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BONDS ARE SOLD TO BUILD CITY'S DOCK

MONEY SOON AVAILABLE

Contract Can be Awarded When Sherman Miles Gets Permit

All that now stands in the way of awarding a contract to build the city dock is the necessary permit from the War Industries Board at Washington, and this permit must be obtained through the State Council of Defense.

At a special meeting of the council Tuesday night, an ordinance was passed authorizing the issuance and sale of \$5,000 of City of St. Helens Dock bonds and the bid of Morris Brothers of Portland, bond buyers, was accepted.

Monday night the council met in regular session. After roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, Councilman Plummer reported that Mr. Faxon was allowing his stock and other cattle to graze in the streets, much to the annoyance of the neighbors and was thereby creating a nuisance.

John Cotis, who conducts the St. Helens restaurant, applied for a license. After quite a little discussion the council voted to grant the license petitioned for by Mr. Cotis.

A building permit was given Fred Holladay to erect a dwelling on Lot 5, Block 51 and it was decided that during the winter months the council meet at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock, as they now do.

Several matters of minor importance were disposed of before the council adjourned.

WAR WORK CAMPAIGN STARTS NOVEMBER 11

County Quota is \$10,250—Committees Now at Work

The United War Work campaign to raise \$170,500,000 for war activities, will begin Monday, November 11th and end Monday, November 18th.

County Chairman C. L. Wheeler and Executive Secretary J. H. Flynn have their committees appointed and the work outlined and it is their purpose to have matters so well organized that the county will go over the top in just one day.

The slogan adopted by the county workers is "A Day's Wages for the Boys Over There—More if You Can Spare It" and from assurances relayed by the officials, it seems likely that the county will maintain its fine record of being liberal in contributions to war work charities and activities.

Dr. Flynn and Mr. Frank Gelvin, a Y. M. C. A. worker, are now on a tour of the county. Mr. Gelvin has been in France for two years and is in Oregon on a short visit. He expects to return to the war zone in a short while.

Owing to the fact that all public meetings are under the ban, the committee will have to rely on publicity to bring the matter to the attention of the people and in this week's issue of the Mist, there is a full page ad. calling attention to the necessity of the great work.

Effie A-land, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Isaacs of Houlton, is at home for an indefinite period, the schools in Washington having been closed on account of the influenza.

INTEREST CENTERED IN JUDGESHIP RACE

CANDIDATES ACTIVE

Three Cornered Contest for Judge Attracts Most Interest

With election only three days distant, more interest is being manifested and the candidates are becoming more active. This is especially the case in the judgeship race. The candidates for that position are working hard and the result is in doubt.

There are many who claim that White has an advantage on account of his wide acquaintance gained in the county during the 24 years he has been holding office, and that his many willing lieutenants throughout the county will work to continue him in office.

White, while recognized as a good man and a public spirited man, has given more of his time to politics than either of his opponents, consequently, he has held office more often and is better known throughout the county.

The Mist stands by its prediction that White will carry Scappoose, though it is certain he will not receive the large majority he expected. Fullerton and his workers have been in this community and there is a feeling that no one man should dictate the policy or politics of the community. Fullerton will poll a good vote and run second and Conyers third.

The other predictions of the Mist still hold good, except as to St. Helens and possibly Rainier. From present indications White will be very fortunate if he receives a majority here. Fullerton has been gaining strength and mostly at the expense of White. Conyers will poll a good vote, but it is not expected he will carry either of the three precincts.

Deer Island was strong for White, but Fullerton has been campaigning in that vicinity during the past few days, and the Mist predicts that White will carry the precinct. Goble, White will carry the precinct. Goble, according to R. L. Kenny, is paying more attention to war work than politics. The vote will be light, but unless Fullerton and Conyers get in some good work there, White will have a good majority. He has recently put in some good work there and many voters while the other candidates have been busy on their matters, so he has the advantage.

