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### BUSINESS FEARS FREAK LAWS

Persons who want to do business in Oregon are begging the voters to cast negative ballots as far as possible in November.

As usual there will be 15 or 20 bills on the ballot for so-called direct legislation and some of them quite revolutionary.

Some of this proposed legislation will drive prosperity from Oregon rather than promote it, declares the Oregon State Retail Merchants' association.

The merchants have issued a lengthy appeal to voters of Oregon, urging them to defeat the 4 and 5 per cent interest measure and to vote "no" on all other measures unless they are convinced that the proposed laws are sound.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

Its streets were not the broadest, its walks were not the best; its blocks were few and modest, its parks were but a jest; but all its sons were loyal, and deemed it no disgrace—through thick and thin they sailed right in.

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Don't do so with a frown; in all your talk don't ever "knock" the Old Home Town.

Some places are most bigger—more gay and grand and smart; they cut a wider figure in wealth and style and art; but it had its own good features, and let us not forget, though scattered far, where'er we are, we owe it all a debt; so when you're landing cities and maris of fair renown, don't overlook that little nook—the Old Home Town.

—John C. Wright.

### BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

The Times is in receipt of a booklet recently put out by the School Board of Beaverton. We have given it a careful reading and we fail to find therein any facts or statements which The Times has not presented to its readers, some of them many times. We do not believe that our judgment is prejudiced by egotism when we say that these statements are not stated more forcibly than The Times stated them.

The booklet was printed by some outside concern. There is a picture of the high school building which have not been printed before, but it is not a particularly good picture and neither the cut maker nor the printer improved it.

It is the tendency of modern business to patronize home industry. This creed means to buy local products where they can be secured of equal quality at the same price; to give the home county the preference over other counties; to buy the products of the home state before sending away; to give American made goods the preference of the imported.

Newspapers are used to this discrimination against themselves. It was no less an organization than the national government which appealed to the country newspapers for free publicity during the war and received it in unstinted measure and then, when the war was over, advertised surplus harness for sale in the New York dailies which told the apartment house dwellers about saddles and mule harness at bargain prices, but did not advertise them in the country newspapers.

The school board had an illustrious precedent when it sought free publicity in The Times and sent its printing to concerns which had no interest in the school. And for this reason, had the discrimination been confined to ourselves alone, we would have refrained from comment. But we were interested the other evening in noticing some new furniture which is being installed and thereon we saw in bold letters the name of a Seattle concern.

There are dealers in Oregon who sell good school furniture at reasonable prices and there are local dealers who could have supplied the needs of the board. Perhaps it will be argued that the price was a bit lower on the supplies purchased. What member of the local board will contend that he can judge the value of school furniture? The publisher of The Times has in mind a case not long since when a member of a school board spent a full day in Portland to buy school supplies and among other things paid 40 cents per pair in five dozen lots for scissors which could have been purchased in a local store for 23 cents per pair.

Education must go hand in hand with business if it would succeed. When it runs counter to the tendencies of modern business it must fail.

The Times has full confidence in the integrity of the members of the present school board. Not only do we favor the election of these men to the school board, but we have earnestly urged support in their behalf. But we believe that this policy of sending away for supplies is a mistaken one. We believe that the local dealer has a right to expect a preference when purchases are made and we take this means of calling attention to it.

The Times stands ready at all times to support and encourage the local schools. It is our purpose to give every publicity possible to them that their efforts may have the maximum effect. But we believe that a mistaken policy deserves the same publicity in order that it may be corrected.

That Marion county flax is superior to that produced in any other section of the United States is the statement of Lyster H. Dewey, botanist in charge of the fiber investigation work for the department of Agriculture. He declares it compares favorably with that of Ireland and advises expansion of acreage and erection of a linen mill in Salem.

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### NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Washington.

In the Matter of the Estate of Fairy Vaughn, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of the County of Washington, and State of Oregon, has set Saturday, September 15th as the day for final hearing of petition for final settlement and final account in the above entitled estate. Objections to said final account and the settlement thereof will be heard at that time, if any there be.

CHARLES D. VAUGHN, E. F. MULKEY, Attorney for Administrator.

