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The Tillamook Headlight,
Editorial Snap Shots.

We welcome Messrs. Meyer and Conger, the new editors of the Bay City Examiner, to Tillamook County.

Strange to say, some of our citizens oppose bonding for harbor improvements but favor doing so for roads.

A little newspaper agitation helped some in reducing the price of beer in this city, but we supposed we will be accused of helping to give two drinks for 10c, instead of one. Anyway, it is one successful move to bring down high taxation.

Tillamook County will have to pay \$30,000 more for State taxes this year than it did last year. We had an idea that the sovereign will of the people prevailed in Oregon and we have also had a vague impression that our new methods of legislation would hit the taxpayers a hard blow sooner or later.

Why give the saloon keepers a monopoly to make big money when the city should have and can have more funds from them by healthy competition? We have often heard the remark that the city needs the money from the saloon. It is all tonnyrot money by revoking the bonded indebtedness, for if \$150,000 is judiciously expended annually it will meet the growing needs of the county and improve and build roads for the benefit of the citizens.

W. C. Trombley is down and out as editor of the Bay City Examiner. This adds another to the list of those who expected to cut a great swarth in the newspaper field of this county. His great expectations have all fizzled out and he is now a wiser man, and we will gamble that he will never butt into the newspaper field where there is only a small picking. We, however, wish Mr. Trombley success and prosperity in the future, and hope that it will prove more profitable to him than the Examiner did.

It is probably safe to say that the boys who informed on Ross are not implicated with him, but it goes to show that by becoming associated with men of that character how easy it is for them to take a misstep which would involve them in crime. No professional burglar would have confided in a lot of boys the robberies he was about to commit, and for that reason we cannot help thinking that Ross is mentally weak, which may have been brought on by dissipation or the drug habit, but he was a bad man setting a lot of boys and young men a bad example, and they were in bad company when they associated with him.

The County Court is anxious to see a county fair this year. We do not know a more favorable opportunity than this for a fair, when thousands of persons will be visiting the county with a view of locating or investing in the county. To make the fair a success, now is the time to decide upon it and start in to make preparations. The experience of previous fairs in paying "outsiders" and allowing fakirs to reap a rich harvest should not be forgotten. Make up a suitable list of awards and let the money go towards valuable prizes to those who make exhibits. We have plenty of attractions right here in Tillamook without paying outsiders to come here. A large number of the dairymen have been raising milk and it would be a good idea to have a milk show.

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The Tillamook County Editor-Boosters' Association is responsible for the recent agitation over the road levy. As president of that association, we wish to make a statement why the editors recommended a 10 mill road levy. In going over the county to ascertain the needs of the different sections the editors found that the burning question was "Good Roads!" As that was what the people demanded, it was necessary to define some plan or policy so as to bring results. The editors met and talked with citizens who hold totally different views of road work and how it should be done, the consensus of opinion was that they were willing to pay a 10 mill road tax if they obtained value for their money, the general opinion being that under our system of road building there were many leakages in expenditure, caused by poor material being used, poor grades and a poor day's work for a good day's pay. The editors could not help noticing that quite a number of citizens, who had good roads themselves, were not very enthusiastic about others enjoying the same advantages, but those who had bought high priced farms with but a small payment and had big interest charges to meet were, of course, were anxious that taxes be kept down. Then there were those who wanted to bond the county for a large amount. With so many conflicting opinions, complaints and theories, the editors undertook to formulate a policy which, in their judgment, was best for the entire county, so they recommended that each of the road districts be given \$50,000 for the next four or five years, to meet the growing demands and needs of the county for good roads. This is the road policy as recommended by the Tillamook County Editor-Boosters' Association, which is worthy, we think, of a fair trial, and much more preferable to a big bonded indebtedness, for if \$150,000 is judiciously expended annually it will meet the growing needs of the county and improve and build roads for the benefit of the citizens.

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The Useful Verb "To Get."
There is no word, long or short, in the English language capable of performing so much labor in a clear, intelligible sense as the verb to get. And there is an old time specimen of its capabilities:
"I got on horseback within ten minutes after I got your letter. When I got to Canterbury I got a chaise for town, but I got wet through before I got to Canterbury, and I have got such a cold as I shall not be able to get rid of in a hurry. I got to the treasury about noon; but, first of all, I got shaved and dressed. I soon got into the secret of getting a memorial before the board, but I could not get an answer then. However, I got intelligence from the messenger that I should most likely get one the next morning. As soon as I got back to my inn I got my supper. When I got up in the morning I got my breakfast and then got myself dressed that I might get out in time to get an answer to my memorial. As soon as I got it I got into the first chaise and got to Canterbury by 3 o'clock, and about tea time I got home."—Ave Maria.

