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The Tillamook Headlight.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Directly a city marshal undertakes to do his duty, there are those who want to depose him.

The persons who should have been tapped on the head by the marshal's "billy" were those who sold Johnson the drink which made him crazy.

It has been suggested that the Tillamook Commercial Club undertake a "Tag Day" for the benefit of Stillwell Park. This would cause some little excitement in the city, as well as help a good cause.

Three disgraceful, low down whiskey fights in this city last week, and another whiskey racket was started on Monday, but the marshal's "billy" interfered and sent one man headlong into eternity. So much for a "wet," Home Rule town.

It is reported that the saloon keepers are wanting to keep open all night. Why not? They appear to be getting everything they demand from those whom they control. So why not turn city affairs over to them so that they can run the city in the interest of their own business?

"Knockers" are not so plentiful as they used to be, now that the boosting spirit is so general. Whenever you hear a person "knocking," whisper this to them: Tillamook is a land of milk and honey, prosperity, wealth and plenty of money!

No sooner was a dead man removed from the cot in the city jail, when another man, almost dead to the world, was picked up on the street, with a bottle of pure alcohol in his pocket, placed in the cooler. And the morning, when the man went to the jail, the man with a bottle of whiskey. How did he get it and who gave it to him?

The late state legislature was made up of a goodly number of peanut politicians, who fussed and quarreled for political advantages, and fought one another to the bitter end. Economy was cast to the four winds and the legislature goes on record as the most extravagant in the history of Oregon. It was anti-assembly howlers who made things tropical for the poor taxpayers.

Governor West don't propose that the people should have the right to vote for a second choice candidate in the primary election, for he vetoed a bill to give the people that rights. If it is the sovereign will of the people to vote for candidates at the primary elections, surely they should be given the right to vote for second choice candidates. So it is the sovereign will of Governor West and the Democratic party which deprives the people of the right.

County Judge Mason has been spending some time to needed work in this road district, and he has it figured out that will take about \$100,000 to do that work he would like to do. But this district has only about \$35,000 to go on, so there will be a considerable amount of needed road work left out much improvement. It is probably true of the two districts. When it is brought into consideration that county has three hundred miles of roads to keep up, it is less to say that it takes a lot of money to keep them in good condition, considering the long wet seasons.

There is a big howl about the excessive city tax. Well, we've got Home Rule, and the sovereign will of the people haven't been satisfied. So don't complain. The county should just as well have had \$2,000 for saloon licenses, for it appears to us that the interest was sadly neglected and the saloon keepers' pockets and wishes were zealously looked after when five saloon keepers were given a monopoly of the business at each. Other cities in Ore-

gon have raised saloon licenses, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, but that must be in towns where the saloon keepers are not dictators and political bosses and cannot run the city's administration for their own benefit.

Governor West vetoed the bill appropriating \$1500 for the proposed Tillamook county fair. We expected that he would do so. He used the veto power to spank his political enemies and to assist his friends. All that this county asked was \$1,500 towards boosting the county, for that was what the fair was intended. That which makes us feel righteously indignant is the fact that Governor West allowed a bill appropriating \$150,000 for additional capitol grounds, and the enormous appropriations for state institutions to become law. Poor Tillamook County gets it where the chicken got the ax when asking for a mite to help a good cause along. And Governor West was the man who used the ax.

One bad feature about Tillamook City is that taxation is too high, which is not a good inducement to industries to locate here when taxation is almost prohibitive. The tax in this city amounts to 35 mills, which is altogether too excessive from a business point of view. Some plan should be devised, or more economy exercised, to keep the city tax within reasonable business bounds, for if they keep piling up it will be a detriment to the city and drive industries away. We all see the need of pay rolls, and they are badly needed. It seems, no matter how much power there is placed in the hands of officials, they go to the limit in some instances when it comes taxes. To commence with, the annual tax for the water system should be cut off, for that undertaking has been sucking at the taxpayer's teat, for these many years. The prophesy of those who predicted that the profits from the system would run the city government and reduce fire insurance have proved to be false, for added to the city tax which is being paid now is 2 mill for the water system.

Very few persons ever consider the difficulties which attend packing mail into Tillamook across the mountains via the Wilson river route, for we have become so much accustomed to receiving mail with so much regularity that people complain when it fails to get through. Had they to contend with the difficulties which Geo. W. Grayson and his mail carriers had to battle with a few weeks ago they would not be so impatient and uncharitable in their remarks. At some seasons of the winter it is cruelty to man and beast to pack a heavy mail across the mountains, as well as endangering life. It was a wonder that one of the mail carriers got through a few weeks ago, for he had to find his way over six to eleven feet of snow in a snow storm, which drifted and made progress difficult and in keeping on the trail. That was the dangerous and strenuous life Mr. Grayson and his men were up against for two weeks, and they are deserving of a great deal of sympathy for the hardships they endured. Probably this is the last time that mail will be delayed into Tillamook for so many days, for before another winter the mail route across the mountains will be a thing of the past, the iron horse taking the place of the pack horse and stage coach.

