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Editorial Snap Shots.

The snap shot man takes this opportunity to wish everybody a merry Christmas.

Every fair minded person will admit that the assessment of Bayocean property have been placed too high, on account of having no way out. It should never have been placed at the valuation it is today with no road facilities, for it is good roads that places values into property.

Nothing is to be gained by the timber men bringing mandamus proceedings against the County Court on account of the alleged accusation that the budget had not been fully itemized, other than putting the county to additional expense, for the delay will necessitate additional help in the assessor's and sheriff's offices.

The County Court acted wisely in restricting the weight of loads on auto trucks and other vehicles, for when 7000 pounds of freight are piled on auto trucks, which travel at about 10 to 15 miles an hour, it is no wonder that the road between this city and Cloverdale is cut up at this season of the year and it is going to take a lot of money to repair it. Better get the hard surface road spirit as soon as possible and cut out those heavy maintenance charges every year.

We have noticed quite frequently that proper courtesy have not been shown the Press of this city in not inviting it when something of public importance is under consideration. The snap shot man attributed this largely in the past to the isolation of this neck of the woods, but now that we are more up-to-date, progressive and need the Press more than ever to help develop the county, we want to express our opinion by saying that whenever the Press is ignored it is not showing good judgment.

It may be a good law in some respects to compel county courts to expend 70 per cent of the road funds in the district where it is raised, but it does not do justice in all counties. As a result of this law the south part of the county will be deprived of part of the money that was intended to be expended in that road district, which will have to go to the north end of the county. When the County Court made up the budget it was not aware of the fact that the law had been changed.

Last week a person dropped into the office and asked us to publish something for him. We refused to do so, because he was not a subscriber and was dropped from our list for the reason he was delinquent. We come across a good many persons like this. They know where to find the editor when they want something advertised free, or, should they get into trouble, want the notoriety kept out of the newspapers, but rarely ever spend a nickel to support the home newspaper. The snap shot man has helped a good many persons politically and in a business way. Some have not appreciated it, but the majority have, and those are the persons the snap shot man is always ready to stand by.

The budget meeting is called for next Thursday morning, and from present indications there does not appear to be very many complaints how the County Court intends to expend the taxpayers' money next year. There is one thing that the meeting

should go on record as favoring, and that is more money should be devoted to hard surfacing in the future. The snap shot man believes that is the wisest thing the citizens could do to insist that \$100,000 of the road fund should be used for this purpose. This can and should be done by cutting out all new road projects for the next few years. It is a waste of money to improve roads at considerable expense and in a few months to be cut up with heavy travel. This is what is taking place south of this city.

It is gratifying to know that editors are not the only persons who make mistakes. When editing one of the church notices last week, the snap shot man almost fell into the waste paper basket when he read: "Last Sunday the crows were good at all the services." It was too much of a joke to let pass, and at first the snap shot man decided to tell the operator to "follow copy," but on second consideration he thought that discretion was the better part of valor for it might have angered the "crows" so much that they would want to hang the snap shot man to the nearest telephone pole, which would be exceedingly tough on him at this festive time of the year. It is up to the young man who wrote the notes for the Christian Church to square himself with the "crows". Of course, Bro. Van will enjoy the joke.

The persistency of the Portland Journal in stating that it had inside information that the Supreme Court of the State of Washington would declare the prohibition law invalid proved to be false. That paper cannot be relied upon as being trustworthy in the future, now that it was paper that vilified Republican candidates red-handed in publishing a deliberate lie as to what the decision of the court would be in the prohibition case. The court declared the law valid and, further, the opinion was unanimously concurred in by all the judges. This is the Democratic newspaper that vilified Republican candidates and makes it a practice of besmirching the character and good intentions of Governor Withycombe. After all, when it come down to a thoroughly reliable newspaper, the Oregonian still retains that distinction, and is the daily newspaper that the people should support. No one can or should have any more confidence or faith in the Portland Journal for it is in the Ananias class.

