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**THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.**

**Editorial Snap Shots.**

Johnny, get your gun and pepper the hides of the thieves who are breaking into stores.

Have you noticed the large number of persons who have gone into the bankruptcy court to square their indebtedness, these good old Democratic times?

Wouldn't that jar you! Some of the "wets" are endeavoring to line up the "drys" against Mayor Brodhead, because he took a firm stand for the enforcement of law.

We are glad to see that Washington county is getting the good roads spirit. It is proposed to expend \$137,000 on roads in that county next year. And the roads in Washington county surely need improving.

The newspaper men of Oregon claim that the mail order houses are taking the trade from country stores. We believe it, and believe, too, that many of the country stores will have to go out of business on account of it.

The election on Monday will be interesting in this respect. It will plainly prove whether the citizens are in favor of enforcement of law and whether they will back up or push down the mayor who took a firm stand in this matter.

We want to ask Bro. Trombley, who is taking up the fight to keep the Standard Oil Company from locating in this city and send it to Bay City whether the people should not be allowed to vote whether a foundry should be located in the city as well as the oil station.

It looks to us that those circulars and the last issue of the Herald in opposition to granting the Standard Oil Co. a franchise to do business, gave the city a hard knock and a black eye. We are sorry we have such narrow minded and short sighted individuals in a live progressive town.

Bro. Trombley, says, speaking of the snap shot man: "He just simply cannot stand Democratic prosperity." Rats. No one ever knew of Democratic prosperity. It never existed and never can as long as there is a free trade tariff. What prosperity the country is enjoying is on account of the horrible war in Europe, which we all deplore and would like to see stopped.

Sure thing, trot them out. We mean the "reformers" who promised to cure all our political ills under the Oregon System. The only thing these loud mouthed "reformers" have succeeded in doing and they are entitled to the credit, is to increase taxation. President Taft said when the people had a "progressive" jag on, that "Progressive is as progressive does." So called "progressive."

Some of the "wets" are awfully anxious to influence the "drys", with the object of forming a combination to defeat the mayor. We hope it won't be another election where the beer and the bible get together and vote together. Some of the "drys" are pretty pronounced and claim they can't be worked that way. The "drys" don't owe the "wets" anything, anyway, and we don't believe that they can be worked to help the "wets" out in the frame up in the city election.

We don't believe the average voter will have much patience with the so-called "reformers" at the next election. They had their fill the last election, of that class, who, with their loud boasting, haven't accomplished any good, in fact, they put Oregon into a hole and it is difficult to know how to get out of the mess. Take the Torrens law, and those who predicted that it would simplify the transfer of real estate find it brings about a totally different result. So much for our so-called "reformers."

Forest Grove has one good up-to-date newspaper and is a credit to that thriving town. It had three newspapers at one time. One is all that is necessary, and the business men patronize the survival of the fittest. Now Forest Grove is to have another newspaper, not because it is a "long felt want," but because someone wants to butt in where one newspaper is plenty. Every additional newspaper in a small town is that much additional tax on the merchants. We hope the people of Forest Grove will stay with the News-Times. There are too many small towns with two newspapers, where there is only room for one.

If you are interested in the development and growth of Tillamook City, don't go to the polls on Monday and vote to keep out new enterprises from being started here. That is what is commonly called mossbackism, but we don't want the impression to go abroad that we have a mossback city and the citizens voted to shut out money from being invested and new methods of doing business establish-

ed here. The vote on Monday will show how many citizens believe in having a wide-awake progressive city. Vote for the franchise to allow the Standard Oil Company to come here and benefit the city and benefit the citizens who use gasoline.

What the new city council will have to contend with the coming year will be near beer and gambling joints. Most all of our citizens can recall the fact that those places under local option, became bootlegging and gambling joints and brought about a worse condition than under the saloon regime, for more young people obtained booze than at any time in the history of the city. How and where does the candidates who were nominated stand in this matter. A great deal depends upon the city officials as to whether this city is again to be made the hot bed of bootlegging and gambling joints, or whether the law is to be enforced. The snap shot man does not want to see a repetition of the bad state of affairs that existed the last few years of local option.

With more empty stores in the city than ever before and business not what it should be, the snap shot man is surprised to find that we have citizens who are "knocking" the growth and development of the city in their endeavor to keep out a modern, up-to-date industry which will not only be a benefit to the city but to the whole surrounding country. It seems to us that the business men should get together and register their protest against the effort of those who are "knocking" the city with their little hammers. Why, everybody should be boosting for new enterprise to locate here—not "knocking" them. It is something the city is badly in need of, and we hope the citizens will offer the glad hand to them when they go to the polls on Monday, for every vote cast against a new enterprise coming here is a "knock" at the city.

