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TAX EQUALIZATION.

The late State Board of Equalization which met at Salem a short time ago have submitted their figures to the various county clerks for record. A more bunglesome, slipshod piece of business has never been perpetrated than the equalization of taxes by this board. True, in a great many instances their figures tend to remedy abuses of long standing. For instance, in the case of the Oregon & California Railroad company's lands in Columbia county. They own in this county 7760 acres of land which has heretofore been assessed at the minimum sum of \$1 per acre, or \$7760 for all. The state board just doubled this amount, making them pay tax on \$15,520. This land should not be assessed for one cent less than the company ask for it when they find a purchaser. They also increased the mortgages from \$49,192 to \$98,384, making the grand total, including the increase in railroad track, telegraph lines and city and town lots, from \$1,536,322 as returned by the county board to \$1,601,521 as returned by the state board of equalization.

Just what authority the state board has in this matter remains to be seen. Have they the right to make this increase on mere assumption without making a thorough investigation of the facts thereto connected first? These figures are mere guess work, and will, without doubt, cause no end of trouble to the different counties and in the outcome will be of no consequence.

BETTER ROADS DEMANDED.

A scientific gentleman in speaking on this subject says: "It is almost a hopeless task to attempt to arouse the people to the necessity of making better roads in the country, but it is one that must be continued until something is done. Our country roads, as a whole, are far behind the age and are holding other things back. They are the channels of commerce and social intercourse, and when they are out of order and obstructed, business suffers, expenses are increased and people are shut off from the educating and inspiring effects of mingling in society."

"Under the long standing system of repairing roads, individuals feel that they are working for the town or county instead of for themselves, and that it is the business of such municipalities to see that the work is done and their business to do as little as possible for the pay received. Much of the work is done as if the only object was to have it pass inspection without regard to the permanent usefulness of the road."

"The particulars are too well known to every one who has seen the work done, and no rule for improvement can be given that will apply to all cases; but there should be a general awakening on this subject in country towns, and men should realize that they are at work for themselves, and that in making a good road they are increasing the durability of their teams and carriages, reducing the cost of getting their produce to market and improving the means of associating with their neighbors."

"In this climate our roads in winter depend very much on the weather, but in the other months they depend on the men who care for them, and if the people would but use more common sense and less selfishness in the work, there would be great improvements made with the same amount of labor. The strength of a chain is measured by the weakest link, and in moving heavy loads they must be governed by the worst place in the road."

"The prosperity of a town depends upon the greatest good of the whole, and if people who live in thickly settled neighborhoods would refrain from expending needless labor in making turnpikes and smoothing up the roadside at the town's expense along their farms and would work when there is less to do and more to do with, they would show more signs of what was once called civilization."

"But this is not to be expected under the old highway district system, for every man who lives on a good road imagines that his taxes are a little higher on that account, and every one who has a poor road thinks he is taxed as much as if the road was better, and this creates a feeling that is not favorable to mutual aid. A money tax put into the hands of a competent commissioner to keep the roads in repair is the best arrangement and gives the best satisfaction where it has been thoroughly tried. The roads are then kept up to an even standard without regard to whom or how many travel over them."

There is no more just law than the one passed by the late legislature, making it compulsory on the part of the county court to cause their proceedings to be published in some paper in the county, having a general circulation, and also with a view to giving it the largest reasonable publicity. This is as it should be. The people have a right to know what their servants are doing in every detail. The cost of publishing these proceedings is very small compared with their importance to the tax-payers. The law does not say that the court may suppress certain parts of their public service, but that the county clerk shall prepare a copy of the proceedings of said court and furnish it to the official paper, and fixes the maximum rate to be charged therefor; neither does it select any particular portion of the proceedings, but simply says "the proceedings" shall be published.

It is now stated that the marriage of Miss Mattie Mitchell, daughter of Senator Mitchell, to the Duc de la Rochefoucault, will take place on February 11. Many times it has been claimed that the engagement between these noted people has been broken off, but the latest is that the marriage will take place on the above date.

The Chilean controversy has, at last, assumed a more mild form. That little republic now wants to apologize for the murder of the American sailors, which, no doubt, this government will accept, provided the tone of the apology is such as to guarantee protection to American subjects in that country in the future.

What will the sensational newspapers do now for something attractive for their readers since the Chilean war rumors seem to have blown over.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Imposed Upon Through the Ignorance of Her Attorney.

