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**CORRECT MANNER OF ASSESSING**

This is the time of year for the assessor to call upon you. His call will be a trifle different this year, for he has orders to assess all property at full valuation—a thing that should have been done years ago. It is the only correct way to assess property, and the only fair way.

Under the old system striking inequality was in evidence in every community. City property and farm lands never were properly balanced on more or less of a sliding scale. In some instances assessors played favorites, but that has seldom occurred in recent years.

By the state tax board taking the bite in its teeth and demanding that the statute be observed to the letter there will be an entirely new complexion to the assessment rolls this year.

One place, however, the law appears to be very lame and that is the taxation of notes and mortgages. Years ago Oregon had a mortgage law which required all mortgages to be taxed. It will be remembered that it operated detrimental to the welfare of the country and caused capital to leave the state in large sums. A legislature, in attempting to repeal the law made a statute that repealed that section pertaining to mortgages but left in force the part of the law that provides for taxation of notes. Now, as a matter of common knowledge a note is the essence of a mortgage, so we are still working under the law that taxes notes.

The injustice of the measure is too apparent to need discussing. If a man buys a ranch and has an indebtedness upon it, he will pay tax upon his ranch the same as though it were clear of incumbrance. Then the man holding notes representing that indebtedness, according to the statute, is forced to pay a tax on the notes, causing nothing more than less than double taxation.

In many sections of the state this has been argued freely, but so far as known there has been no plan outlined to overcome the unfairness. It is a case of where another incompetent legislature did some tampering and not being able to frame a proper law left a load upon the general public. But, legislatures frequently do things like that. Not very long ago a special session of a legislature was necessary in Oregon to patch up some of its own laws so they would stand the test of a supreme court. And the supreme court was apparently a friendly one, at that.

**HEACOCKS**—The only place in Union County where you can get a new lens exactly like yours in less than three or four days. Office over Newlin's Drug Store.

**HILL TO COME TO OREGON.**

There should be nothing remarkable about James J. Hill coming to Oregon for a stay of several days or weeks were it not for the present railroad construction that is in progress. But with so much railroad bludding already the visit of this famous old empire builder is of decided importance.

There is no denying the fact that Oregon points that have known no railroad at all, and many points that have never known railroad competition will soon be connected by the Hill lines. This not only holds good in the Deschutes country, but in Eastern Oregon as well.

If Hill lives he will have a railroad through Eastern Oregon, and he is a healthy man with good chance for a long life. That the Grande Ronde valley is one of his objective points is proven by each day's development. When Hill visits Oregon he may not personally visit this part of the state, but he will have all the information about the route from Walla Walla to the Snake river at his command and in all probability there will be a great deal of importance attached to that visit, insofar as Eastern Oregon is concerned.

It is stated that Pinchot is loaded for Ballinger, and will await until he gets on United States soil before he begins to discharge his guns. Pinchot forgets that the American public is a restless body and wants a change of program.

This being true, it would seem that the Ballinger-Pinchot matter has had about the usual "fifty weeks successful run" and the audience is clamoring for a change. Pinchot also forgets that Teddy will soon be home and then his controversy with Ballinger will be about as important as a game of marbles compared with a circus. Teddy will demand the center of the stage when he reaches home and even his friend, Pinchot will have to step aside.

Denver, Colo.

The Newlin Book & Stationery Co. has donated free of charge a new Star piano which will be used during the production of "The Mikado" next Saturday night by home talent. This production was given with great success two weeks ago, and will be repeated by popular request.

The two "bugs" are now in training. Jeffries has scolded down to be same and given the newspapers a run, and "Moose" Johnson is just waiting to see. The latter has had an eventful career since his recent victory, but lacking the balance wheel he has probably gone too strong. He has to say the least made everyone tired of him and the sentiment for Jeffries' success, where there is sentiment, is largely based on the hope that the black giant may be cleared from the deck thus protecting the reading public from his unpleasant personality.

**MR. SCOTT HERE TO STAY.**

The Observer announces with considerable pleasure the arrival of G. R. Scott, whose newspaper training was obtained on the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, and other Colorado and middle states newspapers. Mr. Scott will have charge of the advertising and circulation and will call on the business firms regularly. His long career in the business justifies us to say that he is in every way worthy of the honor of being called a citizen of La Grande, and like the editor of the Observer, he will expect to earn the friendship of the people of this community.

Gradually we are getting organized for business and Mr. Scott's arrival will hasten matters so that it will not be many days before the Observer will take its place alongside the high grade country papers of the state.

