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THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

Editorial Snap Shots.

Why not allow the city election to be a "walk over?"

Have you paid your war tax to help the free trade party out of a hole?

The president says we are all in the same boat. Then let us throw out the fellows who insist on rocking it.

Sandlake got a square deal, and the snap shot man is glad on that account. The booster editors are entitled to another chicken dinner for boosting for that long delayed improvement.

Colonel Roosevelt has quit the Bull Moose party. That's tough on all those who shouted their heads off when they formed the Progressive Party. Like the Populist Party, no doubt, a few Bull Moosers will still cling to that mushroom party.

Is there a law for the rich and a law for the poor in Tillamook? Or is there a travesty of justice because the grand jury and the district attorney are at loggerheads? Anyway, from our view point there is something radically wrong somewhere that requires to be straightened out.

We want to call Bro. Trombley's attention to the Democratic war tax, and show him an object lesson that is of some interest to him. If he sends two papers in a parcel, one of which is an exchange and the other a subscriber, outside of this county, it will cost him \$1.04 a year. Say, Bro., don't that look as though the government is going into the free trade graft business when newspaper men have to pay an excessive tax like that to help the Democratic party out of a financial hole?

The budget, as prepared by the County Court and Advisory Committee appears to meet with general approval, with the exception of the Bayocean road, a large number of taxpayers thinking as we do, that the county should complete that road in the next two years. If the County Court decides to do so, and we hope it will, very little objection can be raised with the budget. We do not want to see other road work curtailed as outlined in the budget, but all we ask is that Bayocean be given a square deal, and this can be done by the court raising the levy sufficient to build one half of the road this year.

Lumber men in this county have just cause to feel blue. Cheap stumpage, from 10c. to 25c. in Canada, and the lumber brought into the United States free of toll, will soon knock the values out of timber in this county, thanks to the Democratic party. Well what's the use of complaining? The people of Oregon sent a free trade Senator to Washington. With stumpage in the Northwest at from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a thousand, how are the mill men going to compete with these conditions confronting them? The answer is easy. The saw mills at Wheeler and Brighton and Tillamook are closed down and hundreds of workmen are out of employment.

The dairymen in Tillamook County cannot be too careful in regard to the foot and mouth disease, for it would be a most serious condition of affairs should it make its appearance in this county. Our attention has been called to shipping in cows from other states. As the disease is so prevalent in the East and a case appearing in the West, some stringent precautions should be taken to prevent it getting into Tillamook. Now is the time to take and insist on proper precautions, the disease has reached West, and for that reason we think it unwise to ship cattle into Tillamook at the present time, for one animal from a

diseased district be liable to spread the disease to every dairy herd in this county, which would mean that they would all have to be killed. This is a serious matter and it is to the interest of every dairyman to keep the disease away from Tillamook.

The mill at Brighton shut down Friday for an indefinite period for lack of orders. This is what Bro. Trombley calls Democratic prosperity.—Nehalem Times.

Bro. Trombley is a political monstrosity, as Bro. Cotton ought to be aware of before this. His latest freak along these lines was to climb into the prohibition band wagon for "Oregon Dry" and advocate the election of a booze fighter to represent Oregon at Washington. And from what we can understand there are other prohibitionists in Tillamook who were just as inconsistent when they went to the polls last month. We would advise Bro. Cotton to ask Bro. Trombley how he can logically define such a position. Bro. Trombley has been on all sides of the fence the past few years. A democrat at heart, he posed as a Republican and then became a progressive, after which he went back to the Democratic party, and at the last election was a Prohibitionist, advocating the election of a booze fighter for U. S. Senator.

It was contempt of court at the last taxpayers' meeting to elect a chairman and proceed to vote on the different items in the budget. And it will be contempt of court if the same tactics are adopted this year. The object of the meeting is to give taxpayers an opportunity to be heard for or against any item in the budget it being up to the County Court to make any changes in the budget after they have listened to the taxpayers. That and that only, is the intent of the law. It would be wrong if it was otherwise. For instance, it would be an easy matter to pack the meeting with persons who were attempting to obtain taxpayers' money and rush through some improvement that they might be interested in. We were a little surprised when the matter of locating a road and bridge at Nehalem was discussed, that it was decided to refer that to the taxpayers' meeting for settlement, which would mean that the faction that could muster the biggest crowd would carry the day. It is up to the county court, after listening to both sides, to decide what is best for the county.

