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Editorial Snap Shots

It is to be hoped that Mr. Wilson will not class Mr. Bryan with the United States Senators, whom he said had "pigmy minds."

We wish that the democratic administration would quit talking about lowering the high cost of living, for every time it does so the cost of living goes higher.

We would like to improve a little on the dairy inspector's slogan: "All first grade cheese and no seconds in 1920." Just the cart before the horse in the inspector's slogan.

Whoever is the next county judge, the completion of a hardsurfaced road through the county should be the slogan until this is obtained. It is good business, and good economy to put as much effort and road funds into that as possible.

The supreme court has decided Governor Olcott can fill out the entire term to which the late governor was elected. The supreme court was divided, with a small majority in favor of Olcott inheriting a job to which he was not elected. This deprives the people of Oregon of voting for a governor at the next general election. Who said the people ruled in Oregon, and with the governor sticking to two political jobs?

E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise, has decided not to make the race for secretary of state. That, no doubt, is good news for the candidates who aspire to that position, for Mr. Brodie's editor friends had intended to boost him for that position. Public office looks tempting at times, but, after all, the newspaper field is of more importance, for it is the editor who molds public opinion in the county or state in which he resides.

It will be remembered when Mr. Bryan spoke at the Chautauqua last summer he was opposed to the Shantung provision which gave Japan that province and 35,000,000 people. Last week he said in a speech he was in favor of the treaty of peace and the league of nations he accepted when Mr. Wilson submitted it to the senate. Mr. Bryan is inconsistent, and now finding that it is impossible to have the treaty ratified he appears to be in favor of the treaty as Americanized by the United States Senate.

The 1918 delinquent tax list has been posted and shows a large amount of taxes unpaid, especially beach property. There is very little Tillamook City property delinquent. Neah-Kah-Nie mountain and vicinity have long lists, likewise Brighton and Brighton Beach. There is considerable delinquent taxes on Garibaldi Beach, viz: Lake Lytle, Rockaway, Tillamook Beach, Twin Rocks, Ocean Lake and Bayoccean and Ocean View have long lists of delinquents. Sand Lake by the Sea, Bright Waters, Liverpool, Klawanda Beach and other resorts with a large amount of delinquents. At Wheeler there is quite a long list and the list at Bay City is quite long.

It used to be when the county court bought new machinery for road work, a number of our citizens criticized the court. Since then people have generally come to the conclusion to build and maintain county roads it is necessary to have up to date machinery, hence not a word of criticism is heard today when the court buys some necessary machinery. When the county court started in to build steel and concrete bridges and construct hardsurfaced roads it was one of the best moves that could be made, and when one takes a ride through the county and see those permanent improvements they must agree with us.

The County Court has decided to commence work on the Bayoccean road as soon as the government dredge is available. Captain Groat will be through with the work at the Burton place in a few days, when the dredge will be brought to the city to undergo some repairs, and it is expected that by the 1st of February work will start, it being the intention of the county court to construct the road from Dick's Point by dredging similar to that built five years ago that started from the Biggs place. There is nearly a mile of that road which has stood up well with but little washout, considering that nothing has been done to it since it was built with the Bayoccean dredge. It is estimated that it will cost considerable less to build the road that way.

If other parts of the county was as

closely paid up in taxes as Tillamook City, on the 1918 tax rolls, there would be a very small delinquent tax list. Anyone looking over the formidable looking tax list can come to only one conclusion—that there are too much delinquent taxes owing the county. It seems a little strange, with money so plentiful and local conditions never better, that so many persons have allowed their taxes to become delinquent. As usual beach property owners are the greatest sinners, and as they are the people who clamor for road improvement they should be the first to pay their taxes. We will refer to the delinquent tax list later, pointing out some of the beach property owners who seem to think that it is the other fellow who should pay their taxes and not them. We are heartily in favor of the movement to force delinquent taxpayers to pay up, and failure to do so, their property should be sold to cover the indebtedness. Repealing the law doing away with the publication of the delinquent tax list seems to have had a bad effect in Tillamook, for the county has the biggest delinquent tax list in the history of the county.