Tillamook and Yamhill counties succeeded in getting \$9000 of the state Highway funds. Why can't Tillamook and Clatsop get together another year and ask for an appropriation for the Necarney road? That is a trump card the commissioner from the north part of the county should be ready to play at the first opportunity. We believe there would be no difficulty obtaining an appropriation for that purpose which would give Tillamook county one of the most beautiful scenic highways in Oregon. Tillamook and Yamhill counties did not get a large appropriation for the Sour Grass road as it should have done, and this should be a good argument in favor of obtaining \$20,000 for the Necarney road. And to insure this improvement, and a give and take spirit, Commissioner Owens should be willing to give \$7,500 from his appropriation and a like amount from the judge's road district. That would be giving each end of the county a square deal in an expensive road project.

Some of our citizens are agitating the question of having the timber cruised. They contend that in other counties where timber have been re-cruised, 15 to 20 per cent have been added to the valuation of the timber. Another argument they are advancing for wanting the timber re-cruised in the notations in the county cruise where it specifies that from 50 to 15 per cent be added to certain cruise but which is not assessed that way now. Most of us are well aware of serious errors in the county cruise, but to re-cruise the whole of the timber in the county fairly and correctly it will take a big wad of money, and it seems to us that as long as these good old Democratic times remain in vogue, this is no time to add to the expenses of the county and increase in taxation, for that is high enough already. We do say this in all candor that the continual agitation inaugurated by some of the timber interests is pushing this issue to the front very fast, for the people have had enough of that already.

Don't knock if you're paying more taxes on dairy lands than you should, if your land is encumbered with fictitious valuations. We believe that most every dairyman in the county are paying taxes on fictitious valuations, and as long as they hold their land at ridiculous high figures, they should not complain about high taxation. Anyone can figure it out that the person that pays an exorbitant price for dairy lands in Tillamook county, will always have his nose on the grind stone and will be as poor as a church mouse after scratching to pay interest and taxes. It is hard on the persons who don't want to sell and are heavily assessed, because land in the neighborhood is held at fictitious values. The land is worth just what it will produce, no more or no less. Cut the fictitious valuations out of the dairy lands and get down to where it belongs, for it is not a healthy, prosperous state of affairs to have a whole lot of citizens struggling under a load of indebtedness, who stand off the store keepers for grub and the common necessities of life to pay interest and taxes. We don't believe in knocking, but something ought to be done to dissuade persons from buying land with fictitious valuations injected into them.

The old rule and ruin spirit cropped out again over the city nominations, on Monday, which used to be such a factor in city and county elections in years gone by. Because Mayor Brodhead had positively refused to accede to a demand to quash the proceedings of three cases in the Recorder's office this was made the pretext of a fight against him. It was a foolish, senseless demand, and Mr. Brodhead is to be commended, not condemned, for the position he took by the citizens of Tillamook. But it showed distinctly that the rule and ruin spirit is not dead yet, and there are those of our citizens who want to act in the position of boss and hold the whip hand over city officials. We believe there are extenuating circumstances in cases where a person is pulled for what his employee is responsible for, but is for the recorder to take this in-

to consideration, not for the mayor to butt in and dictate to the recorder what he should do or not do. In fact it was none of the mayor's business to interfere and boss the recorder. Mr. Brodhead's firm stand for what he thought was right is a good omen for the proper enforcement of the law in future, and we want to commend him and the citizens who turned out to support him on Monday.

**Enterprise Not Checked.**

President Wilson is so accustomed to dealing in vague rhetoric in discussion of domestic affairs, avoiding all concrete illustrations, that his political opponents have been at something of a disadvantage. It is difficult to answer a prose poem with tables of statistics. But by inadvertance, the president occasionally makes a specific statement. In a speech some time ago he said: "For twenty years enterprise in this country has been checked." The Globe Democrat at the time mustered an array of outstanding facts in refutation of the assertion. Now comes Jonathan Bourne, who specializes on such subjects, with a formidable shower of figures, gleaned from the statistical abstract prepared under the direction of that world-famed champion of efficiency, William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce.

Mr. Bourne shows by these figures that in 1895 we had a population of twenty-three to the square mile, while in 1914 it had increased to thirty-three. The national wealth in 1915 was \$1,117 per capita, while in 1912 it was \$1965. During the same period the national debt had decreased from \$13 per capita to \$10.41, although we had in the meanwhile fought the Spanish-American war and built the Panama Canal. The per capita of money in circulation increased from \$23.24 in 1895 to \$34.35 in 1914. The bank clearings grew from fifty-one billions in 1895 to one hundred and sixty four billions in 1914, over 200 per cent increase, although the population increased but 43 per cent. The individual deposits in national banks, savings banks, trust companies and private banks increased during the same period 350 per cent.

