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ter.SUBSCRIPTION RATES
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One year by mail..... \$1.00OLD ANIMOSITY CROPS OUT AT
SALEM

The lack of harmony apparent between the proponents of the fair and the up-state delegates to the state legislature is one of the inheritances of an earlier day that it is incumbent upon Oregon to forget if she is ever to take her place among the states of the Union, as far as development is concerned. With California and Washington developed far in advance of our state despite the greater resources here; with tourist traffic pouring through both our neighbor states and superior scenery unexplored within our own borders; with the magnificent Columbia River valley finding its natural outlet for an empire through the Portland gateway and yet the volume of business in Washington vastly exceeding our own; with the most fertile lands in the world lying, some untoured, some half cultivated and some farmed to anywhere near its capacity and the population of our state per square mile a mere fraction of our neighbor states; with all these facts staring them in the face the members of our legislature let petty bickering and reminiscences of old animosities obscure the greater issues of the day and failed to get together on a substantial and effective plan of financing the 1925 exposition. The wonderful opportunity of presenting a united Oregon, working in harmony for the development of the state's marvelous resources, has been lost. In its place has gone forth a sordid story of recrimination, accusation and petty jealousy that would be disgusting in boys of ten years and is inexhaustible from men of mature years and places of prominence in their respective communities.

What mattered it if the tax plan was unfair? The greater good of Oregon outweighed all mere matters of personal inconvenience. What mattered it again if the plan of financing need be changed completely? Oregon has men of financial wisdom whose plans do not depend solely upon getting money from the public treasury.

A compromise tax measure could have been framed that would have met all objections. There was merit in each of the measures proposed—perhaps more merit in any of the others proposed than in the one which was finally selected for the slaughter and which now seems doomed to defeat in the most ignominious manner possible—that of complete failure of the legislature to do anything.

The publisher of the Times has been opposed from the start to any form of taxation for the support of the fair. But when the committee in charge of the preliminary arrangements, which consists of men of wisdom in financial affairs of the state,

decided that a system of taxation was the most equitable and fair way to raise the money, this paper urged that the plans of the committee be carried out in order that no time might be lost.

When opposition developed at Salem, any student of Oregon politics might have known that the taxation scheme was ill advised and needed skillful compromise if it were not abandoned altogether. Yet men skilled in politics and versed in Oregon political history tried to bluff through a tax measure that had nothing to recommend it from the first and was worse than the first measure proposed.

A combination poll tax and property tax, with possibly the diversion of the excess revenues resulting from the present gasoline tax into the fund for the expenses of the fair, would have met with the approval of many people whom we have heard express themselves on this topic. But the method was not so material. The important thing was that Oregon should have been a unit on a plan of promoting this great fair. If a tax was not wanted by the people of the state, then the important thing was that some plan should have been evolved that all of the people could have united upon.

The opportunity for unity has passed. Bickering has begun. That the fair will be held, we have no doubt. Already too much publicity has been started for us to quit. But the benefit to all Oregon has already been injured by the selfish policies which developed at Salem. It is time for the politicians to set back and for conservative but aggressive businessmen to take charge of the fair and put forth some plan that can unite all Oregon for its support.

Happy New Year to all!

Better practice writing it 1922.

Get your New Year resolutions ready.

Here's hoping that 1922 will bring peace and prosperity to the whole world.

Resolve to do better work next year than you did this. Resolve to be a better citizen and do it.

Talk for your town and the community in which you live. Always be a booster. Nobody likes a knock-er.

The town of Beaverton and this fine community will go forward during the coming year. Let every citizen do his part.

Now is a good time to pay up your 1921 debts. When you pay you help others to pay. Then possibly some one will pay you. Make an endless chain of your paying. You never know where it stops. A dollar paid on an account pays many debts.

If you think your home paper is worth while and doing its part in making your community better, not only subscribe for it, but talk for it, write for it, get your neighbors to talk for it, write for it and subscribe for it. Do your part in boosting. That will make your home paper bet-

ter and more interesting to you and to your neighbors. Can we not expect this of you?

If your lodge or church news fails to appear in the Times as you think it should, do not blame us. Send us the news and we will publish it. We cannot belong to all of the lodges or all of the churches and their organizations and we respectfully ask that you see to it that the proper party sends us the news. If you would have it done well do it yourself.

Many times a town is judged by its newspaper and the way its news and advertising columns look. Do you appreciate what your home paper is doing for you and the town it represents? If you do get in and help push a good thing along. Pay your subscription promptly, advertise in its columns and speak a good word for it at every opportunity. You can help make your home paper better. Do it.

THE YEAR IN OREGON

It will add to the happiness of Christmas to reflect upon the substantial offerings of the year in Oregon.

During 1921 Portland's investment in new buildings reached \$17,374,776, of which \$10,000,000 went into the construction of 2906 residences. Last year the city had 996 residences being built, valued at \$8,400,000. This year's building operations were the greatest in 10 years.

