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The tax rate in Clackamas county is higher than the tax rate in the city of New York, Philadelphia or Chicago. Funny, isn't it?

How will the good people of Clackamas county enjoy paying their taxes twice next year? They are now paying enough in all good conscience. But next year the burden will be doubled and the Republican Shylock's who do things in this county will demand their pound of flesh in both Spring and Fall.

For the first time in a good long while Oregon City has a Democratic council. All four of the members of the Council elected on last Monday are Democrats, to-wit: Knapp, Chapman, Justin and Straigt. Good will yet come out of Nazareth. Now when we see a few good honest Democratic faces in the Court house Oregon City and Clackamas County will be an abiding place fit for the Gods.

It is rumored that Sheriff John R. Shayer will move back to his farm at Molalla after the June election next year. The Sheriff is said to be a good farmer and he will have plenty of time to pursue the delightful occupation of agriculture after his Democratic opponent has taken his seat in June. Mr. Shayer don't like being Sheriff no how.

In the last ten years the County Court of Clackamas county has levied and collected in taxes for county purposes not less than \$1,250,000.00. They have today precious little to show for the expenditure of this vast sum of money. Either the County Court of Clackamas county has been amazingly extravagant or wholly inefficient, possibly both. During all of this time the county has had a Republican county Judge and the Republicans must bear the onus of this remarkable expenditure. Is it not about time that the Republicans at the court house were given a rest and a good business administration installed.

The county of Marion, which is no better county than the county of Clackamas does now owe a cent and its tax rate is lower than the tax rate in this county. In addition in the county of Marion there is some \$45,000.00 in cash, coin of the realm in the treasury. Funny isn't it. The Treasury of Clackamas county is as clean as if it had been swept out with a nice new broom. Money is not allowed to lay around loose in the Treasury of Clackamas county. The Treasury would not look natural if it had anything in it. A county court that can spend over one hundred thousand dollars in twelve months and have very little to show for it at the end of that time ought not to be continued in office.

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The Courier, from time to time, as the spirit moves it, will shed a little light upon the "ins and outs" of Republican politics in this old county of ours. We shall refrain as far as possible or expedient from being personal. Honest government and the good of the county and the city demand that the light shall be turned on. It further demands that a few of the feather weights who are now holding down county jobs shall be turned out to graze in pastures green.

It is a great pity that the County Judge and the State Senator are not each to be elected this coming year. The people of this county are in a humor to clean out the Republican crowd and they would make a clean sweep of the whole "shooting match." County Judge, State Senator and all if they could get to them. Lord Brownell and his Majesty, Judge Ryan can thank their lucky stars that they do not have to face the righteous wrath of the indignant people next year.

In 1896 Sheriff John R. Shafer who now divides the honor with Judge Ryan of being IT at the court house was a "rip roaring, from h-! to breakfast free silver, Bryan Democrat." It is very difficult to make a staunch, uncompromising, "loody shirt Republican out of free silver Bryan Democrat yet this is what the Republicans of this county did with Brother Shafer. Of course Sheriff Shafer never thought of running for Sheriff on the Republican ticket when he changed his politics. That was only an accident and accidents will happen.

A FEW Republicans, whose love for the Oregon City Courier is known to all men, have been nosing around the office of the County Recorder to find out just how much the Courier owes Mr. A. W. Cheney on the Courier plant. In order that these philanthropist may not have to put in so much of their valuable time looking up records we will say for their benefit that we bought the Courier plant from Mr. Cheney thirteen months ago, for \$4,500, one half of which was paid in cash. The remainder was to be paid at the rate of \$225 every ninety days with six per cent interest from date. Four of these notes have matured and have been paid. Another one will fall due on February 1, 1904. Any other information will be cheerfully furnished.

