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ISSUE UP TO TAXPAYERS

Solution for Cause of Present High Taxes in Washington County Is Offered.

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Editor Forest Grove Press:

If there is any one thing in which all of the voters of Washington county and the state of Oregon are united upon, it is the subject of taxation, and the manner in which such tax is expended. For the past three or four years every taxpayer has had brought forcibly to his notice the increase in the amount required to be raised, while each year he would consider that it had certainly reached the limit, the next year he found an unexpected advance over the year before, and upon investigation he is unable to discover that he is receiving any material benefit from the advance. It therefore seems the logical conclusion that there must be a waste of public funds, and it is not only his privilege but his duty as a taxpayer and citizen to examine into and discover if possible where and how this fund is expended. We find one of the large sources of expense of Washington county is through its criminal prosecutions, made by E. B. Tongue, present prosecuting attorney. Since his election it has been his almost universal custom to bring all criminal actions at the county seat, no matter in what portion of the county the crime has been nominated, or whether the same was misdemeanor or felony. It is the intent of the law that all misdemeanors, where the penalty does not exceed one hundred dollars fine and ninety days in the county jail, shall be tried and determined by the justice of the peace in the district in which the crime is charged to have been committed. If a felony is charged, the examination should take place in the same manner and the defendant bound over or acquitted as the case may require, thus saving hundreds of dollars each year to the taxpayers. The office at present pays \$2700 per year with \$500 for his deputy. This appears to be a sufficient amount to justify the district attorney or his deputy giving their attention to the matters of the office in the particular district in which they arise, rather than causing the expense of taking all witnesses to the county seat (at twenty cents per mile) simply as a matter of convenience to the attorney. This is an economic question and should be settled upon economic principles. Friendship and the present incumbent should not in any manner enter into the question; as to whether Mr. Tongue has adopted the same methods in other counties in the district we are unable to say, but judging from the recommendations published by him we are led to believe that such is the case, since we observe that all or nearly all of his recommendations are from attorneys residing in the county seats.

It is very convenient for any lawyer to have all criminal cases brought into his own city to be tried and he is not very liable to inquire very closely into the matter of expense to the county.

The Republicans at the coming

primary election, have the opportunity to take a step toward stopping this useless expenditure of public funds and still retain their party in power. Will they do so, or will it have to be fought out in the November election?

We may be asked how we know Mr. Norblad will not adopt the same policy. We answer that if his predecessor is turned down for extravagant and useless expenditure he would be very foolish to follow a like course, and would be most likely to put forth an effort to prevent being caught in the same trap.

Yours truly

W. M. LANGLEY.

Assembly Call

The Washington County Veteran Association will assemble in Cornelius at 10 a. m. sharp on Thursday, May 2, 1912. A good dinner, a carefully selected program and a good time guaranteed. Visitors welcome.

COMMITTEE.

Urged to Raise Flaxseed.

The Portland Commercial Club has issued a bulletin to the farmers of Oregon urging them to raise flaxseed. It is pointed out that the climate is ideal for the successful cultivation of flax, and that with but little trouble it can be made a very profitable crop with no chance of a loss, as the American Linseed Oil Co. has guaranteed a minimum price of \$1.25 per bushel for the seed and to find a market for all of the fibre. It is estimated that Oregon soil will produce 12 to 15 bushels of the seed an acre and from two to two and one-half tons of straw worth \$5 a ton.

Easter Services

At the Christian church next Sunday the Easter season will be duly observed. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. The morning subject will be "Broken Tombs and Divine Messengers." This sermon was given before an audience on one occasion in which sat a poet. The poet took the sermon and paraphrased it and published the same in a book of poems. In the evening the theme will be "The Resurrection Actually Proved." Special musical features for the occasion. The Bible school will also be in keeping with the day. The offering of the Bible school will go to benevolences, according to the custom. A delegation from the country has promised to attend the service in a body next Sunday.

Teachers' Meet

The Washington County Teachers' Association will meet at Orengo, April 13, 1912, at 9:30. Music..... Association Quotations and Authors..... Members "Geography"..... Robert Davis "Agriculture in the Seventh and Eighth Grades"..... Chas. L. Holway "Palmer System of Writing"..... H. H. Cochrane "High School English"..... C. W. Burt

Noon

Music "Primary Devices"..... Emma V. Yard "Methods in Primary Reading"..... Anna Newman "Grammar in the Seventh and Eighth Grades"..... W. E. Thomas "Longfellow's Attitude Toward God"..... Anna Taylor "Difficulties in Seventh and

"MY EASTER RABBIT"



The Easter Rabbit Caught by the Camera



SEE the funny little bunny, fur as white as snow.

Rabbits lay the Easter eggs, as all the children know.

WITH eggs so high I wish that it were Easter every day.

I'd buy a flock of bunnies now and start them on the lay.

EGGS I'd have at breakfast time, and lunch and dinner then,

And laugh with glee, for that would be a joke on our old hen.

SUSIE LEE.

Eighth Grade Spelling"..... Ralph Wann

Congregational Church In the morning at 11 a. m., an Easter sermon by the pastor, D. T. Thomas.

In the evening at 7:30 p. m. the annual Easter service by the Sabbath School, with the following program:

Processional "Ye Bells of Hope" Invocation Rev. D. T. Thomas "The Spirit of Easter" Prof. Bates, S. S. Supt.

