

OTHERS THAN BENTON

Raised Valuations of Taxable Property—Twenty Five Million Advance in State.

Benton is not the only county in the state that raised the valuation of property for assessment purposes last year. Every county in the state, in fact, except two, made an increase. The two exceptions were Tillamook and Grant, and Tillamook had doubled its valuation the year before. The combined increase swelled the total valuation of the state about 25 million dollars. The total valuation in the year before was 148 millions and this year under the new assessment it is 173 millions in round numbers.

Of all the raises, the biggest was in Clackamas, where the advance was 99 per cent, or one per cent less than doubled. In Gilliam it was 98 per cent. Benton is third on the list as to the amount of increase with 72 per cent. The increase in Umatilla is 62 per cent, in Morrow 54. Clatsop, 44. Multnomah shows the smallest increase with but four and a half per cent. The average increase throughout the state is 17 per cent. It is probable that in the next assessment all the counties will make effort to fix all property at its true cash value for purposes of taxation, and that a further increase in the valuation will be made.

Of the big 45 million increase, about five millions is on tillable land, nine millions on non-tillable land, four millions on city lots and improvements, three million on railroad bed and one million on merchandise. The largest per cent of increase is on railroad bed, which advances from \$3,469 per mile to \$4,686. The advance in valuation on unimproved land is 34 per cent.

The reason for the general increase in valuation, is the desire of the counties to lower the tax levy and to obey the law, which provides that all property shall be assessed at its "true cash value." The advance in valuation makes no difference in the amount of taxes each man has to pay. The state tax is no longer based on the valuation of property, but is fixed by a percentage on the aggregate of the current expenses of each county. If the valuations in Benton were five times what they now are no property owner would pay a cent more state taxes, state school taxes or county taxes than he now pays.

DRUMMER'S OPINION.

Of Corvallis—Things it Needs and Doesn't Need—Says it is a Good Looker.

A commercial traveler who often makes Corvallis, expressed his opinion of the place yesterday. "It is a good town," he said. "Its natural site is one of beauty, and its public buildings, including those at the college are attractive. It is one of the most pleasant and I think one of the most thriving towns I visit. There are, however, a few minor things that might be done to add to its appearance. It would cost comparatively nothing to do it. The old awnings on Main street ought to be torn down. They are a sign of antiquity. They are never seen in modern towns. Then there are too many light and and telephone poles on the business street. The public and the city is being imposed upon in this particular. Most of those poles should be in the alleys, and for the balance the light and phone poles should be made to use the same poles on Main street. Otherwise the main street of the town is slightly and excellent. With these improvements and a removal of the weeds where they are excessively abundant in public places and the use of a little paint here and there where it is needed, Corvallis would be a hard one to beat in point of "appearance."

White Leghorns.

I have full blooded White Leghorn eggs for sale at 50 cents per setting of 15 eggs.

Mrs. J. P. Durno.
Information at J. H. Harris Store.

CROUP

Begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. (The child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liniment to the throat.

Mrs. A. Vliet, New Castle, Colo., writes, March 19, 1901: "I think Ballard's Horehound Syrup a wonderful remedy, and so pleasant." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

FAMILIAR NAMES.

That Answered Fireman's Roll Call Thirty Years ago in Corvallis. How all is Changed.

The late re-organization of the Corvallis Fire Department has set the boys to talking about the old volunteer days of years ago in Corvallis. The discussion makes interesting this brief glimpse at the early history of the department. It will be particularly interesting to old time residents because of the familiar names that it recalls, many of whom are no longer on the rolls of volunteer departments, but have answered to the last great roll call that comes to men.

Young America Engine Company Number 1 was organized June 18, 1872 under the name of Corvallis Engine Company Number 1, with 38 members and the following officers: J. R. Bayley, president; W. B. Carter, secretary; Otto Fox, treasurer; George P. Wrenn, foreman; B. W. Wilson, first assistant; F. E. Robinson, second assistant. On the 21st day of the following September however, the name was changed to Young America Engine Company Number 1.

THE OLD ROLL CALL.

