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SOME FIGURES AND SOME SATISFACTION.

THE editor of our morning contemporary in discussing the proposed bond issue, and commenting on the sums individuals would be required to pay, very rashly tackles the mathematical side of the proposition. Mathematics is an exact science, and should not be monkeyed with by the unwary, for, being exact, it compels exact statements, and these are not within the scope of every editor's ability—on some subjects.

In order to point out a few of the errors, and also to emphasize the danger a tyro faces in tackling figures, and to avoid the possible charge of misquoting, we print the Statesman's editorial in full, thus also doing a kindly turn to our neighbor and giving his idea some publicity it would not otherwise obtain. The editorial is as follows:

"In an interview with County Judge Bushey, in the Statesman of yesterday, it was pointed out that the increase in taxes to pay the interest on the proposed \$850,000 road bond issue would be .0015 mills annually, and that if one now pays \$10 a year taxes in Marion county, his additional tax would be about a cent and a half a year, and in twenty years he would pay a total of not more than 30 cents. So if one pays \$100 now, his increase the first year would be 15 cents, and for the twenty years it would be \$3.00. Or for the one paying \$200 taxes now, there would be an additional charge of 30 cents now, and for the twenty years, \$6. Or it would cost the man now paying \$1000 taxes, \$1.50 additional the first year, and \$30 in twenty years. But these figures are based upon present assessed valuations. With permanent highways, the property valuations in Marion county will increase very fast, so that the \$10 man would get off with about 15 cents for the twenty years, and the \$1000 man with about \$1.50. And for this amount he would have good roads, and would transmit good roads to his posterity. For 15 cents the \$10 man would help in vastly increasing the earning capacity of all land in Marion county; in making for a higher and better civilization, and in a thousand and one ways raising the standard of living. This would be a satisfaction to the \$10 man that would be worth a million times his 15 cents. Transportation is the art of getting things from where they are plentiful to where they are needed, and upon this basis is builded all commerce and all civilization. The underlying necessity for the best system of transportation is the good road from the farm to the market town or the railroad. That is what makes earning capacity for farm lands. And earning capacity is what makes values for farm lands. Marion county is the second richest in Oregon, and it is capable of producing a dollar for every five-cent piece now produced. This can be done only with the aid of good highways, for there must be markets to justify increase of products, and there can be no available markets without roads, and the better the roads the more valuable the markets."

The assessed valuation of all property in the county is \$43,629,948, and the total tax \$996,860. This makes the average tax rate for the county 23 mills. In the city it is more and it varies somewhat in the different districts, owing to special road taxes, etc., but this will do to make a few figures on. A cursory examination of the Statesman's figures will show that the writer estimated amounts the bond tax would increase taxes, not from the assessed valuation, but from the amount of tax. The man who paid \$10 tax would have been assessed, not counting cents, \$435, and if the amount required to pay the extra tax was a mill and a half, as the article states, the sum added to the amount the man paying \$10 tax would have to pay would be 65 cents. As a matter of fact, the amount necessary to meet the annual yearly payments would be only about one mill and the interest charges for a while, at least, would require another mill, which would make the \$10 man pay, instead of a cent and a half additional, 87 cents. Instead of paying 30 cents in 20 years he would pay \$13, which, we submit, is some difference, and on top of this he would pay nearly \$10 interest, but, call it \$7, and the amount is \$20, instead of 30 cents.

The man paying \$1000 taxes would, of course, pay 100 times as much as the man paying \$10, and his bill would be increased \$67.50, and the total tax he would have to pay would be \$1350, and, with interest added, he would pay \$2000 in the 20 years, instead of \$30, as stated in the Statesman.

According to the table worked out by those in charge of the bond issue, and in which they add \$1,000,000 to the assessed valuation of the county yearly, which is fair, but which changes the above figures somewhat, the bonds would require an average tax levy of one and one-third mills, or a total tax levy of about 27 mills, but this allows for steadily increasing valuations. On the present valuations the above figures are approximately correct. According to the tabulated statement above referred to

the total tax the man now paying \$1000 taxes would have to pay would be \$1174, but this takes in the increased valuation which equals an average of \$10,000,000 during the bonding period of 20 years.

Life is too short and space too valuable to waste in pointing out all the errors in the Statesman's calculations, for they are all errors. We cannot refrain, though, from calling attention to the amount of satisfaction which our contemporary thinks the \$10 man, who on a total of 15 cents can get a million times the value of his investment would get. A million times 15 cents is \$150,000, which is some satisfaction for the price, and well worth the investment. At the same rate the man who would pay \$1175, as estimated by the committee, would get as many times as much more satisfaction as \$1174 is multiples of 15 cents which is 7832 times, and the satisfaction he would get at the same rate would be worth, according to our contemporary's figures 7832 times \$150,000, or \$1,174,800,000, which, we submit, is some satisfaction.

Already there is a small-sized scandal over the Pacific highway in Jackson county. It is claimed that an attempt has been made to besmirch the character of County Judge TouVelle by disgruntled contractors who failed to get contracts on the highway work. The grand jury is investigating the charges, which, among other things, assert that a Portland firm charged the county judge with auto tires he never ordered, or got, in an attempt to show that he had received tires from the contractors without paying for them. Anonymous letters concerning the letting of contracts for the highway are also to be probed by the grand jury.

