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**THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.**

**Editorial Snap Shots.**

What a good time the fire boys have in going to fires compared with the fire boys who used to have to wade through the mud and slush before the streets were paved.

Dan C. Kingman, chief of engineers United States Army, has reported to Senator Lane, that the dredge Oregon, now at Grays Harbor, cannot be sent to Coquill river at Bandon as being needed for work in Tillamook Bay.

The action of Portland in creating a large membership for its Commercial organization should inspire every town in Oregon to do likewise, for it is live, wide-awake organizations like that which help to boost the state.

The Tillamook Commercial Club which is composed of about one hundred of the leading business men of this city, has gone on record as favoring the County Court expending the \$10,250.00 appropriated for the Bayocean road. Will the County Court please take notice of this.

The usual monthly meeting of the W. R. C. was held on Saturday when the usual birthday celebration was participated in, those who had reached another milestone in their age being Messlames, Margaret Feeney, Mary Trombley, Anna Kirk, Elva Stanley and Margaret Lesia.

How things have changed. A few years ago Rollie W. Watson was educating the horses of the county with his little honking machine, the first in the county. Today we find a number of farmers, who did a little cussing because their teams got scared, driving autos and hitting the roads at a much livelier rate than Rollie did, who don't care a whoop if teams get scared or not.

Wouldn't that jar you. C. J. Green, assistant engineer of the Railroad Commission, is wanting his fine refunded for fishing without a license, having sent in a petition for the people to sign. When a man deliberately attempts to beat the game law, the same as Green did, when he took another man's fishing license with him to bluff the deputy game and fish warden, should he be asked to produce his license, ought to be "stung" good and hard.

The Nehalem Valley Reporter is beefing again about the Bayocean road. Surely our esteemed Brother, has enough to do to look after the roads in his own district without poking his nose into the road work of this district. No one is objecting in this district, to the exceedingly large amount of money that was expended for the Wheeler-Garibaldi road, and the large amount of money to be expended this year. Two thousand dollars was all that the county had expended on the Bayocean road up to the first of the year, which was an insignificant amount compared to the money on the Wheeler-Garibaldi road.

The Bay City Examiner has yet another editor to add to the roll of those who have helped to keep that newspaper's head above troubled waters in the factional strife of that city. Eldridge C. Smith, formerly of the Press-Times, of Wallace, Idaho, has purchased the Provoost interest in the Examiner, and we welcome Mr. Smith to Tillamook, and wish him success. Perhaps some time in the near future, the newspapers of the county will be run on a business basis and not in the interest of mercantile stores and certain individuals. This county has had too many newspapers of that character, and they have generally acted as a boomerang to those at the back of them. That class of newspaper have little or no influence a county, for the people soon get

next to business men who control papers. But that is not the only objectionable feature. It always ends up in a financial loss to them, which some of the previous owners of the Examiner can testify to, as well as those who have tried to eke out a miserable existence as editor, manager and devil of that unfortunate newspaper, only to hike to some other place leaving a score of unpaid bills for business men to charge up to profit and loss.

It seems to be the disposition of a number of members of the Commercial Club to devote more time and attention to the commercial end of the club. Several attempts have been made in this direction in the past and some little progress has been made. The snap shot man is not one of those who blame the club. The aims and objects of the club were plainly set forth in the by-laws when the club was first organized, and remains the same to-day. If any criticism is coming it must be charged up to the business men who have taken little or no interest in the business, civic or industrial growth of the city. The snap shot man believes it is the duty of every businessman to devote a little time every month—and "get together"—in the interest, development and improvement of the city, and it is just as well to say right here that this is where the trouble is, not in the Commercial Club, or in any of the officers who have often made attempts to get the business men enthused and working together for this object. A commercial club can't be a success without the co-operation of every business man in the city, and we are of the opinion that if all our business men were loyal to the city and the club it would be possible to employ a manager, which is now greatly needed in the club. Don't blame the club or the officers if the club has failed in some respects, blame the business men for lack of interest. We hope that these few remarks won't hurt the feelings of anyone, but we do hope that every business man will take more interest in the club and stand back of the new officers, and then the club will be a live wide-awake club doing the work for which it was organized—the business and industrial development of Tillamook City and County.

**The Sin of Dancing.**

It is probably useless to argue with a man who speaks of dancing as "a sinful pleasure" which "arouses the evil passions in man" and who believes that "dancing is the first step toward those chambers of death that the Bible speaks of as the habitation of sinners." The language we have quoted is from a letter to the Oregonian published today in another part of the paper. The man who wrote it has not troubled himself at all about the facts of the subject. He has formed a theory of his own without any regard to perfectly patent circumstances and to that theory he will doubtless cling as long as he lives.

