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PUBLISHING THE TAX LIST.

In the Observer of this issue will be found the delinquent tax list of Union county, which is the first time it has been printed for several years. When the tax laws were revised by William J. Lachner and other members of the special commission it was decided to do away with publication of the delinquent list. After several year trial the demand was so great for its reinstatement that the legislature last session resurrected it and now the man who has neglected to pay his taxes will be warned by the publication of his name, description of his property and the amount of tax charged against it.

That it is a good thing to give this matter publicity is agreed upon by most county officials, for the contention seems to be well founded that most everyone would pay their tax if they did not neglect it.

Few cases are of record where one is positively not financially able to pay his taxes, and few are on record where one will willfully refuse to pay, choosing to go through the long process of letting the county force collection.

There will be many instances where a party is not aware that he is in arrears and in such cases publication of the fact will at once cause him to pay the amounts due.

PREPARE FOR SCHOOL.

Summer vacation is fast going and it will be but a short time until the La Grande schools will open for another year's work. In view of this fact early preparation should be made by both parents and pupils. See that the boy, even if he is large, has a chance to go to school this winter, then in after years he cannot blame his parents for keeping him away from learning. Encourage him, though he may be several grades behind in his work. The schools here are for all pupils and not for the few brightest ones. It is their pleasure as well as their duty to instruct those needing instruction, regardless of age or size. Keep the girl in school, also. Do away, if possible, with that year-

ing desire nearly all children acquire at a certain age to leave school and start life's work, for the school days are the days of value. Foundations are the important elements of all structures and no less so with the structure of citizenship. Lay well the educational principles and the mind will take care of the body. Do not agree with the youngster that he can make a few dollars which would better serve him than this year's schooling, for such is not the truth. On the other hand use a little more economy and see that all the children are in school.

PORTLAND SAID TO BE CENTER OF EXTENSIVE TRADE.

(Portland Telegram.)

Through the corruption in the police department, officers are aiding and abetting a gigantic white slave traffic in Portland. The parasites are not paying for protection for the women they live with so much as to obtain the opportunity to comb Portland for young girls, to be sold into slavery.

These parasites who recruit the ranks of the white slave army are the worst of the undesirable citizens in motion picture theaters, the parks and plazas and wherever they are likely to find young girls. They tempt the girls with automobile rides and take them to the noodle joints. The big money in the white slave trade is in securing girls and selling them. Of every dollar thus secured by a white slaver, a percentage goes to the corrupt members of the police department.

That the general shapeup in the police circles is coming and a general cleaning up in town is contemplated was indicated yesterday by the attention given the gambling houses in Chinatown and today when Acting Chief Slover warned the patrolmen that if they expect civil service rules to protect them from being dismissed from the department, they must be more diligent and vigilant, as civil service is now in the balance.

In Portland there are approximately 300 parasites, men who live off the earnings of women, and the majority, if not all of these men are constantly scouring the city seeking new material for the white slave trade. It is only through the efforts of these "cadets," as the agents for the white slavers are known, that the supply of girls is maintained. By tolerating the presence of the parasites in Portland the police authorities are assisting in the ruination of girls and increasing the number of white slaves.

Anyone who knocks around Portland knows that the conditions exist and that the white slavers are spreading their nets. That is, everyone knows these things except apparently the police. This has been going on for two years without any serious effort to drive the undesirables from the city or send them to the rockpile, which latter is the worst possible punishment for them, as the men are absolutely averse to work.

Agents for the slavers can be spotted in the crowds at the matinees, at the picture houses and in all the public places where young people go for amusement or an airing. Provided with expense money for automobiles and "a good time," the agents have little trouble in becoming acquainted with susceptible young women, and even girls who have not left the schools. An invitation for an automobile ride,

a visit to a roadhouse and a trip to a noodle joint is generally all that is needed for the securing of a "new girl." Then the girl is disposed of to a dealer, when generally ships the new victim out of town to some customer. The prices for girls is high, and an energetic parasite can make large sums.

As long as these fellows are permitted to remain in Portland by the payment of a tribute to venial police officers, the business of gathering recruits for the white slave traffic goes merrily on. This is a phase of corruption and incompetency in the police department which has been overlooked in the general agitation of officers receiving petty graft from gamblers, women and parasites. The root of the evil is the snaring of girls for slavery purposes, which can only be checked by the police rounding up the offenders which has not been done.

Union is confronted with a money shortage for completion of its new school house. There should be no mistake made about completing the building in a proper manner and the saving of a few dollars is a very small matter compared with the benefit which will be permanent. It should be borne in mind that the school house now being erected will stand for several generations unless some accident occurs.

The first cutting of Alfalfa in Wallowa this year equals two crops of an ordinary season. Perhaps this explains why Wallowa county sends some of the best hogs that come to the Portland market.—Portland Oregonian.

Let old man Astor marry an 18-year-old girl if he wants to. No one will suffer but himself, and nature may be kind to him after all. Whose business is it if the rich old chap wants to squander some wealth on a young girl?

Such tragedies as the Mansfield tragedy in Baker last evening seem to occur occasionally even in small communities. They are to be regretted by society but so long as human beings live and breathe there will be rash acts—and jealousies.

This interior country could use some of the Alaska coal very nicely this year. For prices from Alaska by water probably would not be as high as from Wyoming by rail.

Col. Lafferty should devote his spare time to that enlarged homestead bill he promised his constituents before election, and be so handy with his pen.

If the La Grande story of a man getting shot is imaginary it is much better than to have a termination like the Baker tragedy of yesterday.

Hermiston has reached the point of size where it is issuing bonds. Now the troubles begin.

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of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 2nd day of March, 1910, creating improvement district No. 14, and designating Fir street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 28th day of June, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fir street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by constructing cement walks on each side of street, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:  
All that portion of Fir street, from the north line of O. W. R. & N. Co., to the south side of Monroe avenue.  
(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:  
O. W. R. N. & R. Co. and lot 1, block 121; lots 1 and 34, block 124, and lots 9 and 16, block 125, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.  
Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$1,010.00. That the council will, on the 16th day of August 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.  
La Grande, Oregon, August 4th, 1911.  
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.  
By C. M. HUMPHREYS,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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