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SUSTAIN THE ASSESSMENT.

The people of Umatilla county will now await the action of the county court in the O. R. & N. tax reduction case, with great interest, and deep concern. The railroad attorneys failed to get their complaint before the board of equalization, and by this failure, placed it in the hands of the county court for adjustment.

While the company may not desire to have Mr. Strain act as one of the judges in this matter, for the reason that he is the author of the high valuations of the company property, it is not likely that the decision of the county court will be different from that of the board of equalization, had it passed upon the question. The justice of the assessment in Umatilla county this year has become so apparent to every taxpayer, that but three property holders in the county, including the O. R. & N., asked for a reduction of their assessments during the sessions of the board of equalization. This record proves that there is almost universal satisfaction, throughout the county, with the assessment.

The county court cannot fail to take into consideration the fact that other property has been raised in value, more than railroad property, and yet the owners have not questioned the justice of the assessment. The Western Union and the Pacific States Telephone companies have experienced a greater raise in values over last year than the O. R. & N., and yet they are satisfied that the assessor is not unjustly taxing them.

This test will set a precedent for Umatilla county, and the county court cannot afford to undo the work that has been done, to the entire satisfaction of the people of the county. The O. R. & N. will be benefited in the end by this assessment, for the reason that the valuation established this year will serve for years to come and in future no costly litigation and defenses before equalization boards will be necessary.

All property is being raised this year and the basis established has been determined after extensive research in official records and reports, which must stand in the courts. To accept the inevitable increase of values this year, means to gain time and save expense, for the increase must come, and the sooner the precedent is established, the better for all taxpayers.

Farmers, stockmen, merchants, money-lenders and all classes of property-holders, have been erudite alike, and an equitable and corresponding increase in all classes of property has been made. The taxpayer has recognized the justice of the assessment and out of nearly 5,000 individual property-holders, only three have complained about the valuation fixed. It is not likely that the county court will find any grounds for a reduction of the value of railroad property, when all other property has experienced a corresponding increase, with entire satisfaction to the owners.

The people are awaiting the action of the county court in this matter.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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with deeper interest than has marked the transaction of any public business in Umatilla county for years. The court must stand pat. It is the turning point in the economic history of the county. If the precedent is set now, it will be easy to follow it in future. If it is not fixed, it will undo the work already accomplished and make its future accomplishment more difficult and costly.

Judge C. C. Goodwin, formerly editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, and one of the foremost republican politicians and writers of the West, says that the socialists will be in power in the United States before two more presidents are elected. He says that the labor forces are ready to follow any party which will make the basis of its platform the dethronement of the rich and the enthronement of the masses. It only requires 51 per cent of the votes of the republic to bring about this result, and he says that just such a revolution may be accomplished by ballots, before two more presidents are elected on old lines.

President Harper, of Chicago University, has secured permission from the Turkish government to explore upon and around the site of ancient Babylon. Beneath Babylon are the ruins of a city which archaeologists claim has not been habited since 7,000 years B. C.

Governor Blackburn, of Kentucky, is at the head of a movement to get all the democrats of that state together in this fall's campaign. It is not believed, however, that any one cemetery in the state will hold all the feuds and hatchets in the party.

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