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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY

- 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people
2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county.
3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City.
4. To insist on an American standard of labor.
5. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and of the State of Oregon.

MIGHT LOOK INTO THIS

Competent legal authorities have stated that in such cases as are now present in Tillamook county, where lumber owners have failed to pay their taxes and are at the same time removing the timber from the property, they are liable to action in a criminal court in that the delinquent tax constitutes a lien upon property and that the value is being removed. Tax titles are considered dubiously in this state and it is doubtful if the lumber land were sold for the taxes a buyer could prove possession of it.

LETTERS ISSUE WITH LECTURER

To the Editor: There is before me copy of your issue of November 15, in which appears a news account of a lecture delivered in your city by Wayne Phelps, whose main statements are so palpably untrue and untrue that I feel that justice to the people of Tillamook county in their desire for truth demands that I make an effort at least to refute your columns the false insinuations which Mr. Phelps conveyed. An old newspaper man in Oregon, now it is the desire of editors in general to be fair, hence I am confident that you will not refuse a hearing to the accused when a large body of citizens and taxpayers are wontonly and carelessly slandered by a paid propagandist. The assertion credited to Mr. Phelps is that "the average Catholic is to get written permission from the Catholic hierarchy to read the Bible." This is the silliest kind of a rath. The Bible can be found in practically every Catholic home and reading of it is earnestly recommended by all Catholic authorities. The Bible is the foundation of every religion professed by Catholics, of every religion in the Catholic home, in the day school and in the pulpit. It is read by the priest and people in the sanctuary of the church and is written inspiration for all our religious practice. I am enclosing a check that will satisfy you on that matter. Another statement by Phelps: "Roman Catholics do worship metal images for God and the Virgin Mary." The explanation of that non-sense charge have been made so often that no intelligent person has the least excuse for making it in any newspaper. The images of Christ, of his blessed mother and of the saints which are placed in our churches and in homes are not worshipped. They are intended to bring before

the eye and the mind the personages represented and the things they exemplified. They have the same relation in religious life as the statues in our parks and on our public buildings and streets and the pictures which hang in state institutions have in civil life. The Catholic church was the first earthly force to combat and remove idolatry and has never counseled or permitted it in its own life. The charge that the Catholic church is in politics as a body is entirely unfounded. There is no church organization whose membership is so much divided on political questions. Indeed, I assert as a positive fact that the Catholic church is about the only church organization in America that is not in politics.

Mr. Phelps is also quoted as saying that "several of the presidents of the United States had been killed by Roman Catholics." This slander has been so often refuted by existing records that it is surprising that any man posing "in the Protestant lecture field" would have the temerity to utter it before an intelligent American audience.

Your article states that Mr. Phelps read an affidavit made by a man who was partially initiated in the Knights of Columbus, saying the he recognized Ben W. Olcott in the ranks of the Knights who sought to initiate the man. I am going to state boldly that no man ever made such an affidavit. No man unless insane would make such an affidavit and I defy Mr. Phelps to produce it with the name of the affiant Governor Olcott is a Freemason and neither he nor any of his family is or was a Catholic, while no man except a practical Catholic could possibly become a Knight of Columbus or be admitted to its councils.

I should think the people of Tillamook would feel deeply insulted by being made the victims of such false and foolish claptrap.

I am mailing to you pamphlets which will inform you authoritatively on the points above mentioned, except that in reference to Governor Olcott, and on that case anybody doubting my statement is invited to write to the record officials of Salem Masonic lodges, also the Episcopal minister at Salem, in whose church I think Mr. Olcott's family held membership.

Mr. Editor, Catholics do not fear the truth, but we think we are entitled to a hearing against falsehood and slander, and we feel that it is the duty of all good citizens to sift to the bottom all statements which are calculated to spread the doctrines of hate, to destroy community friendship and confidence and to destroy that unity and good will which should prevail among American citizens for the strength and perpetuity of our glorious country and its institutions. FRANK DAVY Portland, Oregon.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Mrs. Martha Conlee has been here from Tillamook visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sutpin.—Ballston correspondent in Dallas Itemizer.

