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Is Oregon going to remain stagnant on the assessment question or will public opinion demand a better law on the subject?

Prize fighters come high. Jack Dempsey now in Portland has been offered $12,500 to fight Fitzmorris by the Olympic club.

Let our people visit the Exposition at Portland, then contribute some of our products to show the people in Oregon that we exist.

Still the people come to our town and no houses to rent. Why? Is the the mortgage tax law to blame, or is it because we are already too rich?

Oregon needs some legislation on our road laws. Polk county could have good roads at one-fourth their present cost if the work were done by contract and the road taxes paid in cash.

The Spokane Falls Exposition has issued a superb prospectus of Washington. It is ahead of anything ever attempted in Oregon. Give Washington the palm and blame our assessment law for our backwardness.

The timber culture land act has been repealed. The anti lottery bill passed, also the river and harbor bill. A daily mail has been ordered from Falls City via Lewisville to Monmouth. The tariff bill has been passed. Congress adjourned on Thursday.

This is how it works: Mr. A. is worth $20,000. He borrows of a friend $10,000 and buys property in Seattle. He is assessed $10,000 and takes out this $10,000 note, which is not secured by mortgage and so our county gets no taxes. Nice, isn't it?

The defeat of the American, Mc Auliffe by Slavin the Australian in two rounds, caused our American pride to fall. Let England find a match for Thomas Edison rather than McAuliffe, but when she wants some warm work let our John L. Sullivan be trotted out.

When our wealthy men's names are not found on the tax rolls the inquiry naturally arises. Why? Do these men gain anything by being assessed by the sheriff? If they do not, then they should have their property go on record so that their precinct may seem to pay its just share of the taxes.

The total net taxes of Polk county this year amount to about $3,200,000. There are 1859 names on the tax rolls and only 1300 pay more than poll tax. There are more men in Dallas and Independence whose names are not on the tax roll than any other precincts of the county and that makes it that Suver, Dixie and Monmouth are away ahead in average wealth, being in the order named.

If the farmers of Polk county want to see how exemptions for indebtedness work just let them look at some of the assessments in Polk county this year. While those who live in the towns should pay their proportion of taxes they can show a larger indebtedness and consequently pay scarcely any. Our law is to blame. The assessor cannot help matters.

When the Oregon legislature meets let it get up a short pithy assessment law. Tax real estate and personal property only; deduct no indebtedness; and only take out a mortgage when on record at time the board meets for equalization. Have precinct assessors, on day wages, and a county assessor paid by the year and also on a percentage. Provide for taking the assessment by precincts.

When a man has the rheumatism in his feet you do not expect to see him doing much in the way of running about, and so when a state has such an abominable assessment law as we have you cannot expect the people to be enterprising. Take away the restrictions against money. Invite capital to come in, and then the name "Oregon moss-back" will not be so frequently applied. The people of Oregon are laboring under a poor monitary law and some of them think their lack of enterprise is a chronic ailment and that it cannot be remidied. Tax all property, deduct no indebtedness, and very soon matters would regulate themselves. Try it anyhow and it cannot be worse than now.

Polk county can make as fine a record in raising beets for sugar as she is now doing on hop raising. Let us hope that congress may do something in the present tariff legislation which will foster the sugar beet industry. Just think of Germany having shipped us over $16,000,000 worth of beet sugar last year. In an article on another page it will be seen that when 32 tons of beets can be raised to the acre, and they sell for $160 and cost only $80 that there is a fair (?) profit in it even for an Oregonian. A refinery employs about 600 hands and costs half a million dollars, but it will take 700 factories to supply the home demand in the United States.

HUMOROUS.

—Teacher—"Name some of the most important things existing to-day which were unknown one hundred years ago." Tommy—"Us."

—In a Labor Meeting—"You are working-men"—"Hooray!" "And because you are working-men"—"Hooray!" "You must work." "Put him out! Put him out!—Fliegende Blatter.

—Watermelon seeds were found in an Egyptian tomb that was 3,000 years old. There was no doubt about their being watermelon seeds, because the mummy was all doubled up.—Texas Siftings.

—Lawbreaker—"Sambo, would a ten dollar gold-piece stop your mouth?" Sambo—"It might, boss, but I'se pow'ful feared it ud leak roun' de aiges—you bettah try a twenty."—Epoch.