If dancing is in itself so great an evil, leading to consequences so terrible, it is marvelous to see how many good and virtuous people indulge in it without experiencing any harm. Or is it true that dancing is innocuous in the halls of the wealthy and is only "evil" when practiced by the humble for their amusement after the day's toil is over? What is unpardonable sin for the poor is oftentimes a shining virtue for the rich, in the opinions of some men.

His psychology is as perverse as possible. Dancing under proper conditions does not excite man's evil passions. On the contrary it allays them. It is a well known scientific truth that lack of decent company and wholesome amusement turns the mind toward vicious indulgence, while pleasant society and agreeable diversions like dancing, music and cheerful conversation are great conservers of innocence. Wherever public dancing has been brought under decent supervision it has shown itself to be a friend to morals as well as to physical health.

All forms of innocent amusement which can be offered to the humbler classes under public auspices and good chaperonage pay large returns in health and morals. The money spent for them is saved over and over again in court and jail expenses. In the face of facts like these, the judgment of a man who wilfully ignores everything but his own prejudices should not be allowed much weight.

As for the "complete suppression and annihilation" of dancing which he desires, it has been tried a great many times without success. The good Lord so constructed human beings that they imperatively demand amusement. When it is not obtainable under wholesome conditions the irrepressible needs of their nature drive them to seek it under bad ones. To

talk of eradicating this inborn trait of human nature is nonsense. Such talk may divert the leisure of a doctrinaire recluse, but it cannot engage the consideration of practical men and women.—Oregonian.

**Sir Edward Grey on the War.**

Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, when asked "What is the issue for what we are fighting?" made this reply:

"In due time terms of peace will be put forward by the allies. One essential condition must be the restoration to Belgium of her independent national life and free possession of her territory. The great issue is this: We wish the nations of Europe to be free to live their independent lives, working out their own form of government, and their own form of national development, in full liberty, whether they be great states or small states. That is our ideal.

"The German ideal is that the Germans are a superior people, to whom all things are lawful, and against whom resistance is unlawful, and must be put down, that they must establish domination over the nations of the continent, and that all must be subservient to Germany.

"I would rather perish, or leave the continent altogether, than to live in it under such conditions. After this war, we and the other European nations must be free to live without the interference of the superior war lord; without the clang of armor and the sword continually rattled in the scabbard; heaven continually invoked, and without our policy being dictated by the military dominion of Prussia.

"We claim for ourselves, and together with our allies, we will secure the right to live and pursue our national existence, not in the shadow of Prussian supremacy, but in the light of equal liberty."

**War not a Good Excuse.**

The European war can no longer be utilized as a scapegoat for dullness, depression, hard times and unemployment in any part of the United States according to W. S. Cousins, editor of the American Banker. Mr. Cousins does not give this merely as an expert opinion, in ex-cathedra fashion. He gives facts and figures to show that as far as the United States is concerned the influence of the war "has been stimulated beyond all precedent." But it was unnecessary for him to remind us of the fact. Secretary Redfield has been making exultant reports of enormous increase in American exports. While manufactures of war supplies contribute to the total, there has been an increase all along the line. The exports of food stuffs have reached proportions to cause some alarm. Nor is there prospect of a falling off. Even should the Dardanelles be opened and an outlet for Russia's wheat thus afforded, there would, as Mr. Cousins points out, be no reduction in the demand for American products. In fact, such opening would prove a market heretofore closed to American goods.

That industrial depression had struck this country long before the European war began was a matter of general knowledge. The president had offered his naive explanation as to its "psychological" character, but this did not impress the men and women who had been thrown out of employment. In the great industrial centers the situation was so marked that it was reflected in the election returns in November. The great agricultural sections of the country had just begun to feel the effects of a home market which had been hurt by reduced buying power and also by importation of products from other lands, when the war created a demand which counteracted these tendencies. But for the war the rebuke of the national administration would have been as severe in the West as in the East.

It may be asked, in view of the stimulating effects of the war on American industries, why there is not greater prosperity. The bank statements suggest the explanation. The banks are glutted with money, which is not being loaned on long terms. Nobody except Democratic politicians has any confidence in the future as long as the Democratic party is in power. Right or wrong, it is considered hostile to business and all the rhetoric of the president and his cabinet officials cannot overcome the general feeling. It is this condition which has moved even the Democratic members of Congress, whom Senator Stone recently scolded, to predict the election of a Republican president next year.

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**Colliers' Caustic Critics.**

A woman has lost her life in San Francisco attempting to remove freckles, and Harpers' Weekly doesn't seem to have heard of it.

