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THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

Editorial Snap Shots.

County Commissioner Geo. R. McKimms had a recall on Saturday. A young man of this city recalled one of his daughters.

If the dairymen of Tillamook County had not lost \$67,000 as a result of Democratic free trade, they would have had plenty of money to pay for the hay they had to buy the past winter, and a few dollars over.

The recall petition has been filed, which contains a little more than half the names required. The petition contains 364 names, but should have 793. That, we take it is the end of the recall. Call out the Nehalem band and have it play the "Dead march."

T. W. Lyster has withdrawn from the Sheriffalty race. It may be that he has exhausted his "political hot air" or does not like the idea of holding down a job in which some fool fellow with a gun is liable to plug the officer with lead. Tom is taking wise precautions in protecting his hide.

To satisfy the Kaiser, who is striving to become the military dictator of the world, another carnival of wholesale murder took place in Europe a few days ago, when men by hundreds of thousands were ordered into the jaws of death and hell fire. The world is now horrified now that militarism is on the war path.

The snap shot man will go over the different roads in the north part of the county in the near future and make a personal investigation where the road money is to be expended. Should we find that any section of the road district is not getting a square deal with the large amount of money that is to be expended in that district, we won't be backward in saying so.

It will be remembered that previous to the last presidential election Bro. Trombley, the Democratic free trade rooster, was one of the flip-flop politicians who advocated the election of Senator LaFollette. We want to call our respected Bro's attention to the fact that the senator has again cast his hat in the ring and this is another opportune time for Bro. Trombley to do the flopping act again.

We believe that no time should be lost in getting road work started as soon as possible, and as soon as each road district has expended its proportion, then shut down tight and keep the lid on. Last year the County Court was lax in getting started with road work, but being all new men on the job they were a little too cautious and slow in getting started. This year there is nothing to prevent the road work from being put through as soon as weather conditions permit.

The snap shot man will insist that candidates for county commissioner pledge themselves to expend \$100,000 of the road fund every year for hard-surfacing the highway through the county and cut out all new and costly road projects until this is complete. This is the road policy the snap shot man believes to be to the best interest of the people living in the county, and the large timber interests, for it is business economy to save as soon as possible the large amount of tax money that is now going out for maintenance charges. We want to know where candidates for county commissioner stand on this road policy so that we can advise the voters who to vote for.

This is a fair question to ask: How, when and where have the Oregon System saved taxpayers money? As the advocates of the system made loud promises of reduced taxation, we all know that instead of a reduction in taxation, taxes have been going skyward and the funny part of the whole business is that the people haven't as much to say about taxation as they used to. Levying bodies have been added and when it comes to state, county and school taxes, the laws are so fixed that officials have to make certain levies and the only place the taxpayers have a voice in the matter is in the road matters. The Oregon System places the direct taxpayer at the mercy of those who pay no direct tax, scarce capital from the state and creates class legislation.

The untimely death of J. H. Dunstan, under distressing circumstances, is greatly deplored by the people of Tillamook County, for he had, in recent years, taken an active part in Grange and County Fair work. Bodily ailment had, no doubt, something to do with his mental collapse, yet it proves the old adage "In the midst of life we are in death." The deceased worked hard and faithfully to make the County Fair a success, and he succeeded in doing so, as well as to promote harmony amongst the citizens. He won the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens in this county, which seemed to afford him a

great deal of pleasure. His death was keenly felt by those who knew him best, for it caused sorrow all over the county, and sorrow for the bereaved relatives. As the body is consigned to the silent city of the dead our hearts over-whelm with sorrow in losing such a good citizen who had endeared himself to the people.

