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Official Paper for the Farmers Society of Equity of Clackamas Co M. J. BROWN,

but the sites of land without which the water power cannot be used are

One corporaion in Clackamas coun-

ty has nearly 90,000 acres of land that could take up a lot of taxes now lev-

The more taxes you will stand for

In any concerted efforts to reduce

valuable, and can be assessed.

HOW TO REDUCE TAXES IN The values of the water power of CLACKAMAS COUNTY

(By Alfred D. Cridge.)

Whenever the producing classes of Clackamas county desire to do so they can reduce their taxes from 25 to 75 per cent, or even more.

Collective kicking at the right spot will accomplish it. Individual kicking in the air does

not amount to the tenth of a cent, horses and cows each. There are half which is about the value of an ancient a dozen other big speculative tracts Spanish coin called a dam.

In Piedmont, a city near Oakland, California, taxes were high on the small home owner, not so very high on the well to do residence owner, and quite light on the idle land speculadeal on the tax business, or QUIT.

A man who knew how got on the job and assessed land at 90 per cent of its true value, regardless of im-provements; personal property he ig-corporations and idle land speculanored; improvements he assessed at tors, because it relieves them that about 15 per cent of their value, allowing liberally for depreciation of the frame cottage and workingmen's shacks, shanties and sheds. Indeed, it was said that some of the cheaper lit-tle one-room dwellings he forgot to see entirely.

This raised a commotion, but it suited everybody but a few rich and a few speculators. It still continues, notwithstanding the letter of the law that all propery shall be assessed at its full value.

In Houston assessments along the same lines have been so satisfactory that all the large cities of Texas have been compelled to follow Houston. There is no more law for this in Texas than in California or Oregon-and privileges.

just as much law. The law is what the courts have in-

terpreted it to be. Ever hear of an assessor who as-sessed ALL property at its "full val-ue?"

Ever expect to hear of one? Ever expect to find an assessment

roll that does this? Did you ever notice that millionair-

bid you ever notice that millionair-es escape on ninety-seven and a half per cent of their property while the small home owner often pays on 125 per cent of HIS property? Yet those kind of assessment rolls are accepted—have to be—by the courts whenver the board of equali-zation pass them

zation pass them. The big tax dodgers know this very

IF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL IS LEGAL THAT DOES NOT ASSESS AT ITS FULL VALUE THE PROP-ERTY OF THE BIG CORPORA-TIONS AND SPECULATIVE LAND OWNERS, IT WILL LIKEWISE BE LEGAL IF IT DOES NOT ASSESS AT FULL VALUE THE IMPROVE-MENTS AND LIVE STOCK OF THE MENTS AND LIVE STOCK OF THE WORKING FARMERS, AND THE It is eas SMALL HOME OWNERS IN THE know how.

CITIES AND TOWNS. One remedy, then is to

FOR RESULTS You don't see many of the "loyalty to party "tags" hitched on men these days

Men have gotten into the habit of thinking for themselves and having opinions as a result of this thinking, and men are standing sturdily behind

And it's good, good for the man and the government

in the Union is pleading for. Oregon has gained this power be

cause the people rose up, stood solidly for them, and forced them through. No doubt some of these popular laws have weak spots, which will be

tightened as experience shows them, but as they stand today, the voters ed on the taxpayers with one or two of the great Empire State would trade that could help out a whole lot-if you, Mr. Little Taxpayer, get after constitutions and throw in a few thousand laws to boot for what Orethe assessor and the county commiss-ioners and give them to understand that it is hereafter pass out a square gon has. And so would almost any state in the Union. The power the Oregon voters have

has been brought about by the voters' using their heads-thinking, reasonand they won't be hard to obtain. ing, then acting. They dropped party, let individual matters slide, and went down the line together.

simple, direct, plainp roposition: THE STATE SENATE AND And they got people's power. "Everything for party" is passing THE OFFICE OF STATE SEN-ATOR IS HEREBY ABOLISH-

away on every tick of the clock. What does the individual voter gain by electing a Democrat or Re-What does the individual voter gain by electing a Democrat or Re-publican, just because he is one or the other?

the other? Party name of itself doesn't stand The people generally see only as the people made Wilson president because his clean-up record in rotten ig tree. The agents of the big tax dodgers will endeavor to distract your attention by such tricks. Keep right to New Jersey looked good.