—While we gaze in admiration
On a sweet and radiant lass,
And think only sweetest music
Through those coral lips can pass,
We're awfully shocked to see her
Down the garden pathway stride
And hear her cry: "Say, Johnnie, come in,
Or mother will tan your hide!"
—Boston Courier.

—Hiroller—"So Algy is dead?" Tuffboy—"Yes, and some of the boys have clubbed together to get a monument for him. All we want is to decide on an appropriate inscription for it." Hiroller—"Why don't you put that line: 'Can storied urn or animated bust—'" Tuffboy—"'Animated bust!' The very thing. That will remind every body of Algy."

—Minister (to choir-master)—"The music went splendidly this morning." Choir-master—"Yes; I flatter myself it did." Minister—"I am glad to see the singers give their whole energy to the important religious work. There is no deception in such singing as that." Choir-master—"Well, no; I should say not. You see, Mr. Thumper, I told the choir last night that an operatic manager would attend church to-day for the purpose of finding some good voices."—Judge.

—He (sitting at the piano)—"What shall I play, Miss De Temps?" She—"O, I do wish you would play that favorite of yours—'The Races.' I think it's called." He—"I don't understand." She (innocently)—"Why, Mr. Brown told me yesterday, when I asked him where you were, that you were out at the park playing the races, so I supposed you would be willing to play it for me." He (under his breath)—"Wait till I catch Tom Brown.'—N. Y. Sun.

WOMEN AND HOUSE-WORK.

Home Duties Wholly Compatible with Good Intellectual Work.

House-work, in moderation, is healthy and pleasant. It is the want of just such an unemotional vent for their restless energy that produces many victims of nervous prostration. It is also wholly compatible, if brought under any proper system, with good intellectual work. Moreover, the creating and guiding of a home is the best gift the world has to offer. When one thinks of the flood of bad art and second-rate literature of the present day, is it not melancholy to reflect upon the wasted energy that might have gone into beautiful and helpful lives? The education is costly, indeed, whose price is the woman's joy in the superintendence of her home. If she, with all the incentives of love and pride, despises the daily cares that make the comfort of the household, how can she expect them to be rightly met by a hired housekeeper, whose only interest is money-getting?

"No man can serve two masters;" and, therefore, it seems to me self-evident that any woman who accepts the gift of a home thereby pledges herself to devote to it her best service. The neglect of her first duty and highest privilege can not lead to any true work in other directions:

Passioned to exalt
The artist's instinct in me at the cost
Of putting down the woman's, I forgot
No perfect artist is developed here
From an imperfect woman,

sang a true poet and noble woman.

There are women whose God-given talents require to tread a lonely path. There are many others to whom the supreme treasure of a home is denied. But the best work of artist or poet or physician will ever spring from the hidden, passionate womanliness that appreciates to the full the greatness of the sacrifice or loss.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SPIDER-WEB TELEPHONE.

The Effect of a Tuning Fork on a Hungry Old Spider.

While a gentleman was watching some spiders last summer it occurred to him to try what effect a tuning fork would have on the insects. He suspected they would regard the sound just as they were in the habit of regarding the sound of a fly. And sure enough they did. He selected a large, ugly spider, that had been feasting on flies for two months. The spider was at one edge of its web. Sounding the fork, he touched a thread at the other side of the web, and watched the result. Mr. Spider had the buzzing sound conveyed to him over his telephone wires; but how was he to know on which particular wire the sound was traveling? He ran to the center of the web very quickly, and felt all around until he touched the thread against the other end of which the fork was sounding; then taking another thread along just as a man would take an extra piece of rope, he ran out to the fork and sprang upon it. But he retreated a little way and looked at the fork. He was puzzled. He had expected to find a buzzing fly. He got on the fork again, and danced with delight. He had caught the sound of the fly, and it was music to him.—Our Young People.

Some of the Uses of Silk.

