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FINDINGS IGNORED.

The county court of Multnomah county has decided to ignore the findings of the state board of equalization in raising the assessed valuation of various forms of property in that county.

Mortgages in this state are declared by law, for the purpose of taxation, to be real estate, and they are so treated by the board of equalization, and the tabulated statement of the board of equalization shows that all mortgages, everywhere in the state are assessed at more than one-half its real value.

The state board had raised the assessment of Multnomah county in the sum of \$13,384,675 over that fixed by the county assessor.

SOUR GRAPES.

Speaking of the law that requires that expenditures of the several county courts shall be published in a paper in each county having the largest circulation, the Wasco Sun says: "It is to the credit of the newspapers of Wasco county that there was but one applicant for such service—the CHRONICLE alone demanding pay for the publication of legitimate news in its columns—while papers generally throughout the state consider county court proceedings a pure matter of news and publish the same without demanding blood money from the taxpayers."

CANDID JOURNALISM.

The Portland Telegram of a recent date had this to say: Some of the democratic papers are denouncing the proposed republican gerrymander of Ohio as infamous.

it is not right now it was not right then; if it is not right for the republicans it was not right for the democrats. Let us be candid and consistent.

Such statements as the above may not make the Telegram popular with democrats who are too blind and too bitterly partisan to be capable of seeing anything good in republicanism, but they will tend to make the Telegram respected and esteemed by the fairminded of all parties.

AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

Something must be done for our county roads and the sooner that something is begun the better. Judge Thornbury informs the CHRONICLE that a levy of twenty-three mills will about meet our county expenses for the current year.

The Australian ballot law may not accomplish all that some people expect but it cannot fail to greatly embarrass the work of the old line ticket peddler and ward striker.

The national association of woolen manufacturers in their memorial to congress asking that the woolen industry of the country be granted a rest from any further tariff agitation make the following statement which any one at all familiar with ruling prices for woolen manufactures will readily believe: "There has been no increase whatever in the market price of domestic woolen goods."

The East Oregonian is crying for taffy from its Portland namesake. It complains that since the man from St. Paul "has had charge of affairs the niggardly policy of the Oregonian" has prevented its contemporaries from receiving mention in its editorial columns when they have done things well and deserved commendation.

The most important of the actual results so far accomplished by the large crops of the past season is seen, says an exchange, in the general disposition of the Western farmers to pay off their mortgages.

of mortgages recorded and mortgages released in the various counties and without exception in any county the releases show a heavy increase over the amount of new mortgages recorded, and this, it is believed, will be found true of all the west.

Secretary of State Weir of Washington is authority for the statement that Senator Allen has announced his willingness to accept the appointment to the judgeship of the ninth district in case it is tendered him.

It is a Mrs. Mary Robinson of Hubbard, Clackamas county, 56 years old and the mother of eight children who is the latest victim of a desire to ride from ocean to ocean on a bicycle.

United States Consul Page of Port Sarnia, Canada, has merely spoken the public mind when he remarks in the latest Consular Reports that "there is no such thing as a middling good egg."

Representative Wilson voted for Holman's nickel-in-the slot resolution against appropriations and the Washington papers are demanding of John L., why he trained with the democrats when that particular buncombe resolution was on the tapis.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent says Governor Penneyer is not in the race for president, but Tony Noltner's paper says that the Oregonian correspondent can lie like Bill Nye.

The ministerial vote on the eligibility of women to the general conference in the entire Methodist Episcopal church resulted as follows: Total vote cast, 10,756; for 5621; against, 5135; majority in favor, 486.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Silver has met another decline. The price is now 93 cents as against \$1.07 one year ago.

"If we must have a war with Chili we would wipe her off the map of South America" is the expression that one frequently hears in official circles at Washington.

Representative Mills returned to Washington from Texas Saturday night. His friends say he came back in good spirits and will take an active part in the business of congress.

Senator Hale has offered a resolution calling on the secretary of state for copies of all agreements with other countries relating to an interchange of trade, and for a report as to the practical effect of such agreements. Laid on the table for the present.

There is a unanimous feeling at Washington in favor of defending the country's dignity. A press representative is reported to have said: "Patriotism, not politics will be the motto of nearly every man on the floor, whether in favor of war or against it. Interest is gaining as Wednesday approaches for that is the day on which the correspondence in the empreglio is expected at the capitol. We make history on that day."