The killing of Tom Johnson in this city by Marshal Reading on Monday was one of those things which frequently takes place where persons get crazy or quarrelsome through drink, and although some persons may question the right of a peace officer to use his "billy" on a drunken person, we believe that an officer, when attacked, should look to his own protection first, for it is generally a drunken person who takes the lives of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and city police. Therefore, we have no word of criticism for the city marshal. He acted in self defence, and if drunken, crazy men undertake to drop the floor with peace officers, they get all that is coming to them if they get knocked over the head with a "billy." The city bought and turned the "billy" over to the marshal with the understanding that he was to use it whenever he was molested in the discharge of his duty. He

was molested and he used the "billy" to good advantage, not that he thought he would take the man's life when he struck the fatal blow, although the real cause of the man's death was the fracture he received when his head hit the hard pavement. The testimony showed that the marshal did not swing the "billy," but simply tapped the man on the side of the head, and his skull being unusually thin, the fall was the thing which caused the unfortunate fatal death. It is those City Marshal Reading who should be blamed. It is those who sold the unfortunate man the drink which made him crazy. These are the men who are morally guilty of the tragedy which disgraced this city last Monday.

White slaves in Tillamook City? Yes, lots of them. The drawing of the curtain showed what was going on in the white slave business in this city last week when two girls were taken to a room over the Gem theatre and kept there all night. It is safe to say they were induced to go there for immoral purposes, and it may be that other young men have taken these or other girls to the same place for the same purpose. It is evident, there is considerable white slave traffic in this city. If there is one thing that is distressing to many fathers and mothers is to see their daughters become white slaves. Far better had they not been born or died in their infancy, for in bringing disgrace upon themselves they also cause their parents sorrow they will take with them to the grave. We know this is a delicate subject to discuss in a newspaper, but someone has to have the moral courage to raise a voice against the white slave traffic in this city, but whether it will do any good we do not know. We do know this that a vigilance committee would be a good thing, or allow the arm of the law to deal with other young men who have induced these or other girls to become white slaves. That will go a long way to protect the purity of the homes in this city. We know it is a bad thing to recommend, that of taking the law into ones own hands, but we think it is justified when a white slave trader will induce a young, inexperienced girl to leave a good home and loving parents and fond brothers and sisters to become a white slave to satisfy the passions of the human race.

The Governor's Vetoes.

Governor West vetoed about seventy of the measures passed by the recent Legislature—a record that surpasses the achievements of any of his predecessors, and probably has not been equaled by the Governor in any state at any time in American history. His wholesale vetoes were attended by such circumstances of flippancy and prejudice on the one hand, and of partiality and favor on the other, as to cause the people of Oregon to stand amazed at his ruthless abuse of so solemn a duty and function as the executive veto power.

There should be no veto except for sound, urgent, weighty and obvious reasons. There should be no veto inspired by partisanship or politics, or personal hostility to any legislator or legislative faction, or by personal friendship or political partnership with any other faction. These considerations were utterly ignored by the Governor. He set out to make a record for opposing the legislative will, and apparently to make a jest and byword of the Legislature. But some of West's acts raise natural inquiry as to why he negatived some bills and approved others. For example:

Governor West vetoed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a state fair building, and did not veto the measure appropriating \$150,000 for additional capitol grounds. Here would have been a great opportunity for the Governor to show by an imperative negative that any possible or suspected motive of self-interest, through the fact that he owns property in the radius of probable capitol grounds extension, had no weight with him.

Governor West vetoed the Rusk second-choice primary bill and the Rogue River fish bill, on the ground that they were an interference with "people's laws," passed under the initiative; but he permitted to become a law the Senate bill amending the primary law (a people's law) so as to provide for rotation of names on the ballot. If the two first were changes in the people's laws, so was this.

Governor West vetoed the bill prohibiting any public officer from bidding on contracts for furnishing

supplies to the state, on very flimsy grounds; and he vetoed another bill that gave to the chief clerk of the Secretary of State, in the absence—probably permanent—of Secretary of State Benson, the authority to sit with the Governor and State Treasurer Kay as a third member of state boards. Mr. Kay, through his Salem Woolen Mills, has a large customer for his goods in the state. Just how closely are these vetoes related to the obvious political partnership between West and Kay?

Governor West vetoed, with a great flourish, the state-aid road bill, making a conditional appropriation of \$340,000, on the ground of "economy," after the veto had been requested by the State Good Roads Association. He vetoed the innumerable petty appropriations to county fairs and other little salary grabs. Yet he raised no question over the great appropriations for the Oregon Agricultural College or the State University, though to one certain \$175,000 appropriation to the latter, and another \$30,000 appropriation for a new medical school (located at Portland), there was a wide spread protest and no satisfactory showing that they were imperatively, or actually needed at this time. What part did backstairs intrigue—the old familiar logroll play in these vetoes?

The Governor freely vetoed measures that came from his political enemies. Bills from his avowed friends, allies and partisans, generally escaped, though there were some notable exceptions. He permitted himself to be drawn into unseemly conflicts and wrangles with various legislators, and he took rather more than a due measure of interest in the promotion, or the defeat, as the case might be, of cerpieces of legislation. The highway from the Governor's office to the legislative chambers was kept warm by the flying feet of his emissaries; the route through the back door was reserved for his familiar and chosen advisers.

When the full history of those famous vetoes shall be written, and the antecedent stories and collateral incidents shall be told, they will make interesting reading. There is opportunity now for the informed and impartial legislative historian, familiar with the sinuous ways and angular methods of latter day politicians, to acquire a great circle of surprised and amazed Oregon readers.—Oregonian.

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