On the date mentioned, the names below were signed to the constitution and by-laws. Each of the names carries with it a story which old timers will recall. Beginning with that of George P. Wrenn, who lost his life in the great fire in which the W. A. Wells warehouse near the present S. P. station, was burned, February 11, 1882, the list shows a heavy mortality, all of the original officers having passed away. The original membership was as follows:

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| Geo. P. Wrenn | John McDonald. |
| Henry Dohse | F. E. Robinson. |
| Otto Fox | W. F. Rayburn. |
| W. H. McFarland | John Kelsay. |
| G. Hodes | J. H. Stewart. |
| August Knight | J. C. Taylor. |
| E. Q. McCandlish | Manuel Knight. |
| W. T. Johnson | H. Gerber. |
| B. W. Wilson | E. Allen. |
| L. G. Kline | James Graves. |
| J. R. K. Quinn | A. R. McConnell. |
| A. H. Perham | W. B. Carter. |
| J. T. Phillips | H. Flickinger. |
| Max Friendly | G. W. Houck. |
| W. Hoffman | W. Spencer. |
| S. Neugass | Thomas Graham. |
| Wallace Baldwin | John Burnett. |
| T. Ranney | L. N. Liggett. |
| Sol King | H. Bird. |
| Jack Shephard | J. A. Yantis. |
| S. H. Look | George Elliott. |
| J. Liggett | W. Cushman. |
| E. A. Rexford | A. Pixley. |
| D. Drake | F. M. Stanton. |
| T. Graham | J. R. Bailey. |
| James Eglin | N. P. Briggs. |
| Andrew Emerick | D. B. Irvin. |
| J. O. Fuller | Joseph Emerick. |
| | Timothy Donohue. |

ORGANIZED H. & L. Co.

After three years of effective service, the necessity of a Hook & Ladder adjunct to the young department began to be discussed, and on the 16th day of June, 1885, Corvallis H. & L. Company was organized. The original officers were, William Groves, president; E. Holgate, secretary; J. A. Davis, treasurer; Gilbert Gaylord, foreman; Hale Backensto, first assistant; J. R. Shepard, second assistant. The original members numbered 22, and were as follows:

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| J. R. Shepard | C. Groves. |
| J. A. Davis | Wm. Groves. |
| C. F. Alexander | W. H. Sellers. |
| E. Holgate | H. Backensto. |
| G. W. Kennedy | L. F. Wilson. |
| J. S. Justice | R. G. Simmons. |
| G. Gaylord | A. Emerick. |
| A. H. Perham | J. E. Smith. |
| Geo. P. Wrenn | J. E. Johnson. |
| W. S. Hufford | Cass Humphrey. |
| Eli King | T. M. Cook. |

STILL ANOTHER COMPANY.

In those old volunteer days, the fire department was in a vigorous condition, and the increase of membership finally led to the organization of another Engine company. Big Six, the old double decker hand engine had been replaced by a smaller engine now in use, and it stood unused in the engine house. These facts led on the 27th day of April 1881 to the organization of Big Six Engine Company, number 2 with the following original officers: J. H. Lewis, president; J. R. Baldwin, vice president; S. E. Belknap, foreman; N. B. Avery, first assistant; B. G. White, second assistant; F. H. Sawtelle, recording secretary; W. H. Goldson, financial secretary; B. T. Taylor, treasurer; Lewis Wilson, A. J. Y. Young and T. J. Blair, delegates to the department.

The original membership was: S. E. Belknap John H. Simpson A. drew Emeric J. C. Hutton. I. P. Manning N. T. Bayley. John Mensinger M. B. Avery. T. J. Blair John Lewis.

Afterward the Big Six Engine Company number 2 was transformed into Monumental Hose Company Number 2.

GOT HOME AFTER MIDNIGHT.

And the Doors Were Locked—He Tried a Ladder and the Second Story Window, and—

It is the inexorable rule at his house for the doors to be finally locked at midnight. If any member of the household is out that time, he or she must stay out. The old gentleman himself had been out with the boys this particular night, and it was away after twelve when he got home. He knew the rule, however, and made no bid for the door to be opened. He knew better. In fact, he had tried it before, and had always, after a parley been compelled to retire to the barn and bide the morning.

On this particular night, however, he was other minded. He had as above related been out with the boys and was impressed with the idea that he knew a thing or two. He smiled as he thought of how he was "a-go-in' ter fool 'em." He fetched the long ladder from the barn, and raised it so he could reach a second story window. He chuckled to himself as he started up the rounds, chuckled to think how the joke all would be on them.

It all happened three or four weeks ago. They heard him fall, and then heard his groans. He has been in the house ever since, waiting for all the repairs to be completed. "The tarnation old ladder wasn't steady on its feet, ye see, and it fluked on the old gent at the critical moment."

IN CORVALLIS NOW.

A Blooded Stallion out of a Great Family—W. O. Trine's Guycisca.

One of the best bred horses ever on the Coast is now owned in Corvallis. He is the property of W. O. Trine, and arrived via Wednesday's boat from Salem, where he has been kept all winter. He is a handsome dark bay, 12 years old, of remarkably fine disposition and is altogether a notable horse. He is a distinct addition to the fine poultry, fine cattle, fine sheep and other fancy breeds of livestock for which Benton is becoming notable.

