of the county to try to invoke the referendum and have placed on the ballot, the question of whether the voters of Clackamas County as a whole, wish to have the county court purchase the Canby Fair Grounds.

At the December 14th, Taxpayers Meeting, it was recommended by those present, that the county court purchase the present county fair grounds at Canby, from the private individuals now owning and operating same, for the sum of \$7,950.

Under the conditions, the court has no alternative but to do as instructed, but Commissioner Mattoon for one, says he will not sanction the purchase, until the question has been voted upon by the voters of the entire county.

The Taxpayers Meeting was made up almost entirely of taxpayers from the lower end of the county, with an extra big delegation from Canby and adjacent country, who naturally were there to vote to have the county fair permanently staged in their midst. There was also a big delegation from Oregon City, lead by that hustling organization, called the Live Wires. Apparently these later taxpayers joined in recommending the purchase. A number of the parties present are at present stockholders in the corporation which is trying to sell the grounds.

Eastern Clackamas taxpayers were not in evidence, as usual, except for a very few residents. It is not fair to claim that Eastern Clackamas did not attend this meeting because of lack of interest, for the primary reason

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WATER REFUSAL SURPRISES S. F. COMMISSION

Feel Issue Should Be Brought To Vote

Apparently Oregon City and the South Fork Commission were surprised at the refusal of the Estacada City Council to accept their offer of South Fork water for this city.

The Oregon City papers comment on the fact that the Estacada council, turned down the proposition flat, without bringing the matter up to a vote of the people.

As the \$780. yearly price was prohibitive and much more than Estacada could afford to pay for its water, the council naturally did not care to go to the expense of submitting it to a vote. If Estacada had its present water system paid for and by doing as suggested by members of the South Fork Commission, raise the local rate from \$1. to \$2. per user, it could be afforded.

The quoted price of \$1. per thousand feet for the first 20,000 with 80c per thousand thereafter, seemed exorbitant, being considerably more than Portland users pay, especially as a rate of 15c per thousand was made to those residents of South Estacada, through whose property the pipe line is laid. This cheap rate was made, besides a cash payment to the property owners for the right of way.

Oregon City has offered to sell their abandoned city filter to Estacada, but to date no action has been taken regarding its purchase by the council, although it will be considered.

No C. I. C. Meeting

Owing to the holiday season, the next meeting of the C. I. C. will occur January 8th, instead of the 25th of this month.

PROFESSOR VISITS ESTACADA

Convincing Vital Statistics Given School

With Ken Bartlett and Bob Morton, acting as an escorting committee, Prof. John Straub, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Oregon, visited Estacada last Monday, where he gave an interesting and instructive talk to the students of the Estacada schools.

Prof. Straub's subject was "The Commercial Value of an Education" and by means of the following convincing statistics, he left no room for doubt on the part of his listeners, as to the cash value of an education.

"The U. S. Government statisticians show that throughout the country, the average grammar school graduate has an earning capacity of \$250. per year. The high school graduate averages \$1,000. per year, while the college or university graduate earns from \$2,000. up.

Statistics gathered by the government, covering 2,000 boys, during eleven years, show the following: 1,000 boys were grammar school graduates, who had gone directly to work, at the age of 14, learning a trade, the other 1,000 had first completed a four years' course in a technical training school. During the first four years, the grammar school graduates averaged \$4., \$5., \$6., and \$7. per week salary, per year respectively, while the technical school students were earning nothing, but furthering their education. At the age of 18 years, the former were earning \$7 per week, while the technically trained youths were earning \$10. At the age of 20 years, their earning capacities were, \$9.50 and \$15. respectively; at 22 years, \$11.50 and \$20. and at 25 years, \$12.75 and \$31. At the latter age, the former had about reached the limit

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MASS MEETING MONDAY

Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers To Organize

The following two letters were received by the Progress this week, both of which deal with the same subject, and as many taxpayers have called attention to the meeting verbally, the editor is pleased to help boost.

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Notice:

A mass meeting will be held at Barton, Oregon, Monday, Dec. 27, 1915, at 1:30 P. M.

Steps will be taken at this time to effect a permanent organization of the taxpayers of Eastern Clackamas Co. for the purpose of urging a more equitable system of taxation and for the promotion of economy and efficiency in the administration of public affairs.

Called by authority of Taxpayers' Committee.

John C. Miller.

Barton, Ore.
Dec. 21, 1915.

Editor Standish:

A committee, representing the taxpayers of the Eastern part of Clackamas Co., has issued a call for a meeting to be held at Barton, Monday, Dec. 27, 1915, at 1:30 P. M.

Some sort of organization will be attempted at this meeting, having for its ultimate aim a more accurate knowledge of public affairs, paying perhaps, special attention to roads and schools.

People residing in various localities have expressed keen interest in this matter and a large attendance is expected.

Signed, H. F. Gibson,
Barton, Oregon.

Already nearly every automobile owner in Estacada and nearby, has signified his intention of taking a load of taxpayers to this meeting and many will make the trip to Barton on the car leaving Estacada at 12.55.

Every taxpayer in Eastern Clackamas County is cordially invited to attend and if they have anything to say, to stand up and say it, at this gathering.

Here is a chance for Eastern Clackamas to organize and the bigger the organization, the larger the amount of good that can be accomplished.

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