D. O. Spitzmesser and wife of Tillamook were here to spend Christmas with relatives.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

Directors of the Grays Harbor County, Washington, cow testing association have fixed the price for calves from grade association cows from purebred sires as follows: from cows with records of 300 to 350 pounds of butterfat \$12; from 350 to 400 pounds, \$15 and above 400 pounds of butterfat, special prices depending upon the breeding.

Washington county has twice the number of dairy cows but no cow testing association, and no special market for grade heifer calves as has Grays Harbor and Tillamook Counties.—Beaverton Review.

W. K. Webb and family returned Monday from spending a week visiting relatives at Tillamook.—McMinnville News-Reporter

Margaret Nelson of Tillamook was visiting with friends in McMinnville on Wednesday of this week.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

Jesse Edwards, father of Newberg, was in Tillamook to attend a family reunion at the home of his son, C. J. Edwards, manager of the Coast Power company.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

Miss Leona Harmon stopped in Sheridan Tuesday night while on her way back to normal school, having driven to Tillamook with her father, C. S. Harmon, who was returning to his work in the sawmill at Tillamook.—Sheridan Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kuratli came over from Tillamook to attend the Elks celebration at Portland, and after spending Tuesday in Hillsboro at the E. L. Kuratli home left Wednesday for the coast city, a heavy snow storm when they left notwithstanding.—Hillsboro Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harmon and children of Tillamook, stopped in Sheridan one day last week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Harmon's mother, Mrs. Jane Woods, while on their way to Myrtle Creek, Oregon, on an extended visit. Mr. Harmon is a logging engineer of the Tillamook country.—Sheridan Sun.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Gahl modestly decline the credit for the successful Christmas exercises conducted at the Tillamook Evangelical Lutheran church, but share it with members of the Sheridan choir, nine of whom journeyed to the Tillamook county seat with Mr. and Mrs. Gahl. The choristers, all young people, had been in training many weeks for the Tillamook and Sheridan exercises under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Gahl.—Sheridan Sun.

Henry Bills of Hebo, was here the first of the week on business matters. Prior to his removal to Tillamook county, he made his home in McMinnville. He was overseer of the county poor farm for a time.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Ford and baby of Garibaldi, have been visiting here among relatives during the holiday season. Eldred owns a pharmacy at Garibaldi.— McMinnville News-Reporter.



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It is high time the legislative and judicial authorities began to consider the crime (the word is used advisedly) of drunkenness when driving a motor car as something infinitely more serious than is drunkenness under ordinary circumstances. Prohibition is as yet too new for the world old opinion of the drunken man, as one to be laughed at, pitied, perhaps, put to bed to sober up, fined a small sum as a public nuisance, to change at least overnight.

But drunkenness which can harm no one but the inebriated man is one thing; drunkenness which is menace to all who use the streets and roads, and which via the car, converts the otherwise innocuous victim if his appetite to a potentially wholesale murderer, is entirely something else. Sentiment is swinging over to regarding the drunken driver as one who commits more than a misdemeanor; but it should swing faster and go farther. The man who, drunk, drives a car or truck, is a madman: a man without sense, without reason, without judgment. He puts in jeopardy the lives of men, women, and children. He endangers property. He may cause frightful loss of life, hideous maimings, terrible accidents. No maniac with a gun is allowed upon the streets; the man who deliberately makes himself a maniac and fits himself out with a car loaded with potential death for many, should be dealt with with the utmost severity. A few dollars' fine, a few days in jail, the loss of a license, are not enough. The man who runs amuck with a gun, killing and maiming, gets years behind the bars. The man who runs amuck with a car while drunk is even more culpable.

