

TAX LEAGUE IS MISUNDERSTOOD

SO ASSERTS E. S. NORRIS IN A COMMUNICATION.

What League Proposes Is Set Down by President Norris.

La Grande, March 11.—(To the Editor)—The object of the Taxpayers' league is to a great extent misunderstood from the fact (we believe) that the average man does not understand it or what it stands for. They only see it from a local standpoint and often someone gives it a black eye for personal reasons. For illustration, I have been told by the fruit men that the Taxpayers' league was responsible for the high rating of the fruit and when I told him no, he said, "Well the assessor said so and that is all I know about it."

But that is not what I started to say. The Taxpayers' league in this county is only a link in a chain that will make its strength felt in the state. This is not the first county in the state to organize nor will it be the last. The fellow that thinks this is only a pet scheme of some local man or men got up for the purpose of harrasing some local official or officials, have another guess coming. If our county is

run in an extravagant way, the state is more extravagant, if there is need of reform in our local affairs, there is more need in our state officers and who is more competent or better educated to look after it than the taxpayer. He is the man that hires men to look after the business in the county and the state, and he is the man that should have direct charge of them, and if when he is hired he does not prove to be able to deliver the goods, turn him off and hire another in his place.

What business man is there who would hire a man and put him at the head of a department in his store or on his ranch and leave him there for two or four years if he proved by his work he was inefficient? In official positions we hire a man at a good salary to take charge of a certain office, and then hire other better men to do the work and let the man we hired to take charge of the office, put in his time (or at least a large portion of it) fixing fences and building up a political machine that will perpetuate himself in that office, instead of taking care of the office so well that the people will let him retain it as a reward for merit.

I am not an extremist (that won't clean the slate) for I know that a man can, if he will, do more work in the same length of time at a saving to the taxpayers the second term over what he did the first term, unless of course, he forms sluggish habits and does not give the office the benefit of his experience.

I believe we should have some of

our changed, so it would be possible to reach the present results at a greatly reduced expense, but in order to get such laws, it will be necessary to get together on the proper changes to be made, to attain the desired results.

In conclusion, I want to say the taxpayer means you, and if you are not there at the big meeting next Tuesday, March 12, to be held at La Grande for the consideration of important matters as well as the election of officers in the league, and if things do not go to suit you don't blame the other fellow, for it is up to you.

E. S. NORRIS.

SYNOPSIS of the annual statement of the American Central Life Insurance Company, of Indianapolis, in the state of Indiana, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Amount of capital paid up.....	\$ 137,000.00
Income.	
Premiums received during the year.....	\$ 897,238.95
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	185,674.54
Income from other sources received during the year.....	513.41
Total income.....	\$1,083,426.90
Disbursements.	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values.....	299,019.08
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year.....	3,275.90
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	10,960.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	266,058.06
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.....	18,843.24
Amount of all other expenditures.....	154,263.41
Total expenditures.....	\$ 752,417.69
Assets.	
Market value of real estate owned.....	\$ 522,120.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	1,543,109.47
Premium notes and policy loans.....	937,029.47
Cash in banks and on hand.....	102,723.16
Premiums.....	75,999.80
Other assets (net).....	20,737.44
Net uncollected and deferred.....	
Total assets.....	\$3,204,719.34
Total assets admitted to Oregon.....	\$3,204,719.34
Liabilities.	
Net reserve.....	\$2,726,453.54
Total policy claims.....	13,015.48
All other liabilities.....	38,922.42
Total liabilities.....	\$2,777,491.44
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911.....	\$29,192,892.30
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year.....	\$ 132,000.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	4,884.94
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1911.....	\$ 161,026.75

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JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer.

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