

**BRIMHALL MAKES REPLY**

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When all of the money had been spent they should have asked the people for authority to have gone in debt this \$423,000. But they went ahead on the strength that the taxes would come in. Now you know, dear friends, how long your bank account would last if you didn't put in something to keep the balance up.

But now the timber men seeing this and knowing that the county court had gone way beyond their rights in doing this work and carrying out this extensive road program, they filed their suit. Now the county court and other officials say—"See the sixty miles of highway we have, from one end of the county to the other," but what are we paying for it. Let me give you some figures. Bonded debt, \$411,000, 5 percent interest 1919 bond issue. \$423,230 general warrants and road warrants at 6 percent interest. Tillamook county is paying over \$133 each day in interest. Now the court says "Look at our sixty miles of highway," but remember I have nothing to do with this, when the court says for me to issue a warrant I must do so. Mr. Richards, for the southern end of the county, is over \$40,000 in arrears; Mr. Alley about \$20,000; they switch funds—take money out of one fund to help another. There is an audit going on now and I don't know what they will find. As far as my office can help them they will have a real audit.

Now then, how do the timber men view the condition? The county court entered into a lease to cruise 40,000 acres of timber at 40 cents an acre, to be paid in two installments, one in November and one in December. Now they issued these warrants without any money to pay them, so Miss Mills stamped them on the back "Not paid for want of funds," so they took them to Portland. The timber men didn't complain about the cruise or taxes—I am honest with you for I am one of the equalization board—myself, Mr. Mason and Mr. Johnson, and I talked to their representative face to face, and all they want is a square deal. And they should have it when they pay 70 per cent of the taxes for Tillamook county!

Not to show them any favors but to be fair. I think they should have a chance at the bat. They have a perfect right and filed the suit to enjoin the county from paying the Nease, the cruisers, warrants because the county had exceeded their rights in issuing \$4000 in warrants when they had no money to pay it. This suit is still pending and I don't know how it is going to be settled. The title of the suit is M. J. Kinney versus Tillamook county et al. Some Portland men are attorneys for Kinney, who has timber interests here in Tillamook county and is interested in this case.

I am not here in defense of the timber owners nor any other particular interests in Tillamook county. I am here in the interest of the people and fair play. If the timber interests are backing me I don't know it.

But I must say that the work in my office I have tried to keep up just as carefully as I can. The bookkeeping system in my office is just what they handed to me—not what it should be to handle the amount of work we have. They ask me why I don't have men in the office instead of girls—because I have no money to hire men for the office, the county court have limited me to \$100 per month and you can't find a man bookkeeper who will work for \$100 per month.

The auditors have recommended that we have a better bookkeeping system in our office and I have taken it up with the court. They are in negotiation with Mr. Crandall and I am anxious that they get us the very best book keeping system to be had, for I want my office second to none in the state. It may take a little money to start on but will pay in the end. I try to keep expenses down to the lowest ebb all the time.

We have a lot of things to take care of in our office—it really is two offices—the probate court goes thru our office, the circuit court, the naturalization board, the juvenile court, the filing of applications for home-

steads—I declare it keeps us busy watching things all the time.

To be sure bills don't get paid twice there is really a world of work; and until you thoroughly understand it you have no idea what we have to do. But I do feel that knowing the work now as I do and with the benefit of these four years experience I shall be able to give the people of Tillamook even a better service next term, if they see fit to remember me, and I shall be fair in everything I have said this evening and I believe that if Leslie had taken a second thought of what he was doing he would never have said the things against me that he has.

Now if any of you have any questions to ask, I shall be glad to answer them as far as I can—any questions regarding registration and elections, these things all go through our office—we have to watch all along and keep everything in its place and do things at the right time, and see that the others do, too. I have written hundreds of letters to people who ask for information, and answered many, many telephone calls explaining things that the people ask, and it always pleases me to be of service wherever I can.

Mr. Edner: One question I'd like to ask. What are these delinquent taxes on—beach property or timberlands?

Mr. Brimhall: Most of these delinquent taxes are back years and years, and the land is not worth them in many cases. The county has taken no steps to take over the land and sell it for the taxes. There is an investment company in Portland by the name of Fear & Gray, the head of the firm came in here about three weeks ago; he has some money to put into Tillamook county in the shape of an investment and he wants to invest in delinquent tax certificates—these will bring him 12 percent interest. He don't want anybody's farm but he wants the interest these certificates pay—12 percent instead of getting 4 per cent from a savings bank. But he don't want to go back of 1920 because he wants gilt-edge investments. Then there are tracts that have been put on the market by some promoter and the scheme has failed and the people don't even pay the taxes on the property.

I want you people of Garibaldi to know that I appreciate you deeply. Four years ago Garibaldi stood by me gallantly, when I was away up at Nehalem, away from the center of the county, teaching school and not much time to get out campaigning—just a

little work among my fellow teachers and they helped me a lot, but now there are a great many strangers in the little town that was once my home and I want them to have the facts. I thank you folks for coming out here this evening. Most of you are working hard during the day and are glad to get home and rest in the evening. But I must stop now, I've kept you long enough and Mr. Mana wants to say a few words to you so I'll thank you again and say good-night.

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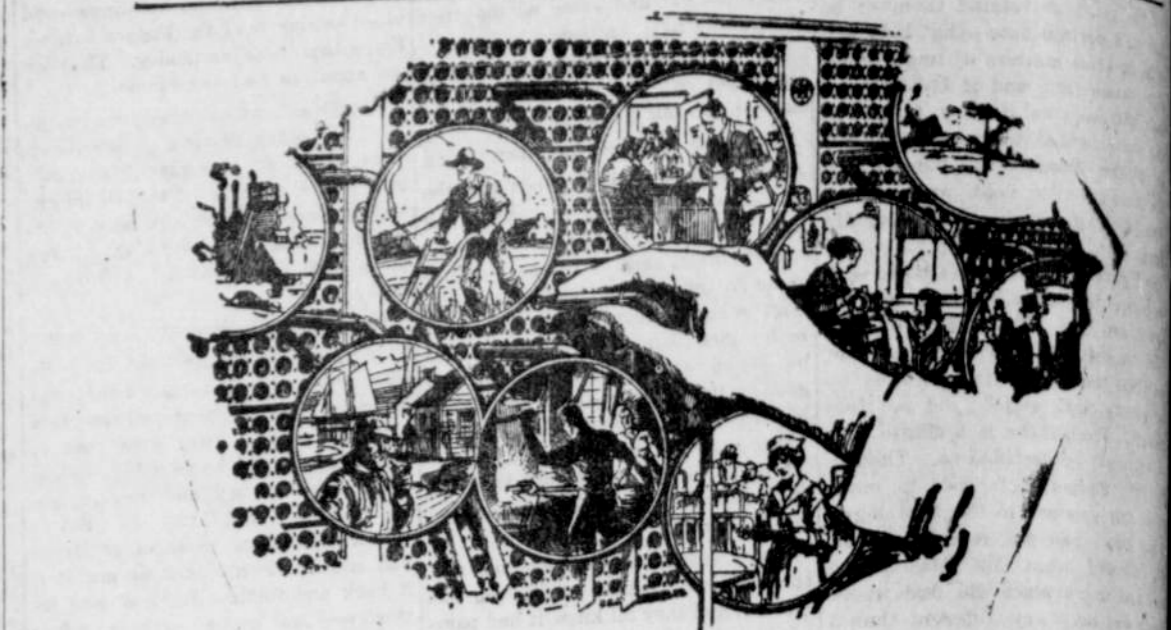
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