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### FOUR YEAR COUNTY TERMS

(Oregon Voter)

Some county officers are elected for 6-year terms, some for four years and others for only two years. For county judge the term is six years; for county commissioners, auditors, assessors, and school superintendents the term is for four years while for county clerks, sheriffs, treasurers, recorders, surveyors and coroners the term is only two years.

The State Constitution fixes the terms of some of these officers. That for county judge is fixed at four years, but the legislature changed it to six years, evidently going beyond its powers, although the length of term has not been questioned as yet as the first of the six-year county judges will have entered upon his fifth year January 2, 1923. The six-year provision probably will be tested in time for the 1922 primaries and elections.

The constitution also fixes the term of county commissioners at four years, but does not cover the other county officers which have been created by the legislature with four-year terms. For County Clerk and Sheriff the constitution fixes a two-year limit. The legislature created the offices of treasurer, recorder, surveyor and coroner and fixed the term at two years. The constitution specifies that the legislature shall not create any office the tenure of which shall be more than four years.

Considerable agitation has sprung up from time to time for four-year terms for those county officers whose terms are now fixed either by constitution or law, for two years only. This agitation is based mainly on the theory that the public service suffers when an officer's tenure is liable to interruption every two years. The fact that the recall power has been voted into the constitution makes it possible for electors to remove any officer during his term and thereby curtail those evils apprehended by the makers of the constitution when they limit some terms to two years.

An amendment to the constitution changing the limit from two years to four years for the 2-year officers was proposed by initiative petition at the 1914 election, but was defeated by a popular vote of 8284 for, and 107,029 against. The matter has come before subsequent legislatures in order to have a similar amendment submitted again but the legislatures failed to submit it.

Herbert R. Sewart, Portland, and R. J. Greene of La Grande, have submitted copy of a proposed constitutional amendment of Section 5 of Article 7 of the Constitution of Oregon, to the Secretary of State, in order that he may present the same as provided by law to the Attorney General for the preparation of an appropriate ballot title.

The proposed amendment provided, "there shall be elected in each county by the qualified electors thereof, at the time of holding general election a county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner and surveyor, who shall severally hold their offices for the term of 4 years. The provision of this section fixing the term of office for 4 years is self executing and shall become effective on the first Monday of January, 1921, when said county officers elected at the regular November, 1920, election shall qualify."

Just why this amendment should be proposed to "Section 5 of Article 7" we do not know, as that section pertains solely to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and is followed by other sections relating to supreme court terms and duties. It is in later sections of Article 7—Sections 14 and 16—that the needs of county clerks and sheriffs are specified. But Oregon's constitution has been made such a hodge-podge by all considered constitutional amendments adopted by the people that this proposal is typical rather than the exception in the inconsistency of location within the constitution.

Who the proponents of this measure are we do not know, but as citizens of Oregon they have just as much right to initiate constitutional revision as have W. S. U'Ren, C. S. Jackson and other individuals who in a singular personal capacity have initiated other measures which have been adopted.

However, on its general merits, the 4-year term proposal should be adopted. Its inconsistency as to language or location do not detract from its intrinsic merit. There is no good reason why the public service in the offices indicated should be subjected to an upheaval every two years. Four years is often enough for an election disturbance in these important county offices.

### SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY OPENS AT UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 12.—The school of sociology, with Professor F. G. Young as dean, has been created at the University from the department of sociology. A program of work has been outlined for the new school along the lines of general commonwealth development and social service, which will provide for technical instruction of students for work in rural and municipal districts. The work in the rural districts will be carried on at the University, while the extension division of the school of sociology at Portland will have charge of the other phase of the work. Under this plan there will be no duplication of work offered by the school.

In this new work the University will be regarded as an agent in working out the social program which is to raise the vitality of the communities and begin on a peace basis of activities. The northwest division of the American Red Cross will send a nurse to the University who will investigate conditions in the rural districts and who will direct the students in this work. Such problems as housing, health conditions and community work will be studied. Very little subject matter will be required as it is planned to give training through actual experience as much as possible. Under this plan as outlined the students will have the opportunity for field work and for the study of actual cases. This same plan will be carried out in the more complicated conditions of the city at the Portland division of the school.

The work as planned by the school of sociology has to do with the training of city managers, secretaries of the chambers of commerce and social and philanthropic workers. Two years of consecutive work is offered and A. B. and A. M. degrees will be given by the University to students who have completed the required amount of undergraduate work.

Dr. J. Franklin Thomas, who received his Ph. D. from Columbia University and who was formerly secretary of charity organizations in New York City, has charge of the direction of the work to be carried on at the Portland branch of the school of sociology.

Roy V. Whiteis has bought the Floyd Thomas house on Green street as an investment. He expects to enlarge and improve the house and keep it as a rental property.

## New Price List At Star Theatre

Commencing Wednesday, Oct. 15, prices will be as follows:

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Adults 30 cents; Children 10 cents.

On Saturday and Sunday, Adults 30 cents; Children 20 cents.