Motor cyclists are brave fellows: and we suppose we shall have to be resigned to being half scared to death for their safety.

If some super-genius can remake human nature, dry laws won't be needed.

First mosquito has more regard for his welfare than the first robin. He doesn't arrive until his kind of weather is a certainty.

It is maintained the Monticello is not worth anything like \$500,000; but it must be remembered that Mr. Jefferson Levy doesn't want to do anything like selling it either.

Neptune might pitchfork a submarine now and then, though he seems to be neutral or scared into the Arctic Ocean.

Jeremiah had his way about things that were wrong, but at the time he wrote he didn't have the circulation of Lincoln Steffens.

Does the carrying of 200,000 passengers by one of the American railroads without losing a life lessen the sale of accident insurance?

There ought to be a rainbow of promise in the blue, green, yellow, orange and red books of the warring powers.

Much of the farm life is like camping out but at that it is somewhat superior to flat life which has some penological features.

Irvin S. Cobb is going back to the seat of war; but Ivan is a humorist, and we protest that he ought to gather humorous material.

Those Babylonian baked tiles show that men thousands of years ago were foolish—only in other ways.

Three weeks until Easter and the buds on the Easter lillies don't yet realize the necessity of haste.

Who is the benefactor who can make blades of grass grow where there was quite a presentable front lawn last October?

"Is March a winter or a spring month in this climate?" asked the Eastern visitor. "Neither," replied the native; "It's March."

When Mount Lassen blows open at Bumbas Hell then look out, once said a scientist. It has blown open there and instead, scientists are trying to look in.

What has become of the old-fashioned cook who put rhubarb in pies in chunks? Can't say; maybe he was lynched.

When a sailor wishes to reach that low bass note in "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" he now takes a submarine and goes down after it.

Hint for the back yard garden; In buying radish seed for planting, select the Early Hardy Holeless. The vacuum radish has failed to give satisfaction, we learn from many growers.

A North Carolina Democrat has refused a government job abroad. Efforts of a well-meaning administration to depopulate the state has failed.

We don't know how the story got started that St. Louis would celebrate "union day". That's a Texas fete.

Billy Sunday will not evangelize Boston until the latter part of next year. Eighteen months of new slang can accumulate in that time.

Coyote loop is said to be the coming successor of the fox trot. Draw the line somewhere, or the jack-rabbit leap will follow next. A couple of yumps, Ole, and your across the ball-room.

De mortuis nil nisi bonum, and don't wait too long.

Grass butter and "yard aigs", as the Huston Post calls them, are now to be had, but you've got to know where to look.

All the Southern papers are proving how much better the planters can succeed by diversifying their crops rather than planting cotton only. Sweet are the uses of diversity.

Alleghany College, which is to have a showy outdoor celebration at its centennial commencement in June, has taken out \$5000 insurance on the weather. There's a hint for pageantry.

Woman in Tacoma killed thirteen wildcats. No such joy as being able to substitute "tom" for "wild".

Uncle Andy believes in universal peace, particularly at Homestead.

There are sermons in stones; the most celebrated and effective one began with: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

**Apropos of Nothing in Particular.**

One can always do something for others, but be sure that others want something done.

In borrowing trouble worrisome people go father and pay ten per cent interest on it.

If people were not so restless more of them would arrive at a golden wedding anniversary.

Falling in love is a human and sociological necessity and not much more worth arguing about than the weather.

Your ancestors, if they are great enough to boast about are great enough to imitate. Pride of ancestry is not without merit.

It is true the way of the transgressor is hard, and also true that the way of the righteous is hard.

Overshoes for wading in slush may not look pretty, but they are preferable to a mount in the cemetery.

Everything—that's left—comes to those who wait.

**E. I. Cantine to be Highway Engineer**

Salem, Ore. March 29.—By a vote of two to one the State Highway Commission today appointed E. I. Cantine, of Portland, State Highway Engineer to succeed H. L. Bowlby, resigned.

It was decided, however, that Major Bowlby be retained in charge of the work in Hood River County and that he have charge of the settlement

of all disputes and settlements for work done under his supervision in Columbia, Clatsop, and Jackson counties. Mr. Cantine will assume his new duties April one, and it will probably take three months for Major Bowlby to finish the work assigned to him by the commission.

Governor Withycomb and State Treasurer Kay voted for Mr. Cantine and Secretary of State Olcott voted for the retention of Major Bowlby. Mr. Kay said that inasmuch as the Governor would have the appointing power of the Highway Engineer when the department, under the new law, would be merged with the State Engineer's department May 22, he would vote for any man Governor Withycombe favored.

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