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The Weather
Fair weather is promised for tonight and Wednesday.

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MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY NOT ASSESSED

NAMES OF 300 LEFT OFF ROLLS

Sheriff's Record Shows Failure to Place Much Property Upon List--Sample of Slipshod Work

Approximately 300 taxpayers of Jackson county owning property aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars were left off the assessment roll this year, according to Sheriff Jackson's books.

The list is published merely to show the lax methods prevailing in the courthouse under the present regime, and its prima facie evidence of the lack of system under the ring in control of the county affairs.

The board of equalization took an oath to "examine, correct and equalize" all property, yet here is an instance where if the board had made even a superficial examination, it would have discovered something the matter.

- List of names of taxpayers left off rolls, including: J. S. Vilas, Holmes Bros., C. M. Paley, Alex. Martin, J. E. Coffey, C. M. Brown, G. H. Pease, Matthew Russell, Bronson & Guthrie, J. B. Kollins, Fee Bros., Jones & Mays, Elizabeth Whalen, Z. E. McCubbin, C. J. Barhite, John Slade, D. H. Barnsbury, P. E. Prettymann, F. M. Tangee, Earhart Estate, Mrs. E. Stevenson, Art Earhart, Grant Miller, Al Phunkey, Dr. H. M. Shaw, G. W. Cole, G. G. Ewalds, Mrs. R. H. Hatch, W. S. Dewing, H. J. Dudley, S. Hott, Scherer, Stanley Eastman, Susie Lewis, D. W. Day, E. H. Tucker, M. D. Wilson, W. G. Estep, Burrell Inv. Co., Ralph Comegys, B. L. Nichols, J. Olson, C. C. Hund, Fred Fritsch, Rufus Edwards, Owen Koegan.

SENATOR'S 18 HOURS FILLIBUSTER

LaFollette Breaks All Records In Speech Against Compromise Emergency Currency Bill In Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Senator LaFollette, after speaking for 18 hours and 23 minutes, breaking all previous records of the senate, concluded his speech against the compromise emergency currency bill apparently little the worse for the terrific continuous strain which he had undergone.

The speech by LaFollette breaks the records which had been held since March 2 and 4, 1901, by Senator Carter of Montana, who made the famous fight of that year on the rivers and harbors bill.

Small Sunday school pupils to the number of 248 and grown people, many of them women or those nearing maturity, to the number of 125 comprised the children's prohibition demonstration Saturday afternoon.

- List of names of children at the prohibition demonstration, including: Martha M. Cook, William Chambers, J. P. Hughes, G. M. Hermlow, A. Dupray, estate Louisa West, George A. Adorf, Ida Wiley, Samuel Hodges, Peter Enns, Joseph Samuels, Beideman & Nicholson, A. Eighman, Joel Ward, Allen Ralph, Mrs. W. A. Frazier, Fred Dunlap, Mrs. L. L. Fries, G. E. Spiegl, J. H. Toff, J. W. Berrian, J. R. Terrell, W. A. Frazier, F. R. Bowersox, E. J. Kaiser, A. Andrew, B. Wyant, C. A. Patton, Mrs. L. A. Stevenson, Mrs. S. E. Inlow, James Galbraith, E. P. Folsom, T. A. Culbertson, J. P. Sayle.

Increasing the Size of the Dollar.



Frenzied Finance in Jackson County. The small cut shows the size of a dollar before it was "equalized" by the board of equalization. The large cut shows it as assessed for taxation after "equalization," one dollar sixty-six and two-thirds cents.

Who Plays the Lyre, Judge Dunn or the Tribune?

In an open letter in the Morning Mail, Judge Dunn states: "Now, as to the assessment of the Condor Water & Power company, the only reduction on the assessed value was on their pole lines, which the assessor had assessed at \$600 per mile, and they submitted figures and sworn statement to show that the actual cost of erecting the pole lines did not exceed \$625 when they were built, and that they should not be raised beyond the sum for which they were assessed."

