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TURNER OLIVER ANSWERS COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

To the editor of the Observer—
In your issue of last Thursday the following article appeared under the head of County Court Proceedings:

"The application of Turner Oliver and wife asking the court to make an order authorizing the sheriff to accept payment of taxes after the same had become delinquent and for him to take a sheriff's credit for the penalty and interest, was denied."

This was copied in other papers in the county and the writer has been questioned about it several times and takes this method of setting himself right before the people of the county.

The item is misleading in that I had no application to the County Court to have the sheriff take credit for penalty and interests on taxes that were delinquent. I never allow my taxes to become delinquent. The facts are simply these: Under our law one half the taxes may be paid on or before the first Monday of April and the other one half can be paid on or before the first Monday in October. The first half of my taxes was paid and the second half was due on the first Monday in October. On that day I appeared at the sheriff's office for the purpose of paying the same, the amount being \$192.04.

It was about the first day of the Circuit Court and I had business before the Court. I waited some time at the Sheriff's office but there were a large number of people ahead of me and awaiting their turns, and I went on up to the court room and attended to business there.

At about noon I came down stairs and went again to the sheriff's office but found it locked up. In the afternoon I went again to the court house for the purpose of paying these taxes and also attending to some business before the Board of Equalization. I went to the sheriff's office and found a number of people ahead of me still and then went to the room where the Board of Equalization was in session. As soon as I got through with the Board I returned to the Sheriff's office and found it locked up. I do not know whether it was five o'clock yet or not, but Circuit Court was still in session and so was the Board of Equalization, and the custom in the past has been for the sheriff's office at least to keep open while court is in session, but the office was locked and the sheriff gone.

On Wednesday I was at the court house and finding the sheriff's office open stepped in with the checks to pay my taxes. The sheriff refused to receive it for the alleged reason that it should have been paid on Monday. He had not finished writing receipts for taxes paid and did not finish for several days thereafter, and he knew as well as I that the fault was his and not mine that the taxes were not paid on Monday.

I tendered him the taxes again and he refused to take it. I then called on M. A. Harrison, county judge, and gave him the checks for my taxes as a tender into county court. Harrison went to see Pennington and returned saying Pennington refused to take the taxes and I filed an affidavit in the county court setting up the facts and asking the court to make an order requiring the sheriff to accept my taxes as of October 2d. I felt that the county court ought to make this order and felt that the sheriff was perpetrating an outrage upon me in refusing to take my money and returning my taxes as delinquent. I did not ask any favor but simply a square deal and I felt that any exaction more than this on the part of either sheriff or court was dishonest as it was technical. The court pretended that if it made the order requested it might be setting a "precedent" and pretended to be very sorry that the sheriff, forsooth, should desire to cinch me for \$55 extra under such circumstances. The court denied my petition and I paid to the sheriff \$228.52, being \$192.85 honestly due and \$35.67 graft.

I resent the action especially because there is hardly a term of county court when the court does not "knock off" a large amount of taxes and penalties legally and legitimately charged to people who habitually neglect to pay their taxes and to outside corporations.

On March 5, 1905, there was charged up to the O. R. & N. railway company \$24,664.44 as taxes legitimately and regularly assessed for the year 1904, and the county court made and entered an order directing the sheriff to accept \$18,476.81 and to give the railroad company receipt in full. This order has not yet been signed by either commissioner but the sheriff gave receipt and took credit as directed. I would like to know what divine right the railroad company has to get a lower proportionate assessment than the plain citizen, or by what magic influence it can induce our county court to rebate \$6,187.65 in one year when the court "cannot see his way clear" to prevent an unjust exaction of \$55 from a plain citizen.

On June 9, 1905, the Ibox Land Co., of Portland, had 240 acres of land in this county which had been sold nine times for taxes. The right of redemption had expired and the court had a right to sell the land which the county owned. The aggregate taxes against this land due and unpaid were \$206.05, but statutory charges for redemption, at the time it could have been redeemed, would have made the aggregate more than \$500, and yet on that date the court made an order directing that \$100 be received in full payment of these taxes.

I believe that in such cases as these every cent due to the county should be collected and could have been collected. I do not believe that any unjust taxes should be exacted from the railroad company or other corporations, but I do believe that all corporations, including the railroad company, should be required to pay taxes at the same rate as local people, and I believe, also, that a law ought to be passed by the legislature making it a felony for any public officer to accept a pass from a railroad company during his term of office.
Respectfully,
TURNER OLIVER,
La Grande, Oregon, December 20, 1905.

REMINISCENCES OF LYLE TUESDAY MUSIKALE CLUB

This being on or about the tenth anniversary of our club, Mrs. Lyle, whose day it happens to be, wished me to gather a few notes of a reminiscent nature, I being one of the charter members.

I find, by reference to the minutes of our earliest meeting, Miss Bessie Henry being secretary, that there were fourteen charter members and thirty-four names enrolled the first year. The club came into being at the residence of Mrs. Lyle, who was elected its first president, and has occupied the chair many times. She has mothered us from the beginning, being always anxious for our welfare and giving us much thought and not a little arduous work. Referring to our year-book, of an early date, I find that much good work has been done, and music, by finest composers, rendered. In consequence, this has broadened our minds by bringing us, thus, in touch with themes calculated to elevate and cultivate our tastes along musical lines. In those early days we were wont to meet at private homes, and finally began the practice of doing so alphabetically. This plan continued until the present commodious and comfortable building was erected by the Commercial Club. The board kindly allowed us the use of this cosy room, which, however, we have outgrown, but hope to be able to enlarge, in the near future, by means of folding doors between this room and the club library. In ten years, many active and talented members have removed to other places, but we have been singularly blessed, in that, but one has been claimed by the death angel. I refer to Mrs. Robert Smith, whom to know was to love. She was a woman of a charming personality and gave us substantial aid in many ways and was an active member, her name occurring frequently on our programmes, both at the piano and in the mandolin club. The chastening hand of the All-Wise One has touched many of us, causing sorrow and loneliness to be our portion. We have always expressed our deepest sympathy to all such, and so have wept with those who weep. One of our charter members lies at this time on a bed of sickness, and we must not forget to remember her with any little kindness in our power.

remunerative feature was inaugurated last year. I refer to the open meetings, held quarterly. They act as a stimulus to us, and afford our friends an opportunity to note our growth, musically. I must not forget, also, to mention the numerous recitals given by the club, complimentary. The numbers appearing on those programs are of such a character that we may take pardonable pride in recalling them. And, again, we have been frequently invited to assist at public functions by contributing both vocal and instrumental music—the farmers' and the teachers' institutes held in our city being some of these occasions. About two years ago it occurred to some of us that lustre could be added to our club name and due honor shown our mother, by partial change of the same, and so we are now known as "The Lyle Tuesday Musicales." Do not you agree with me that we have just reason to congratulate ourselves, as a club, and voice the sentiments of venerable old Rip Van Winkle in saying, "Long may we live and prosper?"

The following ladies have filled the president's chair. Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Dr. Richardson, and Miss Kirk is the present incumbent. Since writing the foregoing article I find that the late lamented Mrs. Bodmer was an associate member of the club. We, with the whole community were grief stricken at her sudden demise.
A. M. S.

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