## OREGON NOTES

News in Brief, Gathered From Various Parts of The State.

The car shortage is hampering sales in the Willamette section.

The Linn County Fair association has designated October 4 as Salem day.

The harvest of the first peppermint crop in Klamath county will begin in a few days.

Eastern Linn county has produced the largest and best crop of huckleberries in many years.

The enrollment of Pendleton schools for the coming term shows an increase of 45 students over last year.

The seventh annual exhibition of the Wheeler County Fair association will be held at Coos Bay September 23.

A movement has been launched by Medford post, American Legion, to obtain an armory for that city.

Gravenstein apples are now being gathered in Lane county, but the crop is much shorter than in former years.

The Pacific Coast Gas association will hold its annual convention in Portland the third week in September.

Fred Champagne, a resident of Roseburg, was instantly killed near Drain when he fell between moving freight cars.

Work on the new ferry boat to ply across the Willamette at Harrisburg on the Pacific highway will begin soon.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society will be held in Eugene during the latter part of November.

Mrs. A. L. Mauldon of Monroe shot and killed herself. She was the mother of five children and was about 40 years of age.

Astoria salmon packers are considering the advisability of not making a fall pack, owing to the poor market for the product.

Four cases of smallpox developed at the state training school for boys last week, and the institution now is under strict quarantine.

Because of an insufficient supply of asphalt two of Marion county's paving plants have suspended operations at Astoria and Mt. Angel.

Field deputies report that the state is losing many thousands of dollars annually as a result of evasions of the motor vehicle license law.

The several miles of concrete sidewalks which are being put down in Dallas will all be completed by the latter part of September.

Marion county hog growers say the crop is not injured by the recent rains. The crop this year will be, it is estimated, 80 per cent normal.

Premium lists for the Klamath county fair to be held September 24 are completed. A feature will be the boys' and girls' club department.

Oregon postmasters are to be appointed as follows: Mrs. Ethel E. Nicolson, Flora; Mrs. Nora Vanasche, Chico; David D. Roberts, Divide.

A survey will be made for a highway from Eugene to Crater Lake by way of the middle fork of the Willamette, over the old military road.

Hog growers in the vicinity of Springfield will be paid an average price of 50 cents a pound. The price for piglets will range from \$2 to \$2.50 a hundred.

At a convention of the prohibition party held at Salem, W. C. Hawley was nominated for the office of representative in congress from the first congressional district.

E. F. Nichols, one of the earliest early Oregon pioneers, known to his many friends in central Oregon as "Uncle Frank," died at his home in Tumalo, aged 85 years.

The people of Clatsop are planning to form a stock company for the purpose of erecting a monument as a memorial to the young men of that vicinity who died during the war.

The lowest bid for the erection of a high school gymnasium received by the Astoria board of school directors is \$67,426, or an increase of \$8000 over a previous bid of several weeks ago.

Work on the McKenzie pass highway from Sisters to the summit of the Cascade is completed and the road was formally accepted by Engineer Elliott of the bureau of public roads.

In a report to be filed with the state board of control it will be recommended that some permanent industry be established in the state penitentiary to place it on a self-sustaining basis.

The outlet of Sitouco lake, in the western part of Lane county, will soon be made navigable for small power boats, according to R. B. Shalvey, supervisor of the Sitouco national forest.

At a recent meeting of the Hermiston Apple Growers' association it was estimated that the number of cars of apples to be shipped from the project this year would be 10, as against 25 last season.

See our new liner column this week.

Gregon republicans have raised and sent out a campaign flag of approximately \$10,000 according to a statement made by Thomas H. Douglas, Jr., chairman of the republican state central committee.

Approximately 40 industrial enterprises receiving aid under the state industrial accident department have been assigned to various trade schools, business colleges and other institutions of learning in the state.

Conditions affecting aviation along the Oregon coast will be investigated and charted and photographs will be taken of landing points within the next ten days under supervision of the navy department.

More than 1500 members of the United Artisans from almost every section of Oregon, Washington and Idaho arrived in Salem Saturday night and Sunday to participate in the annual convention of the order.