Democrats didn't elect him. There the point-cut down the taxes now by cutting down the assessments on the were not enough of them. Republicans thousands of them, thought more of his record and his character than they paign for the primary nomination, used land, increasing the assessments on the un-used and idle tracts; exhis record and his character than they did of party tag.

empting the evidences of industry, Americans have reached the point thrift and love of home, increasing the taxes upon the evidences of ide speculation, forestalling and special their brains more and torch light prothrift and love of home, increasing

CENTRALIZATION

privileges. So far in Oregon all county meet-ings of taxpayers to confer with the Murphy's, Taft's, Bryan's, or anyassessors or commissioners have been devoted to drooning details and dis-And this newspaper is going to

cussion concerning trifling expendi-tures, and the little taxpayer has been worn out, discouraged, disgusted and goods, regardless of what narty he worn out, discouraged, disgusted and gone home to pay more taxes, and next year more taxes still. Perhaps the taxpayers of Clacka-

Perhaps the taxpayers of Clacka-mas county like the present system so well that they will do nothing but grunt a little as the load is piled on them, and stagger from one point of rock to another like over burdened pack burros in Mexico. If so, then they will continue to be loaded to the limit. Indications are that they can stand a little more next year; and un-

(McMinnville Telephone-Register.)

The big tax dodgers know this very well. The big corporation lawyers know this very well. So do some little corporation lawyers. They are not telling the Clackamas county farmers anything about this; and they are not going to. IF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL IS LEGAL THAT DOES NOT ASSESS AT ITS FULL VALUE THE PROP-There are two hard, cold facts which must be faced; first competition in prices is a thing of the past and can never be brought back, and, corporations and speculators. econd, the tendency of the age is

God helps them who helps themselv- centralization. Any attempt to rees. When it comes to dodging taxes there are a score of taxpayers in Clackamas county who help them-selves more than all the farmers put together pay. It is easy to reduce taxes if you must move along these well defined ways and push forward. Government

regulation or ownership is irresistible

lature will pass a bill prohibiting the sale of or giving away of cigarettes or cigarette papers.

GOING

The Courier believes that the peo-

ple of Oregon will put over a big investment when they lop off the sen

WEST'S WAY

QUESTIONS FOR BOURNE

trial of he merit of the measure? The working class are now provid-

A strong effort will be made in

The Salem Messenger picks ex-Su-preme Judge W. T. Slater of Salem

as the Democratic nominee to suc-ceed Governor West, and states he is

one of the best equipped men in the

The supreme court clerk says that

representatives.

state for the office.

Would Senator Bourne prohibit the

nust sum up on.

crap games.

away with it.

Would the Messenger oppose it, on the ground that it forbade the editor of us are shying at. with the unemployed, is one the most the right to purchase and smoke-while it protected his boy? It's hot, and we refuse to handle

The "personal liberty" arguments It isn't going to cool off, be sure of for drugs and liquors that degrade and make beasts of men, are sadly hat, and the sooner we pick it up the less a hole it will burn.

A MEANS

worn out. They have fringe on them. When it is for the best good of the It isn't entirely a Pacific coast We have thousands of them here,

and the government. Partisanship has gone by, and the party tag has few places to tie on. Opinion is taking their places—public oninion and principles but there are five million of them i

- EDITOR opinion and principles. The values of the water power of Clackamas county alone are worth over eight millions, practically unas-sessed. The assessor will pass the bave power that almost every state opinion and principles. When people begin to think for themselves, then desires for reforms and they crystalize into action. Oregon has reforms and the people have power that almost every state opinion and principles. When one drink of liquor will lead and they crystalize into action. Oregon has reforms and the people have power that almost every state opinion and principles. Almost every city is controlled by the weakest. When one drink should be forbidden him, no matter whose liberty it re-strains. Almost every city is controlled by it, and every year, for four or six months of the year, they are going to have to face it, and unless conditions change (and they won't) and immi-gration is rigidly restricted (and it won't be.) we are going up against it harder each year.

