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A WORD ON EQUALIZATION.

In numerous speeches throughout the county Judge Dunn and Clerk Coleman are defending their horizontal raise of 66.23 per cent on assessed valuations made by them while acting as a board of equalization with the assessor. They endeavor to place the blame of the inequitable assessment upon Assessor Appligante, to make him the scape goat of the scandal that has grown out of the present system of doing business at the courthouses, because he is not a candidate for re-election.

Both Messrs. Dunn and Coleman are apparently proud of their flat raise of all property, regardless of whether it has actually increased in value and is worth the amount they now place upon it or not, and both assert that they stand upon their record and would do the same thing again.

The members of the board of equalization before sitting took an oath to "faithfully and honestly examine, correct and equalize" all property returned by the assessor. If the assessor had a man listed at \$100 for cash in the book instead of examining and finding out the facts the board merely applied the horizontal raise and assessed him for \$166.66 regardless of the justice of the assessment. Was this "faithfully and honestly and correctly" equalizing at full cash value? Yet Judge Dunn claims that it was.

The fact of the matter is that no effort was made by the board of equalization to either examine, correct or equalize the assessment roll. They took the roll as returned by the assessor, full of errors and omissions, and merely slapped a two-thirds increase and called it "equalization."

Judge Dunn claims that taxes are no higher than last year, while every one who pays taxes knows differently. The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, and the proof of higher taxes is your tax receipt. Yet Judge Dunn says that they did not raise the amount of taxes to be paid by each individual one cent.

Yet all assessments were not raised 66.23 per cent over the assessor's valuation. Some of the large corporations had their valuations materially reduced from that of the year before by the board before the horizontal raise was put into effect. The Condor Water & Power company were assessed \$128,630 in 1906. In 1907 the board of equalization reduced this valuation to \$109,544. The 66.23 per cent was then put on, making the property as equalized \$182,573, or a net increase over the previous year of \$53,943, or 42 per cent, as against 66.23 per cent for other people. In other words, over 20 per cent was knocked off the assessed valuation before the horizontal raise was slapped on.

Take another corporation, the largest in the county, the Southern Pacific railroad. In 1906 the company paid taxes on an assessed valuation of \$3,341,451. In 1907 the board of equalization reduced this gross valuation to \$3,181,967, a reduction of \$159,484. Then the property was "equalized" and the 66.23 per cent slapped on. Did any farmer or small property owner secure a reduction in assessed valuation before the horizontal raise proportional to that of these corporations?

The county court asserts that taxes have not increased, yet even with these material reductions, the taxes of the Condor Water and Power company increased from \$1520 in 1906 to \$1864.04 in 1907, a net increase of 18 per cent. The Southern Pacific total tax has increased under Judge Dunn from \$30,523 in 1904, \$33,297 in 1905, \$44,104 in 1906 to \$49,890 in 1907. This shows the ratio of increase of taxes under Judge Dunn's administration.

not, why is it not advocating the election of candidates who stand for Statement No. 1? Has the Mail deserted principle for partisanship and self?

Sheriff D. H. Jackson makes no reply to the charges published regarding the stringing up of a prisoner by the wrists so that he had to be cut down by outsiders. The story is true, and no denial is possible. As a man who permits such torture of unfortunates placed in his charge a fit man for sheriff of Jackson county?

HENEY GIVES LIE TO PORTLAND TELEGRAM

"My attention has just been called to a statement in the Evening Telegram of May 26 to the effect that if I had not been a democrat and had been trying to make trouble for the members of the state land board I would have had far better evidence on which to proceed against them and Governor Chamberlain than was the case with many who were convicted of infraction of the federal statutes."

"The Evening Telegram hides behind the suggestion that the foregoing is asserted by those familiar with the records. It does not have the courage either morally or immorally to make the statement upon its own authority. I desire to brand that statement as a willful, malicious, deliberate falsehood, which is made out of whole cloth. My relations with Governor Chamberlain were always friendly, but never intimate, and in the prosecutions of crime I have never stopped to inquire whether the criminal was a democrat or a republican, a Catholic, Jew or Protestant, an American or a foreigner, a friend or foe. Any assertion to the contrary is inspired by criminals, who have suffered from this very fact, and I challenge the Evening Telegram to give the name of a single reputable person who has made the assertion, which it published, and I challenge such person to produce a single fact which will sustain any such assertion."

