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PRESENT TAX ROLL INVALID

The present assessment roll of Union county is invalid, according to recent decision of the Oregon Supreme court which said that personal property, no matter how small, the amount must be assessed. Previously, personal property valued at less than three hundred dollars was exempt and when a citizen came under this class he of course paid no personal property tax. Since the decision which says that nothing is exempt, was handed down it became necessary for the county assessor to reassess the whole county. Assessor Morton has already started the work of re-assessing the county in some precincts, and left this morning for Union to have the assessor there take up the work again. La Grande precinct must be canvassed house to house and Mr. Morton thinks that work will begin in this city within a few days.

While considerable expense will be incurred by this additional work of securing a tax roll, there will be no more than enough gained by increased tax to much more than pay the additional expense. It is roughly estimated that there are \$400,000 in taxable property in this county that comes in this class and on the 20 mill basis this will net about \$8,000 to the coffers of the county.

STANDARD'S PACIFIC AGENT DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Aug. 6.—S. H. McClin-ton, who died of heart disease at the Imperial hotel in New York yesterday morning, was the Pacific agent of the Standard Oil Company and the Union Tank line. His home was in Palo Alto.

PRICE OF SUGAR ADVANCED

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Aug. 6.—All grades of refined sugar advanced ten cents a hundred pounds today.

NO BLOOD SHED TODAY IN RUSSIA

(Scripps News Association)

Helsingfors, Fin., Aug. 6.—As a result of the recent disorders here the Chief of Police Malm and two adjutants have resigned and will be succeeded by Major Perghas Finlander of the Russian army.

QUIET IN ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—The city is quiet today and three newspapers appeared this morning.

STRIKERS BUSY AGAIN

The strikers have torn up the railroad to Irinova this afternoon and the strike is spreading to Osoff. More are quitting work every hour. The police have notified workmen that all strikers will be arrested and the meetings broken up. From indications this morning it seemed probable that the strike would be over as there was a considerable lull in hostilities but by noon they had broken out afresh.

BALLONING FOR RECORD

(Scripps News Association)

Noank, Conn., Aug. 6.—Roy Knabenshue and Dr. Thomas, who started to New York last night to break the American ballooning record, landed here this morning for breakfast. They reported that no accidents had marred the trip the previous night. They stayed long enough to get their bearings and then set wing again. They expect to reach Boston before they alight again.

MANY LIVES LOST

(Scripps News Association)

Carthage, Aug. 6.—It is reported that the celebrated Spanish singer, Lola Milanes was lost with the steamer Siro last Saturday night. The French steamer Louise saved fifty four lives, but the exact number will never be known. It is certain that the number was over three hundred.

NEW YORK SUFFERING FROM HEAT

(Scripps News Association)

New York Aug. 6.—The city is sweltering and the people had to sleep on the benches in the suburbs and the parks last night. The house tops tenement district are crowded. The weather continues to grow hotter and there are no signs of rain.

Up to two o'clock this afternoon there have been ten deaths from heat and the prostrations will reach into hundreds. The doctors say if no relief in the temperature comes the death list tonight will be appalling. The children of the Grotto are following the sprinkling carts which the city kept moving in trains in order to let little folks get gleefully soaked. The official thermometer registers 91, above, on the curbs of Wall street it is 106.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS' ENCAMPMENT

(Scripps News Association)

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The three days' state encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of New York opened here this morning at the City Hall with several hundred delegates in attendance. Mayor Gaus delivered an address of welcome, to which several responses were made. The business sessions of the encampment will be held in the City Hall and department headquarters have been established at the New Komore. The program which has been arranged for the three days of the encampment includes an outing at Electric Park, another entertainment at Al-Tro Park and a river excursion.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SETTLEMENT

(Scripps News Association)

Hinton, Okla., Aug. 6.—The fifth anniversary of the opening of the Kiowa and Comanche country is being celebrated today not only in this city, but also in Anadarko, Hobart, Apache, Lawton and other points within the territory. The celebrations will be in the form of outings with addresses by prominent speakers.

ILLINOIS IS AFTER THE OIL TRUST

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago Ill., Aug. 6.—The special Grand Jury called by Judge K. M. Landis for the purpose of investigating the rebate charges against the Standard Oil Company, convened today and at once began with the hearing of the testimony. The evidence will be similar to that gathered before the Grand Jury in Cleveland recently, when it was charged that the Standard Oil Company had received benefits from the Lake Shore Railroad Company in the form of direct rebates and favors in storage charges.