harder each year. When the winter rains and snows closes the country from work, then

men flock to the cities and towns. Every year more and more men ask Oregon is going to shake off its senate-there is very little doubt of for work. Our population is rapidly increasing, and demand for labor does

The Grange, the Equity Society, the Farmers Union, the State Federanot keep pace. Improvements and consolidations are pushing out labor. Up and down this coast men are tion of Labor are all out for it and are going to work hard for it. Men like U'Ren, Spence, Cridge and the Portland labor leaders are tramping and asking for work. Los-Angeles has 20,000 idle men; San-Francisco has 30,000; Portland has

for it, and will take the stump for it. Petitions are already in circulation for the necessary 12,000 signatures, 10,000, and so on it goes.

Chief Shaw's report shows that 1,918 men have been corded up in our city jail here to sleep during last year. Now when conditions get to this state of affairs, it has passed the ar-On the ballot next fall will be this

gument of "Let George do it" and comes right up to us to solve.

You know these men have got to live and we have GOT to provide a means. If we don't, after a little these

men will provide the means. This may be rather ugly talk, but ity. The people generally see but lit-tle use for the upper house only as

want and as a place to duck direct responsibility. The candidate who runs for the it easily and at little expense.

are looking for work can be given fice. and then a horse race for election,

needed public work. We all know it will be far cheaper to support them out of jail than in idleness in jail.

Provide work for them, at moderate wages on our thousands of acres of idle lands, and let the state condemn and buy the land if necessary-

it will be a good investment. Put them to work on the irrigation works, let the state do the work and Works let the state do the work and With the state d it will be a good investment. Put them to work on the irrigation let the contractors have a rest. Put them to work on the thou-

ers can see their work and can tally up each individual. state, let them earn fair wages and their labor pay dividends to the far-ming country practically shut in for the constant creation of salaried hands of the electorate, but condemn ming country practically shut in for four months in the year. The Courier thinks this of Govern-

Got to do something along these

He rid Copperfield of its red light many men order them, eat them, and tell the proprietor to arrest them. oles, its roulettel layouts and its He took law into his own hands, de-fied injunctions and forced law to be

away with it. His spectacular doings, his red fire stunts, his Miss Hobbs, his advertis-ing proclamations—these might have een cut out of the program and the

better give them work than charity. Each state has got to meet it. Men have a righ to work and live, and if there is not enough work on which to live, we have got to make it and we who are able HAVE GOT TO PAY FOR IT. P S For the state of audience would have been just as well satisfied, but they are West's ways. But the governor had sand enough to play his cards, and this paper heartily commends the results.

FOR IT. P. S.—For fear this line of talk will put the fear of higher taxation onto Oregon, we would suggest that amendments similar to "The state their injuries resulted by defects in the county bichware.



G. B. DIMICK'S PLATFORM

In the general primary election consisting of the Governor, Secretary in the month of May, 1914, the Re- of State and State Treasurer, so that a hugry man is an ugly proposition, and get enough of them together and they won't go hungry. If they can't they won't go hungry. If they can't

get it, they will take it. But we all know that each state can take up this problem and settle I pledge myself to the citizens of Ore-ion of men skilled in that particular easily and at little expense. We all know that these men who re looking for work can be given fice. Political parties are necessary and as the tax-payers are not getting useful under our Republican form of value received for the money expend-government, and every elector should ed.

be actuated by an honest motive in I stand for the constant improve-the selection of his or her party affilment of our public school system so iation, and register and work in actual that the children of the state will get

cordance with his or her true politi- the best results that spring from adcal views.

ments, but condemn the political me- ination law and the purposes for thods employed by some of its mem- which it was enacted by the electorsands of miles of awful roads in this bers.

boards and commissions, which carry its use on trivial matters that over-with them an army of employees to burden the ballot and thus defeat the

or West's Copperfield work: He got results, and that is what we lines. Today city restaurants ask stran-gers to pay in advance for meals. Too

observed and obeyed-and he got

Men are blowing safes, holding up pedestrians, snatching purses and climbing porches. They are robbing trains and firing buildingt to get plunder. Got to feed them, and we might better give them work than charity. Each state has got to set to set

