

The Springfield News

J. C. DIMM, WALTER R. DIMM
Editors and Publishers

Published Every Monday and
Thursday

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION
One Year \$1.50
Six Months .75
Three months .50
Advertising rates furnished on application.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS
CAMP CREEK Ruby Crabtree
MARCOLA Audrey Lewis
THURSTON, Mrs. Walter Edmiston
WALTERVILLE Malina Momb
WEST SPRINGFIELD, Gladys Lee
DONNA Charles Heck
COBURG Elsie Anderson
CEDAR FLAT Mrs. Anne Morse
WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mrs. Clara Childs

Member of the Willamette Valley
Editorial Association.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 6, 1916

BE SURE TO VOTE

Tomorrow is election day when every citizen in Oregon and every state in the union has a call to service; it is the day of the year when each citizen has a chance to help to administer the affairs of the state and the nation. Under the republican form of government it is not only the privilege of the citizen to cast his vote, but it is the duty of each citizen to express himself at the polls.

The necessity of voting is doubly important in Oregon. In this state we not only vote for office seekers, but the electors of the state must pass on eleven measures which, whether accepted or rejected, will vitally effect the government of the state.

Election day is a time when each person has an equal right to speak his sentiments and convictions. The vote of the humblest citizen counts just as much as does the vote of the most influential citizen.

Let us also remember this, voters. It only takes one to make a majority. If we cast our ballot we have done our part. Even if our candidates are not elected we have the assurance that we have done our part in supporting our favorite office seekers. If we do not vote and the election does not result as we would have it end, let us hold our peace because we did not do our part when we had the chance.

LIMITATION MEANS LOWER TAXES

If any voter doubts the necessity of tax limitation the budgets which have been compiled during the past two weeks should dispel that doubt. The budget for the city of Portland is \$400,000 higher than the budget of last year. The Portland papers have been full of argument for tax reduction but in spite of all that has been said the city commissioners propose to make next years tax \$400,000 higher than this years tax. There is only one way the taxpayer can secure a reduction and that is through the adoption of the Tax Limitation Amendment. Through the adoption of the Tax Limitation Amendment the voters will compel the city commissioners of Portland to reduce the extravagant budget which they compiled by \$311,000. Those who have studied the situation admit that such a reduction can be made without impairing the efficiency of the city government one iota.

While the people throughout the state are not particularly interested in Portland's taxes they are interested in state taxes. It is now positively known that state taxes are to be tremendously increased next year. Every state institution, except one, is asking for big increases in their annual appropriations. In addition to this there are rumors that big appropriations be made for other state purposes. By the time the next legislature has completed its labors and all of our fifty three state boards and commissions have secured their increased appropriations along with the increased appropriations for all of our state institutions the taxpayers will have their hands more than full. But the people of the state

have a remedy and they will use it. The Tax Limitation Bill will compel the city commissioners of Portland and the members of the next legislature to be economical. If the Tax Limitation Amendment is adopted Portland's taxes and State taxes will be limited to what they were this year plus six per cent. It means a tax reduction of \$300,000 for Portland and half a million dollars for the state,—and the efficiency of government may not be impaired in the slightest. It just means trimming off some of the frills.

SINGLE TAX DISCREDITS INITIATIVE

Regardless of one's attitude toward the Initiative we must all agree that its abuse can only result in its abolishment. By the continual submission of Single Tax under varying ballot titles the friends of Single Tax are bringing the Initiative into disrepute.

In 1908 Single Tax was submitted and defeated.

In 1912 Single Tax under the guise of a sur-tax was submitted and defeated.

In 1914 Single Tax was submitted under the ballot title of "The Fifteen Hundred Dollar Exemption Bill" and it was again decisively defeated. Now we have the same old Single Tax submitted to us under the name of "The Full Rental Value Land Tax."

How long is this clattering of the ballot to continue. How many times must the people of Oregon reject Single Tax before its friends will discontinue their agitation for it? How many times must we reject Single Tax before the Fels Fund of Pennsylvania will realize that we do not wish to be the guinea pig upon which they are to test out their theories through the injection of the Single Tax serum?

There are a great many people in Oregon who are very friendly to the initiative. They consider it a means of securing legislation for which there is a great demand when the legislature fails in its pledges to the people. Such persons are coming to realize that one whole system is coming into disrepute because of its improper use by the friends of Single Tax. It must be unanimously agreed that if a Constitutional Amendment were submitted which would prevent the future submission of single tax it would be overwhelmingly adopted. The people of Oregon do not want Single Tax and they are sick and tired of its continual submission through the initiative. Which shall we do, abolish the initiative or abolish those abusing it? We must take our choice for one or the other must happen and that soon.

