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ASSESSORS IN CONVENTION.

The assessors from the several counties of the state met in Portland last Friday for the purpose of discussing the methods of providing a uniform assessment. Nearly every county in the state was represented. They recommended the repeal of the exemption for indebtedness clause of the assessment law, and also the mortgage tax law. After considerable discussion the following resolutions were offered by Assessor Brannin, of Umatilla county, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Under the practical working of the assessment laws of this state there is widespread and growing dissatisfaction, and it is believed that the cause of many of the evils complained of is inherent in the assessment laws.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention of the county assessors of the state now assembled for the purpose of considering all questions relating to assessment, that the assessment laws should be amended so as to reach results as follows:

First—That all assessments upon which it is proposed to levy and collect taxes should be made at a uniform time, to-wit: 12 o'clock noon of the first Monday of April each year.

Second—That the listing of property should be completed within sixty days from that date.

Third—That rolls should be completed and returned to the county clerk not later than the first Monday of August of each year.

Fourth—That there should be no deductions on account of indebtedness, and therefore no assessments of credit; that existing property should be assessed, and at the place of its actual location.

Fifth—That there should be provision for the enforcement of a lien on the property assessed, dating and attaching on and after said 12 o'clock noon of April 1, for all taxes levied for the current year under said assessment, but that said lien shall not be confined to the specific property assessed.

Sixth—That railroad telegraph and telephone lines located in more than one county shall be assessed by a state board for that purpose, to be made up of one assessor from each county. The assessor of each county shall be certified by said board to the county clerk of the several counties, by whom the same shall be entered on the tax rolls of the county, under the head of railroad, telegraph or telephone lines, as the case may be.

Resolved, That in order to correct, as far as possible, the vicious practices that have become so common under the present pernicious laws, permitting deduction for indebtedness, and the unpracticability of reaching and taxing credits, each assessor will make a special effort, by careful scrutiny and by exacting a full compliance with all the requirements of the law, to avoid permitting any and all fictitious or fraudulent indebtedness from being deducted from assessments, and that the first day of August of each year be the time fixed to report to the assessors of the various counties.

Relative to the mortgage tax law, Assessor Sears, of Multnomah county, submitted the following resolution, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this assembly that the repeal of the mortgage tax law and allowing deductions for indebtedness would be a vast benefit to the people of this state; that we believe the effect of the mortgage tax law has a tendency to drive capital from the state, and prevents investments in manufactures of all kinds, which we, as a new state, greatly need; that the deductions for indebtedness prevent assessors placing the burden of taxation where it properly belongs; that the fixed rate of taxation of 5 mills be repealed, and that all property be assessed at its true cash value, and the rate of the tax levy be made by the state authorities necessary to meet the estimated expenses of the government of the state in the same manner as is done by the county courts for county expenses; that all returns of property from taxpayers should be given to the assessor as it appeared on some fixed date, and as the assessment of property commences on the first day of March of each year, and we recommend that returns be made as they appear on that day.

In regard to assessing property at its full cash value, Brannin, of Umatilla, submitted the following:

WHEREAS, For many years past there has been a non-uniformity of assessment in the various counties of the state of Oregon; and WHEREAS, This convention of assessors has been called for the purpose of agreeing upon and adopting a system of assessment throughout the state that will make the said assessment equal and uniform;

Resolved, That all property, real and personal, shall hereafter be assessed at its true cash value.

The sentiment existing among the assessors and also among the majority of the taxpayers is that the exemption for indebtedness law and mortgage tax law should be repealed, at the next session of the legislature, and that all property shall be assessed at its present cash value. This, in our opinion, is the only remedy that will correct the long existing evil in our assessment laws. Every property owner should be compelled to pay tax on the cash value of their property without any exemption. This, perhaps would work a temporary hardship on a few, but force the rich to pay their portion—which, under the present law they evade, to an alarming extent—and as a result a great deal more money would be turned into the county treasury, thereby enabling the board of equalization to make the rate of taxation much lower. Until this is done the poor people and those of just moderate means will have to bear the burden of taxation, while the more wealthy, as usual, will claim to the assessor on oath, if he requires it—that their indebtedness almost equals the value of their property; all of

which the present tax laws tend to encourage them in doing.