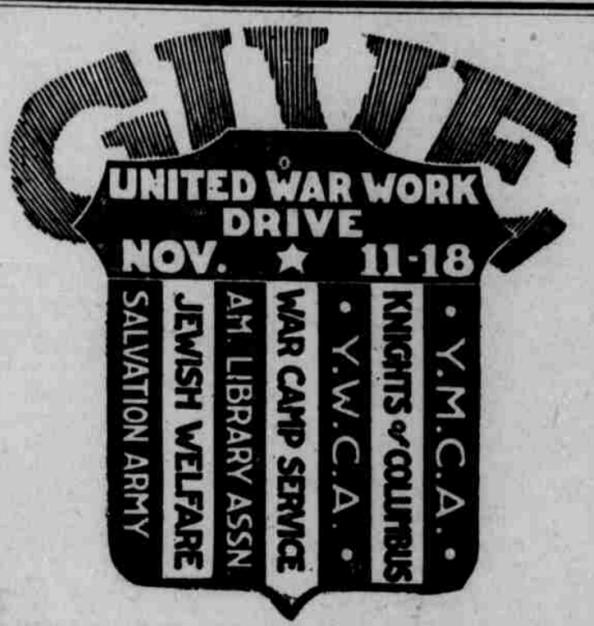
White will probably carry Precinct and other places where the timber and lumbering industries are located. The timber interests were behind White in the primary campaign and there is no reason to believe they will not back him in the general election.

The situation is unchanged in Rainier. White will receive a good vote, but it is hardly probable he will carry any of the three precincts. In the primary, White lost Apiary, the good roads advocates in that precinct evidently not relishing his stand on good roads. Beaver Falls and Oak Point both have a large number of votes, but Conyers has the advantage unless it is in Oak Point, White's old home.

Clatskanie and the Nehalem precincts will go for Conyers unless the timber interests on the Kerry road get busy and work for White. In this event, the result, so far as Mist precinct is concerned, might be different from that now surmised, viz Conyers, first; Fullerton, second and White, third.

An impartial view of the matter and from present indications leads many to prophesy the result as Fullerton, first; with either Conyers or White second. However, there are three days before election, and the

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RIGHT WAY TO VOTE SPECIAL ROAD TAX

OREGON LAW QUOTED

The County Court Issues Forms for Proper Procedure

Knowing that many of the road districts in the county will vote special road taxes, the county court has prepared instructions for the holding of such meetings and the proper manner of conducting the meeting.

Section 12 of Chapter 299, General Laws of Oregon, reads as follows: "Whenever three freeholders of any road district in this state shall petition the County Court of the County wherein such road district is located to call a district road meeting of the legal voters of the district and shall state in such petition the object for which the meeting is desired, the County Court shall fix a time and place for holding such meeting and cause notice thereof to be posted, published or given as in this act provided.

"All district road meetings shall be conducted in a decent and orderly manner, and shall be governed by the rules of order known as 'Robert's Rules of Order.'"

"The meeting shall elect a chairman and a competent secretary from among their own members who shall be resident taxpayers of such road district."

"Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is 21 years of age, and has been a bona fide resident of the district for thirty days immediately preceding the meeting or election, and has real property in the district, the title to which is in his or her name, on which he or she is liable or subject to pay tax, shall be entitled to vote at any district road meeting."

"The resident taxpayers of any road district in any county of the state may vote an additional tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar of all taxable property of the road district, if the County Court shall first approve such additional tax by indorsement to that effect upon the petition for a road meeting to be held for that purpose. Meetings for the purpose of voting additional taxes in road districts shall be held in the month of November."

Other instructions follow as to what action the County Court shall take after having received the petition for a special road meeting. They shall have posted in the district where the special meeting is to be held, notices setting forth the time and place of the meeting and such notices must be posted ten days prior to said meeting.

If any of the freeholders in any road district of the county wish to call a meeting for the purpose of levying a special tax, they must petition the Court. The form of petition is as follows:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY. To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County: We the undersigned freeholders and resident tax payers of Road District in Columbia County, Oregon, hereby petition your honorable body to call a District Road meeting of the legal voters of said road district, to be held at in said Road District, County and State, the object for which meeting is to vote an additional tax, not to exceed ten mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said Road District, for road purposes; that you approve such additional tax by indorsement upon this petition; that you fix a time and place for holding such meeting and cause notice thereof to be posted, publish-

WHITE IN OFFICE FOR MANY YEARS

Candidate for County Judge Holds Record for Long County Service

If Martin White, candidate for county judge is elected and serves his six year term, he will have established a record for county office holding, both as to years served and different county positions occupied while on the county's pay-roll, and his services will cover a period of approximately 30 years.