There seems to be an endeavor on the part of the Headlight to criticize the council for placing a license of \$1000 on near beer joints. This criticism is entirely uncalled for. The council did the right thing when it placed the near beer license at \$1000. Anyone who has had experience with the near beer joint knows that they are always a source of annoyance. Near beer has so much the appearance of beer that it is sometimes a great temptation to serve beer in its stead to confidants and friends. We are getting along nicely under present conditions and we think it a good policy in this case to let well enough alone.—Herald

Our esteemed contemporary can't see farther than the point of its nose and uses poor argument. We contend that if the city can obtain a few hundred dollars from those who want to sell near beer, the city is that much ahead, and it needs the money. Conditions are quite different now, for under local option anyone could ship in liquor, and beer, but under the prohibition law it is quite different, so there is not the possibility of near beer joints running and violating the law as they did under local option. Bro. Trombley will have to admit this. But why place such a heavy tax on what is a wholesome temperance drink?

While reading the news items a week or so ago that L. A. Fernsworth of the Banks Herald, and A. E. Scott, of the Forest Grove News Times, were candidates for the state legislature, the editor of the Headlight received a message stating that it was thought advisable to pass the State Senator around amongst the four counties, and that it was desired that the honor be conferred on Tillamook County this time. There was this request at the bottom: "Why don't you make the race for your county?" We believe the State Legislature will be materially strengthened by having a number of live, newspaper men, for if anyone is closely connected with the people and know their needs and burdens it is the county editor. One thing is certainly needed, and that is something should be done to stop the annual increase of taxation, for it is getting burdensome in some counties, brought about, in some measure, by our new fangled Oregon System. We wish the above gentlemen success in their efforts, and we hope they will become bright and shining lights in the State Legislature. The editor of the Headlight would like to see the honor fall on Tillamook County in the choice of State Senator. It is deserving of it and should have it once in a while, for Tillamook has no state senator or representative of its own. But as to the editor making the race, that is a cat in another color, for he has no political bee buzzing in his bonnet of any character, but is in hearty accord of having a Tillamook man become the joint Senator.

We want Tillamook dairymen to stick this little item of news in their minds, and when anybody talks Democratic free trade to them, then produce it to prove that Tillamook dairymen were "stung" and beat out of \$67,500 last year. This is a fact, and not "hot air." Here it is in convincing facts and figures: If Tillamook cheese had sold last year for the same amount of money it did the previous year, the amount would have been \$688,003.23, a loss to Tillamook dairymen of \$67,500, for last year's product sold for \$620,503.23. That is what Democratic free trade did to Tillamook dairymen last year and is liable to "sting" them harder in the future. This ought to convince dairymen who voted for Senators Chamberlain and Lane, who voted to place dairy products on the free list, that they are now paying dearly for their folly. Tillamook dairymen are now shy \$67,500 on account of the Senators votes for free trade. If that amount of county money was lost through mismanagement, or was being spent wastefully, every dairymen in the county would be "beefing" like blazes and calling indignation meetings with the object of recalling the county officials. As the Oregon Senators voted for Democratic free trade, which has deprived the dairymen of Tillamook County of \$67,500, why wouldn't it be a good idea for the agitators who live in the neighborhood of Fairview start petitions for the recall of the Oregon Senators? Or will Tillamook dairymen, who have been "stung" the above amount, go to the polls next November and vote to get "stung" a little more, just to show that they like to see their milk checks materially reduced every month.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

The undersigned, Sheriff of Tillamook County, Oregon, will on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. at the Court House door in Tillamook City, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property situated in Tillamook County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) of Section two (2) in Township two (2) South of Range nine (9) West, W. M.

For the purpose of satisfying a judgment rendered in decree of foreclosure in case of J. H. Ellison and Ellen Ellison plaintiffs vs. George Vandersee and May Vandersee, defendants, in the Circuit Court of Tillamook County, Oregon.

Said sale will be made in pursuance of an execution and order of sale issued in pursuance of the decree in said case.

Dated this March 2nd, 1916.
 H. Crenshaw,
 Sheriff of Tillamook County, Oregon.

Commissioner McKimms' Reply to H. W. Tohl's Letter.