The city water supply of Baker has been endangered by perforations of the standpipe causing a leakage of 250 gallons a minute. The holes are the result of rifle bullets, believed to have been fired deliberately.

Thirty-six aliens now receiving treatment at the state hospital at Salem will be deported to foreign ports about September 15, according to announcement made by Dr. R. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the institution.

The Marion-Polk intercounty bridge is badly in need of repairs and unless strengthened at an early date will be in danger of collapse, was the report submitted to the Marion county court by the state highway department.

The home farm buildings and a quantity of newly harvested grain owned by Clarence Marks, three miles east of Canby, were destroyed by fire. The loss was approximately \$15,000.

Brush fires ignited the buildings.

The Dealers' Motorcar association remitted to the secretary of state \$2497.16, covering the tax on gasoline and distillate sales for the month ending August 31. The association sold 267,315 gallons of gasoline during the month.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson, probably one of the few people yet living who as a slave child was given to a bride as a wedding gift, celebrated her 87th birthday at her home in Albany Monday. She has resided in or near Albany for 97 years.

That a scenic loop highway may be built in the Three Mile-Dry hollow district in Wasco county, a petition is in circulation among the voters of the district asking the county court to authorize survey and estimate of the expense of such a highway.

From present indications Oregon citizens aspiring to political office are not going to squander money in advertising their merits through the official voters' pamphlet. Up to date not a single page of space in the pamphlet has been reserved and reservations close September 22.

Orders were issued by the Oregon public service commission authorizing slight increases in rates of the Interurban Telephone company, with headquarters at Silverton; the Estacada Telephone and Telegraph company of Estacada; and the Lebanon Mutual Telephone company of Lebanon.

The Oregon Bar association, in session at Eugene, passed a resolution demanding that the judiciary committee of the United States senate at once make a report on the bill which has been lodged with that body for eight years and which will provide for a speedier and less expensive method of administering justice by American courts.

After a formal report was received from Stephen F. Mather, director of national parks, who recently made complaint regarding the conduct of the Crater Lake hotel, Governor Orin will call a conference of the committee named by his office recently to devise means whereby the accommodations may be improved to a degree satisfactory to the tourists visiting the resort.

Owing to a clause in one of the old game rulings numerous sportsmen have been led to believe that open season will be declared on quail some time in 1920. State Game Warden Burghdoff says that such is not the case and he is explaining to all who have inquired that the 1919 session of the legislature passed a bill prohibiting hunting for these birds and only legislative action can reopen the season.

That the taxpayers of Oregon next year will be confronted with a tax levy far in excess of any in the history of the state unless the legislature curbs the demand for appropriations was the opinion expressed by state officials who have received intimations of what may be expected. Besides a threatened increase of 15 per cent in the cost of conducting the state institutions for the biennium starting January 1, 1921, which will add approximately \$248,000 to the appropriations authorized at the beginning of the present biennium, several of the state departments now report funds about exhausted and probably will look to the state emergency board for financial relief.

## A VILLAGE WITHOUT AN OLD MAID

A village without an old maid sounds somewhat like a fairy tale, but several such places exist down below the Mason and Dixon line. "All the women get married in the mill villages of South Carolina, and at an early age," says a Y. W. C. A. industrial secretary stationed at Greenville, where she works among the girls in thirteen mills.

Perhaps economic independence has something to do with it, as marriage is not looked upon by the girls as a meal ticket, but as a fifty-fifty proposition. The wives do not give up their jobs but keep right on working.

That the textile industry in South Carolina absorbs a large number of women as well as men workers is not surprising considering the fact that there are as many as 125 mills in 20 counties. With the population of the state estimated at 1,600,015 people, 62,904 are mill workers, and 150,000 are dependent on mill pay. The valuation of the mills is 75 million and the weekly pay roll is one million.

White alkali earth found in a deposit at Morgues is being mined and shipped in carload lots to a big constructing company operating in Western Oregon for use in road paving. This newly discovered material is mixed with cement and applied as a top dressing on hard-surface work. When properly set it becomes hard as marble and entirely impervious to moisture.

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