

East Oregonian Branch Office.  
... in Portland, and make  
... in the A. B. ...  
... in the A. B. ...

MET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
... in the E. O. Building  
... in the E. O. Building

- 25 cents at S. A. Saylor's.  
Baths are the boss; only 25  
... 50 head of saddle horses, by  
... Timothy hay is for  
... absent to-day on a  
... free-delivery system of Walls  
... at all hours at the French  
... building and loan association of  
... steady employ-  
... pneumonia, which had  
... with or without board,  
... another visit to  
... in the city until Feb. 1st.  
... now fairly over, and  
... W. M. Ramsey and two children  
... at La

... for wood  
... Cash must accom-  
... ready for mailing, ten cents  
... Uncle Hi Osborn  
... had the  
... Adams, has gone to  
... for the water-  
... waiting for a supply of  
... county's taxable wealth is as  
... \$3,634,  
... \$3,948.95; state tax,  
... \$8,171.33; poll tax,  
... \$50,992.23.

... the Mayor,  
... appointed for to night the work-  
... at the  
... returned from  
... the youngest child of Dave Horn  
... Letters remaining uncalled for in the  
... "Advertised." One cent is collected  
... Lewis J C  
... Norris Peter  
... Lindig W H  
... Mathews Thos  
... Menefee Jas  
... Meek W H  
... Miller Sloan  
... Mills Mis Sadie  
... Miller J H  
... Peterson V P  
... Pine Mrs M 2  
... Powell O C  
... Riger M  
... Ross John  
... Root Geo  
... Simmons Mrs Julia  
... Selsbee P A  
... Shaw Harry  
... Smith R C 2  
... Smith Col J  
... Smith Jno H  
... Townsend Mrs C  
... Tustin Miss Elmorte  
... Vickinson J M  
... Walbert Mrs H  
... Walker W F 2  
... Lee John  
... F. B. CLOFFORD, P. M.

... against  
... It is feared that the strain  
... Gray Miss Annie  
... Henderson C  
... Houghs Cora C  
... Jones Mrs Alice  
... Ketchum S  
... Kruger M N  
... Lee John

... the grave announcement  
... "The steamer Yakima  
... Oregon, will, it is thought,  
... Ashbaugh received a telegram  
... in Rathdrum, Idaho, was  
... with typhoid fever. Wallace did  
... reached his brother's  
... who soon began to recover. The  
... on this morning's train, the  
... at Centerville.

... At a meeting of the ladies of the Free-  
... on Wednesday of this  
... week, at the residence of Mrs. Sargent, it  
... was decided to organize a society to be  
... known as the Ladies Society of the First  
... Presbyterian church of Pendleton,  
... of which shall be "to raise funds  
... for the purpose of furnishing the church  
... now in course of construction." A con-  
... stitution was adopted and the following  
... officers were elected: President, Mrs.  
... Moule; vice-president, Mrs. Crawford;  
... secretary, Mrs. Shepherd; treasurer,  
... Mrs. Sargent.

HOW TO RAISE REVENUE.

Willis Criticizes Some Others' Contribu-  
tions, but Doesn't Himself Tell Exactly  
How to Save the Country.  
As the subject of "taxation" is still run-  
ning rife in the land, and as a score or  
more of good sensible articles from as  
many authors have shown up, I feel a  
deep, unsatisfied yearning knocking at  
the back door of my cranium to prosecute  
the subject a degree or two in advance of  
the picket lines. Among those who have  
favored us with their individual opinions  
of the "exemption" clause, there seems  
to be a diversity. Mr. J. H. Irvine, in a  
well written and carefully studied article,  
says, "Not if credits are not taxed; if  
credits are taxed, then deduct." Does  
Mr. Irvine mean to insinuate that credits  
are not taxed? Look at an assessment  
blank, and you will find a space wherein  
to put "money, notes, accounts." Are  
these not credits? But supposing we do  
exempt the giver than the holder?  
Let us see: A gives B his note in ex-  
change for a horse. A thief comes along  
some night when A forgot to lock the  
stable door and "carries" the animal  
away. The law makes it the sheriff's  
imperative duty to hunt the rascal down,  
and the county foots the bill. B carefully  
deposits A's note in the bureau drawer,  
and during his absence a sleek-fingered  
tramp enters the sacred precincts of his  
domicile and purloins the treasured article.  
The case is turned over to a cunning  
detective, who hatches a scheme which  
catches the rogue, and the county pays  
"fiddler." Here we have single "taxa-  
tion," and double "protection." All  
debts are of this character, so far as my  
experience has led me, and I can see no  
just grounds for their exemption. An-  
other thing: I have observed that a  
great portion of the indebtedness is  
claimed to be owing in some distant part  
of the State, and whether true or false the  
parties claiming it know it is lost sight of  
among hundreds of other similar cases.