The assault and battery case which was tried before Justice Burnett at Goble last week, in which Mrs. W. M. Gaddis was fined \$50 and costs for punishing an unruly pupil, the son of Mr. John James, in school, has been the cause of no little amount of comment throughout the entire county. In the first place the moral effect of the outcome of this case will have a very injurious effect upon the government of that particular school, to say nothing of the complete ruin of the boy, for it only encourages him as well as the other pupils to disobey the teacher in the future, thinking all the while that the law protects them in their bad conduct. That this boy was deserving of severe punishment, if all current reports are true, no one will doubt. The parent who will uphold and countenance such language from their children to their teacher is only breeding trouble for themselves in the future. We believe in such cases the teacher should be allowed, yes assisted, to conquer the child by all means. There is something more at stake than a few slight marks on that particular boy. It will take months for the teacher of that school to overcome the bad example and encouragement this pupil received, among the other boys of the school who are in anywise inclined to create disturbances.

So far as the trial of the case is concerned we will say that it was not fairly tried. Through the gross ignorance of the defendant's attorney, Judge Callahan, of Kalamia, the whole proceedings was a mere mockery. He even allowed the prosecution to compel Mrs. Gaddis to deposit the jury fees before the justice summoned the jury, which there is scarcely a school boy in the land but what would have known better. He also showed his ignorance when the justice asked about the limit of the fine, which he was instructed could not be less than \$50. This being the minimum as the justice supposed, he placed the fine at that amount, with the costs added, making a total of \$116.50. It seems that the defense failed to produce evidence enough to sustain them in inflicting the punishment on the person of the boy, while prosecution produced the victim showing marks of violent treatment. This was about all the evidence that was produced in the case, and the jury, after an hours deliberation found a verdict for the plaintiff. According to Hill's code, page 1003, the jurisdiction of a justice court is defined and provides that in cases of assault and battery, and in cases of assault and battery, there shall be a fine imposed of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50. The defendants, we understand will take an appeal to a higher court.

MONMOUTH NOTES.

The art teacher, Miss Smith, arrived last week and now has two classes each day, besides private lessons. The teacher who was catalogued could not take the position for some reason, hence the school has been without an art teacher until Miss Smith was secured.

The cadets are talking bold about the Chilean war and seem anxious to be called into the field of action.

Please note the mistake in the last correspondence in regard to the number of students, as it should have read three hundred and sixty instead of three hundred and sixteen, enrolled.

We note among the many visitors of last week Judge Wm. McFadden, of Corvallis, Superintendent Yates, of Benton county, and Superintendent Reynolds, of Polk county.

A new local paper will be started in town soon. The plant has already arrived. The public square has been divided into lots and put up for sale by town ordinance. Business lots are selling for \$200 front foot, and real estate has a ready sale at present.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22, 1892. The president has earned a reputation second to that of none of his eminent predecessors by doing the right thing at the right time and there is some disappointment because the sending of the Chilean correspondence to congress has been again deferred, just as everybody was expecting it to go in, there is a general feeling that there are good and sufficient reasons for the delay, which cannot be made public just yet. It is impossible to get the smallest scrap of information from official sources, but there are reasons for believing that the Chilean minister has made some definite promises of reparation by his government, and that the English and German governments have, through their ministers here, requested the administration to hold the correspondence until there is time given for their fulfillment.

Secretary Blaine and the president are in perfect accord, as they have been from the first, notwithstanding sensational statements to the contrary. Mr. Blaine's attack of nausea at the cabinet meeting, which necessitated his leaving before the meeting closed, and which prevented his attending the president's first state dinner of the season to his cabinet, that night, was made the basis of lots of stories even more senseless than those usually told by the men who are trying so hard to stir up strife between these two friends, and they were exploded by the fact that Mr. Blaine entertained the president and several members of the cabinet at dinner the very next night.

The democrats of the house again showed how inane they are in pretending to be in favor of real economy in running the government when they defeated the bill to reform many abuses now existing in the printing, binding and distribution of public documents. This bill was far from being perfect but if enacted into a law, it would have put an end to some of the most flagrant abuses which have gradually crept into the present system, and would have saved the government something like half a million dollars a year, now wasted in the printing of superfluous public documents which eventually find their way into the hands of the junk-man.

General Palmer, Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R. has been here this week. He says that he believes that every post in the United States will be here at the encampment this year.