Oregon has about one-fourth of all the timber in the United States, and in the appropriation for national forests, made Wednesday, in which \$5,500,000 was provided for their maintenance, Oregon got \$161,290. In other words, Oregon, with one-fourth of the timber, got one 33d of the appropriation. Congressman Hawley has not yet laid claim to having secured this great and generous sum.

The job of locating that auditorium in or about Portland is a trifle compared to what the county courts along the Pacific highway will face when it comes to selecting the roads on which the money derived from the sale of bonds will be expended. Then there will be music in the air with bagpipe accompaniments.

Mr. Booth, candidate for the nomination for U. S. senator, delivered an address at the First Methodist church Tuesday night on the subject "The Things We Stand For." The results of an election are always uncertain, and yet Mr. Booth may be one of them.

THE ROUND-UP.

Six elk have been added to the zoo in Portland. They were brought from the Yellowstone park, and the very wild.

A Portland policeman jumped on the back of one of the horses of a runaway team Wednesday, threw the horse, stopped the runaway and probably saved the lives of the woman and child in the buggy they were dashing away with.

The mad dog epidemic at Baker gets no better and a war has been declared on all dogs. Tuesday as the poundmaster was hauling a load of a dozen dogs to the pound, one of them went mad, and bit several of the others. He is being kept and watched to note his symptoms. Since being put in the pound he has had dozens of fits and froths at the mouth continually.

F. L. Cranfill, a pioneer of the state and a resident of Medford for 25 years died at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. J. Crow near Eugene Wednesday morning. He was 69 years old and was in good health until a few moments before he expired. He was in bed and called his sister early Tuesday morning telling her he felt badly and in few minutes was dead.

Mrs. Mary Hughes, wife of R. H. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, died Tuesday at the St. Vin-

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cent hospital after a serious operation. She was the daughter of Dr. D. L. Rader who up to the time of his death was editor of the Advocate.

The "story hour" feature has been established in the public library at Coquille, and entertainers engaged for regular service.

As a reward for the cleaning up they gave the town last week the manager of a show house at Falls City invited the Boy Scouts to a performance, free of charge.

Based on its estimate upon the Bandon spirit toward educational advancement, the World predicts that the town will soon "be ready to entertain the idea of a Carnegie institution."

Improved railway schedules, the new Era believes, will make Unatilla quite a transfer point for mail and express matter, as well as a distributing point for river freight and passenger business.

The Junction City grange is coming on very strong with its cannery project, with almost twice the necessary starting capital subscribed. The merchants of Junction City are vigorously co-operating.

Springfield is to have two papers notwithstanding the recent consolidation of the News and the Star. J. Baker and B. D. Hudworth of Portland propose the founding of a new publication, which they announce will be independent in policy.

MATRON OF WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT DISMISSED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Quentin, Cal., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Genevieve Smith, for the last seven years matron of the women's department of the state penitentiary here, was dismissed yesterday by Warden James A. Johnson. Miss Jessie Whalen, formerly matron of the southern California state hospital, was named as her successor.

"The change was for the good of the service," said Warden Johnson. "I have no fault to find with Mrs. Smith other than that I find it impossible to replace her by a woman better able to fill the position."

PANAMA CANAL WILL BE OPENED LATE THIS SUMMER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson's latest information is that the Panama canal will be opened to commerce late this summer. For this reason he thinks early action on the repeal of the exemption clause necessary.

The president told callers late yesterday that practically all of the world powers supported England in its controversy with the United States tolls question and for this reason thought the exemption clause should be repealed at this session of congress.

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WILL PROBABLY DECIDE IN REGARD TO RAIL RATES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 20.—Before the interstate commerce commission adjourns for the summer July 1, it probably will decide the request by certain big railroads for permission to make a five per cent increase in freight rates it was stated here today.

The two important considerations upon which the decision will depend, according to Commissioner Harlan, are: "Are the carriers' present revenue adequate?" "If not, how may they be supplemented?"

On the first point Harlan said the

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If Your Back Is Aching or Bladder Bothers, Drink Lots of Water And Eat Less Meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salt which removes the body's noxious waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

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railroads had introduced quantities of evidence but their witnesses had not been cross examined. On the second, inquiries have been sent to the lines' managements which they have yet to answer fully.

It was no secret that no increase will be agreed to until the commission had shown they are giving no free service to large shippers.

DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Spokane, Wash., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Thomas Hooker, wife of the veteran business manager of the Spokane Chronicle died yesterday from injuries sustained several days ago in a fall down the cellar steps at her son's home. Her skull was fractured. She had been totally blind several years.

IMPEACHMENT VERDICT SOON

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 20.—Decision on charges against Judge Spear of Georgia will be decided shortly by the House judiciary sub-committee. The time for filing a reply brief expired today, and the committee expected to get down to work immediately now that it has all the evidence in hand. Indications point to clean slating the judge on the count charging use of drugs, but the disposal of the other counts now stands in a more or less speculative position.

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