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Expansion in Real Estate Business

It has been apparent for some time that Clackamas County was not receiving its just share of the immigration flowing into the State. This has come about largely from the fact that other localities have made special effort, through local organizations and in the distribution of literature, to induce and invite newcomers into their respective counties. Clackamas County has to pay a large sum as its part of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair, and it ought, in all good conscience, to receive its proportion of the awards in the way of new settlers to buy up our surplus lands, and aid in the building up of new industries.

For the purpose of helping myself, and directly and indirectly this great county, I have opened a real estate office in Portland, at 233 Washington Street, Labbe building, first floor, and will be open for business on and after April 1st. Capt. James P. Shaw, late of Hood River, who was associated with the real estate department of my office some years ago, will have charge of the Portland office, and will be a full partner in the real estate department of the business, both in Portland and Oregon City. Having lived many years in Portland, Capt. Shaw has an intimate acquaintance with the metropolis and its people. From now on we will have special opportunities for selling real estate left with us. We shall make a specialty of the following properties:

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BRIEF MENTION OF NOMINEES ON
REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

A Business Administration On Economical and Progressive Lines Commends Their Re-election.

A business administration of county affairs along economical and progressive lines suggests and commends the re-election of the nominees on the Republican ticket of Clackamas county. They are the men who have had charge of the county's business during the last two years, and having proven faithful to their trust, there is no reason that they should be relieved at this time of a responsibility that has been fearlessly assumed and satisfactorily discharged. Taxpayers are satisfied with the manner in which the business and the various interests of the county have been attended to during the last two years, realizing that while the county is unfortunately in debt, the officials who are now serving have done good work in not only reducing the amount of the county's obligations, but in restricting to a reasonable amount the current expenses of the county without impairing the efficiency with which the work has been conducted in each and every one of these departments.

During the last few weeks the Enterprise has been publishing pictures and brief sketches of the nominees on the Clackamas County Republican Legislative and County ticket. We present this

member 25, 1845. His boyhood was spent on a farm, and early in the Civil War he enlisted in the 10th Ohio Infantry. After a two years' service, Mr. Cahill re-enlisted as a veteran and served until the close of the war. During the Civil War, Mr. Cahill participated in some of the principal engagements. He was under Sherman at Iuka and Corinth, and with Grant at Vicksburg. He fought at the battle of Missionary Ridge and made the march to the sea with Sherman. Mr. Cahill came to Oregon in 1875 and located on a homestead near New Era, where he still resides. Mr. Cahill has made a record for economically conducting the treasurer's office, having never had a deputy regularly employed. The records of the office have been accurately kept. Democratic reports to the contrary notwithstanding, Mr. Cahill has served the people of Clackamas county with the same satisfaction that he was patriotic in the service of his country, and he will continue to serve in the same relation for another term of two years.

FOR SURVEYOR.

John W. Meldrum, the Republican nominee for county surveyor, is a native of Iowa, but has resided in Oregon since 1855. For a number of years he was engaged at school teaching, afterwards read law, and in 1865 became a surveyor and has followed that business continuously ever since. In 1885 he was elected county surveyor, serving two years, when he was elected and served one term as county judge. In 1899 Mr. Meldrum was appointed a deputy in the office of Surveyor E. P. Hands, and continued to fill the position until June, 1902, when he was himself elected to that office. Mr. Meldrum, because of his many years of active work, is especially competent to fill the office to which he aspires, since he is

JOHN R. SHAVER, OF MOLALLA.



Republican Nominee for Sheriff.

week sketches of others, as follows:

FOR SHERIFF.

Notwithstanding the fact that the brunt of the fight in the county campaign this year is being waged against Sheriff J. R. Shaver, and goodness knows the Democrats themselves do not know why they have it in for him—Shaver will be re-elected sheriff at the election June 6th. He will be retained in the sheriff's office for another term, because he has been equally as successful as an official as he was in the management of a farm before being chosen to his present position.

Mr. Shaver is a native Oregonian, having been born at Silverton, Marion county, of pioneer stock, his parents having crossed the plains in 1851. When a young man he was engaged in the livery stable business at Portland, and subsequently served as assessor for East Portland before that district was incorporated with the city proper. Many years ago Mr. Shaver purchased a farm near Molalla, which he has successfully conducted. He is an extensive raiser of blooded cattle, with which his farm is plentifully stocked.