Let judges once get it through their precedent bound legal minds that it is not the drunkenness, but the drunken driving which is the crime, and our already crowded hard roads will be safer for us all; our children, our women drivers, as well as our sober citizens protected, as they have a right to be, from a menace which has no excuse, legal or social, for existing.

"What town is this?" All tourists have asked the question hundreds of times. Progressive towns put the name of their city on signs at the city limits, just as they also put "through arrows" to guide the traveler.

"What road is this?" is asked almost as often, especially on the less traveled highways. Main traveled roads are rapidly being marked, so that the visitor from afar is not confused.

"What river is this?" is often a matter of wonder to the motorist, who passes over several branches of the same stream, alongside a lake, or over a bridge without knowing what body of water it is which he crosses or passes.

The League of American Pen Women is asking the various State Highway Commissions to place suitable markers near famous streams to inform the traveling public. It is a laudable work, but why, the traveler wants to know, stop at famous streams? Why not mark all bodies of water on or near any and all roads, so that the traveler may get better acquainted with the country through which he passes?

Municipalities find it pays to welcome the tourist, to guide him surely and quickly, to make him feel at home. The "Stop! Ten miles an hour under penalty of the law" sign is disappearing in favor of the "Our speed limit is fifteen miles an hour; please observe it, as we make you welcome" type of sign. With the latter goes the courtesy of road markers and stream label, worthy work for any civic club to take up, that the municipality be visited with joy and remembered with pleasure.

THE DAIRYMAN'S DREAM

By Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Mitchell

I dreamed I ran a dairy Where cows were always fat, And always gave a lot of milk; Their test was high at that. Rain never lessened the amount Of milk, nor made the cattle thin. In tidelands they were never lost, But at five came marching in.

They never ate a poison weed,— Larkspur or hellebore. I never had to buy them feed, Just milked them o'er and o'er. They were never lost on mountains, Or fell down a ravine; Were never caught among the logs, But stayed in pastures green.

They never walked thro' barbed-wire fence To graze in garden corn; Nor did they jump a six-board gate For mangels every morn. Their average the year around At sixty tipped the beam; They milked for straight eleven months And all their milk was cream.

My barn was new, my herd pure-bred, My cans like silver shone. The Inspector stood there at the door Smiling, but not alone; He'd brought the State Inspector down With other guys galore! They gave me one hundred per cent! (Alas! My dream is o'er!)

ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT

Mrs. M. Kiger, secretary of the city library board, reports the financial condition of the library as of January 1.

Receipts for year total \$1475.08, which included money received from the city treasurer, the 1923 tax, gifts from the Monday Musical club and the Priscilla club. Receipts at the desk for the past year amounted to \$266.08.

Disbursements totalled \$1149.85, which leaves a balance of \$325.23. Expenditures include the costs of books, periodicals, binding, janitor, furniture, librarian and assistant, supplies etc.

The receipts as reported include the tax money which has been turned over for the use of the library earlier than usual and which is to be used until June, when another tax will be due. The report showed 329 books purchased, 52 as gifts, and the binding of 23 volumes. Books were lost and worn out to the number of 32. The circulation for the past year amounted to 17,788 books and 415 magazines. New borrowers totalled 345, which makes the list of active borrowers 1078. One hundred-forty-one represents the largest day's circulation.

STORY HOUR AT LIBRARY

Children of the 3rd; 4th; and 5th

grades are invited to the library Thursday afternoon January 17th at 4:15 for a story hour. Mrs. Turnbull will be in charge this date and announcement will be made later as to future dates. R. W. Catton was a visitor in Portland a few days last week.

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First Christian Church ANNUAL CHURCH DAY January 13, 1924 Bible School Goal—250. Endeavor Goal—100. Every Man's Class 75 men. Report of Departments by Teachers. General George White of Salem will address the Every Man's Class at 10 a. m. Rev. Anderson will address Woman's Missionary Society at 2:30 p. m. Basket Dinner at noon. Public Welcome