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### Lower Taxes.

Here is a reform that is a reform. The state tax commission has fixed the levy for this year at 12 mills. This is the lowest tax in the history of the state excepting one year, 1859. Now let us not overlook the state of the state tax commission in bestowing praise for work well done. Wilson and Bryan and Roosevelt and Debs and Prince whatshisname of England are all great men and will no doubt save this old earth for us and some of the stars. But the state tax commission has saved us some money by lowering our taxes; and they have saved it right now. The RECORDER calls attention to the fact that the public official who lowers taxes is a reformer. Remember it is the state tax which is lowered. We are not in favor of a niggedly policy of taxation for local and home development, where the amount is determined by ourselves and spent for the education of our children and for good roads and the like. But when the state commission lowers taxes throughout the entire state of Oregon, and fixes a lower rate than any year since 1859, we wish to extend our congratulations. It seems that the state tax commission is serving the people and we should not forget to give credit where credit belongs. The total amount raised by a tax of 12 mills is \$1,122,214.00 Coos County's share will be \$24,811.00. There are 20 counties which will not equal Coos in the amount raised under this tax.

### Recorder Homemade Philosophy

Foolish people often mistake brass for brains.  
No doubt the hangman takes life quite seriously.  
Men have bigger souls (soles) than women—in their shoes.  
Speaking of ancestry, evil seems to be the dam that raised the devil.  
While death may be as natural as life nevertheless it doesn't look like it.  
Trial may test fidelity but we never hankered much for that kind of a test.  
To the gent who has it, the agitation against special privilege is most ridiculous.  
A popular self-made man is always generous enough to give the credit to his wife.  
Did you ever hear of a president of the United States or a Governor whose wife was not beautiful and accomplished?  
Rich men keep telling us that it is hard to stand prosperity, but we contend that it is harder to stand poverty.  
The disordered brain of father or mother keeps the household in a great confusion; and the children are blamed for it.  
Since reading in a Portland paper that "we are lending money to the East we have planned a vacation to spend the interest."  
The woman who is so thin she is afraid to eat apples for fear they will show in an uncompromising enemy to low cut dresses.  
The energetic individual who goes after his competitor's "goat" never permits his conscience to interfere with prospects for success.  
While strong people may be advertised more by their enemies than by their friends yet we think there are a few exceptions to the rule.  
The girl who goes wrong and

commits suicide goes wrong twice and the last wrong is entirely too permanent.

The individual who is disappointed because things do not turn out as bad as expected is a little too pessimistic.

We admire heroes but in cases it becomes necessary to die in order to become a hero we prefer to be excused; in fact we don't see any sense in it.

Millionaire W. H. Coleman engaged Miss Anna Dale to marry to him. Miss Dale sang "Cuddle Up." Coleman married her and now Anna will not have to sing it.

If the truth were known it would be discovered that a saucy child has a harrasing parent and, with rare exceptions the child is not to be blamed much for its impudence.

Matrimony, like murder, carries with it the life penalty, our notion of rank inconsistency is to oppose divorce and at the same time approve the pardoning power of the Governor.

It always makes a rich man sick to be called as a witness in a government investigation case and he has no trouble in getting a certificate from a prominent physician to that effect.

The English suffragette apparently thinks that the only effective way to attract the attention of their dignified law makers to the demand of the women for the right to vote, is to crack them on the head with a brick.

Twenty acres of good level land with creek on, for sale. Apply to J. N. Hosking.

### Notice for Bids for Improvement of Curry Street.

Notice is hereby given: That the Common Council of the City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 o'clock p. m. of the 15th day of January 1913, for the improvement of Curry street in the Woodland Addition to Bandon, Oregon, from the South line of 6th street to the north line of 8th street, according to plans and specifications for said improvement as prepared by the City Engineer of the City of Bandon and which are now on file in the office of City Recorder of said City and open to the inspection of all persons interested therein. The said improvement will consist of furnishing all materials, tools, machinery and labor necessary for the efficient and proper grading of street, the construction of wooden curbs, and the construction of six foot wide wooden sidewalks on each side of street, and the construction of crosswalks.