Very few persons in Tillamook County are aware of the magnitude of the Columbia Highway and what great advantages and benefit it will be to the counties through which it will pass. Tillamook County is fortunate in this respect, for as soon as the work is completed on the highway in Clatsop County, this county will be the next to be connected with that commendable enterprise. To give our readers some idea of the Columbia Highway, we reproduce an article from the Oregonian which is as follows:

No citizen that has ever been over the Columbia Highway, whether he went in an automobile, or a horse-vehicle, or afoot, has failed to be impressed with the high worth of the undertaking. It is to be the great connecting link between Eastern and Western Oregon; it traverses the most magnificent river in America; it opens up a fertile territory; it is a noble piece of road construction. Altogether, it bids fair to be known as one of the great highways of the world.

For a year Mr. Yeon has been roadmaster for Multnomah, giving his attention particularly to the Columbia Highway, but working also for first-class roads throughout the county. He has given to the public gratuitously the earnest and competent service of a fine organizer and a sensible and honest roadbuilder. With the aid of the Bensons, father and son, who have devoted their time and money to the cause of better roads, he has realized their common ideal of a perfect road in the Columbia Highway; and with them he desired to make all the roads about Portland what they should be.

The Columbia Highway is to be Oregon's show road; but the roads of the county are to be a definite and lasting asset, available for the most constant and trying use, and contributing directly to the welfare of all citizens. The Highway is but a unit in a system of permanent roads for Multnomah County.

A meeting of the taxpayers yesterday decided to recommend the completion of the Columbia Highway, (except the paving) out of the 1915 tax levy and to propose a bond issue of \$1,000,000 to be used for hard surfacing various important Multnomah roads, including the Highway.

Obviously the day of the paved road in the county, as in the city, is here. Macadam roads, or gravel roads or dirt roads, are not good enough, for they do not last, under present traffic conditions, on main thoroughfares. A wise people builds for the future, as for the present.

An Open Letter to the People of Tillamook County.

Editor of Tillamook Headlight. It would seem that the advisory committee from Nehalem that went to Tillamook to assist in making a budget, met the enemy and were theirs.

The estimate made for road purposes was \$172,000. Road district No. 1 which includes Nehalem, is to receive \$47,500; Road district No. 2, \$62,000; and district No. 3, \$67,500, if the figures you published are correct. Now as road district No. 1 will pay into the road fund approximately half of the total amount or \$86,000, I cannot see why it should not have a like amount.

The estimates made for all parts of district No. 1 are meager enough and the improvements are all necessary unless it be the \$3,500 for a proposed piece of road from Nehalem to Dean's Point that would be utterly useless, unless we had the balance that rightfully belongs to the district to build a bridge to Wheeler. However the matter of building a bridge across the lower Nehalem is a sore point and one on which we are unable to agree. As to the Headlight's suggestion, it would, perhaps, be better to wait and see where the Columbia Highway wishes to cross, if they wish to cross at all.

But without an appropriation for a bridge, we need in this district every cent that belongs to us, I cannot see why we should not have it. The roads we have need widening and to have the crooks taken out. There are new roads to construct, and all need some kind of surfacing to keep us out of the mud. We noticed in the budget items to the amount of \$28,500 for paving various roads about Tillamook City. Now as it would be impossible in this or the next generation to pave all the roads of the county, why discriminate?

Therefore, I move that the Hon. County Court cancel the items for paving roads and transfer the \$28,500 to the credit of district No. 1 and thereby do an act of simple justice.

E. K. Scovell.
Nehalem, Oregon Nov. 30, 1914.

(Our correspondent is right in theory but not in practice. It is the general rule in all counties to improve roads where there is the most travel and where the wear and tear on roads are heaviest. Heavy teaming and big auto trucks are cutting up the roads, especially in the central part of the county, so much so that taxpayers are coming to the conclusion that it is now economy to lay hard surfaced roads and a waste of money to construct any more macadam roads on the main and heavy travel highways. If Mr. Scovell's theory was followed the County Court would be spending 80 per cent of the road fund building roads in the timber and 20 per cent where the citizens are located.—Ed.)

Mr. McKimens Defines his Position.

Mohler, Ore. Nov. 28, 1914.
Editor Headlight, Tillamook, Ore.

