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AS TO ASSESSMENTS

A Portland man went to the Board of Equalization and said his assessment was too low—he had two horses that had not been listed. Inasmuch as the two horses represented a considerable part of his possessions, this man's attitude is rather remarkable. In Corvallis, men are carrying on their holdings insurance that totals three and four times the amount at which the holdings are listed for assessment purposes! And insurance companies issue policies for but two-thirds the actual value of the property insured!

In other words, property is listed at \$100 for assessment purposes, and the insurance carried on that property is \$300. That \$300 represents but two-thirds the actual value. And the law says property shall be assessed at its reasonable cash value.

To continue this — property worth \$450 is listed at \$100; property worth \$900 is listed at \$200; property worth \$9000 is listed at \$2000—only it isn't, for the ratio of the listed valuation is increasing too rapidly. In one instance the records show holdings listed at scarcely more than \$1000 when the reputed testimony of the owners is that the invoice value is \$10,000.

The list of valuations of stocks published in this paper yesterday must have made business men both laugh and swear—at the absurdly low valuation placed on the other fellow's stock and the unequal valuation of their own. And it's a ten to one bet that there is not one on that list who will say privately, confidentially and in sincerity, that more than one or two men on the list are held up for anything like the real cash value of their stocks.

The point of interest is, however, that while there is a poor equalization of stocks of an individual class, there seems to be also an extreme inequality in the valuation of the classes of stocks. For instance, a man with a very small stock in a small room is assessed practically as high as the man with a very large stock of another class, utilizing several rooms and doing the best business of the kind in the city. Three men in a certain class are assessed so that it appears ridiculously absurd to the men themselves and to all others.

The result is that men naturally inclined to take pride in paying their fullest proportion of taxes are led to protect themselves by dodging. And who can say they are not justified? The difficulty is, however, that the little fellow can not hide the little he has and ever pays more than his share.

TIME FOR ACTION

If the Oregon Electric is to be extended from Salem to Eugene, the extension should pass through Corvallis. The route outlined by Manager Welch skips Corvallis, crosses the Willamette at Peoria, touches Monroe, continues to Junction City and on to Eugene.

That route offers advantages in the matter of construction but is little if any shorter, than by way of Corvallis, and it is hardly probable that the advantages could outweigh the loss resulting from passing up a city this size.

The route proposed by Mr. Welch indicates lack of information or good business judgment or proclaims that there is a "nigger in the woodpile." Perhaps the Oregon Electric wants a little encouragement in the shape of a bonus. This is a matter that should receive the prompt attention of the Commercial club. Mr. Welch says active work on this main line is to begin immediately. The club and business interests of this city can not afford to delay investigation of this situation. We want the Oregon Electric, we need it; it is up to the interests here to show the Oregon Electric that it needs Corvallis.

BANKER ROSS'S MISTAKE

Banker Ross made a mistake in getting no more than \$285,000 of the people's money. Had he managed to misuse two or three millions he would not have to serve five years in the penitentiary. Had he managed to get \$25,000,000 he would probably have been honored with an election to the legislature or the United States Senate next year. Perhaps he preferred the penitentiary to these honors,—who knows. But in any event it doesn't pay to steal comparatively small amounts. In a Montana town not long ago a laborer broke into a store, took a few dollars and was sent up for fifty years. And it will be recalled that the Banker Bigelow, who stole millions, was let off with a sentence little heavier than that of Ross.

The banker who deliberately misuses the funds entrusted to him and makes a failing, to the loss of his depositors, should be sent up for life, placed at remunerative labor and his earnings turned back to misused patrons. The punishment for any crime should be sufficiently heavy to deter any other from attempting the same sort of crime.

The five year sentence for Ross is an outrage. It is not sufficient to make any banker take a second thought should he be tempted to overstep the bounds. It is not sufficient for anything except to convince the public further of the weakness of the law.

THREE MONROE PEOPLE DEAD

MONROE Oct. 21—Alph Brabham, a well known farmer of Benton county, died a few days ago at his residence in Eugene, where he has been since last fall. The corpse was taken care of by Undertaker Brown, of Eugene. Mr. Brabham was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Monroe Camp No. 9795. He was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Eugene Sunday, Oct. 17, by the members of Monroe and Eugene camps. The deceased was thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and one child.

This makes the third death from among Monroe's citizens in recent weeks. A short time ago, Mrs. Peter Rickard passed away, and a couple of weeks ago Benjamin Cleek was killed in a runaway.

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"THE SPOILERS" SATURDAY NIGHT

A press notice says: "Of all the great plays that have graced the stage 'The Spoilers' is one of the best and purest. It is a story of human interest, unfolding a life's chapter in the Alaskan gold fields, so true to nature and to life as to appeal with irresistible force to the audience. 'The Spoilers' is from the pen of that popular writer, Rex Beach, and Henry McRae has given it a sumptuous production, and the cast headed by that popular young leading lady, Miss Margaret Oswald."

The engagement in this city will be one night, Saturday, October 23rd. Reserved seat sale began this morning and a large crowd is expected.

ALBANY MEN TO DO BIG THINGS

Albany business men, with J. K. Weatherford, vice president of C. & E., at the head, propose to build "feeders" into sections not now having railroad facilities. According to an Ore-

gonian dispatch the plan is to build roads with local capital. It is proposed to build one railroad from Albany to Crabtree and thence into the big timber belt of Crabtree Creek. Another proposed line is to King's Valley, in Northern Benton County.

KICKS ON THE ASSESSMENT

There was one big kick before the Albany board of equalization yesterday according to the Albany Democrat. J. W. Morrow for O. & C., better known as the S. P., who asked that the assessment on the railroad be reduced from \$38,000 to \$20,000, though last year's assessment, \$30,000 would be acceptable.

Money Comes In Bunches

To A. A. Chisholm, of Treadwell, N. Y., now. His reason is well worth reading: "For a long time I suffered from indigestion, torpid liver, constipation, nervousness, and general debility" he writes. "I couldn't sleep, had no appetite, nor ambition, grew weaker every day in spite of all medical treatment. The used Electric Bitters. Twelve bottles restored all my old-time health and vigor. Now I can attend to business every day. It's a wonderful medicine." Infallible for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Blood and Nerves. 50 cents at all druggists.

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	25c	PLAY THAT
	50c	WILL TOUCH
	75c	YOUR
	\$1.00	HEART

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Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
October 14, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Henry H. Ruth, whose postoffice address is 68 E. 12th St., Eugene, Oregon, did, on the 3rd day of June, 1909, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 65138, to purchase the N 1/4 of SE 1/4, and N 1/2 of SW 1/4, Section 12, Township 14 S., Range 9 W., Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon has been appraised \$662, the timber estimated 1,555,000 board feet at \$40 per M, and the land \$40; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 11th day of January, 1910, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.
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