Bids will be received in accordance with the above specifications as referred to for the street complete as follows:

1. Price per cubic yard of earth excavation.
2. Price per lineal foot of curbing.
3. Price per lineal foot of Six foot wide sidewalk.
4. Price per lineal foot of crosswalks.

Blanks for bidders will be furnished by the City Engineer upon application and no bids will be considered that are not made out on said blanks.

Bids must be accompanied with a certified check payable to the City of Bandon, for a sum equal to 5 per cent of the total bid as a guarantee that the bidder receiving the contract will within 5 days from the date said contract is awarded by the Council execute a contract in writing to perform the work according to specifications and upon failure to enter into such contract by the bidder said certified check shall be forfeited as liquidated damages.

Bidder receiving the contract will be required to furnish a bond to the satisfaction of the Common Council.

All bids must be filed with the City Recorder of the City of Bandon, Oregon.

Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Dated at Bandon, Oregon, this 6th day of January, 1913.

Publication authorized and directed by Ordinance No. 223, an ordinance providing for the improvement of Curry street, passed by the Common Council December 4, 1912.  
E. B. KAUSRUD,  
Recorder City of Bandon.

Jan. 7, 1913.

### From Wolves to Automobiles.

Just why a big crop should be called a "bumper" crop nobody seems to know, but anyway we have it. All the newspapers say so. The department of agriculture estimates that the grain yield this year is the largest in the nation's history. Although we have not adopted scientific farming to the extent we should, we are making progress. The crop reporting board has this to say of the outlook:

The showing made by the corn crop is particularly favorable. Its condition on Sept. 1 was 82.1 as compared with 80.0 on Aug. 1 and 79.3 on Sept. 1 of last year. The indicated yield of corn is 250,000,000 bushels larger than that shown in the figures of a year ago and 65,000,000 bushels above the record crop of 1906.

The indicated yield of both spring and winter wheat is 52,000,000 bushels larger than the actual harvest of last season.

The indicated yield of oats—viz, 1,250,000,000 bushels—is 567,000,000 bushels larger than the 1911 crop.

This year is also expected to produce bumper crops of white potatoes, barley, rye and buckwheat. The potato yield, estimated at 38,000,000 bushels, exceeds the bumper crop of 1909 by 9,000,000 bushels and last year's short crop by 165,000,000 bushels. The yield of rye promises to be about 3,000 bushels larger than the record crop of 1910, that of buckwheat about 40,000 bushels greater than the 1910 record and that of flax almost up to the record made in 1902.

Surely we are on the up grade. The prosperity of the farmer means good times all along the line. The Chicago Tribune recently called attention to two pictures illustrating a gratifying change in conditions. Eighteen years ago that paper sent into western Nebraska a special writer to report the famine. He found everything deserted. "Barns and lofts were empty," the Tribune's editorial says, "and the remains of farm machinery stood forlorn in the wind swept fields. In one farmyard a lone, disconsolate gray wolf stunk silencing away."

That certainly is a picture of desolation. Just why a wolf so perfectly symbolizes starvation, famine, want, woe and other disagreeable things we do not know, but so it is, and the mention of the wolf completes the picture.

Now for the other side of the shield. Today there are 30,000 automobiles owned in Nebraska, one to each forty-eight inhabitants. "In some districts," says the editorial, "every farm is equipped with one."

As the wolf is the symbol of destitution, so the automobile is the sign of plenty. These two make the contrast complete.

The police of Paris report that 34,000 umbrellas have been lost in that city this year. It must have been a rainy season in Paris when umbrellas were in such demand.

### More Synthetic Rubber.

A few weeks ago one of our consultants stationed in England reported that a method of making synthetic rubber had been discovered and that the article could be turned out at much less cost than real rubber. More recently a German chemist lectured before the College of the City of New York, and he, too, claimed to have made synthetic rubber, samples of which he had with him, but did not assert that it was commercially profitable. On the contrary, he said that many more steps were necessary to complete the process before this artificial rubber could be placed on the market.