Another intelligent and well-informed  
gentleman, our worthy statesman, Mr. J.  
H. Raley, has favored the reading public  
with an "aggregation" of suggestions.  
He says at one time he is opposed to the  
"single-tax" theory, and in closing his  
article he says, "These deductions should  
first be made from personal property in  
all cases, as far as possible, making the  
real estate of the party assessed responsi-  
ble to the county for the taxes and the  
taxes a lien upon the property until  
paid." But aren't you driving your  
barge directly toward the shoals and mud  
banks of the "land-tax" advocate? If  
you succeed by a series of "exemptions"  
and "deductions," in taking all the tax-  
able wealth off the personal, why not  
levy a direct tax on the real and thus  
save the trouble and cost of monkeying  
with something there is no revenue de-  
rived from? He says if A owns a note or  
an account, and fails to have it re-  
corded, he should be al-  
lowed no deduction therefor. If  
this paragraph was set up as  
originally designed, it seems to me like  
unsound reasoning. I don't see what  
would be accomplished by the "record"  
process more than is secured by the present  
system. At present, a man entitled  
to the benefit of deduction, must give  
(under oath) "the nature of the debt,  
the name and place of residence of the  
holder," etc., and all this is made a mat-  
ter of record, and could be preserved for  
all time, by simply printing the assess-  
ment blank of each year.

Our friend and fellow-law-maker, Mr.  
E. B. Gambee, says, in opening the sub-  
ject of how to raise revenue, "But would  
exempt money, notes, and accounts."  
Does he, an advocate of Democratic prin-  
ciples, consider the banking house too  
sacred a temple for the inquisitive as-  
sessor to enter and inquire about the amount  
of loose wealth stored therein? In read-  
ing the article a little farther, I see  
the whole matter fully explained. In  
reply to your eighth query,  
he says: "Only in case of mortgages."  
This settles the whole matter, he was  
only "toying" with our feelings, at the  
start. I know Mr. Gambee means well,  
but think he wrote hastily. I trust some  
legislation will be effected at the coming  
session, and if ever it is no better than  
our present system, it will be a change.  
I am glad to see the matter so generally  
discussed, and believe considerable good  
will result therefrom.

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ous New Year. I am respectfully yours,  
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BENEFITS OF RAILROADS.