To the Editor:
 Mohler, Ore. Feb 29, 1916.
 In the last issue of the Headlight there was a signed communication that was untruthful and libelous and as the people of this county are entitled to know the truth about their public officials, I will reply briefly to some of the statements made. One of the statements is about the stopping of work in road district No. 1 when we had \$10,000 of unexpended money credited to this district. This money was appropriated for certain roads and improvements, and when weather conditions became so bad, that it was no longer possible or profitable to continue the work, it was in the interest of the county and the contractors to stop the work until such time as weather conditions would permit taking up the work again, and the money is still to the credit of road district No. 1.

Next is Foley creek bridge. This work was outlined with the help and advice of Mr. Dunn, Dept. Co. Surveyor, and the County Court, and as no time was to be lost, private bids were asked and received from competent bridge builders and Mr. Grout was awarded the job as his bid was the lowest, and if unforeseen events had not taken place, such as the railroad tie up, and other troubles, the bridge would have been built on record time and the road supervisor, Mr. Worthington, built a temporary road and bridge across Foley creek. That gave relief except when it was stormy I have made no arbitrary announcements as to any unnecessary improvements, but an unalterably opposed to spending money on any road project when not needed, but it is, and always has been my aim to keep all the roads in repair and in good condition, and this winter has been a hard one on roads and bridges, in this road district especially when it comes to damage done.

The rock crusher on Coal Creek was moved because all the rock it was profitable to quarry was exhausted, on account of the great amount of dirt and waste material on top of, and surrounding the ledge, and instead of running the crusher only two days as stated, it was run about 15 days until all the rock that was needed was crushed, and our appropriation available exhausted.

Then the statement about the rock crushing plant at Blodgett shows profound ignorance, as was to be expected from such a source. The right to use this rock had been acquired long before I became County Commissioner, and when it was determined to hard surface certain roads around Tillamook City and macadamize others within reasonable hauling distance from the railroad in road district No. 1, and there being no other rock available, that was of as good quality, the County then purchased a rock crushing plant, that on the advice of the County Engineer was deemed ample to crush all the rock needed.

Then the statement published in the Nehalem Times that I had given orders to refuse work to anyone who had signed the recall petition, is also false. The supervisor had orders to employ everyone possible in the neighborhood of where the work was being done. One condition was that all persons would be required to do an honest day's work. The persons who have been prominent in the recall agitation, and who have signed their names to these false statements printed in the Headlight and Times, do not pay a cent of road tax, and some, not any tax at all, as I found out by examination of the records in the Assessor's office, and if they had control of the taxpayer's money or control of the office of County Commissioner, they would likely make a record long to be remembered. I will admit I have made mistakes, and no one regrets them more than I do, and am willing to acknowledge them, and my aim has been, and always will be, as long as I am in this office, to do all in my power to prevent waste or needless expense, and to expend the public money as I would my own hard earned money, and I will let the good people of Tillamook County, who have honored me and trusted me, decide whether they appreciate my conduct as an official or not.

Yours Respy.
 Geo. R. McKimms.

(The editor must disagree with Mr. McKimms when he claims that Mr. Tohl's letter is libelous, when, as a matter of fact, it was discussing public affairs at Nehalem over which there is a controversy, and for that reason people have a perfect right to the columns of the newspapers to express their grievances. They may not be right, but the truth will eventually come out. It is the easiest thing in the world to accuse a person of this and that, but it is another thing to prove it. Mr. McKimms has now shown where Mr. Tohl erred and was talking through his hat in some of the things he mentioned in his letter.)

School Notes.

The report of the last school month shows a total attendance of 7215.5. The average daily attendance was 94. This low percentage of attendance is due mainly to the large number of absences in the primary grades in the last few weeks, caused by a severe epidemic of cough, many cases of which resembled the whooping cough. The high school enrollment so far this year has reached 130. The number belonging in school this last month was 118 and the number of average daily attendance was 114. This is eight more than were in attendance at this time last year.

