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THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Should a fire occur and the Hose Company did not have enough water and pressure to extinguish it, who would get the cussing?

We want to state for the information of the dairymen and cheese producers of Tillamook County, that it is the largest packing companies that are endeavoring to reduce the price of cheese. Wouldn't that jar you?

It would only take a few minutes to fix the road at the city limits, north of town, where the planked city road joins the county road. Every auto driver has a right to cuss such antiquated road building and connection in this age of good roads.

A man by the name of "Joe" Knowles has entered the forest near Grants Pass in a nude state, to remain there for four weeks, taking no provisions with him. Why don't Governor West get next and send his private secretary, Miss Hobbs, with a delegation from the National Guard, and have the naked man arrested? Knowles is violating the laws of man, the laws of God, and the laws of common decency. We hope some hunter will pepper his hide with buck-shot.

The life saving crew was called to the assistance of a boat that had gone outside for deep sea fishing on Sunday, and was unable to return. One of these days a boat load of persons will lose their lives while crossing the bar and that will, no doubt, put a stop to deep sea fishing in small boats for some time. We have no sympathy for persons who risk their lives in that way, but if they are fool hardy enough to do so, they can only blame themselves should they be spilled out and find a watery grave on the bar.

The Oregon System is responsible for another unjust measure that is to be voted upon next November. It is proposed to exempt \$1,500 personal property and improvements from taxation. Should the measure carry, it will increase the taxes on land. This measure will cause class legislation, for the large majority of voters who pay but a small proportion of the taxes will vote for it for the purpose of avoiding taxation. Should the measure carry the extra burden will fall on other taxpayers. But, then, it is the sovereign will of the people to decide whether this unjust measure will become a law. We believe it will for the reason that a majority of voters are desirous of avoiding taxation if they can make the other fellow pay.

An effort is to be made to have a large number of game birds turned loose in Tillamook County. This is a good move and should be encouraged. About 15 years ago some of the citizens made up a "pot" and imported Chinese pheasants, with the expectation that they would propagate. At first they began to multiply, but for want of proper protection they were soon killed off, and since then very few of these birds have made their way into this county. That ought to be a good illustration of what will happen again should other game birds be turned loose without proper protection here, for Tillamookers are pretty good shots when they go hunting, and unless the birds are plentiful they are soon exterminated. To obviate this it is proposed to have a closed season in Tillamook county for one year.

Our contemporary foolishly accused us of "knocking" the cheese industry of Tillamook county. It is easy enough to make such a charge, but another thing to prove it. We want to ask Bro. Trombley some direct questions: "Wasn't it the aimed purpose of President Wilson and the Democratic party to reduce the price of everything raised on the farm, and wasn't the new tariff law passed for that and other purposes?" Of course it was. That being the case: "Wasn't it the intention of the Democratic party to reduce the price of cheese, with other farm products, so that the consumer could live at less expense and the producer to receive less for his products?" The real "knocker" then, of the cheese industry of Tillamook County is the Democratic party, of which Bro. Trombley is an exponent and stand patter, and one of those who have done the "knocking" of Tillamook cheese.

We are surprised that the Pacific Homestead should publish therot as is contained in the following paragraph,

If anyone needs "investigating" it is the one man in Portland who is "knocking" Tillamook cheese and is "sore" and "peeved" because he cannot buy cheese at about 12c a pound and place it in cold storage. This is what the Homestead says: "Considerable publicity seems to have been given to the Tillamook cheese situation through different publications of late. To one familiar with the situation it would seem that the cheese industry in the state of Oregon is entirely too large to be bottled up by any one man and the sooner this trust is investigated the better it will be for the industry in the entire state. We believe that the dairymen are entitled to the very highest market price and should be given the benefit of any freight rate between eastern points and the coast but they must bear in mind that supply and demand should govern the price. Why not establish a produce exchange and eliminate all this one man price?"

