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The Tillamook Headlight.

Editorial Snap Shots.

A rural mail delivery from Tillamook City was a good thing for the community and a postal savings bank will be another of the good things coming this way. Next please, a parcel post.

We look for the next incorporated city to be at Garibaldi. The mouth of the Miami river is an ideal location, close to deep water and in a pretty cove which could be improved at little cost, with the railroad circling it. That, along with many other locations on the bay, are destined to become important points.

A person advertised in this newspaper to correspond with a "working woman" with object of matrimony. He does not appear to be very successful in arousing interest in Tillamook, as the word "working" must have scared the marriageable young women of this county, who, probably, would prefer being an old man's darling to a young man's slave.

It is the proper thing for the newspapers to boost the city and county and to advise people to patronize home merchants and local industries. We say that it is perfectly proper for the home newspapers to help up-build their own communities, but somehow it looks decidedly wrong for business men to give advertising and job printing to outsiders which should have been kept at home.

The newspapers appear to be opposed to holding a special session of the legislature to pass on certain road bills under the exacting conditions laid down by Governor West, one of which was that the state legislators were to go to Salem at their own expense. They balk at this, for having passed several road bills at the last session of the state legislature, which the governor see now he made a mistake in vetoing, there is no disposition whatever on the part of the legislators to help the governor out of the hole he fell into. Another thing, the autocratic, dictating disposition of the governor is something that should not be overlooked.

The end of this week will see the completion of track laying on the P. R. & N. railroad, and it will not be long now before a train service will be established. This is joyful news for the people of Tillamook county after waiting patiently for so many years for railroad connections. The coming of the iron horse will bring about many important changes and developments. New money, new people and new life and energy will come into the county and transform many place. Industries will spring up here and there, and although the farmers raise only cow feed, there will be a radical change, for small fruits and garden truck will find a ready market.

We hope that when the three Ports get together they will decide upon some plan of action and then go ahead. It is a move in the right direction, for it is by united local efforts that the bar, bay and channel to this city will be improved. Enough have been said and written already, so now is the time to make the effort in getting started. We still think that one Port is sufficient and that all land in the water shed of Tillamook Bay should equally bear the cost. As it is now, one Port may be willing to go ahead, while another Port may not favor doing certain work, consequently the geographical situation of the three Ports may jeopardise the improvements. It is of vital importance that the commissioners be broad minded and far seeing.

Fishing conditions have taken a change on Tillamook bay and for the better. The old monopoly regime, when fishermen were paid but a small amount for their fish, have passed away. Competition is now the order,

and with it came better prices for fish. The system of secretly paying a few of the leaders amongst the fishermen more for their fish so as to induce the other fishermen to agree to accept a much lower figure, was one way whereby the fishermen were buncoed by stool pigeons. It worked like a charm as long as there was no opposition, for the fishermen were up against a strong monopoly. In place of this there is now strong competition in canning and cold storage, with the result that the fishermen are more independent and cannot be "worked" so easily.

Most everybody sees the need of a first class hotel in Tillamook City. The present hotels have provided accommodations, but with the coming of the iron horse and the automobile, there is a greater demand for better and more up-to-date hotels. It is something the city will have to have to hold its own. Last year number of automobile parties pulled out because they could not procure the accommodations found in other towns. The hotel situation along Garibaldi beach is another matter of great importance. With the railroad bringing thousands of persons into the county, and running excursions, it is going to be a difficult matter to find hotel accommodations unless something is done to meet the emergency. But this city needs an up-to-date hotel and a strong effort should be made to fill this long felt want.

This is what the Bay City Examiner say, speaking of the snap shot man:

"He knows that there are certain business men of Tillamook who have been constantly knocking Bay City and are doing so now. They do it because Bay City is going ahead of the village up the slough. He knows we have got the dirty deal every time we ever went to the county seat and he has been the happiest one to hand it out."

We want to deny this, for we do not know of any business men in this city who are knocking Bay City. If Bro. Trombley has proof of this then he should roast them and not us. It is simple imagination, and we hope that the good people of Bay City will not be influenced or believe such absurd statement, which is one thing above all others to create strife and bad feeling between the two places. Bro. Trombley has made a number of broad insinuations but failed to prove one of them. It is up to him to do so, and not make the snap shot man the scapegoat to show his venom on Tillamook City. We do not believe Bro. Trombley's insinuations are the sentiment of the citizens of Bay City.

