

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

"The State Highway Commission is not asking for more money," said R. A. Booth, commissioner, in addressing a Lane's County audience on the 4 per cent road bond limit measure; "all we want is the power to capitalize the income now on hand. The state road funds are now taken from two sources—the one cent tax on each gallon of gasoline and the automobile license fees. The state constitution, as it now reads, prohibits more than 2 per cent being put into the roads, and what the commission wants is an amendment of this clause so 4 per cent can be put into the roads. A direct additional tax is not asked for, nor is any increase in the gas tax or automobile license fees. Mr. Booth also brought out that "a new road program is not to be rushed through, but the present one is to be finished providing the voters of Oregon back up the 4 per cent limit measure." Commissioner Simon Benson is also on record against rushing construction too rapidly, considering high labor costs and the high cost of money, but favors ratification of this 4 per cent bonding amendment so there will be authorization to issue bonds at such times as favorable conditions justify. Final control over actual bond authorization rests with the legislature, as unless the legislature passes enabling legislation as under the 4 per cent amendment, the highway commission is without authority to issue bonds.

When a Plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it. When a Lawyer makes a mistake, it's just what he wanted, because he gets to try the same case over again. When an Electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on "induction," because nobody knows what that is. When a Doctor makes a mistake he buries it. When a Judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law. When a Preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference. And when a Printer makes a mistake—but who in the world ever heard of such a thing.—Sellwood Bee.

Fred Lockley, who has been a printer's devil, carrier, compositor, pressman, circulation manager, editor and business manager on country weeklies and small town dailies, as well as on larger papers, and who was general manager for some years of the Pacific Monthly, taking hold of it when it was badly in debt and pulling it out of the hole and putting it on a paying basis, is a candidate for secretary of state. He has also the hustling power needed for the office. Investigate his claims before making up your mind as to whom you will support.

WORK PANTS. ROGERS.

Knock-down houses to the number of at least 15 a week are to be turned out from the Portland factory of the Alladin Company, largest manufacturers of ready made dwellings in the world, which began operation last week. Already a number have been sold and shipped. Nine western states and western Canada composed the distributing area of the new branch. Portland mills are supplying rough lumber for the Alladin mill and cut-up factory. The frame factory has been in operation since the first of the year, but the actual preparation of houses did not begin until May. One hundred and ten people are now employed at the plant, but the staff will increase as production speeds up. Manager Porter, who is going east shortly, expects to confer with the company officials relative to establishing a sash and door plant also in connection with the Portland factory.

"If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing, if you like him or love him tell him now; Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration as he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow; For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it; He won't know how many tears drops you have shed; If you think some praise is due him, Now's the time to slip it to him, For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."—Anon.

There was a distinct air of chastened resignation about him as he penned the following note: "Dear Miss Brown—I return herewith your kind note in which you accept my offer of marriage. I would draw your attention to the fact that it begins 'Dear George.' I do not know who George is, but my name, as you will remember, is Thomas."—Houston Post.

The miser was dying. "You—charge—twenty cents—to shave—live men?" "Yes, that is my price," replied the barber. "What—you charge—shave dead men?" "One dollar," said the barber, somewhat annoyed. "Then—get busy—quick."

When Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York City, he asked an Irish applicant this question: "If a mob were to gather and you were ordered to disperse it what would you do?" "Begorra," replied Pat instantly, "I'd pass around the hat for a collection, sir."

Roses are a little late this year on account of the hard freeze last winter, but when they do bloom they'll be very pretty in color, it is claimed.

The Loyal Guards Club gave a very successful reception and banquet at their club rooms, 208 South Jersey street, May 17th, from 6 to 8 p. m. Dr. Sandifur, acting as toast master, gave a talk on the benefits of the club to the young men, which was much appreciated by all present. A. M. Warner, organizer, was called upon to tell the purpose of the club. Warner is a carpenter, and public speaking is not as easy for him as driving nails, but he has a purpose in view, and mainly to help the boys along Christian and patriotic lines. Rev. Kloster was next called upon and furnished the gathering with some interesting stories, for which he is famous. Mr. Galloway, Mrs. Alice Learned, Mrs. McKinney and Wendell Kloster responded with well wishes for the success of the club. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Sandifur, Rev. and Mrs. Kloster, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. Skells, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Vrooman, Mrs. Norene, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Alice Learned, Mrs. O. E. Learned, Miss Galloway, Miss Sandifur. The young men present were: Wendell Kloster, Paul Sandifur, Baxter Galloway, George Skells, Loyal Thurston, Oscar McKinney, Ralph Fairchild, James Norene, Paul Wagner, Earl Prewitt, Arthur Vrooman, F. Sheda, Sherm Cochran. The boys especially wish to thank Mrs. Sandifur, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Alice Learned and Mrs. O. E. Learned for their untiring efforts to make the banquet a success in every way.—Ye Scribe.