G. B. Dimick.

I stand for the constant improve-

vanced ideas along educational lines,

I endorse the Initiative and Refer-

true purposes of the measure. I sand for the strict and rigid en-

forcement of every criminal statute.

ate of the state.

assaulted on his way home from this city Monday night. Mr. Bolander was on jury service here and was driving home after dark. Two men asked to ride in the wagon. One asked him the time and as he pulled out his watch he was struck on the head and fell into the wagon. He called out as he and the team started

SHUBEL

OREGON CITY COURIER, THURSDAY JAN. 8, 1914.

This question of what we are to do

mass meeting of workingmen and farmers who live upon and work their own land, cutting out the corporation lawyer, the landlord and the financial sharks and their representatives, send for the assessor and the county and lay down to them the following rules:

Assess cultivated land no high er than uncultivated land of equal fertility and advantages alongside.

unemployed men all over the country, because the money lords are locking up their funds, and it strikes us that Pass up the improvements and personal property of the farmers and workingmen of all kinds at least to the amount of \$1,000 to any one taxpayer. You do not have to assess of that income tax collected from the them. You have passed up the rich these many years on these things; rich and put that army of unemployed at work constructing good roads now give the workingman in field and town the benefit of the same law that at living wages .-- Richmond, Cal. Herald. you followed instead of the lash of it.

3. Make up the difference by as-sessing water power SITES as business property; franchises and rights of way at their capitalized value; water power the same; timber land ditto-and no foolishness about it, These worther and for men with money or men who have

These worthy officials may squirm and read law to you. The more you time and surplus cash in forcing their will swallow the more they will feed

desires upon the people whether they are wanted or not. The way to stop the abuse of the direct legislation law you. The law of assessments is what YOU want it to be, or what YOU will stand for, and that is all the law is to stop it, not make it harder for one class and easier for another. there is, when you come right down to

This has been demonstrated in Tex-

Apply these principles in Clacka-mas County. You know how to do it. The Recall has been made use of. Plainly tell the tax and assessment officials to doub down on cherr orders. The Courier regrots that H. W. Young has sold the Woodburn Inde-

officials to climb down or obey orders. The farmers and workingmen are good a newspaper man to leave Oreassessed on not less than five million gon. We understand he is looking for of dollars that they should not pay. a paper in a large place.

FORMING A HABIT

It doesn't take long to form a habit. It takes years sometimes to break one. You can form the saving habit so completely in a year that it will be one of the fixed habits of the rest of your life-one you will never want to break. Suppose you begin today. Make up your mind to place a certain portion your income at interest in this bank at stated intervals. The end of 1914 will find you with a tidy sum to your credit, and a habit formed which will crown your future with success.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

We are not Socialists in the regu- commerce from asking a citizen to Over 65,000 signatures, more than obtained to the initiative petition ask-ing that the question of a constituion-al amendment prohibiting the manu-control of the term. (Our sign a petition drawn up and endorsed by that body? If not, then his entire it,) and we are not prophets, but any man up a tree can see that progress ed upon the ballot at the coming state tralization. election in California.

political axe to grind to spend their

facture, sale or use of liquor, be plac- must mean more and not less cen- rank with some of the freak bills introduced that have never got by the Government ownership would have first committee. For perhaps the sen-There are hundreds of thousands of

been well nigh impossible a few ator does not realize that 1,000 as-years ago when business was segrebecause the money lords are locking up their funds, and it strikes us that a smart thing for the government to do would be to take a few millions of that income tax collected for the solution tench of the solution tench gated into a thousand factions, but commerce can be appointed and paid

ness. Is any other solution tenable? LEAKY.

Recently the Salem Messenger, arguing against prohibition, asked if it prohibited. The Courier replied as much as any law prohibited, to which In an editorial comment on Ex-Senator Bourne's proposition to abolish that paper comes back with a lengthy editorial advocating personal liberty, one paragraph of which follows: paid circulators, the Eugene Guard says that should the senator's idea prevail it would make the way clear

Frankly, we believe in temperance but not prohibition. We believe in every man living the largest possible life, and getting most and best out of it. To do this, individual liberty is necessary. Because one individual makes a hog of himself and fills up on wine, beer, or whiskey, and becomes a disgusting spectacle and public nuisance, is no reason why the other ninety-nine temperate, orderly citizens should be deprived of a personal privilege.

