

K. A. MILLER WRITES ON BOND INVALIDATION.

A recent issue of the Oregon Voter contains a thoughtful article on the invalidation of assessment bonds in three widely separated states, and the efforts made to protect the credit of the state—in two cases but not the third. The article follows:

"I have seen recently several items in financial publications stating what the people of Florida and Texas are doing to protect their credit in connection with invalidated bonds and I have in mind, especially, the manner in which the business men of Texas have brought about a meeting of the state legislature. This meeting had for its sole object the passage of a law which will validate all their special road district bonds. These bonds, as I understand it, are of a special assessment nature, very similar to the local improvement district bonds of Washington which are now in such ill repute.

"The contrast between Florida, Texas and Washington is very marked. As you are well aware, four years ago the supreme court of the state of Washington decreed that, with the sale of property for general taxes to the county, the assessment liens behind improvement bonds were automatically eliminated. Since that time there have been numerous sessions of the legislature held and, at each session, some one from the outside called to the attention of the legislators the damage which was accruing to the credit of the municipalities and reflecting upon the integrity of the entire state. However, the legislators scoffed at anything which would end the repudiation of the cities' bonds. Public officials, generally, referred to the bondholders as simps and suckers. "Citizens of Washington, clergymen, bankers, bonding companies, newspapers, the national organization of the investment bankers and other factors

have sought for all these years to get some sort of action which would stop the repudiations more or less rampant in Washington.

"Yet, in Texas, it didn't take four years for the people to realize the significance of a decision of the supreme court which affected the validity of their special improvement road district bonds. Hardly had the decision been made public than mass meetings of bankers and business men were held throughout the state culminating in a caucus of prominent legislators and, now "Ma" Ferguson is calling a special session of the Texas legislature. Out of 181 senators and representatives, 115 have agreed in writing to meet and pass a bill which has for its sole object the validation of all bonds wherein there may be any question. In the Texas case it was held that the property owners would not have to pay their taxes and every incentive was given them and the officials to evade the payment of their assessments and void the bonds and to otherwise repudiate their obligations, but obviously there is an entirely different feeling among the people of Texas than there is in Washington, especially when you compare four years to two or three months.

In Florida, when a similar question to that of Texas arose, the people demanded of the governor that a special session be held to eliminate the loopholes in the Florida law and now we read of the county commissioners of 22 counties appearing before the governor requesting that immediate action be taken to protect the credit of the State of Florida.

What is wrong with the people of Washington when the legislature will do nothing to prevent the continuing losses to bondholders and let the integrity of them all be brought so prominently into question? This is beyond my understanding and, perhaps, you have an answer. If not, maybe some of the Washington readers of your estimable publication will be glad to offer an explanation."

GRESHAM LOCALS

A Mrs. Johnson, enroute from Seattle to Chicago by automobile, while camped on the Base Line road Sunday where she was preparing a meal, had the misfortune to overturn a pot of boiling coffee onto her self, the burns being of such a painful nature it was necessary to secure the aid of a physician, help from Gresham being hastily summoned. After having the injuries dressed, the traveler was able to proceed on her way.

L. L. Kidder and family drove to Salem Sunday and called on former Gresham residents, the Rev. A. S. Hisey and family. Miss Joyce Kidder remained for a few days in Salem, the guest of Miss Helen Hisey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bumps and three daughters, who came to Gresham from California about a week ago, moved to Portland Sunday, where Mr. Bumps has work. While in Gresham the family resided on Fourth street near Hood in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stockton drove to Wamic, Oregon, Saturday and visited with Mrs. Stockton's mother, Mrs. F. A. Palmateer, until the following day. They reported some extremely hot weather in central Oregon on the return trip.

John Homan, who so kindly remembered the Outlook with some of his famous strawberries, brought in a sample Monday of excellent Cuthbert raspberries, black caps and Mammoth blackberries grown on his ranch.

Mrs. Jack Cochran, of Tillamook, is the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Beegle this week. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pullen and Miss Lois Look, the latter from The Dalles, were also Sunday guests at the Beegle home.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, June 24, at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Honey. Flower Mission day will be observed with a brief program. Mrs. Mary Mallett, the state president, will be present and speak concerning the coming state convention in Gresham in October. It is urged that those who have not yet done so turn in their dollar contribution for the Children's farm home at Corvallis at this meeting if possible. Automobiles will be at the library at 2:15 on Thursday afternoon to convey those who wish to attend the meeting.

A. Bitzer, of Portland, is driving the delivery at the Gresham meat market and otherwise assisting about the shop during the absence of George Flower who is taking a vacation of two weeks and looking after his fruit. The new Brown building is going forward steadily toward completion and it is expected the butcher shop will move into its new quarters within a week or ten days.

In a recent communication received from Miss Emma B. Johnson, of the Outlook force, as one of the party touring in Alaskan waters, she describes the scenery as grand and states that none of their party has been seasick. They are on board the S. S. Queen. The Gresham party will probably return about the middle of next week. At the time the card was written, June 18, the party was nearing Ketchikan.