By many, thirteen is considered unlucky, but such was not the case with Mr. White, for 13 years after arriving in the county he was elected as county assessor, a position he held for three terms. The assessor's term is four years. When someone else was elected assessor, Mr. White served as deputy assessor. In 1903 he was elected sheriff and served three terms in this office. He was defeated for the fourth term but shortly afterwards was appointed deputy assessor, a position he still holds.

To have been in the county 37 years and to have held office two-thirds of this time, is indeed a most remarkable record, and should Mr. White be elected county judge, he will round out a period of service to the county which no one else can lay claim to. The different offices he will have filled will be, county judge, county assessor, sheriff, deputy sheriff and deputy assessor (two times) and the offices he has not occupied are school superintendent, treasurer, county clerk and coroner.

SERVICE FLAG GIVEN PATRIOTIC PARENTS

In Behalf of City Mayor Saxon Presents Flag to Mr. and Mrs. McKie

A beautiful silk service flag containing four stars, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKie Monday night by the City of St. Helens. The council in a body, headed by Mayor Saxon went to the McKie residence, and in a neat and appropriate speech, the mayor presented the flag, which, he said "became his pleasant duty on behalf of the city." The McKies have four boys and all of them are in the service. One is in France, another in England, another somewhere on the Atlantic in the navy and the fourth one at the Bremerton naval training station.

Mrs. McKie was much affected by the kind and appreciative words of the mayor and was completely surprised. She prizes the gift highly and it now hangs in a conspicuous place in the McKie home.

ELECTION SUPPLIES BEING DELIVERED

Sheriff Stanwood is very busy these days delivering election supplies. Ballot boxes, ballots, record books, stationery and other supplies have to be delivered to the various election boards in ample time to have matters in readiness for election and the sheriff is seeing to it that all supplies are delivered on time and in order.

This petition must be signed by at least three freeholders, but it is better to get 10 per cent of the voters or as many as possible.

The County Court meets on Wednesday, November 6th, and petitions for special meetings should be in their hands by the 8th, in order that they may be acted upon at the November term of court. The court will then fix a time and place for the holding of the special meetings.

FRENCH GRATEFUL TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS

4 YEARS OF SLAVERY

Warren Boy Writes of German Oppression—Other Soldier News

That the residents of those French towns which had been in the hands of the Germans for the past several years, were extremely grateful to the American troops who broke the German lines and re-took the villages, is indicated in a letter received by Mrs. H. M. Reynolds of Warren, from her brother, Corporal William W. Sutton. He says:

I will now answer your welcome letter I have just received and let you know that I haven't kicked the bucket yet, although I have just come out of the second big drive the Yanks pulled off. This drive was more successful than the first one, for we had much harder positions to take here, positions that the boches have held since the war started. We took our objectives in less than 27 hours.

I guess the old boches are kind of leary now of the Yanks. They fear us more than any troops over here because the Yanks want to win the war right away and get back to God's country.

The German papers used to make fun of the Yanks, but in one of the papers which we got hold of, it said, "Look out for the Yanks for they are all shock and storm troops and they'll all go over the top with a smile on their faces." So you can see they are changing their tune a little.

We captured a number of French towns which were occupied by the Germans. When we entered them, the French people who had been prisoners for four years, fell down on their knees, kissed the ground and cried with joy. One old lady, with tears streaming down her face, said they had been waiting for the Yanks for the last year, and when they heard we were attacking the Germans, it was the happiest moment in their lives, for they felt sure we would break the boche line and re-take the French towns taken years ago by the boches.

The younger women were taken along by the boches, but as they retreated and the women couldn't keep up, they were killed.

It makes a fellow feel like he has killed a snake or something of that sort when he runs a bayonet through one of those fat boches. We forgot all of our little worries and troubles when the French people told us how they had been treated and how they had suffered, and we felt like going on ahead and just kill and burn all the boches we could find between us and Berlin.

I will have a lot to tell you when I get home. You ask if I want anything sent me. No I have all I want, not exactly all I want, but enough, besides you can't send a soldier anything without a lot of trouble. So don't worry about me, I'll make it out until I get back and then make up for lost time.

I will have to close for this time. Write soon. Your brother, CORPORAL WM. W. SUTTON, Co. E., 104 U. S. Inf. A. E. F., France.

Corporal Sutton was with the Oregon National Guard that went to the Mexican border. He has been in France for almost a year.