The public is learning that there is nothing free in business. All little courtesies, accommodations and gifts cost money and the expense must be taxed up against the business. When the railways were liberal with transportation to various classes of citizens whose favor they desired the fare-paying passenger bore the burden on traffic or it was assessed against the freight department. The customer who rides in a free bus to a store realizes that the expense of such service is added to the general price of merchandise. If everybody used the free bus the expense added to each purchase would be noticeable. The expense of "deadheads" at a theater had to be born by the theater buying public. This "free" thing is gradually being eliminated. It required action by Congress and the several state legislatures to abolish railway passes and telegraph franks. Theaters have been forced to reduce or abandon the free list by necessity. It is likely that the abuse of free delivery service will have to be checked, being one of the large elements in the high cost of living. The newspaper is one of the last institutions to attempt to correct this abuse of giving away the very thing it sells—its space.

The snap shot man was asked the other day what it would cost for a hard surfaced highway through the county by one of our citizens who believes that it is a waste of money to construct any more macadam roads for the main road through this county. It is hard to tell, for the reason that different materials are not of the same value. At a rough guess, from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a mile. We are not going to contend that it would not be economy to construct hard surfaced roads, for we are aware of the fact that the heavy travel, especially with the large auto trucks, that it is going to be more expensive to maintain macadam roads in this county in the future. What concerns us most is where to obtain sufficient money to construct a hard surfaced highway through the county, for it will take in the neighborhood of \$750,000. Those who advocate bonding the county are, no doubt, sincere in their advocacy of resorting to that method in obtaining hard surfaced roads, and they put up a good logical argument when they figure out the large amount of money it takes to maintain 60 miles of the main traveled road in this county where climatic conditions on account of so much rain in winter, make it exceedingly expensive, especially where poor gravel is used. The new method of travel over the roads is no easy problem to solve if hard surfaced material is not used, and to advocate hard surfaced roads one is immediately confronted with the problem of how to procure the money. When roads are cut up in summer and the wind carries off a large amount, and in the winter autos splash out every hole they come to and make it larger, it is evident that something will have to be done to overcome this.

We have frequently referred to the injustice that is done Bayocean on account of being deprived of a way out. And there are a great many persons in this county who are of this opinion. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements at this seaside resort, the last expenditure being \$75,000 for the natatorium, making it the most attractive resorts in Oregon. We have also frequently referred to the large increase in taxes that are paid into the county treasury on account of these improvements. The property a few years ago paid below \$100 in taxes whereas it is now paying somewhere about \$8,000 annually. Yet for all that, Bayocean is deprived of a wagon road and the property owners and taxpayers in that part of the county have a right to feel aggrieved that they have been discriminated against. With the exception of Neah-Kah-Nie, other seaside resorts have shown very little enterprise in making attractive and permanent improvements, as have been made at Bayocean at a large outlay of money. Take, for instance, Netarts, thousands of dollars have been expended upon the road to that place, but little or no money have been expended by property owners there in making improvements, and we are safe in saying that little or no increase have been made in taxable property on account of the large expenditure for the road. Another thing, there are more residents at Bayocean in winter than there are at Netarts. It is now six years since the agitation first started to give Bayocean a way out, and we are willing to admit that it has not been given a square deal, when compared with the large amount of money expended upon the Netarts road. It is true that the proposed road to Bayocean has been surveyed and the plans accepted, and that a small part of the road is partly improved at what is known as the Elmore ranch. The county promised \$2,000 against the same amount subscribed by property owners and business men of this city. At that rate it will take ten to fifteen years before Bayocean will have a road. We admit that it is too much money to

take out of the road money appropriated for this district to construct the road in one year, but we are firmly of the opinion that the County Court should be given power to construct the road in one year and to pay for it in three or four years out of the money for this district. This would enable the people to have the use of the road, and would not increase taxation, other than for the interest on the outstanding warrants. But the County Court cannot do this until a vote is taken and the people give it consent so that the Court can issue warrants to be paid for in annual installments. In justice to Bayocean, we believe the citizens who believe in a square deal would be willing that the road should be constructed under the conditions we have mentioned, and to bring this about, it is our advice that the voters be given an opportunity to vote upon this at the November election. No doubt there would be some of our citizens who would oppose the proposition, but we believe that a large majority of the voters of Tillamook county are fair minded and believe as we do, that the large amount of taxes paid by the property owners at Bayocean entitles them to a wagon road and a way out and they should not wait ten or twelve years before they obtain a road.