The case is attracting a great deal of interest and it is expected that a bitter fight will be made by the Oil Trust. Every effort will be made by the State to push the matter to a finish as rapidly as possible, to bring the matter to a direct issue before the courts.

Prior to presenting evidence in the Standard Oil with reference to railroad rebates and the presentation of the charges to the grand jury. Attorneys Sullivan, Morrison, Pain and Hanchett Dyer the latter a district attorney of St. Louis, the government lawyers conducting the campaign held a conference. The jury will be sworn in by Judge Betha.

The Cleveland case is to be presented in its entirety, that portion of the evidence which relates to storage charges which were never collected. The collectors' omission of which, it is charged gave the Standard Oil Company undue advantage over competitors. The star witness will probably be H. C. Barlow, executive director of the Chicago Commercial Association. Barlow was formerly a railroad official and it is said once had been in the confidence of the Standard people but is now an active opponent of the railroads in question and the Standard Oil Company.

FRIENDSHIP 100 YEARS OLD

(Scripps News Association)

Friendship N. Y., August 6.—The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of this village began here today and will continue through the week. An elaborate program has been arranged for the celebration and the festivities have attracted a large number of visitors from the surrounding districts. This village was founded in 1806 by Richard Friar who came here from Kingston and settled. Others soon followed. As the size of the settlement increased dissensions arose among the people and the strife was so hot that the place was called Fighting Corners. Later, however the differences were amicably settled and upon the suggestion of one of the pioneers the place was named Friendship and was incorporated under that name. That was in 1815. At one time the place was quite a center of the lumber industry in part of the country and had 25 sawmills in operation. The first school was opened in 1810 and religious services were started about the same time. The first child born in the village was Sherman Hawkins, 1808; the first death that of Hattie Friar in the same year, and the first marriage was that of James Sanford and Sally Harrison in 1809. The village continued 81 men to the Union army during the Civil War.

TWO DIE TO SAVE A FRIEND

Miss Ethel Galbreath a school teacher of Prairie City Oregon, and the Misses Hilda and Margaret Sawyer, were drowned in South Coos river near Alleghany Saturday. The young ladies were bathing when Miss Galbreath who could not swim got in deep water and cried for help. Several men were standing on the bank but none offered to help the young woman so Miss Hilda Sawyer went to the rescue, but could do nothing with the drowning girl. Then Miss Margaret Sawyer went to endeavor to lend them aid.

Miss Galbreath is from Eastern Oregon.—Pendleton Tribune.

Miss Elsie Leadsworth and Miss Mayme Potts left last evening for Seattle where they will visit friends the remainder of the summer.

Ladies white shoe dressing. Just received at the Fair, white shoe dressing for ladies canvas shoes.

ANOTHER STRIKE IS PROMISED

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Linemen employed by the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, which practically supplies power for this city, have notified the company that if it supplies the united railroads with one kilowatt of power more than named in the contract, they will strike in sympathy with the railroad linemen. The light company has promised to adhere strictly to the contracts.

PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS ROYALLY

(Scripps News Association)

Oyster Bay, Aug. 6.—The President today entertained the largest luncheon party of the season. Many leading society people came here from New York and other large cities.

PORTLAND MAZAMAS POISONED

(Scripps News Association)

Bellingham, Aug. 6.—Canned Mushrooms poisoned fifty of the party of Mazamas, of Portland and elsewhere, who were trying to reach the summit of Mt. Baker. One half of the party is incapacitated and unable to continue on the trip. The ascent will probably be a failure.

TWO SMALL BOYS KILL AN OLD MAN AT COTTAGE GROVE

(Scripps News Association)

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug. 6.—William Powell of San Francisco and seventy years of age was shot near here last night. Mr. Powell was a little way south of this city when he was attacked by two boys neither of whom are fifteen years of age. The boys, who are supposedly escapes from the Washington Reform school, tried to hold the old gentleman up for thirty cents. After a struggle the old man was

shot and died from the wounds this morning. The murderers are still at large, but it is thought that by getting the descriptions from the reform school authorities it will be possible to identify the boys should they be found. Mr. Powell was known to have had considerable money on his person and the boys hearing of this had no doubt planned on a big haul. No other clue to the perpetrators is yet in the hands of the police.

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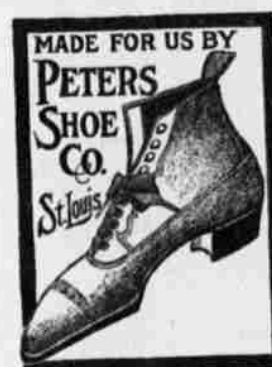
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