To prove that he had made rubber, however, he exhibited two automobile tires that he said had covered 4,000 miles and scarcely showed wear. If he can make automobile tires like that they should be commercially profitable at almost any price.

The speaker was Dr. Carl Duisberg, an eminent chemist and president of a large color works at Elberfeld, Germany. Of the future of synthetic rubber he said:

"You may have received the impression that the problem of preparing this rubber—understand that it is real rubber and not a substitute for rubber—had been solved. Yet if you ask me to answer you honestly and truly when synthetic rubber will bring the millions which prophets see in its exploitation I must reply that I do not know."

"The stone is rolling, and we will see to it that it reaches its destination. The end in view is this, that artificial rubber may soon play as important a role in the markets of the world as does natural rubber. Synthetic rubber, let me say, will surely not appear on the market in the immediate future. Wait. I for one hope to live long enough to see art triumph also over nature in this industry."

Even so conservative a statement as this holds out hope. Taken in connection with the report from England, it would indicate that the chemists of the world are busy on this proposition and that the public may soon have the benefit of their labors.

The distance from the earth to the moon has been computed as 240,000 miles. Sounds like a schoolboy's idea of the distance away of the next vacation.

The New York police are waking up. The other day one of them actually made an arrest in a shooting case. He pinched the man who was shot at.

### Notice of Readvertisement for Bids for the Improvement of Eddy Street.

Notice is hereby given: That the Common Council of the City of Bandon, Coos County Oregon, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 o'clock p. m. of the 15th day of January 1913, for the improvement of Eddy street in the Fisher addition to Bandon, Oregon, from the south line of Fourth street, to the north line of Eighth street, according to the plans and specifications for said improvement as prepared by the city engineer, of the City of Bandon and which are now on file in the office of the city recorder of said city, and open to the inspection of all persons interested therein.

The said improvement will consist of furnishing all materials, tools, machinery and labor necessary for the efficient and proper grading of street the construction of an elevated roadway, the planking of certain parts of roadway, the building of bulkheads, the construction of six and ten foot wide sidewalks and the construction of cross-walks.

Bids will be received in accordance with above specifications as referred to for the street complete as follows:

1. Price per cubic yard of earth excavation.
2. Price per lineal foot of Six foot wide side walks.
3. Price per lineal foot of Ten foot wide sidewalk.
4. Price per lineal foot of piling in Place.
5. Price per 1000 feet of lumber in bridge in place.
6. Price per 1000 feet of lumber in plank-road in place.
7. Price per 1000 feet of lumber in cross walks in place.
8. Price per 1000 feet of lumber in bulk heads in place.

Blanks for bidders will be furnished by the City Engineer upon application and no bids will be considered that are not made out on said blanks.

Bids must be accompanied with a certified check payable to the City of Bandon, for a sum equal to 5 per cent of the total bid as a guarantee that the bidder receiving the contract will within 5 days from the date said contract is awarded by the Council execute a contract in writing to perform the work according to specifications and upon failure to enter into such contract by bidder said certified check shall be forfeited and considered as liquidated damages.

Bidder receiving the contract will be required to furnish a bond to the satisfaction of the Common Council.

All bids must be filed with the City Recorder of the City of Bandon, Oregon.

Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Dated at Bandon, Oregon, this 6th day of January, 1913, by order of the Common Council, made upon the 2nd day January 1913.

E. B. KAUSRUD,  
Recorder City of Bandon.

### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,  
November 18th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that James A. Cope, of Bandon, Oregon, who on November 18, 1907, made Homestead Entry Serial No. 04346, for S1-2NW1-4, SW1-4 NE1-4, and NW1-4 SE1-4, Section 10, Township 30, S., Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. R. Wade United States Commissioner at Bandon, Oregon, on the 24th day of January, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Herman Dyer Long Jack Wilson, Lex Cope, Elbert Dyer all of Bandon, Oregon.  
B. F. JONES,  
Register.

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