"In conclusion I desire to state that I have no interest in the election of Chamberlain as United States senator, and, on the contrary, would be pleased to see him refrain from being a candidate at this time, because I fear it is putting Statement No. 1 to too severe a test before the people have become accustomed to its use. I am a firm believer in Statement No. 1 and want to see its use perpetuated in Oregon. I believe the people can be trusted to elect their own senators better than members of the legislature can be trusted to do so for them, just as the people can be trusted to elect their own president better than the delegates to the electoral college can be trusted to do so for them."

FOUR MILLIONAIRES BUY FRUIT LANDS

"Four millionaires have recently bought fruit lands near Merlin," said Charles E. Short, a former Portland printer and now of Merlin, Josephine county, in the Portland Journal.

"While there is an apparent stampede to grapes, other fruits for which Rogue River valley is famous are not being neglected, and a few years will see on vast stretch of orchards and vineyards from Merlin to Medford. And one thing is particularly noticeable, nothing but the very best of marketable fruits are being set out in the new orchards."

Speaking of the district, Mr. Short said: "Real estate in the vicinity of Merlin is changing hands this spring much more rapidly than ever before, four millionaires having recently made investments in fruit lands near town, and many of the smaller tracts have been sold. While the price of land is still low, ranging from \$10 to \$20 per acre for unimproved tracts, it is rapidly advancing, and I believe another year will see all the good fruit land in the Rogue River valley placed out of the reach of the man of limited means, except in very small tracts."

A STATEMENT BY D. H. MILLER

Certain persons in Jackson county, who are opposed to my election as representative, are circulating a report that I did not sign Statement No. 1, at the time I filed my declaration as a candidate for nomination.

In reply I wish to say that I am heartily in favor of Statement No. 1 and have always been, as I believe that the majority of the people should have the right to say who should be elected United States senator. At the time I filed my declaration for nomination I wrote out a statement to the fact that I was in favor of Statement No. 1 and sent it to the county clerk with my declaration, thinking that it could be made a part of the declaration and wishing it to be made a part of it, but it seems that this was not done, and I do not feel that this is my fault.

I want to say right now that I was then and am now a Statement No. 1 man, and I pledge myself that if elected representative I will cast my vote for the man receiving the majority of the vote of the people of Oregon for United States senator, irrespective of party, which the two republican candidates for representative, J. L. Hammarley and H. D. Kubli, have declared they will not do.

Democratic Ticket

PLEGGED TO STATEMENT NO. 1.

Election June 1, 1908. For U. S. Senator—Geo. E. Chamberlain. For Congressman—J. J. Whitney. For Supreme Judge—H. S. Bean. For Joint Representative—Jackson and Douglas Counties—F. E. Cavender. For Representatives—M. Purdin, D. H. Miller. For County judge—J. R. Neil. For County Commissioner—M. Marshall. For County Sheriff—Wilbur A. Jones. For County Clerk—A. S. Barnes. For County Recorder—J. C. Master. For County Treasurer—M. M. Taylor. For County Assessor—R. B. Dow. For County Surveyor—E. B. Sawyer. For County Coroner—Dr. A. C. Stanley.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Election June 1, 1908. For United States Senator—H. M. Calk. For Representative in Congress—Will C. Hawley. For Road and Dairy Commissioner—J. W. Bailey. For Supreme Judge—Robert S. Bean. For Railroad Commissioner—T. K. Campbell. For Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson and Josephine Counties—R. F. Mulkey. For Joint Representative, Jackson and Douglas Counties—J. A. Buchanan. For Representatives—J. I. Hammarley, H. D. Kubli. For County Judge—G. W. Dunn. For County Commissioner—James Owen. For County Sheriff—D. H. Jackson. For County Clerk—W. R. Coleman. For County Recorder—R. T. Barnett. For County Assessor—W. T. Grieve. For County Treasurer—J. M. Crane Miller. For County School Superintendent—J. Percy Wells. For County Coroner—A. E. Kellogg. For County Surveyor—F. A. Grise.