UNJUST TAXATION

About six years ago, Springfield was growing as a rapid rate and as a growing child needs larger clothes often it enlarged its boundaries and in the end the town limits became large enough to hold a city of 50,000 people. Several farms were taken into the town and today they are still farms. As far as town improvements and town advantages are concerned these farmers have not reaped any direct benefit. They have had their taxes increased and have helped pay for the benefits of others.

The outlying farms that are included in the town limits of Springfield have no city water, they have no electric lights, they have no fire protection, they have no police protection, they do not have sewers, they do not have improved streets, they do not have street lights at night. But they do have city taxes to pay. Who gets the benefit? The man who lives in the more thickly populated part of town.

When the town was growing it voted in an 80 acre farm at the north east corner of the city limits which to this day has received no direct benefits from this corporation, except the privilege of paying 17 mills additional taxes. Now the owner of this farm is asking the voters of Springfield to remove her property from the limits of this town.

There is no doubt in the world that the owner would be glad to pay city taxes if she were receiving any benefit from the payment of the money. According to the founders of the government one is supposed to pay taxes for the support of the government in proportion to the benefits received.

DOG SAYS—SAYS HE

The man who is always finding fault with his neighbor ought to go down to Mexico where they are glad to fight.

Soon the election will be over and then what will we do for amusement.

We have heard of towns that were full of dead beats. This town seems to be full of blind spuds!

Our fair little contributor has grabbed at another poetic star and this is what was pulled down.

The sights, they are many
And strange that were seen;
Of ghosts and black goblins
On last Hallow'e'en.

Jack Frost and his helpers
Were plainly outclassed.
By the little soap goblin
Who painted on glass.

It seems that the goblins' joy
Could not be complete.
Unless Eggimann's wood pile
Was strewn on the street.

It was a new miracle,
And our preacher was right;
For dozens of cabbages
Grew on his lawn over night.

But miracle of miracles
And joy of all joys;
Some little school girls
Had turned into boys.

O, sorrow of sorrows,
And hurt of all hurts;
Some poor helpless boys
Had traded trousers for skirts.

The Cruiser of the Malted Fathers
(Prose Poem by R. P. Hutton)

We're building lumber schooners
now to trade the world's broad oceans,
since brewers "schooners" ceased to
trade upon our narrow notions, and
Oregon went dry. Our fiery steel
plants now erect us towering structural
steel, where legislatures wrecked
us with destructive public steals, 'fore
Oregon went dry. Oregon Dry seeks
railroad ties; more business builds
more railroad, but beer deadlocked,
big business blocked, and their private
bills would "railroad" when Oregon
wasn't dry. The wages "banks" of
losing coined and minted into Juleps,
the savings banks now coin and mint
to smiles for loved one's true lips,
since Oregon's happily dry.

But the hop that made John Barley-
corn go foaming at the mouth now
makes the brewers hopping mad;
they're crazy with the drouth, 'cause
Oregon's so dry. For the logan high-
balls at sober dry balls, where songs
are never ribald, make brewers' eye-
balls red and piebald; their tongues
hang out for ryeballs, swearing Ore-
gon's too dry. But Barleycorn was
full of kernals, and the colonels full
of "corn," as a brewery scheme for
"maltin nursing mothers' milk" was
born in Oregon arid dry. They wept
till sham pain wellnigh flooded poof
humanity; then their schooner ark
they boosted with classical profanity,
at Oregon over dry.

Lid-lifting jokes (en coma some)
then went in two by two; "original
package," "medicine" and "bottlehouse"
"doctors," too, for Oregon painfully
dry. They all said "Prost!" Then
with a toast they named the schooner
"Camel," for a desert ship with a
desert name was all they dare empanel
for Oregon advertisers dry. The jokers
cracked some jokes that cracked their
sides—likewise the truth's—when in-
siders' insides got outside cider, and
that broke up the cruise, on applejack
extra dry. So they that parted in
peace soon parted in pieces, on this
jitney joyride "bust", for they didn't
trust, as here we must, the legislativ-
trust, the Oregon voters dry.

For when Oregon sense toop up the
scent, this message back it sent: "Dry
saves our senses and our cents; for
beer we care no cent, for Oregon's glad
to be dry. Your equal rights we'll
give you right, for we'll import cock-
tails less. You Oregon rousters hence-
forth shall be known as roosters, cock-
tailless, in Oregon totally dry, O! Barleycorn,
we've 'got the corn' and you're a proven liar. We like it dry,
and bye and bye we'll dry this dry
still dryer—yes, Oregon stills still drier
The fathers and mothers and patri-
ot others will take no brewery fiers.
They all have votes, and, more worth
note, they're the biggest cash trade
buyers; so they're perfect Oregon
driers.