This change rather decreases than increases the prices, and is made solely to facilitate printing of tickets and rendering of tax statements to the government. Extra special features will be Adults 50 cents and Children 30 cents. In our advertisements we will try to have the price on every picture so that you can if you read, know that price before you come.

### DOES WHEAT FARMING PAY

Brown & McMenamin report the sale a few days ago of the C. H. Veghte ranch, near Morgan, to H. A. Edmunds, who came to the county two years ago from Walla Walla. The tract contains 1600 acres and the price including stock and equipment approaches \$40,000.

A pretty good answer to the oft repeated inquiry, "Does wheat farming pay in Morrow county?" may be given by reciting a bit of Mr. Edmunds' recent history. Before coming here he was farming in the Walla Walla valley where because of a train of untoward circumstances, he went broke. Loading his family and effects in to a covered wagon Mr. Edmunds headed for Morrow county where he rented the Winslow place near Ione but he had not more than got started until his eldest son, Forrest, was drafted into the army. The family had pluck, however, and the day Forrest left for the army his 17-year-old sister, Pearl, donned her overalls and took charge of an 8-mule team which she drove every day there was farming to do until her brother returned. The result was the purchase of a \$40,000 ranch two years later. Mr. Edmunds will have 2000 acres of wheat to harvest next summer.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The first month of the school has passed quickly and we have settled down to our studies at last.

We have enrolled in the high school this year about 95 students and fully expect to increase it to 100 before long.

This week was featured by junior loud box day when all the juniors appeared wearing hostility of very pronounced colors.

Miss Zella Profit was enrolled as a freshman Monday.

The boys have decided to drop foot ball and take up basket ball be-

cause there will be no foot ball teams in the county.

The two literary societies have organized and are now looking forward to their first program to be given in the near future.

The slight measles epidemic has kept some of the students out but they are now returning.

If you want what you want when you want it try a classified ad.

### NOTICE

We the undersigned have taken up the following described horses, Saturday, October 11th, 1919, which will be sold at public auction at 2 p. m. Saturday, October 25th, 1919, on the Chas. Dillsbaugh farm located two miles south and two miles west of Boardmans, unless redeemed by owners or their representatives:

1 bay mare, star in forehead, brand D on left shoulder.

1 iron gray horse about yearling, two white hind feet, brand D probably blotched.

1 iron gray horse, four white feet, about yearling, brand D on left shoulder.

1 sorrel saddle mare, white face, brand 18 on right stifle, white on hind feet.

1 pinto gelding, white face, brand 3-balls on right stifle and lazy D on left shoulder.

1 gray gelding, brand unknown on right flank and quarter circle diamond on right shoulder.

1 bay gelding, brand GS with bar under on right stifle.

1 bay gelding, star in forehead, brand diamond with bar under on left stifle.

1 bay gelding, brand JA connected on right thigh.

H. A. BERGER,  
GEO. HUSTON,  
L. H. CARPENTER,  
W. H. MEPPORD.

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### PEOPLE GET RICH IN TWO WAYS

The minority through skill and success in investments and trading. The majority through systematic saving of small sums and the accumulation of interest on these small sums.

If you save a dollar a day at THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK the principal and interest will amount to \$1,967.98 at the end of five years—\$4,455.74 at the end of ten years. Smaller deposits than ONE DOLLAR earn the same interest and will increase proportionately. A SAVINGS ACCOUNT is the sure way.

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HEPPNER, OREGON

RESOURCES OVER ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS

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Choicest of Beef and Pork always in stock.

Dressed Poultry on Saturday. Fresh fish on Thursdays and Fridays. Cold meats for lunch cut on a U. S. Slicer is a money saver.

Our cold storage insures you the best of meats always.

OVIATT & HAPPOLD, Props.

## Fine Creek Ranch

We are offering a fine bargain in a 720-acre creek ranch of which 60 acres is alfalfa land under the ditch. Good orchard, three good barns, good dwelling. No. 1 grass land.

PRICE \$20,000 ON EASY TERMS

### Good 6-Room House

right in the edge of town with one acre good garden land. Good well of water, small barn.

PRICE \$1100.00. ONE-HALF CASH  
TERMS ON BALANCE

## Roy V. Whiteis

THE REALESTATE MAN

## Are You Interested In The Wood Business?

If you are read this about a machine you need:



## Do You Like to Run a Cross-Cut Saw?

If you don't let us tell you how to side-step it.

## GILLIAM & BISBEE

The Largest Flower.  
Mandarin produces the largest flower in the world. Its habit is the Paeony habit, 2.50 feet above sea level. The natives give it the name of Holo. Its full-blown, fringed petals, is over three feet in diameter and weighs 22 pounds. The flower was first found in Sumatra.

Plant to Be Dreaded.  
One of the most terrible plants in existence is the Acaepha gigantea, which is common in Abyssinia, and grows also in Ceylon. When cut, a milky sap exudes from the stem and leaves, and the least drop of this will cause total blindness if it comes in contact with the eyes.