RECEIVES OFFICER'S COMMISSION

Monday's dispatches mentioned the names of several northwest boys who had been commissioned second lieutenants. Among them was Roy Deane Laws of St. Helens. His promotion is of course, very pleasing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Laws. Roy enlisted in the cavalry two years ago. He was sent to Honolulu. Later he was sent to Fort Leavenworth and was promoted to sergeant. He then took an officer's training course at Louisville and finished up his military education at West Point. He has been assigned to the artillery which is a most desirable branch of the service. It is expected that Lieut. Laws will obtain a furlough and visit the home folks here before he is ordered to report for foreign duty.

JOINS DEVIL CATS

John Southard left Monday night for Fort Colt, Gettysburg. He enlisted in the tank service and expects to do his part in running over and flattening out the boches. Enroute to Gettysburg, John will stop at the old Southard home in Ohio and visit his grandparents for a few days.

ECONOMY CRY HIDES THE SINGLE TAX

JACKSON'S MEASURES

Voters of State Warned to Look Out for Camouflage in Measure

The "economy" slogan is a splendid idea, and the American public has taken to it as a duck takes to water. It's practical application as a win-the-war idea is a fine thing and as a developer of national thrift it can't be beaten. There is such a thing, however, as working the idea overtime, and there is such a thing as using it, under the guise of patriotic ardor, to carry out the most diabolical schemes of designing spite-workers.

Thus we find Sam Jackson and the Portland Journal waging a bitter campaign against the country editors of the state of Oregon, in advocating the delinquent tax law amendment and a new legal rate law. "Economy" shouts the Journal and its wealthy editor, and of course to bring about a real era of economy, the voting public is urged to support the two bills bearing the earmarks of Samet Jackson.

Economy is a fine quality for the state, as well as the individual, and were Mr. Jackson's motives actuated purely from the economy viewpoint, his daily editorials might ring with sincerity.

Look out for these laws. Editor Jackson has supported freak legislation before—most notably when the single tax idea was mothered by the voters of the state. The present statutes which Mr. Jackson would place on the Oregon law books, would have no more to do with an era of economy throughout the state of Oregon than would a bill to cut down the price of a shave. The thinking voter will give both measures a close analysis, and the thinking voter of the state will come to a conclusion on the worth of the measures about as follows:

Both measures should be vigorously swatted by the voters, for the very sane and simple reason that the present laws, passed by the Oregon state legislature, are fulfilling their mission, by protecting the public from the wiles of the title grabber. Any law that is protective and is of practical service to the people of the state should be let alone.

To be more specific the present delinquent tax law provides for publication of the delinquent list—but ONLY after a mail notice has been sent to the delinquent and has failed to fulfill its mission. In other words the publication is simply a precautionary measure to inform the delinquent who has changed his address, or who through some reason fails to get his mail notice, that his taxes are due and payable. The effect of such a law cuts out the chances for the title grabber who hangs around the tax collector's office from the moment the taxes become delinquent, in an effort to line up and pick up some so-called "snap." A "snap" to the title grabber is the picking up of your property or mine, for the taxes due plus penalty and interest. It's a great business to follow, but just the same it is being done in every county in the state.

Jackson would cut out this publication from the present law. Any sane voter can see the result. Let the present law stand the way it is, if you are in favor of protecting the taxpayer.

The other bill is to cut down the present rate for legal advertising. At the present time the law fixes the legal rate at 5 cents per line. The Portland papers asks usually \$1.00 to \$1.50 per inch for their commercial advertising. The state law makes the rate about 45 cents per inch. The thinking voter will decide for himself whether the rate is exorbitant. The newspaper men have a right to live. They are doing a most meritorious work in boosting bond sales and in fact every line of war activity, and have won highest praise from President Wilson for their patriotic publicity work, which by the way, is all donated to Uncle Sam. The thinking voter will concede that the country newspaperman has a right to exist. It is no time to throttle the press of Oregon or any other state.

BANK WILL BUILD ITS OWN HOME

The First National Bank has purchased from the St. Helens Improvement company the vacant lot next to the Rutherford block on Columbia street and will erect a 50x50 building. It is to be of cement and brick and one story, and the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$3000.

In addition to affording quarters for the bank, provision has been made to accommodate another business enterprise. As soon as the necessary permit has been received from the War Industries Board, work will be started, according to A. S. Harrison, cashier of the bank, who has the matter in charge.

With the building of this new structure Columbia street will become more important as one of the main business streets in the city.

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