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SIDELIGHT ON EQUALIZATION.

A sidelight is thrown on assessment and equalization as practiced by County Judge Dunn and other officials at the courthouse in an inspired article in the Jacksonville Post, attacking J. W. Perkins. Just why Mr. Perkins should be singled out as a horrible example of "equalization" as she is practiced is hard to say.

The board of equalization, according to the Post, equalized by "multiplying Mr. Perkins' sworn statement by 10 and dividing this total by six, thus raising his assessed valuation to one-third the actual value."

Does equalization as defined by law consist in multiplying sworn statements of valuation by 10 and dividing the total by six and leaving one-third the actual value as the answer? Yet this was the proceeding followed in this, and presumably all cases in the county.

This paper has no interest in this particular assessment or knowledge of it, but if a property owner was assessed too little, why did not the board assess him correctly? Is the owner or the board at fault? Why blame the taxpayer when he is helping to pay the salaries of a board of equalization to act in just such cases?

Mr. Perkins owns one of the prize orchards of the county, and listed his property at the value per acre given him by the assessor for bearing and young groves. Mr. Hunt Lewis, who owns another famous orchard of several hundred acres, was left off the assessment rolls altogether, and had to swear to his ownership of property to get on at all.

But that is the way business is done at the Jackson county courthouses.

EVERY KNOCK A BOOST.

The Jacksonville Post, which Miles Overholt, its former editor, said was "a good thing to tie to, but good for nothing else," and which is principally owned by the "groove-eyed" ring now in control of the courthouse, is striving to create animosity against Medford among the farmers.

Commenting on the action brought to compel County Judge Dunn to carry out the provisions of the state law, which he has not done, and establish boundary lines for voting precincts in Medford corresponding to the wards of the city, the Post absurdly insinuates that the action is taken because the people of Medford "feel too good to associate with the farmer."

Harmony ought to prevail between all sections of this county. What benefits one place benefits all. As one place grows, all grow. This is the spirit that actuates Medford, for her prosperity hinges upon the prosperity of the other towns. Knocking and hickering and capricious backbiting never made a city, and the Post cannot boom Jacksonville by hammering Medford at the dictation of the public pap brigade that refuse the public a glance at the county records.

A RED FUNERAL.

A dispatch from Paris tells of the use of red roses at the funeral of a Russian revolutionist as follows:

"An extraordinary funeral took place here recently, when the body of a famous Russian revolutionist, Grigori Gurechouli, who was concerned in the assassination of M. de Plehve, was laid in its last resting place at Mountparnasse cemetery. First came a funeral car draped in red cloth, upon which were laid hundreds of wreaths surrounded with green palms. These wreaths bore inscriptions in every European language. Next followed the hearse. The coffin was hidden under a mass of green moss, in which had been inserted hundreds of red carnations, mingled with red roses, while borne after the hearse was a red Russian revolutionary flag.

"Behind the mourners walked scores of delegations from all the revolutionary cities in Europe, carrying floral tributes. One of these tributes attracted particular attention. 'To the revolutionist from his old comrade "comrades." Twenty thousand people marched in the procession."

In this instance red was particularly appropriate as a funeral decoration, but there is no reason, except conventionalities why red should not be a funeral decoration at any funeral.

Doleful black, shapeless white and lifeless lavender are well calculated to intensify the gloom of the occasion, further depress the mourners and render life, for the bereaved still more and anarchy. The conventional funeral is a survival of mediocrity and should long ago have given way to something more sensible.

To the true Christian death has no sting, and it surely has none for the agnostic. Why then, vainly strive to express visibly the grief of a lacerated heart for the loss of its beloved?

A CHANCE FOR WATER.

Everyone in the valley who can use water to advantage should sign the preliminary agreement for the same, to insure the construction and completion of immense irrigation works.

Kahn Brothers, bankers of Pittsburg, owners of over 40 irrigation plants and water systems in the United States, have agreed to invest several millions in such enterprises here, provided sufficient acreage is signed up to insure them that water is needed or wanted.

The Fish Lake ditch will form the nucleus of the system, but it will only form a small part of the whole.

Here is a chance for everyone to secure a water supply at a nominal cost and a chance to interest some of the biggest financiers in the country in the Rogue River valley.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. Warren Bodge of Roseburg is making her sister, Mrs. W. H. Barzun, a visit.

Miss Grace Henry of Ashland has taken a position as stenographer in the law office of Reames & Reames.

Mrs. G. W. Howland spent a few days with friends living here the first of the week and was accompanied home to Grants Pass by Mrs. A. E. Reames.

B. P. Mulkey returned from Grants Pass Friday.

A number of Elks will go up to Ashland tonight to see Chris Kenney, Ray Sexton and Pat Donagan, Jr., ride the goat.

The following teachers have been selected to teach the Jacksonville school the ensuing year: Principal, A. E. Moore, Grades: Clara Elmer, Josephine Donagan, Lilla Prim and Mary Peter. It is rumored that Miss Elmer will probably be vice-principal.

George Putnam of the Medford Tribune, J. L. Hammersey of Gold Hill and Jesse Bayart were Jacksonville callers Friday afternoon.

Alfred Elmer, who has been out in the timber for a number of months, is home again.

Circus Here Tomorrow.

The Greater Norris & Rowe circuses, museum, menagerie, hippodrome and congress of nations played to 270,873 paid admissions during its phenomenal run of one month in San Francisco this spring. This record has never been equaled by a tented exhibition in the history of the west, notwithstanding the fact that this season has been designated as an off year. The reason for this is apparent. Norris & Rowe have always given a good, clean, moral and refined entertainment, but this season's offering has been the greatest in their history. They have enlarged their menagerie until it is now considered to be the best selected and one of the largest ever seen with a tented exhibition. The performers that take part in the exhibition are all stars of the national reputation whose daring feats and exploits hold their audiences spellbound, enthralled, bewildered and dazzled.

This season will find Norris & Rowe well up among the other big circuses of the country—Barum & Bailey and the Ringling Brothers. No act that they are presenting has been seen in the west before; their show has been more than doubled in size and there are over 200 circus champions in the long program that they are presenting. Every artist with the circus is a "headliner." Norris & Rowe's average daily expenses this season will be \$4500. The new street parade which they will present will compare favorably with anything that has ever been seen in this line before. The big show will exhibit here tomorrow afternoon and evening, and as there will be no other big circuses in the west this year, they should play to record-breaking business. A street parade is scheduled for 10:20 a. m.

Miller Manry and W. M. Hall, who live near Medford, did business in town one day during the past week.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular monthly meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, May 5, 1908, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, at Lot 7, Block 21, in Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months.

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Dr. W. P. Holt of Eagle Point was among the many in Medford Friday.

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Wise Talks By the Office Boy



Pa says a rose by any other name would be just as expensive back east this time of year. I sometimes think the pine for the pine woods in old Penobscot, Frappe County, Maine, where he was raised—but that's one thing you're truly never years for. The good mountains and the good old sweet and nice old Oregon atmosphere are good enough for me. But it's all in how you were raised. Pa likes clam chowder and corn on the cob, and harvest apples and a lot of things that a kid who was born this side of the snow sheds hasn't had much chance to get acquainted with. Those who have lived on both sides of this great country and lived long enough to know what's what can get all those things just as nice one place as another, if you know where to buy. We've got clam chowder from Boston that is just as nice as any you ever ate on the sand, and lots of other things that have that "Down East" taste.

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