

TIMBER OWNER WRITES

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ber company as contrasted with a total of \$29,000 for 1923 taxes:

State county school, etc. \$22,372.54
 Special school 11,087.08
 Special road tax dist. 2 & 19 8,683.43
 Total 42,143.05
 Less State and county tax \$2,420.20
 Balance \$39,722.85

It must be borne in mind that the lands of this company are distant all the way from six to twenty miles from the nearest school house. I believe that school taxes are the last ones to which objection should be taken, but we wish to submit that a charge of 50 per cent of the state, county and school tax is pretty high for a special school.

The county needs more roads, and no one can object to the business-like constructive program, but a \$8600 special road tax looks very high to us for one year.

As we have written before, we have no criticisms against the tax for the Port of Bay City, as we are heartily in accord for this improvement. We think it is an injustice, however, that the lands of this company and the others on the Wilson and Kelches watersheds should have to carry the brunt of this improvement when the southern half of the county is doing nothing in the matter. This is an improvement which will help every farmer, merchant and timber man in the county.

Our taxes show an increase of 60 per cent. We are, of course, helpless in this matter of tax increase, and we can only appeal to the spirit of fair play among the residents of the county.

Our conception of the duties of the newspaper is that it should represent fairly all classes of property owners. There has always been an element in Tillamook county opposed to timber and lumber interests, which has resented any attempt on the part of the timber people to interfere in any way with tax matters. We have probably made mistakes, as has every one, but we submit that we are entitled to our day in court, and we believe that a new era has begun in Tillamook county, and that your inhabitants appreciate that the lumber industry in a few years will be your leading industry, and that if you are to encourage manufacturing institutions they must not be met by confiscatory taxes.

The law of supply and demand will regulate lumber prices. Timber will be cut as fast as the market demands it. It would benefit your county to encourage owners to hold timber until there is a fair profit in its manufacture. This will result in good wages and good prices for supplies. Forcing the market results in poor prices and poor wages. The policy of many counties is to try and keep the timber as long as possible in order to spread a payroll over a long term of years. If Tillamook county is to tax its remote timber land as high as some other counties are taxing lands lying close to the railroads, it will result in forced cutting, and your county, as well as Columbia and Clatsop, will be through with the lumber industry before some of the up-state counties have barely started cutting. Yours truly, Wilson River Lumber Company.

WELLS GILBERT, President.
 Portland, Oregon
 March 4, 1924

accusations regarding the so-called attack on the timber owners by the Headlight presumably refers to an editorial in this paper of January 25, when certain unnamed timber owners were scored for an underhanded attempt to bring discredit upon the county and its officials. The Headlight stands solidly for the welfare of Tillamook county people, against the world if need be, and the more fact that moneyed interests are unable to comprehend the attitude of this paper will have no effect on its position. Tillamook farmers and business men will be here tomorrow and forever; timber owners will be here as long as there is timber to cut—then they are gone to other fields. Their interests, generally speaking, are temporary ones. The farmers will have to shoulder the burden of a heavy debt as soon as the present stand of timber is cut away.

The proposition stated in paragraph two by the correspondent is thought to be very fair, but why was not it offered before the county made the last timber cruise?

Regarding the charge of radicalism, the Headlight would like to remind the correspondent that this state of mind flourishes in other fields beside newspapers.

JUST GOOD BUSINESS JUDGMENT

The grocers and merchants of Tillamook county displayed some high class business judgment when, as reported, they definitely agreed to sell no make-believe butters over their counters—or over any other route, for that matter. Just plain business judgment, that's all. They did not do it out of the goodness of their hearts, out of love for the dairy farmers of the county, though they hold the latter in high esteem. They knew down deep in their financial consciousness that every time they sold a pound of bogus butter they destroyed the buying power of the dairymen of that the merchants and business men of great dairy county. Would that all the great dairying state of Oregon could likewise see the light and help build up the genuine butter industry of this state rather than the business of the cocoanut orchardists of foreign lands.

