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The Tillamook Headlight,

Editorial Snap Shots.

One has only to watch the heavy hauling of gravel, wood, coal, lumber and other merchandise to be convinced that the howl made against the pavement being rotten was tommy rot.

If any more of Freddy's henchmen want to criticize the snap shot man in Freddy's organ and mouthpiece, why, they are at liberty to do so. But we always wait for the opportune time to "come back."

It is wise on the part of the "drys" that they did not force a local option election on the city, for they would have been defeated as badly as they were when they forced an illegal wet and dry fight on the city.

There was method in some people "knocking" the city and the pavement. To wit: After scaring several property owners they bought their property. It is said there is a trick in every trade, and this is one instance where the land speculators, as general report seems to prove, where the knocking trick worked like a clock.

Another large building would have been erected in this city this year, but the curb stone knockers and those who forced the city into expensive litigation quered it. The party who bought property with the intention of building was far sighted enough to see that it was going to be expensive on property owners and he did not want to be taxed to pay for it.

Now the school district is forced into litigation. It must be that outside attorneys think Tillamook is a gold mine and \$20 gold pieces are being milked from the cows. It looks to us that the money taken from the school funds amounting to about \$800, to pay high priced attorneys in the pavement case, would come in handy just now. If litigation is going to come as hard on the taxpayers in the school district as it will on the taxpayers in the city, they are to be pitied.

Judge Webster Holmes set a good precedent in making those who cause trouble pay for it and not the taxpayers. Justice of the Peace Stanley has done this also, and they are to be commended. There are quite a few persons who have put the county to considerable expense in prosecuting them for violating the law while under the influence of liquor or out of meanness. To send them to the penitentiary would be too severe a sentence, but a stiff fine and the cost added makes it expensive to those who need a wholesome lesson administered to them.

Only \$200 for a single copy of the court's record of evidence in the pavement case. Litigation comes high, especially when the court reporter's bill will amount to about \$1,500. One of these days the poor devil of a taxpayer will be thunder struck when the expense is all totalled up. Then look for a boomerag to strike those who forced this city into expensive litigation with high priced attorneys, for no matter how the pavement suit terminates, property owners who have no pavement abutting their property will be taxed to pay for the litigation—and the poor wifows we heard so much about as well.

Oh, my, those three shacks on corners opposite Lamar's, one where the pavement should be, shows a lack of public spirit and civic pride. And owned by those who fought street improvements. Truly First street have had some hard jolts given it by some few who owned property there. The three old shacks played its part in driving up-to-date business houses elsewhere, and the big price placed on the Allen House scared out the railroad, which figured on locating its passenger depot there. And in consequence the business life of the city is constantly growing in other directions. And no one should be surprised after casting their optics on those shacks.

It may be humiliating to some of those who became mixed up in the pavement fight, but we think it is to the best interest of the city to settle in full with the construction company and accept the offer to maintain the pavement for ten years, before the city is involved in more litigation and heavy expense. No matter which way the injunction suit is decided in the circuit court, it will not end there. Anyway, it was a personal fight as much as anything else that started the ruction. It seems, however, that some persons have been told and think they will not have to pay for the pavement, and here is where they are going to be fooled. It is the question of piling more indebtedness on the city by continual expensive litigation that should be causing some concern. The best friends of the city and the property owners are those who will help bring this about as soon as possible.

When people make a specialty of raising cranberries and confine themselves to about five or six acres it is the opinion of those who know there is more money in it than dairying, with comparatively small amount of money invested and not near the amount of labor. We believe it and expect to see Tillamook county producing over \$800,000 worth of cranberries. But like most other industries, or like dairying, it is those who specialize who make a financial success. Raising loganberries in this county is a success, but it requires a cannery to make it profitable, and even then there is fierce competition with other places where these grow berries in abundance. It is not so with cranberries, the only competition is with the Eastern cranberry. Notwithstanding that jobbers have succeeded in keeping Tillamook berries below the price of Eastern berries, with a larger amount raise and a proper organization the home product should bring the highest price because they are a better berry.

Did it every occur to the people of this county what high finance have done in placing inflated valuation in Tillamook dairy farms. Let us draw the curtain aside and reveal the cause. We have in mind farms which have changed hands numerous times, and every time they did so the land speculators' commissions, and often a few hundred or thousand dollars were added by them and placed in their own jeans. This not only affected the farms that were frequently sold, for naturally dairymen having farms in the same neighborhood raised the price of their land as well. That system have gone on so long that land have become so high in this county that it is beyond the reach of people who are looking for new locations. The land is not producing any more grass than it did ten years ago, but for the causes we have indicated the land is valued at three times what it was then. When a reaction takes place, as it surely will, those who have been persuaded to purchase dairy farms with very little money and a large amount of interest bearing paper money, will be in a bad predicament.