During 11 months of this year foreign exports reached a total of \$61,060,000, and in that period more than 800 ships entered and cleared the port. The foreign and domestic import and export commerce of the year promises to exceed \$120,000,000. In climate of constructive achievement, both in terminals and channel and in business, this is the port's greatest year.

Oregon's farm products this year are valued at \$300,000,000. In other years the value, especially at war prices, has been greater but the volume is larger than ever before. Oregon's wheat crop, for instance, amounted to 28,000,000 bushels, which is 3,000,000 bushels more than the best preceding year.

Highway construction of the year puts Oregon in first rank. The amount spent for improved roads was \$18,250,000 and 188 miles of main highways were paved—Oregon Journal.

THE PRESIDENT'S ACTS OF
CLEMENCY

It is well to impress on enemies of the United States constitution and on those who obstructed the action of the government in war that the action of President Harding in the case of Eugene V. Debs is not a pardon but a commutation of sentence. It is therefore not an admission that he committed no crime and should not have been punished. It is a declaration that he has been punished enough and that the purpose of his imprisonment has been served.

Debs' sentence deprived him of the right to vote or hold office and that disability continues. He is thus disqualified ever again to run for president or any other office. That is notice to those who have voted for him that if they vote for a man who is disloyal to the republic, their votes will be wasted, whether they are cast because of or in spite of his disloyalty.

One of the president's acts of clemency to persons imprisoned for disloyal conduct in the war can be construed as amnesty. Grounds for amnesty may be found by the victors in civil war or other civil strife, for it is then desirable to extinguish memory of the division, so far as possible, in order to reunite the nation. No ground for such act can be found in the case of men who exert themselves against their country when it is engaged in a death combat with another nation. The conduct of such men, when put to the supreme test, marks them as public enemies and they are granted clemency because they have ceased to be actively dangerous after peace is restored.

The same distinction between civil and foreign war disproves the claim of men who oppose their own country in armed conflict with another nation to be treated as "political prisoners." That term may be applied to those who are imprisoned for their part in a domestic dispute which has culminated in civil war. It does not apply to men who take the side of the enemy in foreign war. At such times, the majority, having resolved on war, must accept the decision as their own in order that the nation may act as one, for that is an essential of victory. The difference between the loyal and disloyal in foreign war is not political; it is the same difference between friend and foe which causes soldiers of opposing armies to kill one another. Rather, it is greater, for the disloyal citizen is in our midst, mingling with the loyal, having knowledge of our military measures, and indiscoverable except by his acts and words. Though in time of peace the public safety may permit such a man to be at liberty, it forbids him any part in the government, especially in a public office which requires him to uphold the constitution that his opinions prompt him to tear down—Oregonian.

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News in Brief, Gathered From
Various Parts of the State

Nine hundred children attended Bend's annual community Christmas tree celebration.

La Grande's payroll is now over \$2,000,000, the O.W.R. & N. alone paying out \$1,044,816 in wages.

Connie Johnson of Union is dead as the result of an automobile wreck three miles from La Grande.

Farmers of Lake county who stored their wheat when the price was around the \$1.35 mark are now selling.

Two ice jams block the Columbia river within a few miles of The Dalles, completely spanning it in both instances.

The state highway commission will receive bids January 10 for the sale of 1,000,000 of 5 per cent state highway bonds.

December holds the low record for many years for marriage licenses in Astoria, only one having been issued so far this month.

Plans are already under way for the annual session of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge, which will be held in Eugene next May.

With the line of the Mount Hood railway open, shipments of apples from Hood River are increasing. Shipments last week reached 245 cars.

The Klamath Falls city council has accepted a bid of the Stutz company for a 10,000-gallon engine pump for the fire department, to cost \$13,000.

After the voters of the Bend school district had turned down a \$124,530 levy, the district board of directors met and passed a \$122,618 levy.

E. T. Aldhouse of Sinaloa brought into Eugene the pelts of eight bobcats, the bounty on which he obtained at the office of the county clerk.

Development at present to a depth of 100 feet in the Gold Coin mine at Gold Hill shows a fair sized vein of quartz running \$100 per ton in gold.

Baker has a packing company with a capital of \$50,000, articles of incorporation having been filed by W. P. Smith, Chris Smith and A. J. Durr.

Deaths in Portland decreased by 350 during the fiscal year ending November 30, from the 1920 figures, while births increased by 23 during the same period.

The salaries paid to teachers in Grant county amount to \$39,379 a year. There are 78 teachers in the county and the average salary is \$214.46 per annum.

The engineering work for Pendleton's septic tank, authorized at the special session in November, will be done by Baar & Cunningham, Portland engineers.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bogart, the first white child born in Lane county, died at Eugene at the age of 73 years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spores, pioneers of 1847.

More than 500 children of Hood River city and valley were carried by automobile Friday night to the Columbia Gorge hotel, where Manager Thiele was host to a Christmas party.