What kind of dent would it make in Oregon's industrial life were her dairy industry, which runs into many millions annually, destroyed? Quite a dent. What would develop in the health and stamina of the people of the state were genuine cow butter completely eliminated as a spread for

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Arrests for traffic violations during the past week included: Edward Hodges, merchant, Newberg; A. D. Grossman, Portland; G. C. Nicholson, Seaside; A. E. White, Tillamook; W. D. Murphy, lawyer of Portland who said he was going to return here on March 8 to fight the case; Ernest T. Drew, Portland; M. D. Ackley, garage man of Tillamook.—Sheridan Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert O'Dell of Tillamook are in McMinnville for several days. Mrs. O'Dell came here to be near her sister, Ethel Roe, who was recently operated on at the McMinnville hospital.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

The conservatives are warning the county. It is good of them, isn't it? They call the interest of the masses in the oil scandal an "oil hysteria." They term it a remarkable illustration of mob psychology because good American citizens are stirred over things at the nation's capital. The conservatives may be as conservative as they choose, but let the common people be on the alert and kept informed on all the doings at Washington so that when the opportunity presents itself the people may talk in no uncertain tones. The people have a perfect right to be aroused in what has been going on at Washington in the nation's councils. Justice should be

our bread, and milk and cream as parts of our food ration? We do not care to let our imaginations run on this unhappy possibility. But certain it is that every pound of imported vegetable oil sold in the form of nut margarine is just that much progress toward the destruction of the dairy industry; just that much advance in the movement, now being unwittingly made for the elimination of real butter, milk and cream from our tables.

There is, perhaps, more profit made in handling butter substitutes than but it is at best a temporary advantage in handling the real dairy product, age. It is insignificant compared to the permanent value of the dairy industry to the merchants of the state.

Tillamook merchants are wiser than some of their fellows elsewhere throughout the state. We just wonder if they couldn't do something to convert some of their erring brothers. Some of you dairymen speak to them about it. It is to their advantage as well as yours to ban bogus butter from the entire state.—The Oregon Farmer.

meted out to those involved and the public interests should be protected. These are tense moments and the common people will keep their heads level and answer the conservatives, who would have dropped a curtain of secrecy on the proceedings that have startled the nation.

The voters are in such a mood that if it is necessary to throw aside party affiliations to bring the government back to the ideals of the fathers, they are going to do it. The average man will no longer tolerate some other fellow to dictate to him for whom he should vote. The independent voters are gaining in numbers because some party leaders are from time to time betraying the party to which they belong and forgetting the constituency whose interests they have sworn to protect.—News-Reporter.

PIONEERS

By H. G. Guild

Years ago, when the Trask toll road was in operation, and the mail being carried over the mountains in stages, and on horse-back at times, a rather loquacious driver, who chewed navy plug tobacco and expectorated at flies that tried to steal a free ride on the dash-board and boot of the stage during the summer months, entertained a quiet sort of a man who rode in one day, with stories of cougar hunts, panther fights, bear and deer chases, and what not. The stranger, who refused to state his business, his home residence, and even the state of his nativity listened without special comment. Finally, after a long interval of silence, in which the driver frowned several unsuspecting flies in amber saliva, the stranger asked if this were a good country in which to hunt deer.

The driver replied that it was a "Jo-dandy."

"Say," said the driver indicating a near-by ridge along the road that was somewhat bald-headed on account of a fire of some years before, "right over there on that hill last week, while I was laying off on my vacation, I killed the biggest six-point buck you ever saw!"

As this was well into the closed season, the stranger asked: "I guess you don't know who I am, do you?" At the same time he pulled back his coat and showed a game-warden's star.

The driver got another foolish fly on the boot of the stage, before replying, and then turning his head he looked the passenger fairly in the eye, and said:

"I guess you don't know who I am, either, do you?" The passenger confessed that he did lack the driver's name. "Well, I'll tell yuh just who I am—I'm the blunkest liar in Tillamook county!"

The stranger had a first good laugh, and the driver wasn't molested.