The school law in regard to taxation needs amending for it is unjust to vote special taxes in one school district and not in another. We believe in one school board and equal taxation for the entire county, and then there would be no complaint about unjust taxation. One system is pursued in conducting county business and building road and bridges and another in conducting schools. Why not turn the public schools over to the County Court and allow it to manage them? To attempt

to do anything like that one is sure to meet with considerable opposition, for it would immediately be said that it would be infringing on the rights of the people, for the present system has been doing service so many years it would be difficult to break away from it for something better. The snap shot man is radical enough—and, maybe, foolish enough—to recommend that the County Court be the school board for the entire county, that school tax and the number of teaching months be equal all over the county, with high schools established at suitable locations where population demands, all to be paid for out of the general school fund. This would do away with unequal taxation and give pupils all over the county equal educational advantages.

There appears to be a disposition to criticize the County Court because it has expended more money than the law permit, and it is right that the people should know the reason that the indebtedness of the county will amount to about \$35,000 by the end of the year. We have always contended that it is preferable to have the county on a cash basis and confine the expenditures below the receipts. That is a safe rule to adopt, but sometimes hard to follow on account of unforeseen circumstances. For instance, the mole and gopher bounty had not been provided for, and this drained the treasury of \$4,076.75, which would have amounted to four times that amount had not the county officials taken the bull by the horns and cut out the bounty. Then the new eight hour law went into effect with no provision made for the increased cost of labor on road work, which helped to increase the county's indebtedness to a considerable extent. Another cause was in finishing up several pieces of road work which had been commenced, so that they could be used this winter. If the County Court erred it was attempting to do too much road work and putting them in good shape for the winter. This is not all. January, 1912, the outstanding indebtedness was in the neighborhood of \$135,000. January, 1913, \$60,000, and January of next year it is estimated that it will be only \$35,000. This conclusively proves that \$100,000 of indebtedness was wiped off the past two years and the county will be on a cash basis with next year's taxes. So on that account we do not see any cause for complaint, but one cannot close their eyes to the fact that anyone who wants to make trouble and rush into litigation, for there is no telling what some people will do when personal spite and private interests predominate. Probably most sensible citizens will agree with us that it is far better to give the County Court a little latitude in cleaning up road improvements that were commenced than allow them to remain impassable all winter. We think we know something of the sentiment of the citizens all over the county in regard to road work, and any attempt to cause trouble will only create a much stronger sentiment for bonding the county for \$500,000, the same as other counties are doing. At present we are not in favor of bonding the county, but will be a big booster for it if good roads cannot be obtained otherwise. The county is making rapid progress in road work and is building fine, substantial highways that are a credit to Tillamook County and which bring forth words of praise from those who visit this county and compare them with the roads in other counties. "Let well enough alone" is a good rule to follow in road work, and as the county is far in advance of other counties, let the good road work continue, and in a few years Tillamook county will have far better roads with no bonded indebtedness than the counties which have bonded for large sums of money, for we contend that better road work will be done by a limited expenditure than attempting to expend \$500,000 in one year.

Mexico is developing so many candidates for the presidency that I must be some of the people believe there is actually going to be an election.

Claims for damages are piling up against Mexico at the rate of millions a day. Sometimes a situation is ended by the intervention of bankruptcy.

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Congress Believed in Brain Work.

In one respect the Democrats in Congress have had an astonishingly easy summer. They are no longer required to think. The caucus sets their nose and they merely follow it. President Wilson sets the nose of the caucus by calling in a few leaders to receive instructions. If he tells the chosen few to change their programme more in the direction of his personal views they do it instantly. All summer nearly all the Democrats in the present Congress have been living in a Lotusland, a legislative Nirvana. Cerebral action has ceased. Democratic votes in House and Senate are reached as simply as if worked by cash crank, a touch of the caucus button, is the beginning and end of legislative action on the floor. The caucus gets there first and leaves no more to be said or done. An amendment offered on the floor goes right through the trapdoor provided by the caucus. A Democratic member knows exactly what take place on the floor. He is strung on caucus wires and worked with a turn of the wrist. Formerly Congress in session had to think. The caucus has changed all that.

Several states are now practically excluded from legislation. They have no Democratic member, and therefore nobody to represent them in the all powerful caucus. All that remains to them is a seat on the floor and the caucus has made that equivalent to an empty chair. In such states a member articulates a speech to a body that has already acted in caucus, and he offers amendments to a majority pledged to vote down amendments, no matter what. A congressman thus situated is not admitted to the caucus, and on the floor is confronted with action already taken. He can speak into the Congressional Record, but that also is reduced to a poor trampy thing, not containing the real proceedings. They are found only in the caucus, which is not reported at all. Only one party participates in them, and only a junta has any real influence there. It is rather an abject condition for the Congress of the United States of America, as formerly carried on, an equal and distinct part of the government.

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