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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 propelty in that county. As soon as the findings of the board were made the county judge addressed letters to leading attorneys of Portland asking for advice as to how the court should proceed. Opinions were rendered by the law firms of Dolph, Betlinger, Mallory & Simon, Stott, Boise & Stott, ex-Supreme Judge W. W. Thayer and ex-Attorney-General G. H. Williams. There was a general agreement on the following point : First, that the state board had no authority, in making the other than the assessment rolls : second, that the board had no authority to and raise or lower the value of real estate by said classes, and third that the findings of the state board were erroneone and not binding upon the clerks of the county courts of the several counties. The chief objection to the findings of the state board was on the question of taxing mortgages at their face value instead of fifty per cent. as has been the custom for years. On this subject Judge G. H. Williams says:

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. So there is a plain discrimination against the owners of mortgages and in favor of the owners of real estate, especially of agricultural lands; not because all mortgages are worth 100 cents on the dollar, and lands only 50 cents on the dollar, but the discrimination is evidently arbitrary, and it is fair to assume that it was made on account of the ownership

of these respective properties. To hold that such a system of taxation as is indicated in the tabulated statement of the board of equization is valid under our constitution is to hold that our constitution with reference to taxation is without meaning and effect.

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. Nothing is lost in the long run by candor and honesty.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTION. AN

Something must be done for onr of twenty-three mills will about meet our county expenses for the current less than last year. Now the CHRONICLE and the mother of eight children who is suggests that the court fix the levy at the latest victim of a desire to ride from and devote the two mills to the improve. friends have put up \$6000 to detray exment of our county roads. Hood River penses, and valley papers say she will port to Leader. mands a new grade, the road between whether to ride like a clothes pin or the here and Long Ward's needs permanent other way. improvements to make it passible at times when it is most needed, other places in the county are also crying for road improvement that cannot possibly be made by the ordinary work of the respective road districts. Two mills levy of state taxes, to consider anything will give between five and six thousand dollars for this work and this sum judiciously spent will do an immense amount divide real property into distinct classes of good. The addition of two mills to the tax levy will never be felt by the farmers. It means only a couple of against appropriations and the Washdollars additional on each thousand dol- ington papers are demanding of John L., why he trained with the democrats lars of taxable property. The farmers cannot afford to kick because they will reap the greatest benefit from the tax. The Dalles ought not to kick because every dollar it pays in this way will come back again ten fold. Let all who are interested in the improvement of our county roads attend the meeting at the county court room tonight and resolve that the tax levy shall be increased two mills to raise a fund for this much

needed work.

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 state prints the tickets and allows none to be distributed ou the outside. The voter must receive his ballot from a sworn officer. year ago. After receiving it he must go into a booth or closet where no one can see him and there prepare it himself. This may not America" is the expression that one fre- creased traffic expected. long way towards that end. The man ington. who would offer a bribe can never be

The state board had raised the assess- sure the goods are delivered. It will Washington from Texas Saturday night. the main office at Portland. The men ment of Multnomah county in the sum put an end to the abominable system of His friends say he came back in good have been discharged with the excepof \$13,384,675 over that fixed by the ticket fixing. The grand old method too spirits and will take an active part in tion of the warehouse men, who will county assessor. Nearly eleven millions of filling voters full of beer and whiskey, the business of congress. of this sum represent the increase in preparing their ballots and marching mortgages and "money, notes and ac- them up to the polls like so many sheep calling on the secretary of state for copcounts." It is reckoned that by ignor- will get a set back. Bulldozing and ies of all agreements with other couning the work of the state board Mult- coercion will give way to reason and tries relating to an interchange of trade, other mills to be ground into flour. Of course the bosses 846.76 less of the state's expense. The will find some way to get around some question is what will the other counties of the provisions but they cannot get do? Portland will fight the matter to around them all or at least not all at one the bitter end and with only one result. time and loop holes, if any are found, can

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 out exection in any county the releases out exection 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 igation company. 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 and Willamette Valley & Coast Range, it be tendered him. Mr. Weir thinks that Allen will receive the appointment roadbed, franchises and equipments, was or the president will name one outside sold at sheriff's sale the other day, to county roads and the sooner that some- the state. It is understood that Senator Zephine Job for \$1,000,000, and 546 tons thing is begun the better. Judge Thorn- Allen supported W. Lair Hill as long as of steel rails to William Hoan, at \$3 'per. bury informs the CHEONICLE that a levy there was any hope of his appointment. ton.