Table titled 'WHAT THE ASSESSOR'S BOOKS SHOW' comparing 1906 and 1907 assessments for Condor Water & Power company.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DRY PARADE

Little Ones Turn Out Under Guardianship of Teachers and March With Banners and Flags for the Cause of Prohibition in Medford.

COURT HALL'S GIFTS TO AID PUBLICITY

- List of gifts and amounts donated to Court Hall for publicity, including: McMahon & Reddy, \$1000; Crater Lake railroad, \$1000; Young & Hall, \$1000; Iowa Lumber company, \$1000; Crater Lake railroad, \$500; Advertising east, \$500; Carnival last August, \$75.

The sudden death of R. Leslie of Gold Hill, an enterprising mining man, from heart disease, shocked the many friends of the deceased. He was on his way to Curry county at the time. The remains were buried in the Jacksonville cemetery Thursday. Mr. Leslie was about 60 years of age and highly respected.

WHO CALLED OFF GREAT BALL GAME?

Somebody Got Unauthorized Announcement Printed Calling Off Game for Benefit of Summer Concerts so as Not to Interfere With Prohibition Parade.

MILWAUKEE IN GRIP OF MEDICAL TRUST

Medical trust of California is so strong and has grown to such proportions and maintains such an effective shotgun policy against outside physicians that a national commission has been appointed to bring attention to the trust in an effort to establish reciprocity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eysart went to Gold Hill Friday evening on a fishing expedition.

PROHIBITION RULE IN CENTRAL POINT

Editor Patterson Tells of the Conditions Resulting From Dry Town—Place Is Passed Up by Strangers—Boys Get Liquor From Saloon for Bootleggers.

Local Option Law

The so-called local option law in Oregon is not in reality a local option law at all, but was designed and drawn with the studied intention of giving the advocates of prohibition the best of the argument whenever possible.

Can Work Injustice. Again, if a certain town or precinct is known to be strongly in favor of license, this law makes it possible for prohibition workers to hitch onto it some other precinct which is known to have a majority of "dry" votes and thus force a proposition onto the people of the other town that they do not want.

PAYMENTS TO COUNTY DELAYED

Records Prove Sheriff Jackson Held Up Receipts of Taxes---What Was Done with the Coin.

The Medford organ of the court house ring is commenting upon the report that receipts from county taxes were held up by Sheriff Jackson to swell the deposits of certain banking institutions, instead of being turned over to the county treasurer as once, as the law requires, says: "The fact is, the funds collected each week are turned over to the county treasurer promptly; but it would not do for the Tribune to state this truth. A falsehood would suit it better."

Holding Up Money.

The year 1907 was a fair sample. The great bulk of the sheriff's collections on taxes are made prior to March 15, when the rebate expires. After the first Monday in April there is a penalty so that the percentage of property owners paying taxes after that date is small.

What Records Show.

In May, 1907, \$12,000 of the money collected during March was turned over to the treasurer. On April 12, approximately \$60,000 of March collections were handed the treasurer. No more funds were deposited until April 29, when \$200 was turned in.

Where Was the Money? That this money has been done for the benefit of a certain bank can be inferred.

MEDFORD UNAFFECTED BY ELECTION

Attorney R. G. Smith Stakes Reputation Upon Legal Opinion on Charter At Central Point Meeting.

"I will stake my reputation as a lawyer upon the opinion I have rendered, holding that the Medford charter supersedes the local option law and that whether Jackson county goes dry or not, it will not affect Medford," said Robert G. Smith in a speech at the Central Point opera house last night.

Tough Jaynes Bill.

"During this session I fought to the best of my ability the Jaynes bill, which was a modification of the local option law devised by the liquor interests. The local option law is unfair in that it is all in favor of prohibition, but the proposed amendment would have it favor the other way just as badly."

Talked of the Boy.

Mr. Patterson made a very effective talk treating the subject from a psychological standpoint and paying particular attention to the influence of prohibition upon the boy. He told of his own son and dwell upon the fact that manhood could only be developed by strengthening character so as to resist temptation.

This is only selected as a single instance of the way the county finances have been handled by Sheriff Jackson. Other things could be quoted if there were space and time.