We have published in this issue part of Judge Ballenger's address on the Oregon System. It makes interesting reading, for the judge predicts the people of Oregon will soon see the fallacy of the whole system. The snap shot man has never been an advocate of the Oregon System, and when it was first agitated he was one of those who predicted that it was a stab at our representative form of government, a fine thing for political agitators and cranks, would lead to class legislation and that the taxpayers would be at the mercy of the non-taxpayers. All these things are gradually taking place, with additional taxation piling up on the taxpayers as a result of the dual system of legislation. Politicians made the Oregon System a hobby-horse to get into office, and the dear people flocked to the standard of the so-called political reformers, who advocated the false doctrine of the Oregon System, which was to cure all political ills by the sovereign rule of the people. Anyone can see that the Oregon System has scared capital away from Oregon,

and there is no telling what will happen to interfere with industries in the future. The snap shot man fully realized that he was in a hopeless minority at one time when he opposed freak and untried laws, but public sentiment is beginning to react. We want to add that before Oregon can shake off the system and get back to safe and sane methods it is going to be many years before it can or will do so, and in the meantime capital will go to other states where it is safe from political cranks.

It was not generally known that the last State Legislature had changed the amount of money to be used in road districts from 50 to 70 per cent. For the information of our readers we will quote the law, which is as follows:

"The County Court or Commissioners' Court of each county in the state may levy a tax of not to exceed ten mills on the dollar on all taxable property of said county, at the time of making the annual tax levy upon the previous year's assessment, which shall be set apart as a general road fund, to be used in the building and improving the public roads of the county in which the property is located. Said tax shall be paid in money, and collected in the same manner as other county taxes are collected, and when so collected shall be used for road purposes only, as provided in this Act, and seventy per cent thereof shall be apportioned to the several road districts including districts composed of incorporated cities and towns, in such proportion as the amount of taxable property in each district shall bear to the whole amount of taxable property in the county, and the remaining thirty per cent shall be applied to roads in such locality in the county as the court may direct."

This will cause some re-adjustments in the amounts of money to be expended in the three road districts, for we find the assessments are:
R. D. No. 1. \$9,780,679
R. D. No. 2. 8,052,465
R. D. No. 3. 2,488,895
If the new law is followed it will mean that road district No. 1 will receive more money than is provided for in the budget and road district No. 3 considerably less. Considering that there is a larger population in the South part of the county than in the north part, and that travel over the roads is that much greater on account of no railroad facilities, it looks to us that the law is hardly fair to this county, because it benefits a few rather than the majority of citizens who have made their homes here. The law, no doubt, is a benefit to some localities in some counties, but it is unfair and unjust in this county.

Tillamook Jottings.

A joint installation of Rebecca and Oddfellows will be held on January 4th, all members and their immediate friends in town that evening are cordially invited.

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Mr. B. Cavin and family, of Caldwell, Idaho, are visiting with his sister Mrs. J. E. Klienfelder during the holidays. Mr. Cavin won the championship of being the best rider in the world at Walla Walla last year.

Editor C. E. Trombley and family will spend Christmas at Cloverdale. We must admonish our respected Bro. to be merry and wise, with the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous new year. And we extend the same to all the other county editors.

Christmas Program, Methodist S. S.

The following interesting program will be rendered at the M. E. Church on Friday evening:
Songs by the congregation: "While Shepherds watch their flock by night" and "Hark! the herald angels sing."
Declamations:
Herman Hunter, "Enough for All."
Ruth Erskine.
Elvira Wolfe, "Three Good Cheers"
Song by Mrs. Edward's class.
Declamations:
Mary Ullmann, "Christmas, What does it mean?"
Clarence Albert.
Dorris Woolfe, "December."
Anthem by the choir.
Declamations:
Robert Robertson.
Robert Campbell, "A Christmas Carol."
Florence Hunter, "The Merriest day."
Exercise by members of Mr. Trombley's class "Ring Out Sweet Christmas Bells."
Song, Irma Austen, "Once Unto the Shepherd's."
Declamations:
Jessie Thayer.
Irene Austen, "Bells of Christmas."
Eula Thayer, "The Love Box."
Music by the Quartett.
Declamations:
Frances Long.
Marion Lamb, "An Impatient Waiter."
Christmas Story, Rev. E. Gittins.

