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The Tillamook Headlight.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Probably when some of the cities which went "dry" last week have gone through the same experience with "blind pigs" as this county did, there will be some change of sentiment before another election.

One thing that was noticeable in the vote for appropriations for the State University was the opposition that came from the rural districts. Great credit is due the Press, especially the Oregonian, for backing up the University. It was Lane county that polled a large majority—about 8000.

Did it ever occur to our citizens that the city will be stung badly as a result of the pavement scrap by way of interest. Well, at the rate of \$12,000 a year makes a formidable sum for the taxpayers to pack, just because a few land speculators had a personal fight and don't want to pay for improvements.

Bids for the improvement of Tillamook bar have been forwarded to Washington to go through the regular "red tape" stunt. We are all getting exceedingly anxious for work to commence on the jetty, for with this improvement carried to completion it means much by way of industrial development for the central part of Tillamook county.

It is a little amusing to see with what vim attorneys in some of the towns that went "dry" are hunting for technicalities. Any old lame excuse to get into court—and make a fee. It was the majority of the voters who voted "dry" at Hillsboro and Salem, and attorneys in these places ought to know enough not to butt in, for the courts have unmercifully "swatted" those who have done so.

The State tax this year will be five mills, or about \$75,000 for Tillamook County to pay, which is more than the whole tax collected in this county not many years ago. With our new fangled system of legislation and creating new offices and new commission, the so-called Oregon system instead of reducing the taxpayers' burdens appears to be increasing them. This means that taxes will take another jump.

The prohibitionists appear to be elated over their success in adding a number of cities to the "dry" territory, and are now determined to make the State "dry," if possible, next year. There is one stumbling block, the Home Rule law, which is a problem, for as long as this remains a law, giving cities the right to regulate the liquor traffic within their corporate limits, State wide prohibition is impossible. We opposed the enactment of this law, but it carried with such an overwhelming majority when put to a vote of the people we are doubtful whether they would repeal it. However, as a State wide prohibition election is inevitable, it is just as well to scrap it out next year as any other time, but it is our prediction that it will be successful, notwithstanding that the prohibitionists have a better chance of making the State "dry" on account of the women vote.

The snap shot man was called a knocker by a few real estate men because he stated that the real estate manipulators had

injected fictitious values into real estate in Tillamook. It was no other than J. J. Hill, the great railroad builder, at a banquet in his honor in Portland, who made the same remark about the high price of agricultural land as we made a few weeks ago, yet no one is calling him a knocker. Nor did he have land at \$400 or \$500 an acre in mind, as is the case in Tillamook County, when he made that statement, but land at \$50 to \$100 an acre. And it is beginning to dawn most forcibly upon the minds of a large number of dairymen that their taxes increase every year on account of inflated values being placed on dairy lands in this county. That is not the only draw back. Home seekers cannot be induced to locate here because it takes a little fortune to buy a fairly good sized farm of this land. We hope, when all idle agricultural land is assessed the same as improved land, it will have a tendency, with those who are holding it for speculation, to place it on the market at lower figures.

As a large amount of money have been expended in public and private improvements in this city, which is conclusive proof that our citizens have implicit faith in its future growth and development. What is now needed is united effort to help increase the business of the city, for this means much to those who have invested their money in large buildings. Unfortunately, the city has been forced into expensive litigation which will greatly increase the city's indebtedness, the burden of which will fall alike upon those who started the litigation and those who had nothing to do with it. Sooner this condition of affairs come to an end better it will be for the city, but from all indications there is no telling when this will be. But this should not retard any efforts to help boost the city and push it to the front, and for that reason we hope that our citizens will elect a mayor and city council who will be active in promoting the welfare of the entire city. It is, no doubt, unthankful positions to occupy, for no matter how faithfully a person may fill a public office, the knocker or the mossback is always in evidence denouncing and accusing public officials of grafting, etc., when, as a matter of fact, that is the individual who need watching. Our advice is to get together in the interest of the entire city and stand back of a mayor and city council who can not be influenced by those who want to dictate and control.

As a result of the visit of the Oregon Dairymen's Association to this city, the Pacific Homestead and the Rural Spirit devoted considerable space to the conventions, as well as lending a helping hand boost Tillamook county. Below we give a few clippings:

President Kunze took an early stand for strict integrity in dealing one with another. No man weeding out his herd should sell a scrub cow to a neighbor. To the butcher with her!