Rev. Chester P. Gates, the new pastor of the Evangelical church, is now nicely settled in his new home at the parsonage. Rev. Gates is well known to many of our people, having previously been pastor of the same church. He is a fine speaker, energetic and a splendid pastor and is bound to make a fine success of his pastorate here.

There are two kinds of trouble in this world, the kind that we find, and the kind that finds us, and the former is by far the hardest to bear.

The St. Johns Lumber Co. ball club won its second game of the season in the 4-L League from the Peninsula Lumber Co. Sunday afternoon on the Hill grounds. The score was 11 to 1. Ray Brouse was in the box for the locals and allowed only three hits, walking one and striking out eleven. St. Johns made eight hits and three errors, while Peninsula made nine errors. Battery for St. Johns: Brouse and Smith; Peninsula, Beckman, Padden and Booth. The locals will play at Newberg next Sunday. The League comprises St. Johns, Eastern, & Western, Newberg, Peninsula, Portland and Headquarters. The three former clubs have won both games and have a percentage of 1000.

Under a recent ruling by the Treasury Department the tax on toilet preparations and patent and proprietary medicines is based upon the selling price of each article and not upon the total price of a number of articles. If a person buys five packages of 5c cough drops, a 1c stamp must be attached to each package. If a person purchases a tube of tooth paste for 35c and a bottle of perfume for 65c, a 2c stamp must be placed on the tooth paste and 3c on the perfume—a total of 5c. In other words, the tax is on each article and not on the combined purchase price. This revokes a ruling previously made by the Department.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Blackman, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hopper, Miss Martha and Howard Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner and Mrs. Bartlett attended the annual session of the Free Methodist Conference which convened in Salem May 12th, closing Sunday evening. Rev. Blackman and wife were returned by the conference to St. Johns for another year, and Rev. Hopper was re-elected to the district eldership for the same period. Mrs. Bartlett was sent by the St. Johns society as a delegate to the conference. Two bits of sugar has dwindled down to about vest pocket size. Potatoes are running a close second.

## Elementary School Measure

That the people of Oregon are keenly interested in the passage of the bill which provides a two mill tax levy for the support and maintenance of the elementary schools of the state is attested by the hundreds of organizations that have given it unanimous endorsement and the hundreds of people who are devoting their time to the furtherance of its success.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Oregon's only woman legislator, who is the author of the bill, says in speaking of it: "There is a shortage of 140,000 school teachers in this country and of this number Oregon has her full quota, our shortage being 500. A total of 230 school rooms are locked and bolted because there are not teachers, 4600 Oregon children lack school facilities and unless there is relief by the voting of this measure the number will be doubled next year. The number of teachers leaving Oregon schools to go into other professions has more than doubled during the era of the high cost of living. The increase in living costs during this period are estimated at from 88 per cent to 94 per cent. Teachers salaries have increased less than 25 per cent. Normal schools and teacher training schools show decrease in attendance of 30 per cent."

In western Oregon there are many so-called poverty districts, 965 of which have an annual school revenue of less than \$800. Lane county has 124 such districts; Marion 58; Washington, 44; Douglass, 85; Lincoln, 41 and even urban Multnomah has nine such districts. Where population or taxable wealth is scant it is with difficulty that schools are supported. In these districts the rate of taxation is very high, some of them valuing education enough to tax themselves as high as 50 mills. In other districts less public spirited schools are either closed or are presided over by totally incompetent teachers.

In 31 counties of Oregon there are 2204 rural teachers who for this year's school work are drawing an average wage of \$734.22. Of this number 902 draw less than \$700 a year and 641 draw only \$600 a year, minimum lawful wage for eight months of school work. Of 965 rural school districts 446 have a total revenue of less than \$800, the average being \$598 or insufficient to pay the \$600 minimum wage for one teacher for each district. These are pre-war salaries and low ones at that, it is impossible to live on them now. Washington contributes \$34 per census child to the education of her children; Oregon contributes \$11.83. Both Washington and California pay better salaries than Oregon. Hence the desirable teachers are being called out of the state. The war taught us a great lesson concerning illiteracy and un-Americanism. Twenty-four and nine-tenths per cent of our soldiers could not read or write. Bolshevism and ignorance can only be counteracted by a good public school system. The foundations of a democracy rest upon an intelligent citizenship. Your vote in the Elementary Educational Bill is a test of your citizenship.