Dear Sir:—In commenting on the work of the advisory committee in the issue of the Headlight dated Nov. 26, you make the following statement: "Mr. McKimens wished an item placed in the budget, as he said he had promised this. He recommended that a road be built from Nehalem on the west side of river to Dean's point and a bridge built across Nehalem harbor near the saw mill." Now there is no truth in the statement you make that I had promised the road, or in the statement that I wanted a bridge built at this time, or at any time in the near future at that point. There are several reasons why I wanted the road built this year from Nehalem to Dean's Point. The principal one was to get to the rock on the point to use on the roads as soon as possible, as we have no good rock handy that we can get without it costing taxpayers an unreasonable amount. As this rock is along side the river, it could be loaded on large scows or barges, and taken up the river to convenient points for distribution by wagons, as I believe it is cheaper than hauling long distances with wagons. There was gravel hauled on the roads up here this year, that was at least half dirt, and as a result, there are places where the roads are in bad shape since the rains, especially the Loerpel road, and I believe I am safe in saying that there is not a well informed person in Tillamook County but believes now that it is cheaper to use crushed rock in road work where there is heavy travel when it can be had convenient. When the big mill was built at Wheeler, the mill company brought in all the crushed rock and sand on their barge from the Columbia River to use in foundation work, as it was the cheapest and quickest way to get the material. There are other good reasons I have on this road location, but it would take too much time and space to discuss it at this time. I am look-

ing ahead, and trying to save the taxpayers needless expense in building and repairing roads, and believe the people will stand by me in every reasonable effort along that line, and the danger has been, and always will be, that town site promoters and real estate men will try to dictate in every way possible the location of roads and bridges, and I have learned lately, on good authority, that is one reason why certain men are so anxious for the State Highway Commission to build a road down the Clatsop Beaches and by Necanic Mountain, when Clatsop county is now building a road to connect with our roads up the North Fork of the Nehalem river at a cost of \$100,000. That ought to be good enough for all concerned in both counties for some time to come.

Yours Respy.,
Geo. R. McKimens.

(When Mr. McKimens advocated a road from Nehalem to Dean's Point and a ferry or draw bridge across the river to Wheeler, we understood him to say that he wanted this item in the budget and that he promised to have it placed there, and at the same time Mr. McKimens stated he had made no promises previous to the election in regard to location of roads or bridges. When the two locations for a road and bridge was discussed, Mr. McKimens undertook to convince the advisory committee that it would not cost any more for a road from Nehalem to Dean's Point and a bridge across the river at that point than a bridge at Nehalem and a road to connect with the Loerpel road; in fact he strongly contended that it was the best location. We had no intention whatever of misquoting Mr. McKimens, and after what transpired at the meeting of the advisory committee we were a little surprised to hear that he never favored a bridge across the river at Dean's Point. Evidently Mr. McKimens did not make his position clear to the advisory committee, and we construed his remarks as favoring a bridge across the river at Dean's Point.—Ed.)

High School Jottings.

Dr. Bertha M. Stuart, physical director for women at the University of Oregon, and an expert in physical training and plays for women and children, will speak in the high school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 4, under the auspices of the Parent Teacher's Association. The subject which she will discuss is "Plays and play buildings for Children." Dr. Stuart may also speak to the girls of this school and their mothers next Friday afternoon, though this has not been definitely decided.

The Webster Club had its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec. 1. The question was "Resolved, that the United States should maintain a large Navy." The affirmative won by a unanimous vote of the judges. The teams had three members each and arranged as follows, Affirmative: Areta Everson, Eldred Reed and Irangel Mills. Negative: Lee Doty, Lalen Maddux and Herbert Stam.

The state question has already been made public, namely, "Resolved that the Federal Government should own and operate all interstate railroads acting as common carriers, including interstate lines competing with them." Active work will soon begin on the question and the tryout will begin in about two weeks.

The Athletic Association held a meeting last Monday, Nov. 30. An amendment to the constitution was proposed and accepted to the effect that those who wish to remain, or become members of the association must have passing grades in at least three subjects. In this way athletics becomes an incentive to harder study. Other minor details were discussed, among them the advisability of inducing outside basket ball teams to come to Tillamook and also the T. H. S. team visiting out side schools. There will be a game between T. H. S. basket ball team and Bay City team next Friday night, this will probably be the decisive game between Bay City and the T.H.S. teams especially if the association intends to visit other cities and invite them here.

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gave an interesting lecture to the agriculture class, his subject was "Cut worms, maggots, lice, and how to kill them. The culture and growth of alfalfa."

Fairview Birthday Club. The Fairview Birthday Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Vesper Holden, on Dec. 8. Mrs. Holden will be assisted by Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Zweifel. It is to be an all day meeting, and all members are requested to be there by 11 o'clock. Election of officers will be one of the important business transactions. The volunteer program plan seems to be quite an interesting feature. It is to be hoped that all members will be present as a good time is in store for us.

The assembly hall is being rewired and new lights are being put in. The object is better light, which is very necessary for some students, especially the Freshmen need more light on dark subjects.

Recently eight new pupils were enrolled in the school. The enrollment of the school is now 400.

Mr. Jones, the County Agriculturist,