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Tillamook Headlight,

Editorial Snap Shots.

Pity the sorrows of the poor taxpayers.

Taxes are on a par with Tillamook land—darn'd high, boys.

The editors are not a bad looking bunch, after all, considering the many mean things said and published about them.

Ge, wiz, the wind was tropical on the bay last week, and we felt quite concerned for fear it would catch up the city on the bay and make it an addition to the metropolis.

"The people!" Yes, "the people" elected the most extravagant state legislature in the history of Oregon last November, having little or no regard as to how excessive they were making taxation.

Bro. Gove, the great apostle of the Independent church, has gone to the hot place—we mean the hottest place in California—to reside. Whether basking in the sunshine will have any better effect propagating his peculiar religious views remains to be seen.

Taxes come high—with every probability that they will continue to get much higher when the state is unfortunate in having such an extravagant legislature. It was anti-assembly, it is true, but the anti howlers had no conscience when it came to considering the taxpayers' interests.

So Tillamook County is to be disjointed. And is to have a representative in the state legislature without the "joint" prefix. This county has been yoked up with Old Yamhill for many years with either a joint senator or representative, but the connection proved most agreeable and pleasant to both counties.

Those who have been predicting that the large saw mills will be located on Tillamook Bay will have to exercise a little more patience before they will be able to see this. In the natural course of events it is going to be four or five years before the bar is improved, and until that time there is not much likelihood of many big saw mills being erected there.

Bro. Baker seems to be surprised to see two of his brethren still in the "dry column" after the county has gone "wet." They might have been "wet" before election, Bro. The rule of contraries applies to editors as well as mules.—Nehalem Enterprise. Just so, Bro. Effenberger, but that's better than "once a jackass already, always a jackass yet."—Cloverdale Courier.

Don't get too gay, Bros., with your jackass ideas.

Patronize home industry is good advice. It is a matter which concerns this city as well as every business man. So be loyal to your home town and patronize the local merchants and local industries. We all see the need of pay rolls in this city, and to foster them it becomes necessary to patronize them and business houses as well, and in that way the money is kept longer in circulation in the home town. Let everybody "ake a pride in patronizing the home merchants and home industries.

The immoral condition existing amongst some of the young people of this city is terribly low and depraved. The curtain has again been pulled aside and our citizens see what is going on behind the scenes. Which is simply this: Young men training young women in the habits of prostitution. One of these days an enraged father will take the law into his own hands and shoot the daylight out of those who have used his off-spring for immoral purposes. And no one should blame him. And, also, reports are freely circulated of considerable drunkenness amongst some of our so called "respectable citizens."

The question bobs up every once in a while as to where the

P. R. & N. Co.'s depot will be located. The company, as we understand the situation, is morally bound to locate on the Goodspeed tract, for that was the site the company selected and which the railroad committee in getting rights of way and in raising money worked for. These are well known facts. In regard to the depot being located on the water front, the place is not suited for that purpose, for the reason that a public street should not be utilized in that way. The spur to the water front is a good thing for industries, or for the railroad to get through the city, but for no other purpose.

The anti-assembly state legislature has adjourned, and the taxpayers have got it where the chicken got the ax. Election times and spouting about the sovereign will of the people by those who aspire to public office is a good way to fool the people, but the wilful extravagance of the anti-assembly legislature is certainly tough on the taxpayers. Isn't it a fright how taxation is increasing and becoming burdensome? But, then, it was the sovereign will of the people which sent a lot of pennut politicians to the state legislature, and they have succeeded wonderfully well in keeping taxes at high water mark. So don't "beef" about having to pay excessive taxes if you're one of the anti-assembly agitators. A conservative estimate of the appropriations made by the legislature amounts to \$5,100,000, with several hundred thousand dollars in addition for increase in salaries, making the anti-assembly legislature the most extravagant in the history of Oregon.

It is generally conceded that until Tillamook bar is improved the large timber owners are not going to do much in the way of starting saw mills and manufacturing lumber. That being the case, shows how important it is that there should be renewed efforts put forth to have that project started. To make Tillamook county a large lumbering center, it must have water as well as railroad transportation. The latter is assured, and to obtain the former is to keep up a persistent effort until the engineers at Washington get out of the stereotyped rut about the prospective commerce not justifying the expenditure. (As the prospective commerce of this county looked good to the Harriman and Hill systems, who are spending millions of dollars rushing two railroads into Tillamook, they are doing so because they see the commerce here. It is unfortunate that an appropriation could not have been obtained in the present rivers and harbors bill, for had the improvement of the bar been assured it would have had a great deal to do in the timber owners deciding when they will commence to manufacture.