It is a Mrs. Mary Robinson of Hubyear. That means a levy of two mills bard, Clackamas county, 56 years old twenty-five mills, the same as last year ocean to ocean on a bicycle. Fool needs road improvements, Tygh Hill de- start as soon as she makes up her mind

> United States Consul Page of Port Sarnia, Canada, has merely spoken the Our grocerymen will please make a "red ink" memorandum.

tion was on the tapis. The Oregonian's Washington correspondent says Governor Pennoyer is not in the race for president, but Tony correspondent can lie like Bill Nye.

when that particular buncombe resolu-

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

"If we must have a war with Chili we would wipe her off the map of South put an end to bribery but it will go a quently hears in official circles at Wash-

Senator Hale has offered a resolution

NORTHWFST 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 Nav-

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 including steamships, steamboats, tugs,

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 cayotes, will be a gar-den spot, where young America can dis-port to his heart's content.—Klickitat

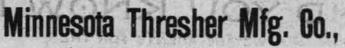
The figures given by the Oregonian in its yearly review for 1891 show the following important facts : Bank exhanges, \$102, 590,169; number of new buildings, 2134, costing \$6,647,465; wholesale trade, \$138,127,000; manufactures, \$30,854,608; -The Metropolis.

Ben Young has received a letter from a friend of his on the Sound, which con-Representative Wilson voted for Hol- tains the following: "All the lunatics man's nickle-in-the slot resolution 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 s'de-back, that will be such a set-back, that no-body 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 Noltner's paper says that the Oregonian estate in this vicinity, becoming somewhat impatient with the real estate LARGEST : AND : FINEST : HOTEL : IN : OREGON. 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 abscess to that land and no more fooling about

> The Oregon Pacific was bought for the benefit of all bondholders, who, it is understood, are united with a policy of reorganization. The management of the road for the future will probably he de- SETABLISHED 1882. termined 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 in-

The big Willamette Valley flouring mills at Salem have been shut down in Representative Mills returned to accordance with an order received from continue work till the flour on hand is shipped to Portland. Between 20,000 and 30,000 bushels, which it is claimed is stored in the company's warehouse at Salem, will be shipped to some of the



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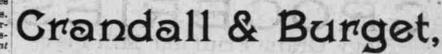
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nomah county will have to bear \$133,-The law creating the board will be de- be patched up by the next legislature. clared unconstitutional and the work of the board invalid. As a matter of sim-

SOUR GRAPES.

expenditures of the several county courts manufactures will readily believe : shall be published in a paper in each "There has been no increase whatever the senate yesterday: By Peffer-Procounty having the largest circulation, in the market price of domestic woolen posing an amendment to the constituthe Wasco Sun says: "It is to the goods. On the contrary, all staple tion for the election of president and credit of the newspapers of Wasco woolen goods and most of the fancy vice president by a direct vote of the county that there was but one applicant goods may now be obtained in the for such service-the CHRONICLE alone greatest abundance at a cost to custom- Washington 5 per cent. of the proceeds demanding pay for the publication of ers less than ever before in the history of the public lands in that state. By consider county court proceedings a that recent tariff legislation had nothing class postoffices, and to fix their salaries. pure matter of news and publish the to do with bringing this state of affairs By McMillin-Appropriating \$257,000 same without demanding blood money about, but if it has had the country will for the building of two revenue cutters from the taxpayers." This is a violent be able to stand a whole lot more of the for service on the great lakes. case of "sour grapes." The indignation same kind of legislation. of the Sun against what it terms "blood money" will be appreciated when it is known that the entire cost per annum from its Portland namesake. It comto Wasco county for publishing the statements required is about \$50. "has had charge of affairs the niggardly Viewed in the light of the fact that some policy of the Oregonian" has prevented county courts have been accustomed to its contemporaries from receiving memconceal their accounts of expenditures tion in its editoral columns when they from the people the law compelling their have done things well and deserved publication met with general approval. It is worth every cent it costs and more cannot expect to receive what it is too and there is scarcely a voice lifted against it in all this land except by obscure the Pendleton paper will give no taffy papers like the Wasco Sun whose circu- to the Portland paper unless the latter lation is such that they could not obtain the job. The Sun must not be allowed to make a virtue out of a necessity. and says "Thats' the policy of the The only reason that no paper in the county but the CHRONICLE was an applicant for the printing of the county expenditures was that no paper in the Pendleton paper wants taffy from the county had any show to get it in competition with the CHRONICLE. And the Sun knows this is so and the Sun is mad because it is so. Hence these tears.