Columbia county should send men to the legislature this year who will draft a bill for the repeal of this infamous law and work incessantly to secure its passage by both branches of that body. This county should also endeavor to secure the nomination and election of a man to the supreme bench who is in sympathy with and would sustain such a law after it is passed. Should such a law be enacted the poor man's taxes would be materially decreased, and the rich would have to pay no more than the honest rating on the property they represent.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26, 1892.

The president has taken advantage of the demoralized condition of the big democratic majority in the house to obtain a few days of very much needed rest, and has gone with his family to Virginia Beach, leaving word that he must not be bothered with business, unless it be of the most urgent nature, before his return to Washington, which will probably be about the last of next week. This is the first rest the president has taken since last November, and few men in any occupation have worked more hours than he has during the last three months.

The democratic leaders of the house are trying to hatch up a compromise agreement that will save the open rupture which has been threatened for weeks between the silver and anti-silver democrats. Having failed in their attempt to persuade the silver democrats to allow the free coinage bill to go over until after the presidential election, they are now at work upon the anti-silver democrats with a view to allowing the free coinage bill to be passed with as little debate as possible after the free binding-twelve bill is disposed of by the house, and although the anti-silver have not yet fully agreed with that programme, it looks as if they would have to do so, unless they can get the republicans to vote with them. A democratic caucus was held last night, but no attempt was made to do anything definite.

Democratic senators are beginning to show considerable opposition to Senator Paddock's pure food bill, and, as usual with democratic opposition, it has a very flimsy foundation, if indeed it has any at all. Senator Bate, of Tennessee, made a pretense of having discovered that a great big political machine, with thousands of active agents in every section of the country, was concealed in the bill. Senator Paddock made short work of that by calling attention to the fact that only \$100,000 was asked for by Secretary Rusk to carry out the provisions of the bill for the first year, a sum that would not employ many thousand political agents. Senator Coke, of Texas, then stated his objections, which were principally because he did not think it would prevent the adulteration of food. Senator Paddock regards the passage of the bill by the senate as certain.

The senate adopted a resolution, offered by Senator Sherman, calling upon the secretary of agriculture for a copy of the report made by the special agent who experimented in the production of rain by artificial means, last year. Secretary Rusk hopes the resolution will bring the report, which he has not yet received from the aforesaid special agent.

The nomination of William B. Gilbert, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the 9th judicial district, which was sent to the senate this week, fills the bench of the new circuit court.

The senate postoffice committee is favorably inclined towards attaching an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000 to enable the postmaster general to make a test of the free delivery service in rural districts. The idea is strongly urged by representatives of the National Grange and other farmer organizations, and is also warmly approved by business men.

A non-partisan convention of lumbermen will meet here this week to protest against the democratic proposition to put lumber on the free list. Delegates from all sections of the country will attend this convention which has adopted for its motto: "American markets for Americans."

But little importance is attached in congressional circles to the St. Louis conference, it being so apparent that the South will remain in control of Tammany Hall, which is now running the national democratic party, that the prediction is made that thousands of republicans in the northwest who have been misled into joining the third party movement will return to the support of the national republican ticket this year.

Representative Springer's flop from Cleveland to Hill shows the way the democratic wind is blowing. Hill has certainly made rapid gains in congress, notwithstanding the statement which should be taken with a good deal of caution, that Brice and Gorman had withdrawn their adherence. Many believe that this statement has been put out for the purpose of heading off the cry of "bossism," and that the triple alliance is still in existence.

Speaking of the Hill sentiment, a republican member of congress met a democratic friend who has been a loud Cleveland shouter, with the greeting: "Well, your party seems rapidly drifting hillwards." "Spell the first syllable a little different," glumly returned

the Cleveland man, "and I will agree to change them in doing."

The senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Sherman asking the president, if not incompatible with public interests, to furnish the senate with a copy of the proceedings of the recent conference of Secretary Blaine with the Canadian reciprocity commissioners.

OLATSKANIE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tichenor are spending a week in Portland and possibly Astoria. The house is shut up and all looks very quiet over there.

Misses Mary and Nora Congers were down from Oregon City last week on a visit to their parents. Miss Mary returned by steamer Saturday morning, while Miss Nora will be at home for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones made a visit to Astoria last of the week to spend a couple of days with their daughter, Mrs. W. C. King.

Ernest Bryant is the latest addition to the brass band, and is now wrestling with a tenor horn.

Ernest Perrine was seen on our streets last week, after an absence of several months over in Washington. He left again on the steamer Saturday morning, after greeting his friends in this vicinity.

The Bryant & Conway mill gets away with logs a little faster than they can be got in, consequently it has to stop and wait for the loggers occasionally. It has one of those waiting spells now.

It seems to be generally understood that G. W. Badger will superintend the building of the new school house.

W. A. Wood, having closed his term of school near Pittsburg, is spending a few days in town.

A. B. Gordon, another teacher, was in town Sunday.

Notices are posted calling attention to the annual public school meeting to be held in the school house next Monday at 2 p. m. One school director for three years and a clerk for one year are to be elected at that meeting, besides some other necessary business. There ought to be a general attendance.

G. P. Hiatt has been spending several days lately in his shop on Nehalem avenue, making the booths required by law for the new ballot system, to come into effect at the next general election. We understand he is to furnish all those needed in this county.

Quite a number of persons gathered at Conyers' hall last Friday evening upon the announcement of a special band practice, made interesting by the presence of a Mr. Nash from Oregon City, with whom the boys have been corresponding, asking him to come here and give them instructions. He seems to be a very competent band instructor, and gave the members of the band some suggestions that set them to work with renewed vigor, and opened their eyes as to various little details of band music and band exercise. An effort will be made to secure his services as band instructor at this place.

Rev. Coats has been endeavoring to stir up an interest in the temperance work, and has had a pledge circulated at his late preaching services.

The school directors and architect were measuring and staking off a location for the new school house one day last week. The site, though an excellent one for situation, is not as level as might be desired and will require considerable grading, which, it is expected, will be done this week if the weather is at all favorable.

We heard the new road supervisor say last week he intended beginning work on the Marshall road in a short time. It can be done none too soon to accommodate a number of people in both places. The road to Beaver, around the Russian Finn's place, calls very loudly for repairs also.

E. S. Bryant is in Portland this week in the interest of his lumber mill.

Word reaches us from the Nehalem valley of the death of Miss Annie Turpin at her father's home near Vesper. She was a well known and highly respected young lady, and her death is particularly a sad one. We are without particulars as to the nature of her illness.

That THE MIST is a popular paper, is shown by the fact that various scribes have recently made it the receptacle for their maiden efforts to enlighten the public. It must be a proud day for these persons when they see their letters in print. The Clatskanie delegation might be recognized at home by their ingenious efforts to call attention to THE MIST, and indirectly to their articles printed in it. The use of a "Latinish" sounding name is not enough to conceal identity in this town, and, citizens, whether of the council, the marshal or the Clatskanie correspondent by these writers are goodnaturedly tolerated because they please the writer and don't hurt any one else.

WOODLAND ITEMS.

The steamer Toledo will again be running on the Lewis river route. The stockholders disagreed in regard to selling, but all of them have agreed to run the boat to the bitter end.

United States Circuit Judge, W. B. Gilbert, was in town Saturday and Sunday shaking hands with old friends.

The recent rains have caused a slight rise in the river, and the steamer Mascot is again able to get to town; that is the reason Captain John looks so happy.