George Grayson brought the story over to Tillamook from the outside, but there are a number of old timers who like to identify George with that driver, especially, when there are some newcomers about to enjoy the joke.

ITS A LONG WAY TO TILLAMOOK

Up to Brighton came a touring car one day, As the streets are paved with plank, shure tis a goodly way, Going down to Rockaway and on by Whitney's Mill When they found there was no road—they shouted and stood still.

Chorus
 It's a long way to Tillamook it's a long way to go, It's a long way to go up Foley and the crookedest way we know, Good-bye Ocean Beaches; Farewell Bar View, It's a long, long way to Tillamook, the pass to go through.

The people wrote a letter to State Commission O Why not give to us a better way to go, If the people pay the Tax to put the road right through, Its not the people's fault—the blame will rest on you.

Chorus
 Then why not write the commission and tell them plain and true, To get good and busy and put the road right through, Or the ballots will be dropping and they will be to blame This road has drove us crazy and we're thinking they're the same.

Chorus
 Do not try to shift the blame on the railroad O For you're got another route this road can shurely go, The people want this road, then why not push it through Before November elections, Lest the polls may fall on you.

—J. J. DUMAS

Our Pet Peeve

BE QUIET JUST A MOMENT—TILL I GET THIS STATION

SAY, PLEASE BE QUIET, WILL YOU?

GABBLE! GABBLE! GABBLE! BAH!

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TESTING ASSOCIATION REPORTS COW FIGURES

The cow testing association has figured that the product of 347 cows will be shut out of the butter market in the county annually by the sale of oleo in the county. It is claimed that 2,000 pounds of oleo products are shipped out of the county every week of the year, which would in a year's time displace 83,200 pounds of butter fat in Tillamook county. It is estimated that the average cow in this county will produce 240 pounds of butter fat each year. Figuring fifteen cows to the herd, no less than twenty-three herds would be displaced by the use of oleo during the year, estimates the association.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

BRIGHTON
 Mrs. John Strand left to join her husband near Eugene, where Mr. Strand has a position. The community will miss them as they helped in all community affairs and Mrs. Strand was on the school board.

The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. W. A. Rowe's home to elect a new president to fill Mrs. J. Strand's place. Mrs. Ida Burgess was elected. They also planned a hard-time dance to be given in the near future. The women are working to make money for the boys and girls home in Corvallis and they hold meetings every two week and sew for the home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hartman spent the week-end in Portland visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. Darnell of Wheeler spent Friday with Mrs. Ray Keenholdt.

Mrs. Ida Burgess went to Tillamook last Wednesday shopping and on business.

E. Schlavin had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in his eye. He left Monday to consult a specialist in Portland.

The 4 L are giving another one of their good programs Wednesday evening in the hall.

Mrs. George Lundy left for Portland Monday on a short trip.

Mrs. Sisk returned from Portland Sunday and Jack was at the train all smiles to greet his little new daughter, Peggy Maria.

ROCKAWAY
 W. R. Irwin, formerly of Heppner, is putting up a store building north of the postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gray have returned home after a months visit with their daughter at Yamhill.

Mrs. Crosby spent two days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Over at Brighton.

Mrs. Charles Reihia and son have gone to California to visit her sister.

C. W. Ross of Salt Air left for Portland on a business trip.

John Meyers and George Fuller

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both of Portland have purchased four lots across from the school house and will be down in June to build some cottages.

P. T. Church has sold his property across from the depot. Mr. Church is going to put up a smaller building for his candy business south of the postoffice.

John Johnson and wife drove in from Portland and are getting their cottages ready for summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddick have leased the Anderson place across from the depot and are getting it in readiness for the season.

Eugene Crosby and family of mook were Sunday visitors with Crosby's parents.

Mrs. Fred Menard of Idaville a visitor for the day.

George Sutherland and his wife, Donald, drove to Portland weeks stay.

Elsa Wright and wife drove from McMinnville with a party of friends for over Sunday at Wright Inn.

Bill Schaumacher, real estate insurance man, has left for Dakota for a visit.

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