We give on another page the pictures of the newspaper men of this county. In this connection we want to say that they are more free and independent today than they have been for many years. This is how they should be, for as soon as a newspaper becomes the mouth-piece of some political boss or individual or special interests it is not long before they die a natural death. We have only to remind our readers that every newspaper that the rule or ruin faction started died for want of support. They caused our contemporary some trouble when they obtained control of that newspaper, and for several years attempted to "do up" the Headlight because it was independent, fearless, outspoken and could not be controlled by anyone. Those days are all passed and gone, but it took a good deal of grit and pugnacious perseverance to overcome. There will, no doubt, be other newspapers started for exploit special interests, but the public cannot be fooled. For the most part the county newspapers are independent today, and we hope they will become more so and be stronger factors in the development of the county. This is a far more important mission than having to do the bidding of those who control newspapers for their own aggrandisement and to vent their spleen on someone or their business competitors. The newspaper men are alive to the situation which now confronts the county, and joining hands to help develop the county, all petty strife, factional and sectional animosities will not be tolerated, for the

editors of the county newspapers have the boosters' spirit and they must work harmoniously together. Every newspaper in the county is deserving of the best support than can be given them.

We want to impress upon the wide-awake persons of this city the important work which the Tillamook Commercial Club will be called upon to do this year to help boost the city and county, and for that reason it is certainly deserving of the moral and financial assistance of every property owner and person engaged in business. In the short time the club has been organized it has done good work and in securing commodious, well furnished quarters. This took a large amount of money, but we are glad to know that, apart from the more important features of the club, the members and their wives have had pleasant social times together the past winter. President Webster Holmes and his Executive Board have endeavored to make the club pleasant and attractive to all the members, and where business men can assimilate and work harmoniously together, not only for the city's and county's interest, but for their own welfare as well. As a result of this getting together, the rule or ruin spirit which was rampant in this city is gradually dying out and is confined to the saloon element, and even that faction will meet its Waterloo before long. As we have already stated the Commercial Club has important work before it, and admitting that it is a live boosters' organization, it is money, after all, which makes the mare go, and we wish to say this that the club will need some money this year to show the city's hospitality to those who are or may be identified with industrial undertakings in this county. We think the club will be playing a trump card in showing its hospitality on suitable occasions. What little money was spent in that direction last year gave the club a good name, and we hope the club will show the same hospitable disposition this year towards those who aim to improve the industrial and commercial interests of the city and county, for it is employment and pay rolls which are our greatest needs as soon as the railroad is finished.

The system of road building is not conducive to economy or the best results, as in vogue now in this county. The Headlight has so often referred to this matter and the people are so thoroughly in accord with what we have advanced, yet the same old rut is to be followed and the same old system of spending large sums of money on road work, with thousands of dollars wasted every year, is to be gone all over again, when everybody knows that the system is to blame. A radical change is necessary, and we suppose it will take a person with radical ideas to bring it about. Before a person builds a house he obtains plans and ascertains what it is going to cost him, everything being planned and figured out, although the house may cost only one or two thousand dollars. It is planned to spend another \$100,000 and over this year, yet there is no practical engineer and road builder at the head of the road work with that large amount of tax money involved, but is left to the supervision of different individuals who do not insist, in quite a number of cases, upon getting a fair day's work out of those who work on the roads. Any old stiff, not capable of doing a day's work, can find employment on road work. Whether people agree with us or not, we would have all the road work planned out before a lick of work was done, with an estimate of cost, obtain bids on road work where possible, also ascertain whether it would be economy to let the rock crushing by contract, but the county to reserve the right to do its own work. When that is done the engineer should get together a road crew, and the three road rollers and sufficient teams and implements, and start in one end of the county and clean up the road work to the other end of the county, and quit when the money was expended. In that way the engineer would select men suitable to that kind of work and he would see that they did a good day's work, and in this way there would be no political pets to be given soft jobs. This is the radical change the snap

shot man would make if he had anything to do with expending the road money and getting good results.

HIGH SCHOOL FLASHES.

Tillamook Debating Team Lost with the Seasideers.

The Ciceronian program, which is to be rendered this coming Friday promises to be one of the best this year. It is the first one to be under the supervision of the new cabinet. The race for the pennant is to be a stiff one during the last semester, and although we may have confidence we should never boast for neither society can feel sure that they have it snatched until the final decision is made.

Those pleasant things called monthly tests are again past, to the great delight of everyone concerned. We would like for every body to take a backseat this month, but as this is impossible, we must follow our rank.

As the instructor in stenography, Prof. F. A. Scofield, was chaperoning the debating team while at Seaside, he was unable to correct his test papers, which fact will undoubtedly be moving day a week later to the sorrow of some and the enjoyment of others.

Last Thursday at noon the High School debating team left on the Sue H. Elmore, bound for Seaside. The whole school turned out to bid the debaters a fond adieu and wish them success.

The trip down Hoquarton Slough and Tillamook Bay was delightful, the view of the bar from Garibaldi was very charming, but when the boat began plunging and rolling, as she passed through the breakers everyone began to look serious.