This from one of the brightest editorial pages that comes to the Cour-ier office, is decidedly weak logic. Almost every law that is passed re-

A man broke and hungry, may want to hold up and rob the man who has gold in his pocket, and a law for- should never have been 433 appeals bidding him, restrains his liberty-his right of might.

Laws forbidding druggists to sell morphine or cocaine restrain the in-dividual liberty to purchase of the man who craves it.

The pardon issued to J. Thoburn Ross by Governor West of Oregon and A national statute forbidding the importation of absinthe is individual the pardon given Arthur B. Cutts, the ex-cashier of the Idaho State Bank at restraint. Our state game laws, our city ordinances all forbid us to do Hailey, Idaho, by the chief executive what many of us would like to do.

A state law forbids a man to take a bottle of liquor out of his own suit case and drink it on the train. A state law forbids the selling or strained.' giving of cigarettes or tobacco to mi-

And so on-we could cite them by

uncreds. There are three classes in connect-ion with liquor. One class never touch-has spent on its highways \$847,744.17

es it the next can take it or leave in the four years ending December 1, it alore. The third be: me drunken 1913. It is now up to somebody to fi-It isn't the case as the Messenger cites of ninety-nine "temperate, or-derly citizens" being deprived of per-a million dollars worth of roads. Yet

sonal privilege to save the hundredth man Far from this proportion. Personal privilege, so far as ob-

taining booze, is entirely curtailed by law in Kansas, and we ask the Mes-senger editor to look up the statistics of crime and pauperism in that state and find a license state in the Union that will compare with it.

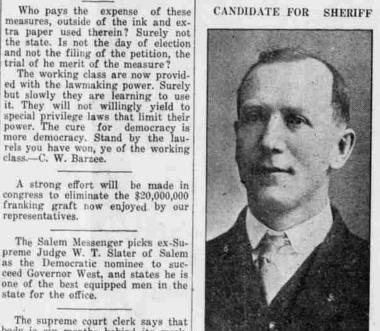
We expect the next Oregon legis- parent waste?

senate is hereby abolished" be applied The fish and game commission.

The naval militia. The state board of health. The railroad commission. The corporation commission. The school supervisor law. The state senate. The veterinary law. And 9 or 14 others we don't just

think of now. ,

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF



What? the taxpayers save \$4,000 and the Morning Enterprise finds no

Who is the Morning Enterprise legusiness in Oregon City for the past eight years, and during that time has ging for anyway? Isn't its duty to made a host of friends in Clackamas you taxpayers to stand for the best

county. He is a popular lodge man and is very active in the Commercial Club., and a charter member of the will it stand with the early Sunday Gladstone Commercial Club. Also ac- callers of the Milwaukie Club? Does tive member of German Verein Soci- it draw its life and substance from you taxpayers, then should it stand

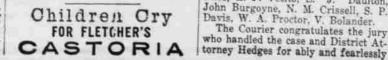
"The court is unable to alter mat-

Who is right? The Morning Enter-

for you or against you? Taxes are high, yet the Enterprise wants the county stuck for damages

exceptions in the case .- Paid Adv.

Rev. E. A. Smith will spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Logan and Redlands. Friday and Saturday will be used in renovating the church at Logan, with other friends there. The church is being replastered by Mr. M. Kellogg and will be as good as new when completed. Sunday he will preach at Logan at 11 A. M., and in the afternoon he will preach at Ev-ergreen at 3 P. M. Subjects will be:



quickly and one man was thrown out by the start, and as he regained conthe County highways. The first case, Terry vs. Clackemas County was tried ciousness he saw the other man jump, in Washington County on a change of out. His head was considerably bruis venue.

ed and he was unable to attend court Terry claimed that he was injured Tuesday. and his automobile was wrecked by reason of a defect in the county high-

way just beyond Milwaukie. He was on his way with two passengers to the Milwaukie Club about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, and jumped off the road. The case was thrown out of Say, do you think it is possible

court on a motion for non-suit, made by the District Attorney. The taxpayers were thus saved to be mania with him? I read every-s2,000.00. The other case was Bradshaw vs. will cut out his fault-finding with everyone that he may do some good.