There is this difference between Bryan and Wilson. The fearless leader believes that it is right and proper that the United States Senate should have a right to pass upon the treaty of peace and the league of nations covenant, for that is our democratic form of government. Mr. Wilson, who has ignored the Senate, believes that his personal treaty and league of nations should be accepted exactly as it was brought from France. It is all very well for the president to talk about making the world safe for democracy, but in the United States he has assumed the position of dictator.

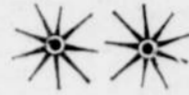
The Commoner says: "Is ratification to be defeated by a Democratic majority? Can the Democrats help to escape responsibility if they prevent a compromise? It is mockery to talk about favoring a league of nations if we favor only such a league as is satisfactory to a minority of the Senate. We cannot go before the people on such an issue. The Senate is a constitutional body, and the right of a majority to rule applies there as elsewhere. The people can change the Senate if they do not approve of its course, but a majority of the Senate cannot disregard the will of the majority."

One of our local preachers appears to be a little peeved because the revival meetings he is holding are poorly attended, and at the same time throws out some insinuations and makes some uncalled for remarks, by saying "There will be no movies, pool rooms, billiard halls, dance rooms, card tables, in hell." We wish to say that the rev. gentleman, or any of us, know little of what will, or will not, be in hell. All we know is what appears in holy writ, and there is a great difference of opinion as to whether it is a literal hell, with brimstone and fire to torment those who are unfortunate to go to that place. We do not want to get into a controversy over hell, for there was enough hell on earth while the war lasted, and it is going to be hell on the taxpayers to pay taxes for money squandered by the democratic administration. We want to inform the rev. gentleman that there is nothing wrong or sinful attending the movies, visiting pool rooms, billiard halls and dance halls, nor is there in a social game of cards, and to think otherwise shows a narrow, bigoted spirit. The snap shot man has attended church socials and one of the so-called amusing features was to spread a canvass on the wall with the picture of a tailless donkey, and blindingfold persons, they were expected to pin a tail on to the posterior of a jackass. It may be very edifying to some persons to do the trick correctly, but, really, how awfully silly. And it is not out of place to say that this game will not be found in hades. Now as to revival meetings, it seems to be the custom with preachers, directly they come to a new field, is to hold revival meetings, and, to our way of thinking, it is a little overworked. We question whether there is much Christianity in a church that is icy cold at one time and boiling all over with religious fervor at other times. The good old book has something to say about being neither hot nor cold. There is another remark made by the rev. gentleman that casts reflections upon our citizens: "We would have to say that saints and sinners of Tillamook are not much interested in their own or the souls of others." Judge not, that he be not judged, is one of the precepts of the bible, Bro. Wriggle. Because the people of this city are not attending this particular meeting is no criterion to judge them by. The people of Tillamook are a fine class of citizens, especially the conscientious, religious portion, and, on the other hand, the moral environments of the city are wonderfully improved to what they were. A good many of our citizens labored hard for many years to bring this about—and some of us took the hard knocks—but this is no time to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery that raised a moral and religious atmosphere of Tillamook. There is another phase to this question, Tillamook city never had more churches and more preachers than

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at the present time, and if the "saints and sinners of Tillamook are not much interested in their own or the souls of others," we would like to ask who is to blame for this condition.

Harvey's Weekly says: The coming visit of Admiral Lord Jellicoe to this country will in one respect be of greater interest than that of any other of the distinguished guests, in that it will be a reminder of the value of preparedness. He represents the one and only militant factor on the Allied side that was fully ready to meet the shock the very moment the expeditionary France five weeks to rally an army that could work the miracle of the Marne, and it took Great Britain a year to create a force able to avenge the sacrifice of the "contemptible little army" which was all she had at the beginning. But at the very drop of the hat the British navy was ready for action and was adequate to the task before it, so that the mastery of the seas was never for a moment in doubt. How great a service thus rendered to civilization can never be over-estimated, and it is that service of which Admiral Lord Jellicoe is the living reminder.

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