U'Ren will endeavor to make his land tax fallacy a state-wide affair, and having succeeded in getting the people of Oregon to pass a lot of pernicious laws, there is not the least doubt in our mind that he will have a large following and may succeed. It will mean this if he does: Every farm in Tillamook county will have to pay double the taxes they are paying now. This is not a very bright outlook for those who own farms or fruit lands, and a poor inducement for people to locate in this state or for city folk to get back on the farm. The Oregon system is doing a great deal to unsettle affairs in this state, for it would not surprise us much if the people carried it, for the masses in the cities and those who have no land are going to vote, and vote strong, to make the land owners pay the taxes. For instance, when this constitutional amendment was submitted to the people it carried by a majority of 1,655 in the state, and in Tillamook county the vote was 234 for and 216 against. This is too near the danger line to please us and is a serious matter, for having been so successful in fooling the people of Oregon with his "system," it would not surprise us in the least if he was successful in making the land owners pay double the taxes. So many of the farmers in this county became infatuated with the Oregon system that they were ready to down, politically, any candidate who did not agree with them. As it is it will affect their pocket books they will not be so enthusiastic now that they see that the cities and the large class of non-land owners are now making an attempt to make the land owners pay the whole of the taxes.

The name of Lawrence T. Harris, of Eugene, circuit judge

of the second judicial district, is being mentioned as an opponent of Senator Bourne at the primary nominating election in April. Judge Harris is well fitted for the high position and he would be a strong member in the Oregon delegation, as well as a credit to the state. He was one of the young progressive republicans when he was speaker of the house of representatives, and Governor Chamberlain elevated him to the bench when that judicial district was created. He is just the kind of man Oregon needs at Washington, for he is qualified by education, refinement and the progressive spirit of the West to represent Oregon in the United States senate. Being a student of the law with a judicial mind, he has proved himself to be one of the ablest most conscientious judges in the state. If the republican party nominates and elects Judge Harris United States senator it will not be making a mistake, for he is one man whom all factions in the republican party can pin their confidence to. In brief, he has always made good in every public trust the people have honored him with. With our imperfect primary nominating law, which does not provide that candidates must obtain a majority of votes before they can receive a nomination, it is hard to predict, with probably a number of aspirants in the race, who would receive the nomination. The popularity of Judge Harris will be of great service to him, for the Willamette counties will give him a big vote, and should it simmer down to a race between Harris and Bourne the latter may consider himself down and out. It is not known whether the judge would consent to run, but his friends appear to have chosen him as the most logical candidate to represent Oregon in the United States senate, and we will be candid in admitting that they made a wise selection when they chose Judge Harris to be the standard bearer of the republican party of this state.

The resolutions passed at the Fairview Grange on Tuesday may be classed good in some respects, bad in others and decidedly non-progressive when the interests of the entire county is taken into consideration. We call it decidedly poor judgment to retard the progress of Tillamook county at the present time when people should be boosting and not "knocking" the development of the county. When we see any body of men in favor of closing down road work next year and opposed to any new projects in road building, then it must be for sinister, personal or sectional reasons that a mossback feeling have come over them. Here is a glaring fact: There are splendid roads in the vicinity of Fairview, and having obtained them at considerable cost, other parts of the county and heavy taxpayers where road work is most urgently needed, will have to wait for many years before they can obtain them if those living where there are good roads have their way. And when we hear of the commercial body of Bay City passing a similar resolution opposed to starting any new road work and line up with those who are "knocking" the proposed road from this city to Bayocean, for which the property owners have agreed to shoulder half the cost, it can be plainly seen that the commercial body of Bay City is taking a selfish, narrow view of the situation. Suppose, for illustration, that Bay City was on the other side of the bay without a wagon road and it offered to put up half the cost to obtain it, we think they would be entitled to a road, and every fair minded person would think so as well. However, the County Court will have to consider the needs of the whole county, but having heard from the localities where they have plenty of good roads, it is only fair that those living in localities where there are no roads or they are badly in need of improvement, will be opposed to such selfish and unjust treatment at the hands of those who have splendid roads. What does the south and north ends of the county, where they have patiently waited many years for road improvements, think of those who would stop road work next year?

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