**TEAM OFF ON TRIP.**

Baseball Enthusiasts Left The Morning For Enterprise.

With City Superintendent Stout, school Faculty guide and tutor, a high school baseball team departed today for Wallowa county on a trip including two games. Joseph and to be backing out of the combination and the locals will probably play two games at Enterprise, tonight and one tomorrow. There will likely be some arrangement with the team reaches Enterprise as the games to be played, but two will be the most. The players to take the trip are: Pidecock, c; Childers, p; Irwin, ss; F. Ralston (Mgr.), 1b; Blystone, 2b; Oliver, 3b; Bohnenkamp, cf; Grady, lf; R. Ralston, p; Meyers and Garrity, extra pitchers.

**La Grande Looks Good to Him.**

M. Oliver, a resident of Twin Falls, spent last night in La Grande. He was the guest of his friend, George Lamreau. Mr. Oliver has lived in Idaho a long time and witnessed the transformation of sage brush into the growing fields. He had an abiding faith in that country, but he also says the Grande Ronde valley has merit that even the Twin Falls country does not possess. Raising crops without irrigation here appealed to Mr. Oliver for there are such a few places that can be done in a mountain country.

**WILLCOCK BROTHERS**

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If your teeth need attention or if your mouth is not in a normal condition it will be to your interest to come more ways than one to see Dr. Stevenson. They say that Dr. Stevenson reduced the price of extracting in La Grande from \$1.00, which it has always cost you, to fifty cents. He gets a fair fee for his other work but it is less than you formerly have paid. The busy office can afford to give its patrons the benefit.

**STEVENSON'S DENTAL OFFICE**

**Notice to Contractors.**  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of 45, 420 Cu. Yds. of macadam pavement to be constructed according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office. Bids will be received until 4 o'clock, p. m., May 4th, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
D. E. COX,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande.

**Merchants! Save \$10,000**

In 1907 the Merchants of Oregon saved over \$10,000 by carrying a part of their insurance in their own company, the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of Dayton, Oregon. In 1908 they will save \$15,000. During the same period their neighbors were handing over \$1,500,000 in profits.

In the Oregon Merchants Mutual you get: INSURANCE AT COST A LIMIT TO YOUR LIABILITIES PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF LOSSES

W. OLIVER, Agent

**ONE PRECINCT HUMORIST IS FINISHED DEAD**

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**IF FIRST WARDENS HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED, PRONE**

Insulation in Some Quarters to Disregard the Questioners.

Enumerator W. A. Worstell is the first to practically complete his precinct, and by tonight there will hardly be an uncounted soul in the first ward. While he believes he has counted them all, there may be a person or two who has been overlooked, if such there be, it is imperative that such a person notify Mr. Worstell by phone at once.

**Meeting With Obstacles.**

Some of the enumerators are meeting with obstacles. Yesterday several were encountered who refused to fill in the commercial directory, believing that perhaps there might be some connection with the list which might not be legally correct or morally right.

There is no compulsory measure to make the inhabitants of La Grande or any other place in the United States answer the questions on the slips sent out by the commercial club. These are merely gotten-out to aid the enumerators where the individuals are at work all day and do not return at night. These slips may be signed and handed to the enumerator and in that way eliminate the necessity of the enumerator calling on the person in question. It is not compulsory but it is a great aid to the government, not the commercial club. Uncle Sam wants every person in the country to be covered, and if La Grande happens to hold you, you must be counted as a citizen of La Grande.

**Don't be Anxious.**  
Yesterday, too, several men who affirmed they would not give the enumerator. The wise need a word of warning. In Portland today there are several in the jail because they would not answer these questions. It is dangerous to meddle with the rules and regulations laid down by the federal government and therefore if any in La Grande hope to dodge the questions by obstinacy, they had best reconsider their stand. On the main, the count is progressing very satisfactorily.

**Notice of Sale.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will of Angus Shaw, will on Saturday the 23d day of April, A. D. 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Angus Shaw farm at Summerville, Oregon, sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following personal property, to-wit: 1 mower, 1 buggy, 1 hack, 1 surrey, 1 single harness, 1 range, 1 heating stove, 1 dog, 1 chair, 1 organ, 2 bed stands, 1 stand table, 1 leaf table, 1 folding bed, also numerous other articles in the way of house furniture, carriages and farm tools and one cow. Also sulky plow.

ANGUS SHAW, Jr., Executor.

4-12-23.

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WE HAVE THEM IN NOW

We **BANANAS AND**  
Now **SWEET ORANGES**  
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