Dr. Withycombe says: "A cow reeds a large eye so she may see everything; a large mouth, so she may eat everything she sees; a large stomach, so she can hold everything she eats, and a large udder so she can turn everything she holds into milk."

Thos. Withycombe, of Portland, made a plea for better homes and a happy neighborhood brought about through social club meetings and gatherings of a social nature. He said: "You of Tillamook county have complete protection, as no one can produce your cheese nor steal your climate, but it is up to you to make your neighborhood happy by more social activities."

There is no more loyal man on the face of the earth than a dairyman. Without exception each one of them thinks his farm is the best farm and that it is situated in the most fertile and beautiful country on the face of this mundane sphere. But when the visiting dairymen looked across the green fields of Tillamook county; when they examined the record of the profits accruing to the local dairy farmers, some of them grew rather silent and thoughtful, as they compared in their minds this country with their own.

The members of the Oregon Dairymen's Association and the Oregon Butter and Cheese Maker's Association were never treated more hospitably than by the people of Tillamook during their stay in that city last week. On Tues-

day evening, which was just following the close of the Butter Makers' convention and preceding the opening of the dairymen's convention, the two associations were entertained at a banquet by the Commercial club at the new Tillamook hotel. This hotel, it may be said, is one of the finest in any of the towns in Oregon, a remarkable hotel for a city the size of Tillamook, and one which reflects great credit upon the ambitions and progress of its people. The affair was a great success in every way, and the splendid menu was a credit to the hotel management. Black coffee and the prize Tillamook cheese made by the Red Clover factory, scoring 96 per cent was served with the last course of the banquet. Mike Abplanalp, president of the Red Clover cheese factory, was called upon to cut the cheese, which he did gracefully amid round after round of applause for the man who can year after year bring out the finest cream cheese in the world.

On Wednesday morning the visiting dairymen, about fifty strong, were loaded into a dozen automobiles furnished by the business men of Tillamook, leaving the hotel about 9 o'clock, and were taken on a 20-mile drive through the beautiful Tillamook valley. The dairymen made that drive are convinced that some of the richest land in the world lies in Tillamook valley. It is so black and rich, yet soft and tempting to the plow or other tool, that at a later meeting, after Dr. Withycombe had told the convention in eloquent terms of the wonders of that rich soil. President J. M. Dickson arose and told of having on his own hook made some investigations during that remarkable drive. He said that to test the soil he had found a mole hill with fresh earth banked around and grasping a handful of it he pressed it tight and then opening his hand what was his surprise to find numerous globules of butterfat bursting from the rich black soil, which he had pressed into a lump. While, of course, this remark brought down the house and was considered the crowning feat in praise of that wonderful soil, even a number of the residents of Tillamook admitted that it was necessary to pass the products through the cow before it turned into butterfat; yet it expresses somewhat the feeling of wonder, and possibly of envy, felt by those excursionists after they drove over the valley, visited cheese factories, and were feasted here and there on delicious cream cheese, then on cheese and crackers; then, as Mr Dickson expressed it, on cheese and other things, although the writer and some of the others failed to get some of the "other things."

The \$2,000,000 Huerta has managed to borrow is too small for a beginning in settling the American bill of damages.

When it comes to official leisure the State Department is easily first. Solicitor Folk is about to take the stump in New Jersey.

Just to demonstrate that the women can do their part, wives of striking miners in Colorado have been kidnapping and detaining wives of strikebreakers.

The daughter of "Fighting Bob" Evans has divorced her husband on the ground of cruelty and abusive treatment. She must have taken after her mother.

During the last fiscal year Uncle Sam received \$240,000,000 for postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards, an increase of \$18,000,000. The boom is still on, and parcel post will add to it in 1913.

The fact that Oklahoma juries are convicting guardians for robbing their Indian minor wards indicates that the body of citizens are opposed to "grafting." Jury verdicts are the best reflection of community sentiment.

Following its recommendations of pop corn as a breakfast food, the Department of Agriculture gives us another helpful hint as to reducing the cost of living. It recommends that wooden shoes be worn. But would it not be cheaper still to go barefooted.

Huerta seems to be working strictly according to programme, as laid down in August by those who understand Mexican character and politics. To be predicted that he would fool President Wilson into belief that his policy had been successful, but without making definite pledges, and would resign before election and thus become constitutionally eligible for re-election. Having arbitrarily cleared his path by making others fear to become candidates or oppose him, he now seems about to continue the programme by resigning and seeking election, feeling, no doubt that he has "made a monkey" of American diplomacy.

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