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UNIFORM TAXES.

Until the various counties of Oregon are compelled to adopt a uniform system of valuation for taxation purposes, progress in many cities, towns and school districts must all but cease.

Conditions in Malheur county are absurd. Here is a county of more than 9,000 square miles—larger than many eastern states—in whose banks there are approximately \$5,000,000; on whose ranges run 200,000 sheep, 10,000 horses and more than that number of cattle; in which there are five incorporated towns with all the improvements that naturally result; in which there are, too, about 200 miles of railroads; 100,000 acres of irrigated lands, with houses, barns, machinery, silos and all the equipment that a modern ranch entails; and yet, with all this, there is only \$13,709,794.25 worth of property upon which taxes are levied.

If this were not tragical from the standpoint of the taxing bodies it would be ridiculous.

Yet if Malheur county property owners were to return their property at even 50 per cent of its value to the assessor they would be called upon to pay an unjust share in the total of

state taxes; for it is the general belief that property in the Willamette Valley, where the major portion of the state's wealth is located, is not returned at as high a rate as in this section. Perhaps this is true. That it is believed to be true, is as effective so far as the results are concerned.

This condition should not prevail. The state should possess the necessary machinery to eradicate this condition. There should be a tax commission, with authority to so regulate the work of the assessors of the various counties that justice would prevail, and uniformity be secured.

The men elected to do the assessing in the various counties have diverse ideas of land and property values; these men vary in their abilities; and in other ways the natural differences in conditions operate to create a diversity of values even tho a uniform system was in existence; while without such a system the result the hit and miss method that now prevails.

If Oregon is to continue to progress it must make provision for the growing needs of taxing bodies, and this can only be done thru higher property valuations over the entire state or abnormally high levies in some sections.

SCHOOLS INEFFICIENT.

It requires but a few minutes conversation with any of the young men or women who are home from the University and O. A. C. for the spring vacation, to determine that conditions at these institutions are not what they should be. The classes are crowded into inadequate buildings, the teaching force is too small and many of the best professors are leaving. This is the testimony of the young men and women, we know. What more evidence is needed? Are not these young men and

women entitled to receive adequate instruction under reasonable conditions? We believe that everyone will admit they are. The only way in which they can secure these conditions is for the people to vote for the millage law on May 21.

HALF A LOAF.

Someone—who, apparently was not as wise as the Vale Enterprise—said years ago, that "half a loaf is better than none." There is apparently something to that axiomatic statement, so much truth and philosophy in fact that the sheep and cattle men who were informed that they could get a rebate on their taxes on that basis jumped at the opportunity.

The fact that they could as easily have secured all their rebate did not deter them from taking the fifty per cent—for they knew that under the regime of Geo. W. McKnight, taxpayers got nothing back—unless they filed a suit in court.

As between the NOTHING that the McKnight regime returned and the fifty per cent secured thru Harvey Test—we will submit, without further argument—which will you take?

Every time we read about one of those middle western twisters and blizzards we think, "what a good country that is to come from."

Just because Ontario has three undertakers is no sign that we are all dead ones—not much.

STEERS GAIN ON SILAGE.

When William Buckner of Granger put up his silo last fall he began feeding his steers silage. In the 75 days of feeding one steer gained 220 pounds and two others gained all through the period at the rate of three pounds a day, says the Benton County Farm Bureau News. They received 45 pounds of silage a day, with clover or vetch and chest hay.

FARM BUREAU BUYS SEED CORN

So great is the seed corn and sunflower seed shortage that the Benton County Farm Bureau bought up all it could get to insure at least a partial supply. Only four of all corn growers in the county reported seed for sale, and one of these lots—several tons—was damaged and unfit for seed. Farm Bureau members will be allotted seed in order of demand.

MUCH SEED CORN DAMAGED.

A great deal of seed corn in western Oregon was ruined by the heavy December freeze, and all corn not thoroughly dried out or protected from the low temperature was rendered unfit for seed. All corn should be tested before used as seed, warns the farm crops department of the O. A. C. experiment station.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER IF YOU WANT VOTE IN MAY

Judge C. M. Stearns has been appointed registrar for the three Ontario precincts, Fair and Cairo. Persons who have never before voted in Oregon and who are qualified as electors should see him for registration, also anyone who has moved from any of these precincts into another precinct should register, women who have married and changed their names, should likewise register, as well, of course, as the new voters who have become of age since the last election should register. The only persons who need not register are those who have resided continually in the same precinct as that in which they last voted, and have voted at the regular elections. Judge Stearns has his office at the City Hall, Ontario.

Political Announcements

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Primaries on May 21. If elected I pledge myself to the same careful attention to the duties of the office that I have given during the past two years.
C. C. MUELLER.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

Subject to the Democratic primaries on May 21, I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for the office of County Surveyor.
H. TAMBLYN.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the second term as Sheriff of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the Primaries to be held May 21, 1920.
H. LEE NOE.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County School Superintendent of Schools of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primaries to be held May 21, 1920. If nominated and elected I will devote all my time and energy to the advancement of the schools of the county.
MRS. EFFIE M. CRAIL.

FOR JOINT SENATOR.

I seek the Republican nomination for joint senator for the Twenty-second Senatorial District at the coming primaries.

If nominated and elected I promise to the District an honest service and will take my oath of office unpledged to any person or interest.

I am a liberal and not a reactionary or a radical; and especially so as to public expenditures. Economy should mean thriftiness. Public expenditures demand a reasonable promise of material and social benefit. Irrigation and drainage under special assessments; good roads; protection of grazing lands and the public range for the good of the livestock interest as a whole; betterment of mail service; improvement of facilities of branch line railroads are among the important local needs. Roads and postal service in the country districts are the only visible returns from taxation, and the burden of taxation should be fairly equalized through these means.

On the foregoing statement I ask the support of the Republican voters.
CHARLES W. ELLIS, Burns, Ore.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

After serving one term as Assessor of Malheur County, during which time I have attended to the duties of the office to the best of my ability, I submit my candidacy for re-election to the approval of the people, subject to the Democratic Primaries May 21, 1920.
R. M. CARLILE.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of District Attorney for Malheur county at the Republican primaries to be held on May 21, 1920. If I am nominated and elected, I will devote all of the time and attention necessary to the proper performance of all the duties of the office.
Signed,
ROBT. D. LYTLE.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the Primaries on May 21, 1920. If nominated and elected, I promise to devote all of my time and attention to the proper conduct of the affairs of the office.
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FOR STATE SENATOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of State Senator of the district comprised of Malheur, Harney and Grant counties. If I am nominated and elected for a second term I will continue to serve this district and the State of Oregon to the best of my ability.
JULIEN A. HURLEY,
State Senator.

Humanity in Art.
Pictures must not be too picturesque. Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing. All great actions have been simple and all great pictures are. The Transfiguration by Raphael is an eminent example of this peculiar merit. A calm, benignant beauty shines over all this picture, and goes directly to the heart. It seems also to call you by name. The sweet, sublime face of Jesus is beyond praise; yet how it disappoints all fond expectations. This familiar, simple, home-speaking countenance is as if one should meet a friend.—Emerson.

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