CANDID JOURNALISM.

had this to say :

The national association of woolen ple protection other counties will have manufacturers in their memorial to conto follow the example of their big sister. gress asking that the woolen industry of

further tariff agitation make the follow-Speaking of the law that requires that familiar with ruling prices for woolen

The East Oregonian is crying for taffy plains that since the man from St. Paul proud to give," a hint, by the way, that presents the first chunk. Then the East Oregonian drops into its usual vein great daily and wants it awful bad.

sults so far accomplished by the large alike. The county roads are owned by crops of the past season is seen, says an the public, used by it, and upon it is their extensive freight and pass exchange, in the general disposition of laid the duty of caring for them, As a traffic between Yaquina and San Franexchange, in the general disposition of their rule, all over the land, the work of mortgages. It is said that during the maintenance and repair is not done. The Portland Telegram of a recent date the Western farmers to pay off their rule, all over the land, the work of Some of the democratic papers are year now past more farm mortgages Public money and time spent, without debt and with 146 miles of roadbed. denouncing the proposed republican agerrymander of Obio as infamons. "Soltly, brethren, the democrats did the same thing two years ago, and you washedd or a proposed republican any years previously. The state of this state could and should, deem it their duty to improve the road work syssame thing two years ago, and you applauded; or approved by silence. If lished monthly showing the statement tem of our state.—Salem Journal.

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 counis reported to have said: "Potriotism, not politics will be the motto of nearly every man on the floor, whether in favor of war or against it. Interest is the country be granted a rest from any gaining as Wednesday approaches for further tariff agitation make the follow-that is the day on which the corresponding statement which any one at all ence in the emproglio is expected at the capitol. We make history on that day.

The following bills were introduced in people. By Allen-Giving the state of legitimate news in its columns-while of the country except in time of univer- Wilson-For the classification of clerks papers generally throughout the state sal panic and financial crisis. It may be and other employes of first and second-

> In a recent revival service in Chicago, 1500 of those present testified that they were converted before the age of 20, 180 grange and alliance, disclaim all political

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. The people are realizing just where their contributions to the public treasury go to. have done things well and deserved realizing just where their contributions mendation." It adds "The Oregonian to the public treasury go to.

Eastern Oregonians of both parties expect to stand solid for the nomination of Eastern Oregon men. Ellis, on the has again passed into control of the republican side of the house, is the favorite, and will doubtless receive the nomination. The democrats are equally anxious to select a man from Eastern ignorant, narrow, selfish autocrat;" but just whom the reference is to is not clear. It is clear however that the Provide the providet the provide the

attention to the county road question, The most important of the actual re- which is neglected in all parts about

Secretary of State Weir wants the republican party to indorse his proposal to 113 WASHINGTON STREET, tax mortgages. As republicans borrow, not lend money, we object to any scheme that will increase the interest charge we try's dignity. A press representative now pay. Over in Oregon, where mortgages are taxed, the borrower pays a rate of interest great enough to cover the

> less than the actual tax, generally more. As long as Washington has the exper-ience of Oregon to light its way mort-gages will not be taxed within her limits.—Walla Walla Jonrnal. Governor Pennoyer, 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

Russel has served about two months of his sentence. Now Russel refuses to ac-cept the pardon, on condition that he leave the state, and has so notified the officials. His attorney L. Bilyeu, gave notice today of the appeal of the case to the supreme court.

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 before they were 30, and only one after reaching 50 years of age. it to be our duty and privilege to de-

votes from all unworthy candidates.

Now that the Oregon Pacific railroad 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. The Corvallis Gazette, which has the reputation of speaking from the card in mat-The press of this valley is directing ttention to the county road question. ment of the road to its eastern termi nns at Boise City; also provides ample means for additional steamers to carry Oregonian.

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