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A 1916 Xmas Musing.

All men and nations have made sure advance, You say, sweeping the past with musing glance, Since the olden days of spear, bow and flint, And tallow dip in the gloaming aglint From spinning wheel, hand loom, sickle, and all The crude clumsy methods of elder toil; From the old, slow, horse-drawn stage coach travel, To the fast express, the modern marvel; From wind-waived, wave-tossed ocean craft, At whose frail wooden barriers Neptune laughed, To the great, steel, steamer that plows the brine Propelled by sun-stored power of elder time.

Man, obedient, to Divine command, Has added to himself on every hand; Added, harness for the need of the hour, Supplementing the weak physical power. For what is forest and coal, oil and gas, Utilized more and more as the years pass, And on-rushing power of the water fall, But power thus stored up for the use of all. "And he shall have dominion" it was said, Ere 'e'en in embryo man existed, Or ere the coal and oil and gas were laid In the faroff, old Carboniferous age.

Yet, what is't the difference makes, betwixt Human poverty and the ultra rich, Between the masses, whose hard, daily toil, Barely feeds the lamp of life with oil, And those who are rolling in wealth and ease? What is the real cause? The reason please, Why, age-old forests, leagues of soil and grass, Vast iron and oil deposits of the past, Giving to wealth its unearned increment, Should be thus lavished, poured, upon the few, And the masses still toil from dawn to dew? Why, but through the accident of birth, Some never know or feel the strain of earth.

"Created free and equal all men are," Inphrases that run smooth, high-sounding, fair, Our own great "Bill of Rights" proclaim, recount, Which the literal facts of life discount It does not require much of seer or sage, In this progressive and enlightened age, To see and know that an Infinite God Has, indeed, created all things good. Enough for all this earth will produce, But somehow all the richest, sweetest juice, Seems now to be extracted by the few, Leaving but husks for many to chew. Rich men now banquet, feasting as of yore, While beggars long for crumbs upon the floor.

When first upon the cold New England strand, They found beneath their feet the promised land, Our Pilgrim Fathers fell upon their knees, Then fell upon the Aborigines, And from Atlantic to Pacific coast, There remains of Indian scarce a ghost. They raised their voices high in song to Him, For sane deliverance from storm and King; They professed faith in a God above, Who ordered all things by the law of Love, And then drove Roger Williams to the wild, Because he had faith like a little child. They burn'd or hang'd supposed witchery, In the name of Puritan Bigotry. They fled from persecution hard and dire, Then het their own inquisitorial fire. And even now, grim war, like the Vulture, Is picking the bones of Modern Culture, And all wars, ancient and modern, now pass'd, Seem but child's play in contrast with this last.

Perhaps the world grows better and wiser, But in these days of "Mail'd fist and Kaiser," And "She Rules the Wave," is Britannia's boast, And she's ready to back it at any cost It's hard to believe that Mellennial dawn, Is about to break with its harp and song. "Peace on the Earth," the angelic song rang, And Nation's answer with the cannon's bang; "Good will to men" the angel chorus said, And the answer of man is heaps of dead. Modern Culture is but an outward sheath, Which scratch, and Lo—the barbarian beneath.

"Drive" is a poor word in war, and the drives turn out poorly. Europe is paying the penalty for clinging to the monarch idea; but we didn't think there was so much deviltry in it.

Freedom of speech is one of those numerous blessings, the abuse of which gets one into trouble—but not to suffer prohibition for that reason. By a receipt on the ladies' page we see that pies made of pumpkin can be covered with a coating of sugar and white of egg, making them look much prettier. When the frosting's on the pumpkin pie, in a manner of speaking,

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