As a result of the election held on Monday for a director and clerk for school district No. 4, the present incumbents, Arthur Dowsett and C. J. Lundquist, were elected to succeed themselves. Mr. Dowsett was re-elected as a director for a term of three years and Mr. Lundquist was re-elected clerk for a term of one year.

Miss Daisy Benjamin, from Reno, Nevada, was the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Todd over the week end. She is on her way home from California and expects to stop at Yellowstone National Park. Mrs. Erwin, of Gull Lake, Canada, was also a recent guest at the Todd home, visiting there and with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arundel and son, Bob, from St. Paul, Minnesota, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Walters. They recently spent several days with Portland friends at Seaside.

The Methodist Ladies Aid will meet in the church parlors Wednesday at 2:30. The presidents of the different circles will be the hostesses for the afternoon. A good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. George Preston, the former a son of Mrs. Mary Preston who resided in Gresham until her death, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Emery one day last week.

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A quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. Eleanor Boughner Wednesday when her granddaughter, Miss Mildred E. Montgomery, of Hood River, became the bride of Loren Cooper, of Powers., the Rev. E. G. Judd officiating. Mr. Cooper is a fire warden at Powers where the couple will reside. The bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery, her sisters and brother came down from Hood River to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cooley, of Portland, were the guests Sunday of their uncle, H. W. Cooley and family.

The first chrysanthemums of the season for this vicinity have been reported by Mrs. George Lane. Something almost unheard of in former years is the fact of the presence of dahlia blooms the middle of June. Several fine ones were seen Sunday in the various church bouquets, rich in coloring and fully developed, also a few cosmos blooms have been seen.

A communication received announces the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bee, of Howes Cave, New York. Mr. Bee was formerly an instructor in agriculture at Gresham Union high school.

The ladies of the Gresham circle of the Evangelical Women's union are arranging for a bake sale which will be held at the Cecil Metzger store June 26. Those to send donations are asked to do so as early in the day as possible.

A 20-horse power electric Wagner motor was installed in the feed grinding room at the A. W. Metzger store Monday by the Arthur Bjur electric store. The installation of this additional motor brings the horse power of the grinding room up to 60, which has been made necessary by the increased patronage of the feed mills in operation at this place. A grinder, chopper, roller and fanning mill are now in use at the Metzger feed rooms and they handle practically all kinds of grain.

Lester Spencer returned Saturday evening from a trip occupying nearly three months to California and from there to Missouri and Return. He travelled something over 7000 miles in his Overland and made much of the trip alone. An aunt accompanied him for about 200 miles in California and a man from Missouri was with him from there to Colorado.

Mrs. Alma J. Hauswirth has traded her Gresham property of house and two acres to John Christner for a house and lot near 21st and Taggart streets. The two families made the exchange of residence Monday. Harold Richmond, son of Mrs. Hauswirth, will continue his work at the Kidder Hardware store and will drive to and from Portland. The real estate transfer was negotiated through B. W. Thorne.

W. C. Burch is planning to leave tomorrow for Hemlock, Washington, where he will be in charge of the ranger station on the top of Lookout mountain.

Mrs. T. J. Hayes, of Portland, who has been at Newport beach, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Christena Humason.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Metzger drove to Corvallis Sunday to see their daughter, Cathryn, who is attending the summer school for club members.

G. J. Pitts has sold his home on Lawrence avenue to Chris Allen, a former rancher, who moved in Saturday. Mr. Pitts, who is employed at the brickyard at Hogan, has moved to Portland.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Young, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Pacific coast sight-seeing tourists, called on A. W. Metzger Thursday evening. They are former acquaintances of Mrs. Metzger whose girlhood home was at Fort Wayne.

Miss Ethel McElroy, of Salem, is spending the week with Miss Neva Jackson.

Oscar Johnson is suffering from an infected finger, the result of a slight cut about two weeks ago. Since that time he did some painting around the premises and this seemed to re-infect the sore and proud flesh has been seen at different times. It was necessary to have it lanced by a surgeon a short time ago.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cecciani on June 21, a son.

William Mills slipped on a wet incline to a barn at the C. M. LaFollette peach ranch on Friday and sustained a fracture of the arm, the head of the humerus being broken by the force of the fall. The fracture was set by a Gresham surgeon.

John Conley, who formerly resided in Gresham but who has been with his niece, Mrs. R. Beadle and family in Powell Valley for the past two years, is reported to be suffering from bronchial trouble and has been under the doctor's care. His condition is slightly improved at present. He has recently enjoyed a visit from his brother, P. Conley, of Springfield. Mr. Conley is having his house on Fourth street newly painted and renovated throughout, C. E. Jackson doing the work.

Legion Backs Three-Day Celebration
It is understood that recently a rumor has been afloat to the effect that the boys of the American Legion were not back of the three-day celebration to be held at the fair grounds in Gresham, July 23, 4 and 5. Those at the head of arrangements wish to emphatically deny this allegation and state that the American Legion post of Gresham has the complete management of affairs of the big three-day carnival which includes horse racing, dancing, baseball, fireworks, vaudeville stunts and music by the Gresham band.

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