"O patriots, let the stillside on the
hillside still be still," and patriots
answer, "Stillside on the hillside shall
be still, and Oregon still dry. For we'll
hit 'em a crack so they can't come
back, when we all vote three fifteen.
Then we'll aim a blow at out mail-
order foe with a vote for three sixteen,
and Oregon extra dry. "Mark it three
fifteen; Mark it three fifteen! for
breweries shan't come nigher. Mark
it three sixteen! Mark it three six-
teen! This old state shall be drier;
Rah! Rah! For Oregon dry and drier!
For hie and bye, and that day's nigh,
we'll shout, "The nation's dry." And
when our eyes see Paradise, where
every nation's dry, we'll register,
"From Oregon, the Driest!"

NEWTON J. BRYANT
Franklin, Oregon
Candidate for
COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR
LANE COUNTY
Will conduct the office as econ-
omically as good business will
permit, and equalize assess-
ments to the best of my judg-
ment.
(Paid Advertisement)



MARION VEATCH
Candidate for County Coroner
I want to thank the voters of
all political affiliations who aid-
ed in my election to the office of
County Coroner two years ago
and will appreciate your support
on Nov. 7th.

I believe in caring for all cases
without calling a physician or
putting the County to the ex-
pense of holding an inquest un-
less absolutely necessary.

We have good and convenient
equipment for handling the
work and if elected will render
the same fair and economical
service to the County and every
one concerned.
(Paid Advertisement)

R. Y. PORTER

Candidate for County Commis-
sioner on the Democratic Ticket

I stand for a common-sense
administration of county busi-
ness, want a dollar's value for
every dollar spent and if elected
will see to it that the tax payer
receives this. I want an econ-
omical administration of county
affairs and if elected will do my
utmost to see that this condi-
tion prevails, regardless of
politics.

I reside near Walker, Ore.
and have for 38 years. I am a
farmer and have made a study
of the road question. I favor
each district having its allotted
amount of road money. If elect-
ed will exert my best efforts to
see that all parts of the county
receive fair treatment at the
hands of the County Court.

RENEROW Y. PORTER.
(Paid Advertisement)

JAMES CALVERT
of Junction City,
Democratic Candidate for
REPRESENTATIVE

I favor the reduction of taxa-
tion and the abolishment of
useless commissions.

I oppose bond issues to please
paving companies.

I am unalterably opposed to the
transfer of the school district
unit to the county unit.

I favor the state printing its own
school books and selling the
same to students and patrons
at cost, as other states are
doing.
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Vote for

L. L. RAY

and insure

EFFICIENT
ECONOMIC

IMPARTIAL
INTELLIGENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Paid Advertisement)

E. O. POTTER

Republican Nominee for Circuit
Judge

2ND. JUDICIAL DISTRICT

A native of Lane County and
a practicing lawyer in Eugene
for 26 years.
(Paid Advertisement)

Our National Bank
is a member
of the Federal
Reserve
System of
Banks.

THE "FEDERAL RESERVE" SYSTEM OF
BANKS, OF WHICH OUR BANK IS A MEMBER, WAS
THOUGHT OUT BY THE BEST BRAINS IN THE
BANKING AND BUSINESS WORLD.

THIS SYSTEM DEMANDS THAT A BANK BE
SOUND BEFORE IT CAN BECOME A MEMBER
BANK.

WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOUR BANKING BUSI-
NESS AND SHALL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU COME
IN AND "MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME."

BANK WITH US

96-223
The First National Bank
of Springfield, Oregon

Why not save and deposit in our Savings Department
one-twelfth of your total taxes each month? By so dis-
tributing the tax burden over the entire year, it will not
seem so heavy.

4 per cent on savings.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, EUGENE, OREGON.

The Farmer's Store

This is the store where the farmer goes. We
always take his produce and pay the highest market
prices. He is always sure of getting the best quality
groceries so he trades here. Ask the farmer, he will
tell you to go to Sikes' when you want good groceries.

The Fifth Street Grocery

THOS. SIKES, Prop. PHONE 22

Note the Contrast

We are modern and up-to-
date in our methods and ma-
chinery.

The old way was good
enough in its day, but it is
now out of date.

We aim to give your Print-
ing the same up-to-datenss
that marks the difference be-
tween "The New Way" and
"The Old Way."

This change in character will make it a
source of profit instead of a bill of expense.
We solicit a trial order.

The Springfield News

Phone 2