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SOME EXPLAINING IN ORDER

Our county court, reports say has expended a quarter million dollars in excess of what the 6 per cent law allows and outstanding warrants for this amount cannot be paid from this year's tax funds.

This condition places Linn county in a bad predicament. These warrants were issued by the court in payment for money due and which must be paid in some way. Linn county is not bankrupt and just claims against the county cannot, must not, be repudiated. The courts will enforce payment no matter if the debt was unlawfully incurred.

Our county court is the lawfully authorized agent of the county. In its official capacity the court is ad-

up the overdraft. But will they do calls for, and they generally do, the ponsible?

county treasurer responsible for the it can do nothing else but provide court's error, or whatever it may be for the payment.

are purely ministerial and to obey law if state employes are not rethe direction of the court. When a quired to live up toit? Turkey dinmoney in the particular fund, or if with it? there is money which must be ap-

plied to the payment of warrants of current year, then the warrant is stamped "Not paid for want of funds," etc.

But Treasurer Powell had money in this particular fund and thought she had no option but pay them. The court should have instructed her as to her duty in this regard.

At all events the county's finances are in a bad muddle and it is up to good policy not to kill the goose wherefore. The court must do so

if it expects any relief by the people at the special June election.

FOLLOWING WILSON'S POLICIES

President Wilson's policies of government must not have been so very wrong or President Harding would not follow them up. President Harding seems inclined to make haste be doing very soon.

relative to domestic affairs. Our a serious problem created by unforeign policy may be and probably regulated bus operation. will differ with that of Wilson's.

in of force, which is unthinkable.

The 38 or 40 nations which now constitute the league may stipulate operation is toward growth. It is that the U.S. must become a mem- under no form of regulation as reber of the league if she insists on gards safety, convenience and adehaving a voice in world affairs. These other nations have indicated facilities. The railroad is regulated a willingness to modify the league in all these particulars. The busses covenant somewhat in order to have at times use the railroad's station we continue to stand aloof. However, in another week the

it, or will they hold the court res- "emergency" board is called together and allows the deficiency; the Pre-It is nonsense to try to hold the money is spent and this board thinks

called. The duties of the treasurer So what is the use of the budget

warrant is presented to the treasurer ners to those who live off the bounty for payment he or she is expected of the state cost money. What is to pay the same. If there is no law for if officials will not comply

> Some day when the bonds mature which the state, counties and towns seem to issue recklessly and for which we are getting small value, payday will arrive. Then Oregon will not be a desirable state in which to own property. In fact, if the is present annual increase of taxation continues the county and state will

own much of the property. It is a which lays the golden egg. Hence, tax-levying bodies should be less exorbitant in their demands.

The farm woman in a family of five, who pumps, carries, pours and handles water by hand, lifts an average of one ton of water a day.

The Free Lance Utility.

Although a report circulated yes slowly and thereby shows he is level | terday that the Oregon Electric railheaded. But as congress is again in way was about to go into the hands session it is thought something will of a receiver was unauthorized there is no dispute that this and other However, this "following up" is short rail lines in Oregon are facing

At committee hearings when regu-But the vigorous notes sent by Sec- lation of automobile lines was underretary Hughes will almost compel a consideration by the legislature, it ratification of the Versailles treaty was stated by representatives of the whole or in part, if America Oregon Electric that in 1920 the sysmaintains her rights as outlined in tem paid no return whatever on the these notes to England, France and investment and, moreover, after Japan, unless we resort to the rule paying taxes, showed a deficit in operating expenses of \$279,000.

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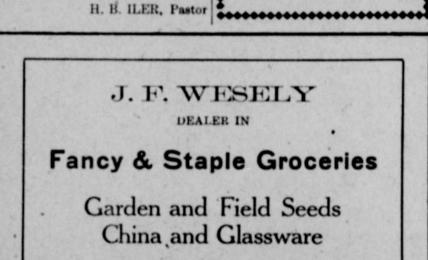
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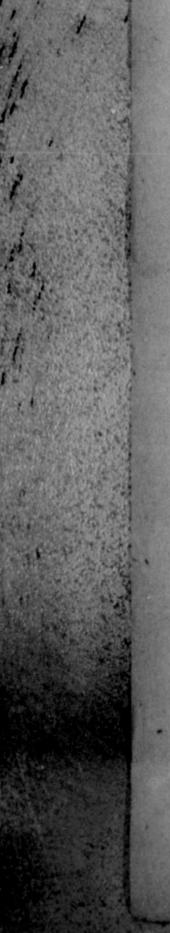
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ministrative. It has power to say what improvement shall be made and at what cost. But the court may not expend more money than is provided by law. In other words, the court is not empowered to incur a larger debt than the money provided will discharge, without violating law and its sworn duty to the people.

In December of each year the county court makes up a tax budget for the probable expense of the year following. It knows how much is due the state, the pay roll for county officials, for schools, for roads, etc. Each separate fund must be devoted to the specific purpose intended and the court commits an unlawful act when it issues a county warrant against a special fund when such fund is exhausted.

will do, it is said, is to enact an Now an honest mistake might be emergency tariff law. An increase made and a few hundred dollars in warrants issued when the particular of the tariff rates will add but little, if any, to the government revenue. fund is exhausted, but it is nonsense to suppose that such mistakes should It is just a scheme in the interests amount to a quarter million dollars of the American manufacturer and to make the American consumer pay and the court not know it; for our more for his goods. court is composed of men who know

the law and can make calculations

with figures. Therefore, we are Congress, it is said, will enact a forced to conclude that the court "budget" law. Well, if it does not knowingly transcended its lawful provide for an "emergency board" authority. at the same time a budget law may

Laws are enacted with the expec- be of some value. We have a budtation that they will be obeyed, and get system here in Oregon. That is especially public servants who are to say the various institutions make sworn to obey the law, should be estimates of what they will need for very particular in this respect. the two years intervening between

Now, if an individual issues a bank legislatures. The state board which 'ing brick. The remainder of the land check and his account at the bank is inspects and passes upon these estioverdrawn, he is punished severely mates pares them down to a reasontherefor. Our court has issued war- able figure. But the institutions go rants largely in excess of the funds ahead and spend as much money as provided expecting, of course, the their superintendents think proper.

known to the world. Then we will ties, and the effect on these of failknow what this "Yap" business ure of electric interurban service portends.

Secretary Hughes is to be commended for the vigorous declara- automobile bus is a natural developtions in these notes, for every Am- ment of hard surface road construcerican citizen can see the importance tion and perfection of auto locomoof America contending for her rights tion, But its development ought to in the affairs of the world.

One of the first things congress

America become a member, when, facilities without cost to them. The of course, America's voice would be railroad provides its own right of heard and very likely conceded to, way and road bed. The bus travels But Secretary Hughes' diplomacy on the free highway, built and paid will have hard sledding so long as for by the public. It seeks only the higher-rate one-way travel. It ofters no commutation tickets to the Harding foreign policy may become resident of the close-in communi-

would be most severe. It will not be disputed that the

be on a basis fair to competitors and fair to the public. It now meets neither of these moral requirements. They will of necessity have to be made legal requirements sooner or later.-Portland Oregonian.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 24 according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were Herbert W. Notter, shipyard worker, Portland, and Sanford H. Holgate, meat cutter, Astoria. A total of 364 accidents were reported to the comentssion.

The state has closed a deal whereby it came into possession of approximately 73 acres of land adjoining property now occupied by the penitentiary and state hospital. Approximately 18 acres of the land is of clay soil that will be utilized by the prison in manufacturis general in its character and will be planted to berries and other products necessary in the maintenance of the state institutions.

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