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The Tillamook Headlight.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Hardly any public improvement is suggested but what someone hobs up and registers a "knock" instead of giving it a boost.

Another election is to be held to incorporate a Port of Bay ocean. We still contend that that one Port is the proper procedure.

Help boost the road to Bay-ocean. Every business man should put his shoulder to the wheel and help out, for it will be a great benefit to Tillamook City.

The next time the Booster-Editors visit the south part of the county they will be able to visit other interesting spots, for Sandlake, Blaine, Beaver and other parts need a boosting and a helping hand in the good roads movement.

No matter how many obstacles may be placed in the way, Tillamook County is bound to push to the front as one of the most progressive counties in the state. With new money, new people and new ideas, a great change will take place.

The Commercial Club of Bay City is advertising its watchword thus: "Boost for Bay City and Tillamook." We are glad to know that Bay City is boosting for this city as well. Probably the watchword was intended to end up with "Tillamook County."

There is some amount of selfishness in regard to road work. The person who resides in a district where there are good roads to town and the creamery don't want the road tax raised to improved other parts and to open up new roads for the fellows who have been paying taxes for years on property with no roads.

Mayor Talmage did the right thing when he vetoed the drug-gist ordinance permitting them to get into the liquor business. It threw down the bars for some irresponsible person to get into the drug business with the idea of making a specialty of selling liquor. Anyway, it don't look good to see a lot of toppers hanging round a drug store.

Anyone can see the injustice of making those who improve their land pay a much larger proportion of taxation than the person who owns the same kind of land, but which remains idle and unproductive. This is a tax on industry. We think that a large number of our readers will agree with us that the idle agricultural land should be made to pay more taxes.

There should be a Tillamook County High School for the central part of the county. This would enable the scholars in each of the school districts who desired it to obtain high school credits close at home, for the county pupils should have the same advantages as the city pupils. Anyway, one good high school in the center of the county is sufficient and most economical.

Governor West saved a cold-blooded, deliberate murderer from the gallows last week, the man who deced another man to an hotel for the purpose of killing him for his money. No wonder that life is being cruelly pummelled out of our citizens and murders are on the increase when Governor West steps in and defeats the ends of justice. In a few years, probably, the man will be paroled, only to commit another atrocious crime. And this is what is commonly called "Justice!" To our way of thinking it is a huge farce or burlesque.

Quite a number of men who have been conspicuous in their efforts to retard the progress of the county have removed from Tillamook. Those who figure on selling out are not apt to

take much interest in the progress of the county, hence they "knock" most everything of a public nature which is a benefit to the county. It is gratifying to know that this class is getting less numerous. There is a general opinion that before many sections of the county can progress as it should there will have to be a number of funerals.

Every once in a while we are told this county needs pay rolls. We believe it. Did it ever occur to our citizens that two of the largest pay rolls in the county are situated where they cannot be reach by wagon road. There is the Wheeler mill on Nehalem bay and the Bayocean resort on Tillamook bay. Notwithstanding that they have given employment to a large number of men, disbursed large sums of money in pay rolls, and have paid considerable tax money to build and improve roads, they are both without wagon roads. This is not giving these places a square deal.

The Bay City Examiner has taken sides in the trouble with the fishermen of the Oregon Fisheries Co. and the S. Elmore & Co., and as one would naturally suppose, thinks that the Bay City cannery fishermen are little angels and the fishermen for the Garibaldi cannery little devils, with the state officials a lot of rascals favoring the little devils. But, say, Bro. Trombley, whose goggles were you looking through when you made such misleading statements? Or is Bro. Walter deputy editor and the man behind the gun intent on raising hell? The Examiner had better get its facts correct before it essays to jump onto people in the dark.

Tillamook County is on the eve of a great event—that of railroad connections after many years of patience. It seems to us that this city should celebrate the coming of the iron horse in a fitting manner. We all feel like shouting and rejoicing, and are ready to shake off straight, conventional styles and get in and make this a rousing event. "Invite and welcome visitors to Tillamook County" should be the slogan. The Tillamook Commercial Club should "blow" itself on that occasion and have "open house" for visitors. This is a good opportunity to give Tillamook County a boost and extend the glad hand to visitors. It behooves everybody to get in and put their shoulders to the wheel, and make this the biggest jollification, get together gathering ever held in Tillamook City.

If the County Court decides to accept the proposition of the property owners the county will have to put up about one half of the cost for a road around the south side of Tillamook bay. The T. B. Potter Realty Co.'s offer to build three miles of the road and donate \$5,000 towards building the other five miles is a generous offer, and what can be raised in other ways will amount to \$10,000, with free rights of way from the property owners. Geo. Higgins and H. T. Botts have each subscribed \$500. By the next term of the court it will be known what amount of money can be obtained by public subscription and contracts for rights secured. Those who are willing to help themselves in road building are certainly deserving of more consideration than those who will not give any assistance and claim damages whenever they have a ghost of a show.

Garibaldi beach is in need of two things—hotel accommodations and a wagon road. Next year the railroad will convey thousands of visitors to that beach and something should be done to provide accommodations. The whole aim of those who have platted property is to dispose of lots, but it seems to us that they should exert some little energy and invest their money in accommodations as well. They should get together and do something before the summer season opens next year. And as to a road, the property owner all see the need of that. There is one thing which will make Lake Lytle attractive, there will be a 100 foot boulevard extending the whole length of that property, with the railroad in the center of it, and as part of the grading is already done, it is giving that property a superior appearance, but if the adjoining property

would build a main road in front of their property by united effort a road suitable for automobile travel would be a valuable acquisition to that beach.

Those who work on the roads are now expected to put in full time and do a good day's work. Quite a number of men have been "fired" this summer for being tardy and loafing, and as the custom of putting in a half day's work for a full day's pay will not be tolerated by the County Court, no doubt is it cruelty and a hardship to make a man put in a square day's work when he was in the habit of holding down a soft job and doing as little work as possible. In future, all road work should be stopped whenever the county cannot get a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. For instance, some teams were working recently for private parties and putting in ten hours a day. Directly they commenced working for the county, why, they wanted to work seven hours and draw ten hours pay. The taxpayers willingly pay their taxes for road improvements and they have a right to demand that those who supervise the work see that every man does a fair day's work. One of the reasons that more and better road work was done this year was because there was less tardiness in getting to work and a fair day's work demanded. A few persons may get in and roast the officials, but they know full well that the loafing system working county roads was the cause of general complaint from one end of the county to the other. Another thing, it was unfair to those who did a good day's work.

The snap shot man is a good roads enthusiast. His recent investigations convinced him that should the County Court levy a 10 mill road tax there will not be enough money to do the needful road work next year. We thought at one time that \$150,000 expended on the roads annually for the next four or five years would be sufficient. We want to say this that this is not enough money to carry out the growing demands for good roads in all parts of the county. \$150,000 for each road district next year is none too much and would come near satisfying the demands of the people. This may be a large amount, but we want to say this that if any disinterested person will go over the county and ascertain the needs of the different localities they will say that it is none too much and the settlers are deserving of these road improvements. How to raise \$300,000 or \$500,000 above the 10 mill tax is a perplexing question. We are not advocating bonding the county, but should each of the three roads districts want certain specified improvements done next year, then the only way to raise the money is to bond the country or wait several years before the work can be undertaken. Two counties in Oregon, seeing how important it is to have good roads, are proceeding to bond for \$1,500,000, and the only thing which is delaying this is coming to an understanding so that each road district is to have an equal amount of the money on specified work.

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