The whole aim of the bill is equalization and every county receives back every cent that they pay into the fund. There is now more than \$42,000,000 worth of property in Oregon which escapes taxation for the support of the elementary schools because it is outside of any district. If this measure is passed this property will be compelled to bear its share and more than \$80,000 will thus be added to the resources of the schools. Oregon is now one of only seven states in the Union which levy no tax for elementary schools. Go to the polls May 21 and vote 314 Yes and urge your friends and neighbors to do likewise and thus help to put Oregon at the top educationally as she already is in so many respects."

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. Carruth is teaching in the high school at the present time, as Mr. Carruth is ill and unable to attend classes.

The Domestic Art and Manual Training classes will give an exhibit in the school on Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 until 4 on May 26. All parents and friends are invited.

Last Thursday the Sociology class, under the supervision of Mr. Bay, motored to the County Poor Farm for the purpose of observing the management of this public institution.

Ruth Hoffman, William Curtis, Solon Bugbee, Richard Girt, George Miskch, Oliver Jessup and Lindroff Skaar will attend the Junior week end at O. A. C. They will leave Friday.

Mrs. Johnson took her first termers on a hike to the hills above Linnton last Thursday after school. Weinies and buns were welcomed by the young crowd as the afternoon lengthened into evening.

The different classes elected several committees on Tuesday morning after assembly for work during clean up week; one committee elected by each class is to serve in such capacity during the remainder of the term.

The Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, under the leadership of Miss Kincaid and Mr. Bay, directors, had a lovely time across the river on the hills and at Linnton beach last Tuesday afternoon. By the light of a bon fire they feasted on "hot dogs," buns and toasted marshmallows.

The ever active Latin Club will present the Minotaur at their meeting next Friday evening. It is said by those who know that this opera will be a rival of the Famous Cleopatra. The Siren of the Nile. The composers are Miss Clinton faculty advisor and Stanley O'Connor.

Ye Poets' Club held their monthly meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Mary Benson.

The club paper the Lyne has made its appearance on the bulletin board, and is receiving much attention by its witty shyness.

Who shall be elected for certain offices in the Student Body is the main topic of conversation in school this week. The seventh termers are at somewhat of a disadvantage this year as their class numbers only eight. Jack Vinson of the fifth term class has been elected president of the Student Body for the coming semester and Romayne Brand of the same class has been elected Public Welfare Commissioner.

Mr. C. H. Webber of O. A. C. spoke briefly in Assembly on Tuesday relative to the Junior week end at the college. He extended a most cordial invitation to the J. J. seniors to become acquainted with O. A. C.—C. A. W.

## MULTNOMAH THEATRE

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Saturday, May 22—**WM. RUSSELL** in "HASTWARD HO." Fox.

Sunday, May 23—**HARRY CAREY** in "MARKED MEN." Universal. Considered by many to be the best picture he has made this year.

Monday and Tuesday, May 24-25—**WALLACE REID** in "ENCOUNTER MY DUST." Artercraft. Also "Invisible Hand" No. 7.

Wednesday, May 26—**NORMA TALMADGE** in "SHE LOVES AND LIES." Select.

Thursday and Friday, May 27-28—**MITCHELL LEWIS** in "CALIBRE 38." A very attractive Western picture.

Saturday, May 29—**ROBERT WARWICK** in "IN MISCHANCE." Paramount.

Sunday, May 30th—D. W. Griffith presents "**SCARLET DAYS**" A big seven act Western picture. Also Al St. John in "SHIP AHOY." A show that will please.

Monday and Tuesday, May 31-June 1—**BERT LYTEL** in "THE RIGHT OF WAY." Metro. Also "Invisible Hand" No. 8.

Wednesday, June 2—**MARGUERITE CLARK** in "EASY TO GET." Paramount. A good one.

Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4—**MABEL NORMAND** in "PINTO." The best she has made since "Mickey."

Saturday, June 5th—**GLADYS BROCKWELL** in "BROKEN COMMANDMENTS." Fox.

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