Without any flattery, Mr. Shaver has conducted the office of sheriff with better satisfaction than has that important office been managed for years. In the first year of his term, Mr. Shaver managed the office for about \$400 less than did his predecessor, and the saving during the second term was even greater, for in the tax collecting department, Mr. Shaver adopted a tax statement receipt, the use of which materially curtailed the amount of clerical work in the office. A statement of taxes due is required by law to be sent to individual taxpayers and by the plan adopted by Sheriff Shaver, the statement is converted into a receipt by merely stamping the proper number thereon and affixing his signature thereto, thereby saving the writing out of a complete receipt separately and which must necessarily be equally as long as the original statement.

Mr. Shaver has made a thorough, careful, painstaking and conscientious official, and the endorsement he received in the way of a re-nomination for a second term was entirely deserved. The voter who desires in charge of this office a thoroughly competent man who will faithfully and honestly transact the business of the office to the best interests of the taxpayers will make no mistake in marking a cross before the name of John R. Shaver, for sheriff.

FOR TREASURER.

Enos Cahill, who will be re-elected to succeed himself as county treasurer, is a native of the state of Ohio, having been born at Tuscarawas county, No-

READ, CONSIDER

AN INTELLIGENT STATEMENT OF
THE TAX SITUATION.

Large Appropriations by Legislature Responsible for High Taxes—Where Blame Belongs.

The Enterprise this week re-produces in part an editorial on "The Tax Situation" that was published in this paper on April 1st, and treating the subject of high taxes. We submit the statement to the careful investigation and intelligent consideration of the voters of Clackamas county. The editorial referred to, follows:

A general misunderstanding exists in the minds of many Clackamas county taxpayers regarding the tax situation this year. Many intelligent people are laboring under the impression that because property values were doubled in this county, then their taxes must this year be double what they paid a year ago. This is a mistake. Such is not the case.

Levy is the Same.

We will illustrate. The assessment roll for the year 1902 represented property of the value of \$4,526,000, while the roll for 1903 and upon which taxes are now being collected, aggregates \$9,016,211 in assessed value, or nearly double the roll of a year before. In 1902 the total tax levy was \$2 mills, made up of the following items: State, 6 mills; state school, 5 mills; county, 12 mills; road, 9 mills. Compare these respective levies with the following for the year 1903: State, 5 mills; state school, 5 mills; county, 6 mills; road, 4 1-2 mills; total, 20 1-2 mills. It will be noticed that the total of the levy for county purposes in 1902 was 21 mills, being made up of the levies of 12 mills and 9 mills for county and road purposes respectively. For 1903 the total of the levy for county purposes is 16 1-2 mills, or just one-half the levy for the preceding year, but this levy is made on an assessed valuation of nearly double that of 1902. The actual facts are these: While the levy for 1903 is reduced by fifty per cent. from that of the year before, it is applied on an assessment roll that comes nearly being double that for the year before. As a matter of fact there will not be raised this year for county purposes the same amount that was raised last year by about \$5,000.

County Officers Not To Blame.

But there is considerable complaint among taxpayers because their individual taxes are slightly heavier than they were a year ago. Without stopping to investigate the situation, the majority of these persons are disposed to censure the present county officers and saddle on them all the blame for the existing conditions. This is an injustice. The reason that taxes are this year higher than a year ago is a state and not a local condition, over which the county officers have no control and are powerless to remedy.

How Taxes Are Levied.

The system under which the state taxes are levied and collected from the respective counties, is not understood by the average taxpayer. At the session of the Legislature in 1901 a new law was enacted regulating the apportionment of state taxes. At that time an average of the assessment rolls of the various counties for the preceding five years was taken as a basis upon which to compute the pro rata share that each county should pay towards the expenses of the state. The per cent. of the total amount of taxes to be raised for state purposes by Clackamas county was fixed 0.35. This law will remain in effect until 1910, when a new basis of apportioning the state tax will be determined by getting an average of the expenses, not including the item of roads

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Good Health to the Children

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