None of our party, which consisted of Prof. F. A. Scofield, chaperon. Benly Stam, Elbert E. Ginn and Myron Blanchard, debaters, had ever enjoyed a voyage on the rolling deep and knew not whether they would have that pleasing sensation called sea-sickness or not.

As Susie mounted the first roller then went plunging down to meet the next one, our chaperon began sucking very seriously on an orange. By the time we had reached the bottom of the next trough he said "Show me that bucket," and every one knows the rest.

We had a fine trip; were from Garibaldi to Astoria, eleven hours out, and arrived in that port at a few minutes past two Friday evening.

We spent Saturday seeing the sights around Seaside and preparing for the debate which was booked for that night. Although we came nearly fainting when told that the Seaside team was composed of three girls, our nerves had become somewhat settled by eight o'clock Saturday night and we felt satisfied that a glorious victory was awaiting us. After Benly Stam had led off in his whirlwind way, our hearts began beating with entire ease.

The Seaside team is composed of three brainy girls, who, if they had been taught the art of debating, could give any team a good rub, but as it was they had only been coached on oratory. Consequently they could not tear down our argument while it was a matter of the easiest kind for us to refute any thing which they said.

After the debate was over and we were waiting for the decision we were favored with a selection by the Seaside orchestra. Then came the climax, the reading of the votes, which entirely changed the looks on all our faces, as the girls were expecting nothing but defeat, while we were confident of victory. But because of judges who were either partial, or who knew nothing about debate we were defeated unadvisedly, the judges having graded according to oratory and not according to rebuttle and points of argument. "But Seaside, sure, has some swell orators."

We started home Monday morning at 7 o'clock after having spent a most enjoyable time in the town by the deep blue sea.

The Necarney trail is something to dream about "believe me." Riding was good part of the way, where we didn't have to swim, but we were glad to hit Nehalem.

After a nice cool ride of over five hours we entered Tillamook at 12:45 a.m. in the prime of condition and ready for a fight.

The High School gave a party in the Mason building Saturday so as to be awake when the decision was wired through. We are glad to know that our school has some school spirit and can show an interest in school enterprises, but are extremely sorry that the "mighty braves from the south land," as the toast master dubbed us at the reception Saturday night, were unable to bring home the scalps of the whole Clatsop tribe. They would be a good addition for the museum. While in Seaside we happened to

pick up the newsy little paper, called the Seaside Signal, and in glancing through it we ran across the School Notes. We are glad we read it for we found out considerable concerning the ignorance of its composer, Nathaniel Shorthorn by name, and also some things concerning Tillamookers which we never knew before. The one of most importance was that because "the Tillamookers had never seen a railroad or engine that their time would be occupied with them and they would be unable to debate." A little advice: First, a youth of his caliber just shedding his milk teeth and not fat enough yet for beef should not talk so frivolously of people of our rank in the world, when the fact is that if he would come to Tillamook the cows would eat him.

Second, we have three locomotives in Tillamook already and a railroad which when completed in the coming summer will bring our beach property to the front so rapidly that Seaside will look like a mere speck of sand in the ocean in comparison with it. Come over, sonny, we'll tie the cows and show you some of the choicest land in the world.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF TIDE LANDS

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will sell to the highest bidder at its office in the Capitol building at Salem, Oregon, on April 11, 1911, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day, all the State's interest in the tide and over flow lands hereinafter described, giving, however, to the owner or owners of any lands abutting or fronting on such tide and overflow lands, the preference right to purchase said tide and overflow lands at the highest price offered, provided such offer is made in good faith, and also providing that the land will not be sold nor any offer therefor accepted for less than \$7.50 per acre, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Said lands are situated in Tillamook County Oregon, and described as follows:

- Beginning at a point at the Government Meander corner between sections 2 and 3, T. 2 N. R. 10 W. on the South side of Nehalem Bay, and running thence:
 - N. 49° 29' E. 151.0 feet along high water line.
 - N. 42° 48' E. 7.75 feet along high water line.
 - N. 40° 01' E. 595.0 feet along high water line.
 - N. 32° 51' E. 266.5 feet along high water line.
 - N. 21° 31' E. 255.0 feet along high water line.
 - N. 7° 07' E. 402.0 feet along high water line.
 - West, 12.0 feet to low water line.
 - S. 9° 44' W. 400.0 feet along low water line.
 - S. 24° 53' W. 248.0 feet along low water line.
 - S. 32° 51' W. 266.0 feet along low water line.
 - S. 40° 18' W. 584.0 feet along low water line.
 - S. 43° 24' W. 80.0 feet along low water line.
 - S. 49° 29' W. 72.0 feet along low water line.

South, 60.0 feet to place of beginning, containing 1.55 acres of tide land fronting upon Lots 4 & 5, Sec. 2, T. 2 N. R. 10 W.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk, State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase tide lands."

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