Never before have so many bills on matter pertaining to finance and the tariff been introduced in an entire session of congress as have already been introduced at the present session. It looks as though all the cranky ideas of the period have been turned into bills and poured into the congressional hopper. Of course, everybody, including their authors, knows that about ninety-nine out of every hundred of these bills will never again be heard from.

The National Democratic Committee met here this week for the purpose of ratifying the choice long ago made by bosses Hill, Gorman and Brice of the place for holding the democratic nominating convention. There is lots of kicking among the delegations from the cities turned down and several members of the national committee have had the nerve to protest against the rough-shod manner in which these bosses override everybody's wishes but their own, but they will go right on following these same bosses.

It is already evident that the policy of the democratic majority in the house is to do as little as possible at the present session of congress. The Mills men charged during the speakership campaign that such would be the policy of the majority if Crisp would be elected speaker. The senate is away ahead of the house, having already passed a number of bills, but with the most important business of the session—the appropriation bills—it can do nothing until the house has passed the bills, which must be originated in the house.

The only thing that Senator Hill has done since he was sworn in was to head a factious opposition against the confirmation of a republican postmaster at Elmira, New York, to succeed one of his henchmen.

Senator Hoar's bill providing that every article of wearing apparel offered for sale shall bear a tag giving the name and address of where it was made, is highly commended as being a long step towards breaking up the "sweating" process of making clothing, which is both unhealthy and unjust.

MARRIED. MAYNARD-LOVELL.—Near Mist, on January 12, 1892, Mr. John Maynard to Mrs. S. L. Lovell, Justice C. B. Fisher, officiating.

CONYERS-QUIGLEY.—At the residence of E. W. Conyers, Clatskanie, Mr. W. E. Conyers to Miss Harriet J. Quigley, Justice Lee, officiating. The ceremony took place on Sunday last.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Thursday Jan. 22.

PRODUCE, FRUIT, ETC. WHEAT—Valley, \$1 60; Walla Walla, \$1 65 to \$1 75 per cental. FLOUR—Super, \$4 50; Walla Walla, \$4 80; Graham, \$4 50; superfine, \$5 per barrel. OATS—New, 40¢ per bushel. MILK—TUPPER BRAND, \$19 20; shorts, \$20 20; chop feed, \$18 19 per ton, barley, \$20 per ton. BUTTER—Oregon fancy creamery, 37¢ 40¢; fancy dairy, 38¢; fair to good, 25¢ 27¢; common, 15¢ 22 1/2¢; Eastern, 25¢ 31 1/2¢ per pound. EGGS—32¢ 33 1/2¢ per dozen. POULTRY—Chickens, \$3 00 to \$3 50; ducks, \$3 50 to \$6 50; geese, \$12 per dozen; turkeys, 14¢ per pound. VEGETABLES—Cabbage, nominal, \$1 00; 50¢ per cental; onions, 50¢ per cental; potatoes, 40¢ per sack; tomatoes, 40 to 50¢ per box. FRUITS—Apples, 75 to \$1 25 per box. STAPLE GROCERIES. COFFEE—Costa Rica, 21¢; Rio, 20¢; Salvador, 21¢; Mocha, 30¢; Java, 35¢; Arabica's, 100-pound cases, 21 1/2¢ per pound. SUGAR—Golden C, 4 1/2¢; extra C, 4 1/4¢; granulated, 10¢. BEANS—Small whites, 3 1/2¢; pink, 3¢; bayos, 4¢; butter, 2 1/2¢; lina, 4¢ per pound. HONEY—17 1/2¢ to 18¢ per pound. SALT—Liverpool, \$14 50 to \$15 50; stock \$11 to \$12 per ton in carload lots. SYRUP—Eastern, in barrels, 42 to 45¢; 28 to 30¢ per gallon; No. 23 to \$2 per keg. CALIFORNIA, in barrels, 30¢ per gallon; \$1 75 per keg. RICE—\$5 75 per cental. THE MEAT MARKET. BEEF—Live, 2 1/4¢; dressed, 5 to 6¢. MUTTON—Live, sheared, 3 1/2¢; dressed, 7¢. HOGS—Live, 4 1/2 to 5¢; dressed, 6¢. VEAL—4 to 5¢ per pound. SMOOK CIGARS AND LAIRD—East ern brand, 12 to 15¢; other varieties, 12 1/2¢; 10¢ compound, 10¢; pure, 12 1/2 to 13¢; Oregon, 10 1/2 to 12 1/2¢; breakfast bacon, 13 to 15¢; smoked bacon, 11 to 13 1/2¢.

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