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Editorial Snap Shots

The Roosevelt highway fight is not won until we succeed in getting the federal government committed to put up its share for building the highway.

Tillamook people played fair when they said they would swap votes with Eastern Oregon. So did Eastern Oregon with the exception of Umatilla and Wasco counties.

The American correspondents in Europe have certainly written a lot of sensational stuff the past six months. If they failed to plunge the world into another war, it wasn't their fault, for they tried mighty hard.

Marion county didn't intend that Multnomah county should participate in the "pork barrel," for it cast a vote of 1627 for and 4,597 against the establishment of a hospital at Portland. The "Salem hog" appears to be still on the job.

When a preacher goes wrong, of course, the gossips have a whole lot to say. The Rev. J. Cronenberger, of Corvallis, of the Christian church, did his second disappearance stunt last month. When he disappeared the first time it is reported that he divorced his wife and lived with another woman. He returned to his family later. Maybe he is repeating the first disappearance stunt. It is men of this character who bring churches and religion into disrepute.

Along the lines of cleanliness in the dairying business, the Tillamook County Creamery Association should insist upon milkers wearing white overalls. This is more important than to compel cheesemakers to wear white overalls, for milkers have to work in barns and around barn yards. Uniform cleanliness throughout the county, and particularly in milkers wearing white overalls while milking, is one of the best kinds of advertising for Tillamook cheese. It is customary in some European countries for milkers to wear long white overalls.

What's the matter with Douglas county, anyway? We always thought that it was one of the most progressive counties in the state. Notwithstanding that Douglas county has a stretch down to the coast, the people of that county recorded a two to one vote against the Roosevelt Highway, which should have been the reverse, to give the western part of that county a square deal. This was a terribly bad showing for Douglas and something to be long remembered against that county, for most every body in the coast counties expected that it would give the Roosevelt highway measure a substantial majority. We hope Douglas has gotten over its grouchy feeling and will once more be in the fore rank of the progressive counties of the state.

It is getting to be generally believed that if President Wilson had remained at home and not gone to France, he would have gone down in history as one of the great presidents of the United States. In the estimation of European countries, it is now currently reported that Europe is now greatly disappointed in the President, and it does not hold him in such high esteem since he entered the peace conference. This is what the *Spekman Review* says: "Unfortunately there is too much warrant for the German contention that the peace terms delivered to them at Versailles were a painful shock to the high expectations they had built of the easy conditions they had expected from their understanding of the Wilsonian program. If there is to be a rejoinder to this German reply it should be composed by Clemenceau or Lloyd George, for Mr. Wilson is in no position to fence with the German delegates."

A temporary organization was effected last week for the purpose of taking some action in having the Bayocean road completed as soon as possible. A large amount of money have been expended on the road, and in its incomplete condition the money expended is doing no good and nobody getting any benefit from it. Quite a number of property owners subscribed several thousand dollars, which the county used, but Bayocean is still without a road and a way out. The reason the road is not completed is because the receivers of the realty company have failed to pay taxes. Because the County Court diverted money that should have been expended on that road to other purposes, so between the realty company and the county persons who bought property in good faith with

the intention of improving it, have not been fairly treated. Another reason of the delay was the interference of some of the timber owners, which goes to prove how costly it is to the taxpayers when political agitators butt in. At one time an offer was made to build the road for \$23,500. The county court appropriated \$15,000 in the budget, but used this money for other purposes because it was not sufficient to complete the road. The receivers of the realty company owe taxes to the amount of about \$10,000, and the county officials are going to foreclose on a large amount of Bayocean property.

The matter of electing two directors of the school board appear to have aroused some amount of discussion, for the reason that A. G. Beals is a candidate for school director. For the good of the school we hope he will not be elected. If he is, it is our prediction, there will be more or less trouble, for Mr. Beals will want to be "it". Any person holding a position of school director of a district the size of Tillamook should have had some smattering of an education and some experience in educational work. Mr. Beals does not possess either of these qualifications. It will be remembered that six years ago, when the women of the city thought that a woman should be on the board and they had selected Mrs. Everson for that position, Mr. Beals was one of those who delayed the school meeting so that a few persons could hold a little caucus in another room of the building for the purpose of defeating Mrs. Everson, notwithstanding that she is one of the best educated and highly intelligent women of Tillamook, with considerable experience in educational work. The women elected Mrs. Everson with a large majority of votes and Mr. Beals' political maneuver to prevent the election of an intelligent woman on the board was ignominiously defeated. Mrs. Everson was re-elected three years ago and she is the director whose time now expires. Mr. Beals again bobs up and now wants to be a director. If the people want to keep an unpopular politician off the board they should attend the school meeting at one o'clock on Monday and elect some of the other candidates whose names have been mentioned. The snap shot man is of the opinion that a woman should be on the board, and if Mrs. Everson declines then elect Mrs. Groat, who is well qualified to fill the position and who would take considerable interest in the school. There is a strong sentiment in favor of H. H. Rosenberg, who was instrumental in putting the Roosevelt highway over the top, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Miller, and Dr. Hoy has a number of friends who believe he would also make a good director. The snap shot man does not agree with those who are contending that the directors should be those who have children attending school. This is a poor, illogical argument, for the reason that some school directors are prone to look at the grade their children are in and take little interest in the other grades.

Charles Ray in Fine New Western Picture.

Booted and spurred, with chaps and a wide sombrero, Charles Ray, the famous Thomas H. Ince star, is the central figure of the story of "Playing the Game," his newest Paramount picture, which has just been released. This is a strong story of the southwest. After a brief period along the great White Way in New York, Mr. Ray, as Larry Prentiss, a dissipated son of a millionaire, who had left him a vast fortune, has been leading a wild life and one night at a dinner given to some friends, he knocks down and apparently kills Hickey Trent. In the belief that he is a murderer, Larry goes to Arizona to begin life anew.

While there Larry has many adventures, including holdups and other thrilling events, and he finally lands as a cowboy upon his own ranch, his identity being unknown to his employees. Here he meets and courts Moya Shannon, the daughter of the manager, and after a series of highly dramatic occurrences, avows his love for the girl who naturally reciprocates.

"Playing the Game" is said to be one of the best pictures in which Mr. Ray has been seen in many months. It will be shown at the Gem Theatre next Monday, June 16. Mr. Ray is capably supported by fine players, chief among whom are Doris Lee and Robert McKim.

What has become of the old fashioned blatherskite who used to argue that if the government owned the railroads the earnings would pay the whole cost of running the nation and we could dispense with taxes, with passenger fares and freight rates about half what they were under private ownership? He is busy proving that the league of nations will keep us out of war.

Mr. Taft says he is surprised by the friendly message President Wilson sent the women pacifists in session at Berne, after they had denounced the peace treaty in their resolutions. What is there surprising about that, coming from the statesman who "kept us out of war" in 1918? The only surprising thing is that any body says he is surprised.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY
Independence Day
And Soliders Welcome Home

CELEBRATION
JULY 4th AND 5th
At Tillamook City

Two Days of the Most Elaborate Combination of
Patriotic Exercises, Band Music, Community Singing
WELCOME HOME
And Appreciation Expressions to Our Soldier Boys
Water Sports, Land Sports, Ball Games, Pony Racing, Street and Indoor Dancing.
Fire Works and Carnival Fun and Frolic
Watch for later announcements with full particulars, but plan now to spend the Fourth and Fifth in Tillamook City.