Prosperity Without Income.

The Kansas bondsmen announce a \$500,000,000 wheat crop and predict that in 1912 every family in the state will own an automobile. They have one more general idea: Families now at the present rate of increase there will be no high-wheeled family without a devil wagon in the next four years.

The whole country will rejoice in the prosperity of Kansas and hope that this prosperity will appear in the income tax collections soon. The people of Kansas, like those of some of the Southern States, have managed to having a federal income tax, and some of them have been suspicious that the people in the East would not make complete returns.

But New York has come forward with the payment of \$12,523,000 or a little less than one-half the total income tax collected. Illinois has paid more than \$2,000,000. Massachusetts more than \$1,500,000. Pennsylvania more than \$1,000,000. Michigan, \$702,000; Ohio, \$614,000; Oregon, \$609,000; New Jersey, \$716,000; Connecticut, and Rhode Island, \$733,000; Missouri, \$657,000; Texas, \$361,000; Minnesota, \$372,000; Virginia, \$102,000; Louisiana, \$159,000; Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, \$832,000; California, \$888,000 and Kansas, \$499,000.

Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Montana and all the Western States, with the exception of North and South Dakota, New Mexico, and Arizona, contributed more income tax than did the great state of Kansas, with its \$100,000,000 wheat crop and automobiles for every family in prospect. It is true that North Carolina, the home of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, dropped below Kansas, with only \$46,000, but North Carolina has not boasted of a great wheat crop and automobiles for everybody.

The people at whom the income tax was leveled seem to have been fairly honest in making returns, and if there is to be an inquisition, it ought to be where they advertise their wealth but do not pay the income collector to locate the incomes that are to supply automobiles to every family in the state in the next four years.

But perhaps Kansas will make a better showing in the income tax collections in 1912, or even this year when the \$100,000,000 wheat crop is sold.—Washington Herald.

The resolution of the National Education Association censuring the Carnegie and Rockefeller foundations merely views with alarm. The foundations are charged with trying to fashion the schools of the country after their conception and to standardize the courses of study and to surround institutions with conditions which menace true academic freedom. Hitherto the foundations have been most criticised by ecclesiastical bodies as having for their purpose the destruction of denominational colleges. In the heat of denunciation an atheist called Mr. Carnegie an atheist and intimated that his chief purpose was opposition to religion. That this particular charge was unjust and unfounded was pointed out some time ago, while at the same time expressing regret that Mr. Carnegie so greatly misunderstood the aims and practices of denominational colleges. Since this criticism was made it has been explained that Mr. Carnegie's refusal to aid "sectarian" schools is largely due to the fact that such institutions have organized bodies of friends capable of supporting them and his aim was to help institutions that have no such organized support.

An "insidious lobby" has reached the White House and been very graciously received. Business men representing themselves and many commercial interests have been heard there in protest against pending legislation, the effect of which would, they fear, be injurious to trade and commerce. We hail the spread of light in dark places. Such intelligent individuals and bodies were, about this time last year, called insidious lobbies by Mr. Wilson himself for only trying to keep in touch with the Congress and opposing then pending legislation believed to be as hurtful to business as any pending now. If it is true that such exertions of legitimate influences constitute insidious lobbies, it is equally true that the insidious lobby of the summer of 1911 is not less insidious than the one of 1912. In fact, it could not be less so, if psychological statesmanship has not found a method of subtraction which can work below the cipher mark. Putting such a miracle even beyond the power of psychological statesmanship, we must conclude that such statesmanship has learned the truth that there is neither lobby nor insidiousness in the exercise of the right of petition and remonstrance by any class of American citizens.

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