The house passed a bill appropriating money with which to pay the expenses of circuit judges who are required to leave their respective districts in the performance of their duties.

George Hell, alias Joe Hill, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, at Portland for killing W. C. Powers, pool room proprietor, October 22. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

W. M. Wohlander laid the last of the concrete paving at the Marshfield city limits last week, connecting North Bend and Marshfield with pavement and hooking up with 18 additional miles to Coquille.

Fred P. Williams, prominent lumberman of this state, was killed and his wife, son and daughter-in-law were injured in an auto wreck at the concrete highway bridge over Canyon creek near Canyonville.

The two men who were in charge of the eastbound O.W.R. & N. railway passenger train the night of December 1 when it collided with westbound No. 17 near Celilo, have been dismissed from service.

Suit for recovery of lands adjoining the Klamath Indian reservation will be instituted soon by the Klamath and Modoc Indians. The suit is based on an alleged error made in the survey following the treaty of 1864.

No. 1 hunting license for 1922 was issued to Mrs. Beatrice Clark of Portland, according to announcement by A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden. For several seasons Mrs. Clark has obtained the first hunting license.

John M. Jones was confirmed by the senate as postmaster of Portland. In the usual order Postmaster Jones should receive his commission in about two weeks. Other Oregon postmasters confirmed are: Major G. Miller, Dayton; Ruby O. Engelman, Ione; and Lawrence F. Clark, Rainier.

Higher salaries paid for school teachers in Lane county are attracting more men to that profession than for some time past, according to E. J. Moore, county school superintendent.

Two exhibits of White Spring wheat, exhibited at the Northwest Hay and Grain show in Pendleton in September, won first and second prizes at the International Hay and Grain show held recently in Chicago.

After a gun fight with bootleggers at Kerry, in which 17 shots were fired, Deputy Sheriff Hanson of Columbia county and Ernest Anderson succeed-

ed in arresting Arthur Warranka, alleged to be one of the gang, and lodged him in jail.

What is believed to be the longest record in the state as commander of a Grand Army post is held by I. W. Falk of La Grande, who has just been re-elected as commander of the local post. Mr. Falk is now beginning his 23d year as commander.

Extensive improvements at the state fish hatchery on the upper McKenzie that will increase greatly the facilities of the plant by the addition of several new breeding ponds to the state preserve, were announced by M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of the state fish properties.

Representative Sinsott appeared before the house appropriations committee to urge an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Powder river irrigation project in Baker county. The treasury estimates submitted to congress early in this month requested this appropriation.

That a determined effort will be made at the next regular session of the legislature to reduce taxes through the elimination of millage taxes and the lifting off of departmental appropriations was indicated by addresses made by legislators at Salem during the special assembly.

Elitist game hunting in the Modoc lava beds proved a costly pastime to J. C. Kreigh, a trapper, who was placed under arrest by Game Warden Courtwright and Miller, having been found with the carcasses of eight deer in his possession. He was brought before Justice Harrison Wilkins at Dorris and fined \$250 and sentenced to 150 days in jail.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended the operation of the proposed tariffs setting out increased rates which were filed recently by the Rockaway Beach company, the Garibaldi Beach Water company and the Tillamook Bay company. It is probable that a joint hearing will be held on these several matters at a reasonable early date.

The police system now in force in Portland is obsolete and a general revision is needed in order to put it on an efficient basis in accordance with the actual needs of the city, declared the tax supervision commission, in a report following the slice of \$75,000 taken off the police budget in which it scored the police department and pointed out its various deficiencies.

The Standard Oil company has submitted to the secretary of state \$44,251.28, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month of November. From the Union Oil company the secretary of state has received a check in the amount of \$18,220.87, while from the Associated Oil company there has been received the amount of \$14,388.50.

Senator McNary has written a letter to the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce, calling attention to the unfortunate condition of about 1100 ex-servicemen living in Oregon who are unemployed. The letter appeals to the chamber for heroic efforts to provide employment for as many of these men as possible and urges quick action on the part of the membership to use its influence to this end.

Applications for authority to construct four overhead crossings on the Pacific highway over the tracks of the Southern Pacific have been filed with the public service commission. These crossings are to be located at Oakland, Sutherlin, Wilbur and Shady Point, all of them being in Douglas county. It was estimated that the construction will involve an expenditure of approximately \$230,000.

After spending approximately \$250,000 in development work and running a tunnel 250 feet past the place where it was expected to find the Last Chance vein of gold ore, the Cornucopia Mines company cut the ledge Friday and a revival of the mining industry at Cornucopia is assured. Robert M. Butts, manager of the company, says that enough ore is apparently at hand to keep the mill running seven or eight years.

Judge Bingham of the circuit court at Salem granted a certificate of probable cause following the filing of a bill of exceptions in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, who was convicted recently of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell of Billard, Douglas county. Brumfield is under death sentence. The granting of the certificate automatically stays the execution of the convicted man, who was sentenced to hang in the state penitentiary January 15.

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