Silk is an agreeable and healthy material. Used in dress, it retains the electricity of our bodies; in the drapery of our rooms and furniture covers it reflects the sunbeams, giving them a quicker brilliancy, and it heightens colors with a charming light. It possesses an element of cheerfulness, of which the dull surface of wool and linen are destitute It also promotes cleanliness, will not readily imbibe dirt, and does not harbor vermin as kindly as wool does. Its continually growing use by man, accordingly, is beneficial in many ways. Grace and beauty, even, owe something to silk. You can not stiffen it like thick woolen or linen without destroying all its gloss and value. The more silk ribbons, therefore—the more silk kerchiefs and robes are used, instead of linen and wool—the more graceful becomes the outward aspect of mankind. A number of strange, grotesque fashions, originating in the use of linen, would never have been invented during the more general employment of silk. The fluttering of ribbon, the rustling and flowing skirts of silk, the silk kerchief loosely knotted round the neck, have materially contributed to make our customs more natural and pleasing to the eye.—N. Y. Ledger.

Now is the time to buy sugar and be sure and and call in at J. D. Irvine's and get prices before buying elsewhere. *

Take a look at the Freeman Feed Cutters and Centennial Fanning Mills, at J. F. O'Donnell's, which are guaranteed the best made and sold on trial. *

Remember that J. D. Irvine will sell you all the goods you want either for cash or credit. *

Examine the steel wire braid at Stocktons, the latest thing for dress trimmings. *

A fine line of Oregon lard at H. & W. *

Beads, combs, hair ornaments, hosiery and mits at Mrs. A. M. Hurley's. *

The latest and most fashionable goods at Stockton's. *

Messrs. Shelly & Vanduyn are getting in a large fall stock of goods. *

At Cost.—Three carriages which we will sell at cost to close them out. This is a bargain. Goodman & Douty. *

Say! Where did you get that watch? Why of course I bought it of H. R. Patterson and on the installment plan too—No trouble to own a watch that way. *

Henkle & Walker will sell you as many goods as any other firm in Polk county for spot cash. *

Goods and grub paid for with hop tickets at H. & W. *

The harvest is past and the summer is ended, and J. D. I. still rolls out piles of groceries just as cheap as the cheapest, and why not? Mika hiu cumtux close wa wa. Terms chieamen, hiu muckamuck. *

G. T. Waller has a neat store on the corner near his residence in Monmouth and he intends keeping on hand all the school books and school supplies required in any school in Polk county, either public, private or normal. His prices are the lowest. *

J. L. Stockton calls your attention to his numerous patterns of dress goods, only one pattern of a kind for each dress. He has these dress patterns in both cotton and woolen. Call and inspect them. *

A fine line of tobacco at H. & W. *

WANTED AT THE SALEM CANNERY.—Bradshaw and Columbia plums at $1 per hundred, other plums equally as good at the same price. The large Green Gage at 75 cents to $1 per hundred. Prunes $1.25 per hundred. Apples 50 cents per hundred. Any kind of apples will do so they are large enough to peel. Bartlett pears $1 per hundred, other pears, price as to quality.

J. F. O'Donnell has added to his already large and increasing business a tin shop, where he will be prepared to do all kinds of work on short notice. Bring in your old tinware and have it fixed good as new for almost nothing. *

Eggs and butter wanted at H. & W. *

Cook stoves, a fine line at Goodman & Douty's. *

J. D. Irvine sells groceries when he has a chance. *

Fancy work materials, perfumery and buckles at Mrs. A. M. Hurley's. *

A fine lot of hop baskets at H. & W. *

Guns! Guns! in endless variety at J. F. O'Donnell's. *

Oregon hams, shoulders and bacon for sale by H. & W. *

Do you want a well boring, rock drilling and prospecting machine at about half its value? Write to or call on J. B. Hughes, Albany, Oregon. 2t

Attention!—All twine accounts were due September 1st and they must be paid. Goodman & Douty. *

Dave Gelwick always has on hand fresh candies, Key West cigars and tropical fruits in season. *

On Tuesday, Sept. 8th there strayed from Henry Hill's pasture above town two horses, one a bay horse the other a roan, some white on legs, tail trimmed in the center. Bay horse came from Shedds station and roan from Sheridan. Persons finding same will please return to Henry Hill at Independence and five dollars reward will be paid. PETER MCKAY.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to M. Besner are requested to call and settle. *

You can spend a pleasant evening at Dave Gelwick's, as he has a first-class pool table. *

Blue vitriol for sale by Henkle & Walker. *