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OUR VALUATION IS CUT AGAIN

Assessor Cuts City Valuation and then County Court as Equalization Board Makes Further Reduction. Works Injustice on Redmond.

The way the assessor of Crook county has been handing it to the city of Redmond the past two years has been something fierce, and if the present methods of assessing were kept in force in a few years Redmond would show up on the assessor's books as being a city of no property at all. The assessor and the county court, acting as a board of equalization, have, in slang parlance, "thrown the hooks into" Redmond the past two years so that the records at Prineville show that the city has not made any progress in the way of improvements or real estate valuation.

Redmond citizens are sore at this kind of a deal, and they have just reason for being so.

The people here do not want only what is due them—a square deal—but they have been getting the rottenest kind of a deal since the city has been incorporated, a little over a year and a half.

Last year a fair valuation was placed on Redmond property and improvements by the people here, but the assessor's office cut the valuation in half, and then the county court took a whack at the assessor's figures and cut them down so that the city's valuation was made to look like a cross roads hamlet.

This year the same thing has been done, and the valuation shows that Redmond has increased only in valuation about \$7,000, when the truth of the matter is the increased valuation of the city has been over \$100,000.

The persons responsible for this condition of affairs are the assessor and the county court, acting as a board of equalization, and the people are going to use their efforts at the coming primary election to place in nomination candidates who will see that this city will get a square deal and not stand a chance of being wiped off the map by either incompetent or irresponsible officials.

WANT GOOD MAN FOR CO. JUDGE

Position Is One That Should Administer Affairs of the County in an Impartial Manner and Give All Sections a Square Deal.

One of the important offices to be filled at the election in Crook county this year is that of county judge. This position carries with it more administrative work than the average voter has any idea. The county judge has a large amount of influence on the affairs of the county and on matters pertaining to different cities and towns in the county.

A man who is impartial, who will play no favorites, but give all sections of the county a square deal is what is desired in this office. To fill the position of county judge acceptably the incumbent must necessarily be well acquainted with the law, and for that reason a lawyer is always sought as a candidate for the position.

The nominating primaries will be held April 19, and there are a number of candidates on the Republican ticket for the position of county judge. The candidate who secures the Republican nomination is reasonably sure of election to the office.

Redmond has a candidate for county judge. He is G. A. McFarlane, a practicing attorney of the city; a man well versed in the law; a man of administrative ability, and if nominated and elected, one who will see that all parts of the county get a square deal in the conduct of their affairs through the medium of the county court. Mr. McFarlane is the choice of the people in the Redmond district and has the promise of support from nearly all sections of the county.

In nominating Mr. McFarlane for county judge the voters of Crook county will have done wisely.

FAVOR STEAM LIGHT PLANT

In Event of Non-Development of Water Power at River Soon a Steam Plant for Light and Power Here is Deemed Advisable.

Since the publication in The Spokesman a few weeks ago of the project to establish an electrical plant here to be run by steam power, using wood for fuel, the matter has gained in public favor and many of the business men are in favor of the idea.

Since there seems no solution of the development of the water power on the river near the city this sentiment of a steam plant for generating electricity is being talked of more and more.

In putting in a steam plant the idea is to use the wood around here that is taken off the land when it is cleared up, thereby making a market at all times for the rancher who has any wood to sell. By this means it would be possible for the new settler to be getting a revenue while clearing off his land, for he could bring the wood to the light plant and dispose of it for cash, the light people agreeing to buy all the wood that is offered.

The Spokesman understands that parties are ready to put in a steam electric light plant if the city will grant a franchise and maintain a plant of sufficient capacity to meet all demands made on it for light and power.

It is pointed out that by establishing a plant of this character that the money that now goes out of this section for gasoline for operating the present electric plant would be kept at home and be put in circulation. That all the people here would be benefited. That the ranchers would have a steady market for their wood, the merchants get more cash in their business and Redmond would draw trade from a larger territory than at present. The benefits would be manifold and many of the business men are beginning to see that a steam operated electric plant would be one of the best things that could operate to the building up of this section.

This is not a new idea. The project has been tried in other places—in places where cheap water power could be had and also where coal could be laid down at the plant at \$1.20 per ton. One of these places is Sand Point, Idaho. The electric light plant at that place furnishes "juice" to five large towns, and at a much more reasonable rate than what is now charged for. The Sand Point plant has plenty of water available and could secure cheap coal, but they outlined a plan to buy wood from the owners of land in the country surrounding the town, paying cash for all wood offered, and in this manner has built up a good light and power system and been one of the largest factors in settling up the country in the vicinity of their town.

What has obtained at Sand Point and other places could be carried out in Redmond. This city is growing so fast that a much larger electrical system is needed at once, and it looks, in view of the fact that the water power proposition is in no way of being developed, that a steam plant on the lines outlined above would be of large benefit to the city and surrounding country.

IS REDMOND TO HAVE BASEBALL THIS YEAR?

The above question has been asked The Spokesman by a number of the fans of the city, and the paper puts the matter up to the public and those interested in the national game. Last year the city had a good team and this year a creditable showing could be made by the players here if an organization was perfected. And if an organization is perfected now is the time to get busy and begin working on the project. Redmond is a good baseball town, and with other good clubs in the county a number of interesting games could be played here if this city had a team.

SPOKESMAN TO PAY ALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Representatives Wanted in All Sections of County to Send in Items.

Beginning the first of April The Spokesman will pay all its correspondence for acceptable news furnished. The pay will be based on so much a running inch, the same as the city papers pay. Correspondents are wanted in every section of Crook county. News from the different sections must be live, up-to-date happenings. Here is a chance for bright people to give their section publicity, and at the same time make a little money each week.

Write to The Spokesman at once if you desire to act as correspondent, and receive instructions and credentials.

Some of the ranchers in the Redmond and Powell Butte Districts are getting in their land plaster for fertilizing their lands this season. Those who used the plaster last season state good results were obtained and an increased yield of all kinds of crops secured.

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