PEOPLES' PARTY MEETING.

An Organization Effected and Committees Appointed.

At a meeting called by the chairman of the county central committee of the people's party, of Columbia county, State of Oregon, held at Clatskanie on the 10th day of February, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m., W. H. Kyser in the chair. A motion was then made and carried for the chairman to appoint a temporary secretary, and L. F. Banzer was appointed for that office.

A motion was then made and carried for the chairman to appoint a committee on credentials, and accordingly L. D. Duzan, W. H. Brown and L. B. Elliot were chosen, and reported delegates as follows:

NAME. PRESIDENT. L. D. DUZAN. BEAVER FALLS. L. B. ELLIOT. ASTORIA. FRANK PETERSON. NEHALEM. E. O. DARRING. AUBURN. T. A. SMITH. OAK POINT. W. H. KYSER. CLATSKANIE. W. H. BROWN. CLATSKANIE. A motion was made and carried to elect permanent officers by acclamation with the following result:

W. H. Kyser, Chairman; L. F. Banzer, secretary; L. D. Duzan, treasurer.

A motion was then made and carried for the chairman to appoint a special committee for the purpose of recommending a campaign executive committee. The said committee reported as follows, that we, the undersigned committee, do recommend that the following-named persons be appointed as the additional executive committee.

C. B. Fisher, Miss, Nehalem precinct; A. S. Graham, Marshall, Marshall precinct; John Campbell, Vernonia, Auburn; J. B. Girdner, Giltion, Scappoose; to act with the officers of the central committee.

W. H. BROWN, Special Com. FRANK PETERSON.

A motion was then made and carried to accept the report of the above named committee. It was then moved and carried that the county convention of the people's party be held at the Stehman school house, on the 30th day of April, 1892, at the hour of 2 p. m., and that all primaries be held on or before April 2nd, 1892. It was then moved and carried to allow each precinct three delegates to said convention. A motion was then made and carried that the secretary of this meeting be instructed to send a copy of minutes of this meeting to each of the newspapers published in this county, and also a copy to the National Reform Journal, of Portland, for publication. It was moved and carried that each precinct committee raise the sum of \$3 to be paid the central committee to be used for campaign purposes.

By a motion the meeting was then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman of the central committee.

L. F. BANZER, Secretary.

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Call for a

REPUBLICAN

County Convention.

A republican convention for the county of Columbia is called to meet at St. Helens, Oregon, on Thursday, March 24, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officers of the said county, electing five delegates to the state convention, and to transact any other business that may come before the convention.

The convention will consist of 33 delegates among the several precincts as follows:

Astoria.....2 Nehalem.....2 Auburn.....2 Oak Point.....2 Beaver Falls.....2 Rainier.....3 Clatskanie.....4 Scappoose.....2 Deer Island.....6 Sherman.....2 Marshall.....1 Union.....4

The same being one delegate at large from every precinct, and one delegate for every 50 votes, and one for every fraction over one half thereof cast for congressman at the June election in 1890.

The committee recommend that the primaries be held on Saturday, March 19, and that the delegates elected attend in person. By order of the committee.

R. C. CAMPBELL, Chairman. G. W. COLE, Secretary.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1892.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Columbia county, at St. Helens, Oregon, on April 12, 1892, viz:

JULIUS ZEEMANN, Homestead entry No. 7861, for the sec. 4, 1/2 N. 12 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Gustave H. Barck, Gustave W. Potter and Stephen Haines; all of Scappoose, Columbia county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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EMMA LENGACHER, Homestead entry No. 7861, for the sec. 4, 1/2 N. 12 W. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. G. Watts, Asa Holiday, J. D. Morgan, Julius Zeemann; all of Scappoose, Columbia county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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GEORGE W. GRANT, Homestead entry No. 6867, for the sec. 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec. 11, T. 3 N., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. G. Watts, Asa Holiday, J. D. Morgan, Julius Zeemann; all of Scappoose, Columbia county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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