A report made recently to the state superintendent shows that there are, of the present time, 44 coming from outside of district No. 9. Eight of these, from Dist. No. 1; 16 from Dist. No. 2; 5 from Dist. No. 57 and 4 from Idaho. The High School has nearly doubled in attendance in the last three years. In the

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grades there has been a small steady growth.

A recent number of the Oregon Emerald published by the students of the University of Oregon, contains an item to the effect that Beatrice Gaylord, a graduate of Tillamook High School, was one of a number of students who received especially high grades in the last term's work in college.

A patriotic program was given at the High School Auditorium last Friday night by the school in conjunction with the G. A. R. and W. R. C. The program was as follows:
 1st grade, Song, Abraham Lincoln.
 2nd grade, Song, George Washington.
 3rd grade, Song, An Old English song.
 Ramona Halton, Cordellia Oatfield, Willie Campbell, Bennie Howell, Accompanied on harp by Nora Laddasau.
 6th grade, Flag drill, Flag of Freedom.
 7th grade, Song, In the Good Old U. S. A., Retta Goodspeed.
 8th grade, Essay, Abraham Lincoln's Early Life, Robert Switzer.
 Recitation, Oh Captain, My Captain, Marie Remer.
 High School, song, Lee Doty.
 Recitation, Barbara Fritchie Ila Hart Short address, Life of Washington, Harold Humbert.
 Address, Mr. C. E. Reynolds, Commander G. A. R.

Friday afternoon patriotic programs were given in each of the grades. A patriotic program was also held in the high school at which the following numbers were given:
 Washington Quotations Seniors.
 Solo Lee Doty.
 Selection Chriss.
 Piano Solo Constance Hoskins.
 Lincoln Quotations Juniors
 Musical number. Members 8th grade Review of Perfect Tribute. Mayme LaFollett.
 Debate, "Resolved that Washington was of greater service to his country than Lincoln."
 Affirmative, Nelson Powers, Mildred Seavance, Negative Margaret LaFollett, Athyl Sumerlin.

Great Britain Pays the Price.

Great Britain is fighting for peace at any price. In doing this she is paying a price for restoration of peace unparalleled and even unapproached in the history of war. In the voting of an additional credit of \$2,100,000,000, with Premier Asquith assured members would only serve to carry on the war until the end of May, it is possible to see the hard set of the bulldog's jaws on the proposition that, when the price of peace is war, the price must be paid. The price Great Britain is paying, or rather the price she must continue to pay long after the war ends, almost staggered belief.

The total of credits voted since the war began, including the \$2,100,000,000 voted yesterday, is \$10,410,000,000. Before the war began, the total wealth of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was estimated at \$80,000,000,000. The war debt, as far as now contracted, is more than 12 1/2 per cent of the total wealth of the nation. But the new war debt falls far short of representing all of the national debt of Great Britain. Before the war that debt was approximately \$3,500,000,000. That debt had been funded at low interest rates, from 2 to 2 1/2 per cent. But the new loans have been and can be floated only at much higher rates. The one being floated in this country is at 5 per cent. The interest and sinking fund charges the country must carry for a generation or more will be the most grievous tax burden ever borne by a nation.

Before the beginning of the war the United Kingdom was administered at an annual expenditure of \$17,929,000. As government was being run before the war, expenditure was keeping pace with revenue. One obvious duty in such an emergency will be drastic surgical economy. Excesses and parasites must be cut off and out of the body politic. Sinecures must be abolished and perquisites wiped out. Even then, taxes must be greatly increased, and if as is likely, they are made to fall mainly on the rich, they may lead to the breaking up of great landed estates. The war itself still seems undecided of anything. But at the end we may see that it was decisive of many things.

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To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner (North end) Tillamook county on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held in May, 1916.

D. F. Thompson.

To The Voters of Tillamook County.

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor of Tillamook County, subject to the will of the Republican voters. If nominated and elected will endeavor to perform the duties imposed upon me with justice and impartiality.

Harry P. Kerr.

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