"Let Us Sing For Joy" Chorus Recitation Mabel Rasmussen Primary Song Lois Livingstone

Primary Song Reading "The Bible Story of Easter" Miss Corila Graham Solo "Ye Bells of Easter Day" Miss Goldie Peterson

"Imaginary Stones" Rev. D. T. Thomas Chorus "Ring Ye Chiming Bells" Benediction

Come Over to My House

Come over to my house and inspect my pen of Black Minorcas. These birds are from prize winners. We guarantee every egg to be fertile; will replace any not so. \$1 for fifteen.

C. A. HOFFMAN,

North Main street near Pacific Gallery.

Clover Hay

\$7.00 per ton. Delivery added. J. D. RODE.

HORSE BURNED TO DEATH

W. G. Walker, living on the Walker donation land claim near Banks, lost a valuable horse last week. Mr. Walker and hired man were blasting stumps and had a big fire going. When the team was driven close to the fire one of the horses in some way caught his foot in a forked root and in breaking his hold was thrown into the roaring flames.

The horse was instantly overcome and scarcely moved. The other horse broke away and escaped injury. The horse had on a costly new harness which was also destroyed. The loss to Mr. Walker is about \$350.

For Exchange

I wish to exchange my equity in lot and modern seven-room house in Denver, Colo., and 10-acre garden tract near Denver for vacant lots or improved property in Forest Grove. Would prefer to deal with owner.

F. G. JONES, Forest Grove, Ore.

CITY NEWS NOTES

Moore & Son pay 20c cash for your eggs.

Everybody likes to hear Prof. Patty, demonstrative lecturer, coming here April 9th under the auspices of the Forest Grove high school. Entertainment at Marsh hall. 40 m. m. of radium for demonstration and exhibition. Admission 75, 35 and 25 cents. Seats reserved at Bazaar.

Lydia H. Collins, aged 78 years, wife of Capt. A. M. Collins, died yesterday at her home in Hillsboro, after a long illness.

Sell your produce where you get the cash. Moore & Son.

For Sale—A young mare sound, true, gentle, well broken. V. V. Willis, 16 Third street.

For Sale—Steam prune dryer, one ton capacity, all complete. Price \$60. J. L. Loving, Gales Creek, Ore.

E. X. Harding and wife of Gaston were in town Monday.

Mrs. John Minton and two daughters of Kasota, Wis., visited with their cousin, B. M. Smith, last week.

R. G. Hutchcroft of Pike valley was in town over Sunday.

John Stewart, chiropractor, of McMinnville, was in town Sunday.

Rudolph Schultz and Miss Ethel Joy were married Saturday, March 30, by Rev. D. T. Thomas. The wedding occurred in the home already prepared by the groom on First avenue. The happy couple at once left the city on a tour of the Willamette valley. Mr. Schultz is a member of the firm of W. F. Schultz & Son. Miss Joy was one of the popular teachers in the city public schools.

The fruit growers at their meeting held Saturday, arranged for subscriptions to the stock to be solicited, and when sufficient stock has been subscribed organization will be effected.

Edison and Victor talking machines and records for sale at the Bazaar.

At Tuesday evening's council meeting a resolution was passed ordering the paving of College Way from Pacific Avenue to North Avenue, Pacific Avenue from the end of present pavement to Fifth Street and First Avenue from A Street to Seventh Street. First Street pavement is to be 42 feet wide. Ten days by law is given for remonstrances to be filed.

Holbrook Lodge No. 30, A. F. and A. M. Slated Communication this Saturday evening, April 6 at 7:30 p. m. Important business. Every member and visiting brother cordially invited. By order of the W. M.

A. BEN KORI, Sec'y.

Wood in large or small quantities at Chester Wright's, on Fourth street. Phone 0114.

BEN SELLING IS PRAISED

Remarkable Traits Observed by Legislator and Mayor of St. Johns.

"I consider Ben Selling one of the straightest men I ever knew in all my life," remarked K. C. Couch mayor of St. Johns, in discussing the senatorial situation. "I served with him in the legislature, and I know a few things about his ideas of public life that should be known to every voter in Oregon. For instance, on one occasion the Portland Light and Power Company was about to place a large order for uniforms, for street car employees. The company sent a representative to Ben Selling to see about the contract, and Mr. Selling refused to consider it because he was a member of the Oregon legislature. Another time I call to mind when the police department of Portland had a large order for uniforms. Selling again refused to consider it, telling the party carrying the message that, as long as he was a member of the legislature, he would not think of taking the business. But the case that appealed to me most of all was one time when Governor Benson, deceased, personally went to Selling and stated there were 300 suits of clothes needed for a state institution; that it was an emergency order, and there was no time to advertise, and the Government wanted Selling to furnish the clothes. I know positively that Selling had in stock exactly what Benson asked for, sizes, quality, etc., yet Selling said, 'No, Governor, I can not conscientiously make such deals to sell the State goods while I am a member of the legislative body. I have the goods you want, and should be well pleased to market them, but I don't think it would be the right thing to do, and I will not consider it.'

"I would like to ask", continued Mayor Couch, "if a man such as I know Ben Selling to be is not thoroughly entitled to the confidence of the Oregon people? I think he is."

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff, subject to the Republican voters at the Washington county primaries to be held April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, honestly and faithfully, and without fear, and without favor, perform all of the duties belonging to said office in the most economical manner.

WM. MCQUILLAN.

(Paid Advertisement)

German Games, eleven pullets and one cockerel. Must sell. Mrs. F. Parr. Phone 081.

Orengo trees, home grown, from the best of stock, should interest the fruit planter. It would be a day well spent to see the vast nursery at Orengo.

Always consult with T. J. O. Realty Co. before buying land. If you want to sell, see T. J. O.

For Sale—Two work horses, with double harness. True and good anywhere. Must sell. Price \$125. F. Mott, Hillside road, Forest Grove. Phone 153.