

THE OBSERVER

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THE SOLID COURT REMAINS.

With all the fuzzy-wuzzy clamor for public attention and preference now being indulged in by men running for public office; with all of the promises made, the outlandish and unreasonable spectacular events staged, Oregon is refreshed every now and then by a decision of her supreme court that seems to whisper, "the state is yet safe so long as the supreme bench remains intact and justices do not get their ears to the grass roots."

This thought is forced upon us with considerable moment by the decision of our supreme court in the case of State Treasurer Kay refusing to issue salary warrant to Claude C. McColloch who was taken to Salem by the governor on a promise of a lucrative position as attorney for a couple of commissions. Kay said Oregon was hiring an attorney general to furnish legal advice for these commissions. Yet the governor insisted that McColloch be given a good political job with the state to pay the bill.

Now, if there is a man in Oregon we would like to see have a good position that man is Claude McColloch, for we like him and believe there is a bright future for him—unless he becomes inoculated with the political germ that has ruined so many bright young attorneys.

Kay stood firmly by his guns and carried the case to the supreme court, and that tribunal, unbiased and unmoved by a sky rocket demonstration of gubernatorial popularity, recited its opinion as it found the law. As a result the attorney general will attend to the legal advice of the state

and the taxpayers will be spared paying \$3000 a year to another attorney in the state house. Other states, in their days of political freakishness, have found a great comfort and needful friend in a solid and substantial, cool-headed supreme court. Sometimes a court may guess and founder, for justices are but human, yet in the main they are right.

When Colorado was run amuck by Governor Bloody Bridles Waite it was the supreme court that saved the state from destruction. When Kansas was suffering from populism of the most acute sort and laws were being passed that threatened to make the golden rule a dead letter it was the supreme court who sat tight and saved life and property.

And now in Oregon when pyrotechnic displays are shooting from the windows of the state house it seems that a sane supreme court is to have a few words to say on some of these acts.

TAX PAYMENTS TAKEN SOON

NEW REGULATIONS GOVERN IN OREGON.

Penalty Required and Interest Charged After Certain Dates.

By February first or thereabouts, County Treasurers John Frawley will be ready to collect taxes. This will be the first year under the new law.

There are a number of changes in the regulations for taxpaying this year. For instance, there will be no more rebates for prompt payment. The property owner still has the option of paying half of his taxes by April 7 and the other half before Sept. 1, but after April 1, he will be charged one per cent interest each month.

The following is a resume of the new tax law provisions. (Sec. 3682, Chapter 184, 1913 Session Laws.)

The county treasurer is made collector of all except delinquent taxes; the sheriff collecting delinquent taxes the same as before.

No rebates will be paid on any taxes. (Three per cent was formerly allowed if paid before March 15.)

All taxes are due and payable before April 1. They are not delinquent until September 1, but a penalty of one per cent per month is charged on the remaining half if not paid before September 1.

NO MONEY WANTED

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can't we go out and get a few our way? Costless Advertising Boomed. "The Oregon Development league is right now organizing a campaign

Every Man in La Grande Should Profit by This Annual Saving Offered in High Grade Clothing

The best styles from four of America's best makes of high quality Men's Clothing, namely,

- Benjamin Society Brand "New York Styles" "For young men and men who want to stay young" Hirsch Wickwire Fidelity

"Highest grade Ready-to-Wear" "The famous all wool \$15.00 Suit"



Study This List of Prices---Then Come and Make Your Selection

Table with 4 columns of price reductions: \$15.00 Suits all reduced to \$11.25, \$17.50 Suits all reduced to \$13.15, \$20.00 " " " " \$15.00, \$22.50 " " " " \$16.90, \$25.00 " " " " \$18.75, \$27.50 " " " " \$20.60, \$30.00 " " " " \$22.50, \$35.00 " " " " \$26.25

Take your Choice of a large line \$5.00 Men's and Boys' Overcoats \$5.00 Values up to \$15.00

Every Article in the Store at Deep Reductions

- Dress Shirts all reduced - 20% Work Shirts all reduced - 20% Sweaters all reduced - 25% Trunks and Bags all reduced - 20% Mackinaws all reduced - 25% Heavy Clothing all reduced - 25%

Reductions Like These in Every Department at West's 16th Annual Clearance Sale

La Grande National Bank

Organized in 1887. DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$140,000.00 Total Resources \$1,000,000.00

For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business.

La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon

of advertising that is costing little or nothing. This afternoon I spoke to the high school students here and told them that what La Grande needs is some simple publicity along truthful lines; and more especially, for La Grande and Oregon people themselves to become familiar with what God has given us in this state. In the past we have sent out carloads of expensive advertising matter; it fulfilled its purpose. Now we have personal work, letter writing, a more congenial atmosphere between the newcomers and the 'old timers' in Oregon—a condition woefully shortcoming at present. Tell the Observer readers, that thousands after thousands are coming to the coast during 1915 and that they are not coming again—not for two decades, at least. Are we going to get some of them to La Grande? I will point the way—tonight how this may be brought about without any outlay of moneys. We need men to come west with the idea of locating on land, and along that theory we have taken steps to establish an exhibit hall at Ashland where the tourists will get to thinking about agriculture rather than how far Portland is away, because of agricultural exhibits that will be seen at Ashland. La Grande could do the same thing with splendid results, for trains are delayed considerably both at Ashland and La Grande.

"I do hope that a big attendance will be out tonight, for I find Eastern Oregon has a disposition to be negligent as many other sections of the Northwest are negligent, and the possibilities are so tremendous. What small communities can do to get people coming west anyway, to stop off in the interior at La Grande, and stop there permanently, is marvelous. A big meeting tonight I am sure will do much to bring about these results and without the expenditure of any money—just a little personal enthusiasm and patriotism to himself and community."

Whittemore's Shoe Polishes



"GILT EDGE," the only ladies' shoe dressing that positively contains Oil, Black and Polish... "DANDY RUSSET" combination for cleaning and polishing... "BULLY SHINE" a waterproof paste polish for all kinds of black shoes.

Berry Bros. Grocery

FOR SCHILLINGS COFFEE The Steel Cut Coffee with the money back guarantee, 40c in pound cans and \$1.00 in 2 1/2 pound cans.

Also Schillings Extracts and Spices, the goods which have the quality.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

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