SENATOR Brownell said in his apology to the Republican convention last spring that the reason he had Judge Ryan reduced to the ranks and had him taken off the County Court bench, was because the Judge needed a little dressing down. In fact, in his judgment, the Judge had gotten a little "too big for his britches." That after having the Judge eat humble pie for two or three years he had him put back on the bench believing the castigation he had administered to him would be a salutary lesson and that the judge would "be good" in the future. The way these Republicans love one another in Clackamas county is past belief. There is one thing, however, that they all agree on, and that is, "hold all you get and keep all you can."

All of the featherweights who are holding down county jobs at the court house under this county Republican administration are preparing to run for reelection. You never saw a Republican in your life let go of an office that paid a salary vounteerially and "the court house ring" of Clackamas county, of which Judge Thomas F. Ryan is the ostensible head is no exception to the rule. From the Judge down to the Janitor the boys are either figuring on holding their jobs yet a little while longer or persuading the deer people to give them something better. If the people of this county are as intelligent as we have reasons to believe that they are they will clean out the Augean stables next June and instal a Democratic business administration.

The Democrats of Clackamas county are a little bit intolerant. A few weeks ago a good Democrat from a county precinct, who happens to be the administrator of an estate, had to have published a notice of final settlement. He directed his lawyer who is a very reputable gentleman not to have the publication made in the columns of the Oregon City Courier because forsooth when the County Judge, Thomas F. Ryan, went East in August to attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and other things and was away from his office for some months, the Courier did not give the Judge a roast instead of writenp. Now we are of the opinion that this Democratic friend of ours is a little too drastic. The five dollars he paid L. L. Porter for publishing his final notice of right belonged to us and he was in no wise spreading Democratic doctrine by paying his money into the till of a Republican newspaper. It is true that Judge Ryan was out of his office for nearly two months and that his salary went on just the same as if he had been at home. However, the county was not damaged thereby. Less money was spent during the two months while the Judge was away than during any other two months during the year. It is true that a few people who had matters of importance to transact with the County Judge did

not find him at home and had to bide their time. The Judge was entitled to a vacation. He has been working mighty hard to earn his salary for the past six years. All work and no play makes "Jack a dull boy." We would ask our Democratic friend to let us be the Judge of when the roasting is necessary and we will attend to it all in good shape in due time.

The Republican administration of affairs in Clackamas county is a peach. For eighteen long months they could not tell within forty thousand dollars of how much the county owed. It has now been eighteen years since Clackamas county had a Democratic county Judge. Judge White went out of office as the last Democrat. During his administration the bridge across the Willamette was built and the court house was erected and notwithstanding the fact that the tax rate in those good old days was only about half what it is now he left the bench with the county owing comparatively a small debt. Since the bagging of Republican rule the debt has grown with each passing year and the tax rate has been continually on the increase. In the eighteen years since Judge White retired more than \$2,500,000 in county taxes have been collected and all we have to show for all 'his sum of money is a few very common roads, a few wooden bridges and a few Republican county officials. We suppose we ought to be thankful that we still have the court house and the bridge across the Willamette. Well we have an idea that the day of reckoning is near at hand

A CHANGING POLICY.

It will be remembered that when Miss Huldain Todd, postmistress at Greenwood, Del., was removed, it was announced by the administration that she was removed because she was "personally distasteful" to Senator Allee, who represents the Addicks faction of the Republican party in Delaware. With but few exceptions, the patrons of that post-office protested against Miss Todd's removal, but the administration would not relent - its representatives insisting that the removal of this postmistress was necessary because one senator had stated that she was "personally distasteful" to him.

On November 19, Mr. Roosevelt reappointed Joshua E. Wilson, a negro, to the office of postmaster at Florence, S. C. The white residents of that town unanimously protested against the reappointment. The two South Carolina senators likewise protested; but Wilson was reappointed.

It seems that the administration's policy is subject to alternation. In Delaware the protest of one senator representing the Addicks republicans is sufficient, while the protest of two senators in South Carolina is of no avail.

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