The annual per capita exports of merchandise more than doubled, the total wheat crop practically doubled the cotton production more than doubled, coal production trebled, pig-iron production more than doubled, and the sugar production trebled. During the same nineteen years the increased 100 per cent and freight traffic as large an appropriation for the Sour Grass road as it should have done, and this should be a good argument in favor of obtaining \$20,000 for the Necarney road. And to insure this improvement, and a give and take spirit, Commissioner Owens should be willing to give \$7,500 from his appropriation and a like amount from the judge's road district. That would be giving each end of the county a square deal in an expensive road project.

**A Step Toward Unity.**

The example of the St. Louis pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in unanimously voting in favor of organic union of the two largest branches of Methodism and in permanently merging their preachers' meetings, will have wide influence, says the Globe Democrat. St. Louis is the largest city in a border state. The two branches of Methodism might be said to "compete" more closely here than in any other large city. Such unprecedented action is certain to have tremendous influence throughout the denominations. There are several real obstacles to the actual union of all the Protestant churches of America. The churches are co-operating as never before. There are working agreements which have accomplished much. Urban territory is being divided equitably. Even in the smaller cities and rural districts there have been mergers of congregations, a few strong churches taking the place of many weak ones. Yet organic union of the various religious "families" is still a dream. But the difference between members of the same "families" are not so great. A greater tolerance prevails. There is less emphasis on shibboleths. Communicants in agreement on essentials have learned to bear with each other's peculiar beliefs in minor questions. There is every reason to believe that the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian "families" will be reunited at no remote date.

The three leading branches of Methodism, the Protestant Methodist, the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have a plan of organic union now under consideration. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Methodist Church meets next May at Saratoga. The laymen, so far as they have expressed themselves, favor union. The objections have in the main come from "connectional" officers. Most of the pastors and many of the bishops are enthusiastically for union. Churches in the extreme North and the extreme South are not vitally interested, looking upon the matter as a "border trouble," makes the action of the Methodist preachers of the chief "border" city of such significance.

**Canada's Interest Drain.**

One cannot but admire the zealousness of our Canadian friends in their sacrifices for the great war in which they are engaged, but is none the less disquieting to read the cost it is imposing on them. The Ottawa Government's statement that the interest charge in connection with the expenditures for the last year and those contemplated with fresh undertakings will amount to more than \$15,000,000 annually must be especially serious to the people of the Dominion. It means that their burden of debt is fully doubled by this militaristic demand.

Canada already had a public debt of close to half a billion dollars when the war began, and it was paying out interest to the amount of \$4,500,000 a year upon it. Multiply this by two as seems now to be proposed, and the weight resting upon each one of the six and a half million inhabitants of the country would be serious. It would mean that every man, woman and child must pay \$5 a year in interest alone, without reducing in the

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Our individual interest charge in the United States is less than 25 cents a year. That of Great Britain is about 40 cents. The most heavily burdened nations of the world have not been loaded down so much as are the Canadians. How our neighbors are to sustain the drain upon their resources for that those resources are, will be a difficult question for their financiers to answer, it is to be feared.

**Boys and Playgrounds.**

I do not know any better way to teach a boy to be honorable and straight than to give him a chance to play with his comrades, says Justice Hughes. In the playground he learns without any suggestion of rebellion against instruction and receipt and preaching. He learns because he does not want anybody else to cheat him, and is "down" on the boy that does not play fair, he will establish standards of conduct which we must maintain in our community and particularly in our great cities. If there is one thing that we need more than another it is the constant emphasis among our citizens of spirit of fair play, that willingness to give and take, that generosity in defeat and that lack of assertiveness in victory which identify with true sport, and which is learned best of all in childhood upon the playground.

Victor Murdock will continue to be interesting; but it will be about Europe for a while.

We'er for the paper towel in public places, even if it denudes Canada of its forests. More forests can be planted.

Somebody says they are eating robins again in a certain locality in the South. We hope not—after all the missionary work that has been done.

Farmers have discovered that a silo under certain conditions, will distill whiskey. This in dry states may rock prohibition to its foundations.

Mighty parade and "tremendous cheering" did not remove the Chicago lid. It is discouraging what a short way tremendous cheering will go.

It is a fatal fact that when a man is smart enough to run a good hotel in a small town, he is sure to sell out to a man who isn't, and move to the city to run a bigger hotel.

Yuan Shih Kai is the father of thirty-one children. Realizing that republics are ungrateful Yuan is impressed with the necessity of becoming emperor if his offsprings are to be provided for.

Here is a paper saying that "any ambition is laudable." How about an ambition to rob a bank?—Toledo Blade.

That's not an ambition; that's a perversion.

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