Wellington's Subtle Retort.
Wednesday, 19th October, 1899—Lord Fitzgerald made us laugh at dinner today with a story about John Wilson Croker, whose pertinacity of opinion is well known. He was laying down the law after dinner to the Duke of Wellington and, according to custom, asserting the superiority of his own information on all subjects, having even flatly contradicted the duke, who had mentioned some incident that had taken place at the battle of Waterloo. At last the conversation turned upon the use of percussion caps for muskets of the army when Croker again maintained a directly opposite opinion to that which was urged by the duke, who at last good humoredly said to him, "My dear Croker, I can yield to your superior information on most points, and you may know a great deal more of what passed at Waterloo than myself, but as a sportsman I will maintain my point about percussion caps."—Thomas Balke's Journal.

The Larch in Labrador.
The soil and atmosphere are so cold and dry in faraway Labrador that scarcely any vegetation thrives at all. The larch is a species of pine tree which is found in all northern countries, but its growth is so stunted in Labrador that a specimen found on the most southern part of that dreary land was but nine inches in height and the trunk was but three-eighths of an inch in diameter. A careful examination of the miniature tree revealed its age to be at least thirty-two years, for there were that number of ring growths shown in its small trunk. The very cold currents pouring down from the north and the fact that Labrador has less sunshine than Alaska, together with several inland climatic conditions, make the summer seasons shorter and colder than are those of Alaska.—Exchange.

The Smoky City.
A Pittsburg man once submitted a Pittsburg story to a New York magazine and got a wire from the editor: "Will accept story if cut out libel." So the Pittsburg man hurried over to New York and asked the editor whom he had libeled. "You have libeled your native city, sir," was the reply. "Why," said the editor, turning over the manuscript, "don't you say here on page 23 that the heroine clutched the air desperately?" "Yes. Go on." "And then two paragraphs further down you say she washed her hands. Well, that!" The editor frowned angrily at the author. "That, sir, is a foul and disgusting libel on Pittsburg's air."—Detroit Free Press.

Told Him His Fate.
Family secrets will out. It has been the ambition of an Overbrook mother to marry her daughter to a young civil engineer who is on the road to brilliant success. But the young man, much in love with the daughter as he is, has not fully decided whether to ask her to marry him. Visiting at the home the other evening, the young man encountered little Bobbie. "Are you going to marry sister?" asked the lad. Much embarrassed, the visitor stammered that he didn't know. "Well, you are," returned Bobbie, with emphasis.—Philadelphia Times.

As We Speak It.
A German who had come to America to master our language was being shown behind the scenes of a vaudeville theater by one of his American friends. "That man," said the American, indicating an actor with a wave of his hand, "is taking off his makeup to make up for another take off." The German departed sputtering.—Success Magazine.

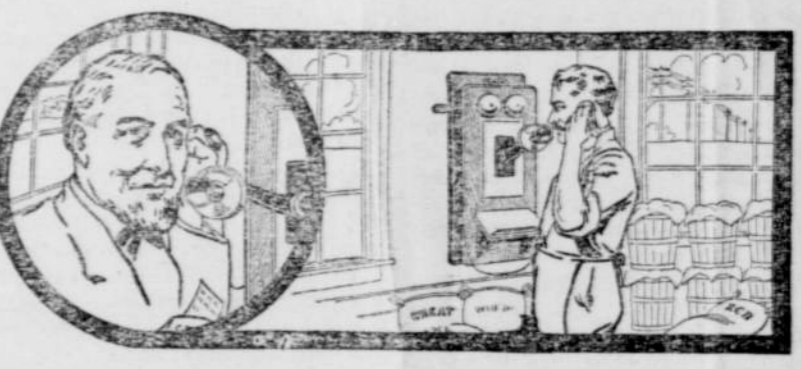
He Might Be Offended.
"See that dog, Kathi? It has taken the first prize at ten shows and is valued at 1,000 marks." "I wonder if I dare offer him a bit of sausage?"—Fliegende Blätter.

Same Thing.
"Reggie invites me out to dinner every other evening." "I suppose you just dote on him?" "I table d'hôte on him!"—Satire.

Slew Game.
Madge—Was George footing while you were playing golf? Marjorie—Gracious, I hope not! Why, I accepted him.—Lippincott's.

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