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ST. HELENS, OREGON, MARCH 6.

THE FAULT OF THE LAW.

A great many complaints are being received by the sheriff regarding the amount of taxes, and unjustly so, because that official has nothing to do with the amount of tax each man has to pay. It is his duty, only, to collect the amount that appears on the tax roll, and he has no instructions or authority to change it. The fault, perhaps to considerable extent, lies in the cumbersome law which provides for and maintains a state board of equalization, which disregards values placed on property, real and personal, by the county assessor, in order to equalize values over the state. It appears useless for the assessor to place a value on property, since the state board has power to, and never fails to fix it up to suit itself. Every year it becomes more and more apparent that two valuations should be placed on property—one for state and one for county purposes—and confine the state board's action to the value only for state purposes.

By this method the valuation for county purposes could be fixed by the county board at such an amount as would raise sufficient revenue without having to pay more than the county's just proportion of state tax. Under the present system if the assessed valuation of property in a particular county is high, that county must necessarily pay more than its proportion of the revenues for current expenses. Besides this, such a change would show greater gross valuation, and therefore stimulate and advance the commercial standing abroad of each county.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

There is unquestionably a growing sentiment in favor of the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, and the reasons for it are not hard to find. The senate itself furnishes nearly all of the arguments and influences by which the desire for such a change is being strengthened and extended. It was the original design that this select and august body should be a conservative force to check the excesses of the house and insure a temperate and prudent adjustment of all controversies; and for a long time it served that purpose in a beneficial and satisfactory way. But of late years, it has become a source of embarrassment and of mischief instead of a protection against that sort of thing. The country has ceased to look to it for the wisdom which it is supposed to represent. It is no longer reliable in point of capable and patriotic devotion to the best interests of the republic. There is a leaven of demagoguery in it that lessens the whole lump, and its course upon questions of the highest importance is characterized by the very folly and extravagance which it was intended to curb and defeat. It stands in the way of needed legislation, and makes itself obnoxious by persistent trifling with the public interests.

The people are very tired of this constant abuse of legislative authority, and very anxious to put a stop to it. Possibly the proposed change in the method of election would not accomplish the desired improvement, but the impression widely prevails that the experiment is worth trying, at any rate. There is a feeling that if the men who seek election to the senate were required to submit their claims directly to the voters of a state, it would tend to increase the chances of superior over inferior candidates, and to establish a better sense of responsibility on the part of those securing such places. It is true that there are certain forcible objections to the change from a theoretical point of view, but public sentiment does not care much for theory when the question of practical advantage is to be considered. So many men have obtained seats in the senate who could not have been elected by a popular vote that it is easy to believe that the trouble lies in the opportunity which the present method affords for trickery and corruption to beat honest merit. The matter is not one to be decided in an impulsive way or under pressure of special causes of dissatisfaction; but it is a proper one to be discussed in all its aspects, and there are unmistakable indications that the idea of election by a direct vote is gaining ground rapidly in all parts of the country and among all classes of the people.

A BILL has been introduced in congress to make the Fourth of July a national holiday. Most people will be surprised to learn that this important anniversary has never yet been thus designated; but strictly speaking, there is only one national holiday, Thanksgiving Day, and that is made such by annual proclamation by the president. Federal offices are usually closed on Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Washington's Birthday, but the closing is simply a custom, and is not directed by law or officially recognized by the United States government.

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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Columbia.
Charles H. Newth, plaintiff,
vs.
Mabel A. Newth, defendant.
To Mabel A. Newth, the defendant above named: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint herein on the first day of the next regular term of the Court aforesaid, which shall commence six weeks or more after the first publication of this summons, to-wit: On Tuesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1896, and if you fail to so appear and answer, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in and by the complaint which she has filed, and for such other and further relief as in equity may seem just.
This summons is served upon you by publication in the St. Helens Mist by order of Hon. T. A. McBride, judge of said Court, dated February 19, 1896.
C. J. CURTIS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

City Treasurer's Notice.
Notice is hereby given that St. Helens City Warrants Nos. 182, 183, 184 and 185 will be paid upon presentation. Interest on same will cease after this date.
Dated, St. Helens, March 6, 1896.
E. E. QUICK,
City Treasurer.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.
COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE.
ST. HELENS, OR., FEB. 13, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," up to Sept. 6th, 1895, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.
E. M. WHARTON,
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