How Fort Worth Took Its Destiny In Its  
Own Hands and Made a City of Itself.  
One or two issues back you referred to  
Fort Worth, Texas, as an evidence of  
what railroads could do for a town, and  
by request of others, I beg leave to add a  
few statements of fact, as I am familiar  
with the growth of Fort Worth since  
1877. I visited the place in January of  
that year and found it a mere village, the  
temporary terminus of the Texas Pacific  
railroad. Property was on a boom and  
continued to rise in value until 1880,  
when the Texas Pacific was extended  
rapidly to El Paso. The place then de-  
clined in prosperity; people forsook it;  
values went down almost like a shot;  
property that had been considered choice  
and was held at fancy figures could not  
be sold at one-fourth the price at which it  
was formerly held. Everybody said the  
town was dead, and nobody seemed will-  
ing to remain, save those who were  
bound by their holdings of real estate,  
but forsook it as rats would a sinking  
ship. People could now see that there  
was no reason for attempting to build a  
town of any size, so near Dallas, which  
already had about 10,000 inhabitants, and  
was only thirty-one miles distant. Be-  
sides, they said, the country around  
Fort Worth was not sufficiently settled to  
sustain a town of any size. Ruin stared  
property owners in the face. What must  
they do to save themselves? They could  
not sell; there were no buyers. In this  
dilemma they consulted together, held a  
meeting, and appointed a committee to  
wait upon the management of the Gulf,  
Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, and learn  
what bonus they would require to extend  
their road to Fort Worth. The reply was,  
\$75,000. This looked like a large amount  
for a town, little, if any, larger than Pendleton. Besides,  
the people virtually had no money, nearly  
every thing being locked up in real estate  
that they could not sell, excepting at the  
greatest sacrifice. Nevertheless, they  
saw they must do or die, so they held a  
meeting and immediately raised the  
bonus, giving their notes, payable when  
the road should reach the limits of the  
town. Hardly had it become known  
that the road was assured—without wait-  
ing for it to reach the place—before real  
estate began to boom again, and there  
were more buyers than sellers, and, in  
about one week's time, property had so  
far advanced in value, that real estate  
owners saw that they could have invested  
\$75,000 in no other way that could bring  
them so large a return. They had al-  
ready made on the advance much more  
than they had subscribed. In 1882, when  
I visited the place again, I found it had  
10,000 inhabitants, and property was  
still rising. From that time on, there  
was no trouble in raising bonuses to build  
railroads to the city. Everyone saw it  
was the best of investments. Large  
wholesale houses had been established  
and were doing good business,  
but the town had built beyond  
the country, and they must open up new  
fields; so they raised more bonuses and  
brought in other roads and by the enter-  
prise of its own citizens those roads were  
built as special feeders to Fort Worth—  
the Fort Worth & Denver, the Wax-  
ahatchie, and the Brownwood railroads.  
Add to these the Transcontinental, the  
Missouri Pacific, the Atchison, Topeka  
and Santa Fe, and the St. Louis, Arkan-  
sas and Texas, and the place has nine  
railroads centering there, and I am told  
there are two others heading that way.  
And what have these railroads done for  
the town? They have built it up to  
about 30,000 inhabitants, with the pros-  
pect of 50,000 in less than five years. It  
has the largest wholesale grocery and  
dry goods houses to be found anywhere  
in Texas, carrying millions of dollars of  
stock. It has five National Banks, each  
with a capital of \$50,000, and all seem  
to be prospering. It has some manufac-  
tories, but owing to the inability to se-  
cure cheap fuel these are few. The  
employees of the railroads alone, that  
live there, it is estimated, amounted to  
2,500. The railroads that formerly used  
all their influence in favor of Dallas were  
dumbfounded at so much enterprise and  
push, and they concluded to fight it no  
longer, but to lend it their aid. As to  
traversing the streets, I do not recollect  
a single street in Fort Worth that is not  
intersected by railroads, and property  
immediately risen more rapidly in value  
than elsewhere, owing to the fact that it  
is sought by wholesale men who desire  
to build, and others who seek the trade  
of the railroad employes. The city is  
cut in twine by the Texas Pacific, and I  
believe every street car line crosses a  
railroad somewhere, and one crosses it  
twice, and runs parallel with a railroad  
for a quarter of a mile.

Might not Pendleton emulate the ex-  
ample of this enterprising city? It is  
similarly situated in every respect,  
though it has some advantages over Fort  
Worth. It has water-power and is nearer  
fuel—the coal mines on Butter Creek,  
which must soon be connected by rail.  
I believe what has been done by Fort  
Worth, can, with the proper enterprise  
be done with Pendleton.

A Conference with Mr. Hunt.  
W. F. Matlock and L. Blum returned  
last evening from Walls Walla, where  
they had an interview with Mr. Hunt.  
He seemed disposed to talk and act rea-  
sonably in regard to the railroad matter,  
and promised to bring his surveyors  
over in about ten days, as soon as they  
were through with a certain job on which  
they are now engaged, to survey a route  
into Pendleton. If the \$32,000 is raised  
by that time, the people of Pendleton  
will be in a much better position to ask  
favors of Mr. Hunt concerning the route.  
The amount must be raised anyway, no  
matter what route is selected, and we  
must have the road, no matter what the  
route; therefore the first thing to do is to  
raise the bonus, and settle the route af-  
terward.

Notice!  
All persons having borrowed books  
from the EAST OREGONIAN Library are  
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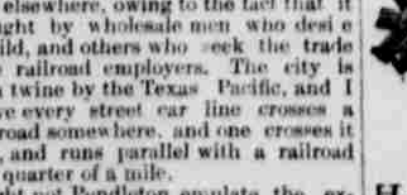
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