NON-STOP RUN OF A REO TOURING CAR AT LOS ANGELES.

4992 Miles Without a Stop. Los Angeles, Cal., April 11, 1908. Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. Two-seater Reo finished 3919 miles in attempt to break world's non-stop record at 6 this morning, and has averaged 403 miles per day for seven days. This establishes world's two-seater record and breaks all coast records. LEON T. SHETTLER.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 14, 1908. Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. Reo non-stop passed 4300 miles mark at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Car running better every day. Should have 5000 miles Thursday noon. LEON T. SHETTLER.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 15, 1908. Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. Reo non-stop car 4533 miles at 6 o'clock this morning, or 268 hours; average over 17 miles per hour and over 17 miles per gallon of gasoline. Car running beautifully. Should break Premier record about 5 o'clock tomorrow morning and reach 5000 mile record 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. LEON T. SHETTLER.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 16, 1908. Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich. Reo holds world non-stop motor record. We pulled plug on car at 8:35 this morning, 4992 miles. Letter follows. LEON T. SHETTLER.

Buy Tickets by Wire. "Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally, and which is perhaps not generally known, is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time."

NOTICE

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the city council of Medford, Or., at its next meeting, to be held June 2, 1908 for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon for a period of six months, at our place of business, lots 10, 15, 14, block 21, Medford, Or.

YOUNG & HALL, Dated, May 22, 1908.

An Unequaled Investment.

\$1000 invested now will secure three whole improved business lots, five years' time on easy payments on the balance. It is believed these lots will double in value within one year and the lucky purchaser will thus make \$5000 on an investment of only \$1000. This is an opportunity seldom offered and is only open for a short time. Gold Bay Realty Co., 206 West 7th Street. 60

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O. M. SELSBY, Dated May 22, 1908.

Notices.

I wish to announce that I have purchased the office and practice of the late Dr. M. S. Jones. My office will be located at the same place as Dr. Jones' and office hours will be from 10 a. m. to 4:30 and 7 to 8 p. m.

R. J. CONROY, Physician and Surgeon.

Clean Sweep Shoe Sale. WE HAVE REDUCED THE PRICE ON OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF Shoes. AND ARE GIVING VALUES LESS THAN WHOLESALE PRICES. Children's Shoes, 99c, shoes you have been paying \$1.50 and \$1.75 for. Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords, \$1.49, \$1.69, \$1.79, \$1.98, \$2.49. SPECIAL. CALL EARLY AND GET YOUR SHARE OF THE BARGAINS. W. H. Meeker & Co.

Golden Grain Granules. 100 PER CENT PURE CEREAL COFFEE. It tastes like coffee. It looks like coffee and it smells like coffee, but is pure roasted grains, blended so as to procure the best flavor, the greatest strength and an article which young and old may drink morning, noon and night. Golden Grain Granules is especially recommended to those suffering from heart trouble, nervousness, constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Nearly 2-pound package for 25c, all retail grocers. Wholesale by P. B. Theiss & Co. Medford, Or.

Graduating Presents. What's nicer or more appropriate than a nice watch ring, bracelet or a chain and locket—something they can always keep as a remembrance? I have a fine assortment all NEW and late styles and designs, at the New Jewelry Store, 11 North C street, near the Postoffice. MARTIN J. REDDY

MEDFORD OPERA HOUSE. CHAS. HAZELRIGG, MANAGER. ONE SOLID WEEK, beginning Monday June 1st. The Popular Leading Woman, GEORGIA HARPER and a Splendid Company. ENTIRELY NEW REPERTOIRE. Carload of Scenery. Elegant Costumes. Popular prices. Seats on sale Thursday, May 28.

The ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE. Furnishes hot water for tea on very short notice. It can be used on the tea table or in the kitchen. Attaches to any electric stove. Simple, safe, convenient, durable. ROGUE RIVER ELECTRIC CO., Successors to Condor Water Power Co. Of 600 206 W. 7th st., opp. big electric sign. Phone 835.

ALFRED SMITH OVER JACKSON COUNTY BANK. I have for sale at \$62.50 per acre, 80 acres of as fine orchard land as there is in Rogue River valley. The improvements on place are worth at least \$1250. Let me show you this land.

Special Bargains in Real Estate. 9. 80 acres, all tillable, nice location, nice five-room cottage house, large barn, 2 1-2 miles from Medford, well watered, in reach of irrigation ditch, team, harness, wagon, five Jersey cows, cream separator, new gang disk plow, walking plow, rake, mower, disk, smoothing harrow, stove and some other furniture, all go with the place, and the present growing crop. Price only \$6000; a genuine snap. 26. 320 acres, fine stock and fruit ranch, well improved, 100 acres under plow, 6 acres orchard. Price \$5500. This place with 50 head of hogs and 35 head of cattle, all farm implements, blacksmith tools, hay, fruit and vegetables for \$7000. 47. 440 acres, a fine stock proposition, 40 acres in alfalfa, irrigation, good buildings, in a splendid section for hunting and fishing. Price only \$14 an acre; terms. 63. 193 acres, 2 miles from Eagle Point on Rogue river, 50 acres cleared, considerable fruit and alfalfa, private irrigation ditch. This is a splendid proposition to develop, about half good bottom land, nearly all can be under plow when cleared, schoolhouse handy, fair improvements, team, harness, wagon, some cattle and farm implements go with the place. Price \$6000. This ranch will bear close inspection, as it will make a lot of money for someone. 67. A fine alfalfa ranch of 80 acres near Butte Falls, fine stream and springs, nearly all level land, splendid fishing and hunting, buildings. Price only \$1200. 86. 80 acres, 4 miles northeast of Eagle Point, will be lost to the new railroad, 50 acres under cultivation, fine black land, mostly in wheat, crop goes with this place. Price \$4200, \$2200 cash, balance 2 years, 7 per cent.

C. H. Pierce & Son. Have you tried our special 25c and 35c Coffees, or our Pyramid Tea yet? They are the best in the land; always good, always the same. We are now showing a nice line of Cut Glass and Dinner Ware. MEDFORD TEA and COFFEE HOUSE. 216 WEST SEVENTH STREET. MCGILSHAN & JUNKEN, Props. PHONE 1051.

BACK IN OUR KITCHEN. You will find the finest of meats and other foods all awaiting your order to be cooked. And the cook knows how to do it to perfection. If you have never eaten at this restaurant you have a great pleasure before you. Come and enjoy it today. We have some special dishes we know you will relish as you never have done before. The Nash Cafe.

Jackson County Bank. MEDFORD, OREGON. State Depository. Established 1888. CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$115,000.00. STRONG, CAPABLE SECURE. With large resources and competent management, with all the interests of this banking institution in a sound and stable condition, it is amply justified in its statement that it offers every banking privilege and accommodation consistent with safety. The accounts of firms, corporations, estates, societies and individuals are respectfully invited. W. I. VAUWER, President. G. R. LINDLEY, Cashier.

The Medford National Bank. MEDFORD, OR. CAPITAL \$50,000. SURPLUS 10,000. Safety Boxes to Rent. A General Banking Business Transacted. We Solicit Your Patronage. J. E. ENYART, Presid. ent. JOHN S. ORTH, Cashier. J. A. PERRY, Vice President. W. B. JACKSON, Ass't Cashier.

MEDFORD SASH & DOOR CO. Window and Door Screens, Block Wood. Office fixtures and all kinds of planing mill work, including turned work and fancy grills. F. BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH STS. PHONE 83. ARE YOU INTERESTED? I have for sale at \$62.50 per acre, 80 acres of as fine orchard land as there is in Rogue River valley. The improvements on place are worth at least \$1250. Let me show you this land. ALFRED SMITH OVER JACKSON COUNTY BANK.