The following bills were introduced in the senate yesterday: By Pepper—Proposing an amendment to the constitution for the election of president and vice president by a direct vote of the people. By Allen—Giving the state of Washington 5 per cent. of the proceeds of the public lands in that state.

In a recent revival service in Chicago, 1500 of those present testified that they were converted before the age of 20, 180 before they were 30, and only one after reaching 50 years of age.

The county printing law is having one good effect. It is filling the newspapers with a detailed account of what is done with the county taxes.

Eastern Oregonians of both parties expect to stand solid for the nomination of Eastern Oregon men. Ellis, on the republican side of the house, is the favorite, and will doubtless receive the nomination.

The press of this valley is directing attention to the county road question, which is neglected in all parts about alike. The county roads are owned by the public, used by it, and upon it is laid the duty of caring for them.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Captain J. W. Troup, ex-superintendent of the Union Pacific water lines, has accepted a position as manager of the Columbia and Kootenai Steam Navigation company.

The horses and mules of Oregon will pay as much taxes as the railroad trackage of the state. The patient mules have been the burden bearers in all ages.—Salem Statesman.

The property of the Oregon Pacific and Willamette Valley & Coast Range, including steamships, steamboats, tugs, roadbed, franchises and equipments, was sold at sheriff's sale the other day, to Zephine Job for \$1,000,000, and 546 tons of steel rails to William Hoan, at \$3' per ton.

There is a regular boom on the Klickitat. Settlers are crowding in, and taking up the fertile bottoms along the river. Ere long the land that for ages had for its sole occupants Indian horses, Humpussies and coyotes, will be a garden spot, where young America can disport to his heart's content.—Klickitat Leader.

The figures given by the Oregonian in its yearly review for 1891 show the following important facts: Bank exchanges, \$102,590,169; number of new buildings, 2134, costing \$6,647,465; wholesale trade, \$138,127,000; manufactures, \$30,854,608; real estate transfers, \$11,020,608; post-office receipts, \$311,743; firms in business, 2231, capital invested, \$76,000,000.—The Metropolis.

Ben Young has received a letter from a friend of his on the Sound, which contains the following: "All the lunatics in the land are now gathered at Everett, or Port Gardner. Lots are 'worth' from \$2000 to \$10,000. It is to be the home of the whaleback, mossback and grayback. This will be followed by a 'side-back, that will be such a set-back, that nobody will get their money back.'—Astoria Talk.

The Salem Irrigator says that a gentleman of that place who contemplates the purchase of a certain piece of real estate in this vicinity, becoming somewhat impatient with the real estate agent who was negotiating the sale at his tardiness in obtaining the abstract, impatiently exclaimed: "Now, here, I want you to hurry up and get an abstract to that land and no more fooling about it."

The Oregon Pacific was bought for the benefit of all bondholders, who, it is understood, are united with a policy of re-organization. The management of the road for the future will probably be determined in a few days. It is thought the policy will be to issue security to raise sufficient funds to complete the road to its Eastern terminus, and to provide ocean steamers to handle the increased traffic expected.

The big Willamette Valley flouring mills at Salem have been shut down in accordance with an order received from the main office at Portland. The men have been discharged with the exception of the warehouse men, who will continue work till the flour on hand is shipped to Portland.

Secretary of State Weir wants the republican party to indorse his proposal to tax mortgages. As republicans borrow, not lend money, we object to any scheme that will increase the interest charge we now pay.

Governor Penneyer, yesterday, remitted the fine of \$500 against Thos. E. Russell, convicted with the last term of the Circuit Court of assault with a dangerous weapon upon Dr. J. C. Gray, upon the condition that he should leave the state and remain away permanently.

A conference of grangers and alliance men was held lately in Eugene when the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that we, the members of the grange and alliance, disclaim all political action by our organizations, but we feel it to be our duty and privilege to demand that each political party at the convention shall place men in nomination for county judge, commissioners and members of the legislature who are in sympathy with the farming interests of the state."

Now that the Oregon Pacific railroad has again passed into control of the bondholders, the inhabitants of Eastern Oregon confidently look forward to removal of all the difficulties that have retarded the progress and prosperity of the road during the past few years.

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