

# COUNTY WILL BUY PROPERTY

## UNLESS BIDDERS OFFER TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.

### Plan for Defeat of Law Touching Sale of Lands for Taxes.

Judge Doan, who recently attended the meeting of county judges held in Portland, who were called together to discuss and formulate some plan of united action regarding the law passed by the last legislature regulating the redemption of property bought in by redemption of delinquent tax sales, is desirous to see that this county is not a party to the law. The judge is going to force a writ on the July sale to bid an amount equal to all claims the county holds against the lands, including the 30 per cent interest, and he should be in the moral support of all concerned in his acts.

The section objected to by the county judges is as follows:

"On the first Monday after July 1, 1901, the sheriff of every county in this state in which lands shall have been heretofore bid in for taxes by such county or any public corporation thereof, and to which such lands have been sold, as herein provided, shall proceed to sell such lands to the highest bidder for cash, in manner and form as upon sale under execution. But no levy or filing certificate shall be required, and no notice shall be given, except a brief notice stating the time and place of sale, and that all property to which the county or other public corporation has an interest in the sale for taxes, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the time and place named. Such notice shall be published once each week for four successive weeks prior to said sale."

The sale shall be made in the same manner as the sale of other public property, and shall proceed backward and through the bids, in inverse order of time, but no parcel of land shall be sold more than once."

The judges were in session all the afternoon and the law and the points involved were thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that the law would stand the test of the courts and the only remedy possible was to devise some plan to relieve the situation until the next session of the legislature, when the obnoxious measure can be repealed. It was decided not to ask the governor to call an extra session for the purpose of repealing the law, but to wait until the next legislature convenes in 1903.

After much deliberation, during which many plans were gone over, the following was decided upon as the most feasible: The counties will offer the lands held for delinquent taxes and if any bidders appear who offer the amount due in taxes and the property under the old law and the county will bid it in and hold it until the next legislature when petition will be made for deeds to the lands. This practically means that the upset price in all bidding will be the total amount due under the old law and the bidders to buy in desirable properties held by the counties at ridiculously low prices.

Mr. John Swager, of Kelso, was in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rubert were shopping in Portland Tuesday.

Don't forget to call on Collins & Gray when you want to buy something.

Norman McKay was down from Sauvie's island Monday attending to business affairs.

F. O. Marks, of Goble, was in Portland Monday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dow returned last Saturday from Seaside, where they had spent two weeks.

Willie Bailey, a nephew of Mrs. J. H. Godfrey and Mrs. Joseph Hayburn, is visiting relatives here.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach at Deer Island and St. Helens next Sunday at the usual hours.

Mrs. I. S. Bumgardner, of Clatskanie, is in a Portland hospital suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Lulu Frazer, who is attending Portland Business College, visited relatives in Kalama last Saturday and Sunday.

Court house attaches are on the hustle this week preparing for the coming session of circuit court to convene next Tuesday.

Dr. J. E. Hall, of Clatskanie, was in town Tuesday in attendance at the monthly meeting of the medical pension examining board.

Bert Tarbell has recently added a planing machine to his Bachelor Flat mill plant. C. C. Moyer will operate the machine this summer.

Now is the time to buy your spring and summer goods. Collins & Gray carry the largest stock of general merchandise from which to make your selection.

Richard Seseman, John Edholm and Wm. Placke, of Vernonia, were in town Tuesday evening, on route for down river points, in quest of employment, which they will have no difficulty in finding.

Mr. John Scott, of Kalama, was in town Wednesday, helping to pay the county's exchange by the payment of his taxes. Mr. Scott reports that Kalama is livelier since work started on the new railroad.

A grand ball to take place at Mayor on Saturday evening, May 18th, has been announced, and the bills are being turned out at this office. The management of the affair is in good hands and it will be a big success.

The clerk's office was a very profitable part of the county's machinery last month. The total receipts in that office amounted to \$1084.45, as follows: Circuit court fees, \$36.25; recording fees, \$242.15; land redemptions, \$755.05.

Attorney Powell seems to have a corner on information regarding Nehalem timber. He has negotiated the sale of several tracts, and is constantly accumulating information which places him in a position to dispatch business in that line.

E. E. Quick, of the abstract company, this week put in a new typewriter to equip his office with the necessary facilities for conducting the large volume of business which he is called upon to turn out. The machine is a "New Century," the very latest design in that class of machinery.

The present slight rise in the Columbia river has been a boon to the loggers and mill men who, it is said, have lost between three and four million feet of logs. This estimate may or may not be exaggerated, but it is known that a great many logs have gone adrift. The river in front of this place was full of logs Tuesday morning and a large number were picked up by Captain James Sheldon and Mr. Slaughter, with the launch "Katie." It is thought most of the logs which passed here broke loose at Hayden island, opposite Vancouver.

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EDWIN ROOSE, Auditor.

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WM. GALLOWAY, Receiver.

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