Clackamas County. This case was tri-de before a jury in Clackamas County women, even if they are not Social-January 5th, 1914. Bradshaw claimed ists, and just as honest and sincere as he was injured when his wagon went into a deep hole or rut near Bull Run on the Bull Run-Aimes County road. It was shown that he was driving four horses, two of which were frac-tious and only partly broken. That he had a heavy load of lumber on the wagon and that he was going down a long, steep part of the road. He had a rope break and it was held by anoth-er man. He thus entrusted the safe-ty attachment to another. He had he was injured when his wagon went this John Stark, and are really doing

ty attachment to another. He had passed over the same piece of road a few days before and therefore knew There is some talk of starting an

its condition. He filed his case in 1911 Equity store here. Some of the farmers are sowing

and tried it in 1914. The preponder-ance of the evidence showed the road barley for a change. If they can't sell was in good condition. After hearing it to make beer hogs they can use it the lecturing and the charge of the for hog feed.

the fecturing and the charge of the court the jury returned a verdict for the county. Clackamas county was saved another \$2,000.

Of this the Enterprise says: "The victory in two of these cases recently welding of Miss Nora Moehake and victory in two of these cases recently wedding of Miss Nora Moehnke and tried has pleased some quarters de- Rudolph Klinger.

cidedly, but it seems to us that there is very little cause for elation on the Kirbyson finish his concrete build-John Heft has been helping Mr. ing.

Individual's Money To Loan.

\$1,000-3 to 5 years. \$1,000-3 to 5 years. \$1500-2 years. \$1,000-1 to 3 years. \$500-2 to 3 years. \$600-3 years. \$300-2 years.

On real estate, terms reasonable,

Stevens Bidg., Oregon City, Ore, President Title & Investment Co, Clackamas County Abstracts.

Worms the Cause of You r Child's Pains

A foul, disagreable breath, dark A tout, disagreable breach, dark circles around the eyes, at times fe-verish, with great thirst; cheeks flushed and then pale, abdomen swol-The court is unable to alter mat-ters and it is probable that the jury could see no other way out of the dilemma? There was none. The plain-tiff was not entitled to get his hands into the County Treasury and the jury call so greatly to the health of your child by emoving the dangerous and disagreeprise, which has no use for the taxpay able effect of worms and parasites prise, which has no use for the taxpay ers' money or the following jurymen, who sat on the Bradshaw case:--Fred Lins, H. T. Melvin, John Stormer, Gust Englebrecht, Fred Mat-thies, E. F. Vetito, E. J. Daulton, John Burgoyne, N. M. Crissell, S. P. Davis, W. A. Proctor, V. Bolander. The Courier congratulates the jury who handled the case and District At-torney Hedges for ahly and fearlessly

Johnston & Lindquist, 9th & Main Streets.

for roadwork in Clackamas county at \$15,000, County Clerk William L Mulgure out what Clackamas county has received for this outlay. The county

enough money was spent for road purposes during the last four years to hard-surface at least one main



Mr. Strebig had considerable ex-perience in the detective service and is capable of serving the people of Clackamas County with credit to him-self, his friends and his county. Mr. Strebig will run on the straight

"the quality of mercy was badly

Estimating the December expense a jury in the Bradshaw case? Listen! Here is what the editorial says:

of that state, lead the Salem Journal to remark in a sensible editorial that

of Sheriff of Clackamas County. taken to it and there should be a stop to this continuation of litigation. Three fourths of these cases should have been final in the circuit courts.

body is six months behind its work, that 433 appeals were filed last year, Henry W. Strebig, proprietor of and that it will take several years at the "Pioneer Meat Market" has an- part of the county." the present rate to catch up. There nounced his candidacy for the office

Mr. Strebig has been in the meat cause for elation?