Guycisca, 16,690, has a race record of 2:26 and a matinee mark of 2:18. He was sired by the great Guy Wilkes, 2:15 1/4, the sire of Fred Kohl, 2:07 1/2, Holdy, 2:08 1/2, Seymour Wilkes, 2:08, and sire of 18 horses in the 2:15 list, 60 in the 2:30. Twenty one sons have 75 colts in the 2:30 list and 12 daughters have 16 in the same list.

The first dam is Francisca, 2:18, by Almost 33, sire of Altamont, 3:60, sire of Chehalis, 2:04 1/4, Del Norte, 2:08, Altao, 2:09 1/4, Pathmont, 2:09 1/4, Almeda, 2:09 1/4, Alla T, 2:08, Doc Sperry, 2:07, making one of the greatest families of extreme speed on earth.

Francisca, 2:18 is the dam of Guycisca, 2:26, I Direct 2:12, Sable Francis, 2:14 1/2. She is also the dam of Earl Medium, 9:915 by Happy Medium. Earl Medium is the sire of Coneril 2:24 1/2, Lucy Stokes, 2:18 1/2 and Tom Martin, 2:14 1/2. She also has a colt that is considered one of the best prospects in California.

FORMER CORVALLISITE.

His Death at San Diego California—Lake Dorris.

A message was received here this morning, says the Eugene Guard, from San Diego, Cal., bringing the unwelcome news of the death from consumption last night of M. L. Dorris, the well known clerk in Chambers Bro's hardware store.

Mr. Dorris left several weeks ago for California in hopes of benefiting his health and for a time he wrote that he was much improved. It was a great surprise and a shock to his friends here to learn of his death, as everyone thought he was getting along so well.

The remains will at once be brought to Eugene for interment. The deceased was aged about 38 years and was an exemplary citizen. He was very popular with his employees and associates, and his friends were legion.

Mrs. Dorris, who has been with her parents at Independence since her husband left for California, is almost prostrated with grief.

Mr. Dorris was a member of the Workmen, Woodmen, Masons and Odd Fellows.

Mr. Dorris was formerly employed in R. M. Wade & Co's hardware store at Corvallis.

Reserved seats for the Fisk Jubilee Singers on sale at Graham & Wortham's. Better get a seat today.

FOR SALE.

Vetch seed at Corvallis Flour Mills

BIG GATHERING OF CLANS.

Tournament will be a Fitting Celebration of Washington Day.

The shooting tournament to be held here on the 22nd under the auspices of the Corvallis Gun Club promises to be an event of surpassing interest. Several cash and merchandise prizes have been added since the list was published and the total value of prizes offered amounts to about \$135, exclusive of the sums to be contributed in each event by individual participants. So many have signified their intention to take part that it has been found necessary to provide five traps instead of three, as was at first believed would be sufficient. Parties of sportsmen from various parts of the county have borrowed the club's traps for practice and the boys will flock here on the 22nd in shape to do wonderful execution. All sections of the county will be represented.

Prospective phases of this event, in memory, carries the old resident back to the times when Corvallis was a common rallying point for the Tong Tomers, the Soap Creekers, Upper and Lower Willamettes and the Mary's river clans. All met here to run horses and fight and participate in all incidental and accompanying festivities. The resemblance of the events of long ago and the one to occur on the 22nd, in fact, is merely in the gathering of representatives from various localities, for a contest. In truth, there is more satisfaction in contemplating the dissimilarity than otherwise. Whereas, in the old days an event such as is scheduled for next Monday would be accompanied by drunkenness and general disorder. At this time the very opposite conditions will prevail.

The tournament is to begin promptly at 9:30. Ample shelter for participants will be provided. Provision has been made for having fires on the ground, and hot coffee is to be served. E. E. Wilson has been chosen as secretary and treasurer for the day. Other officials will be selected on the grounds. The event promises to be a fitting celebration of the day.

Remember Washington's birthday and the Fisk Jubilee Singers at the Opera House. Both come Feb. 22nd.

Don't forget to try Alden's fresh taffy and pinoche at Hall's.

Just arrived at Hall's a full line of Alden's candies and taffy. Try them.

For White Plymouth Rock Eggs Call on or address, W. A. Bates, at Corvallis Flouring Mills, Corvallis, Or. One setting, 75 cents; 2 settings, \$1.25

It will pay you big to buy an over coat now for next winter at Kline's.



BROWN LEGHORNS. BLACK MINORCAS.

My hens laid more eggs during the seven winter months than any equal number of hens in Oregon. If you desire to fill the egg basket, I've got the chickens that were bred for this purpose. They are layers and that's what you want. Get rid of your "scrubs" and obtain thoroughbred—it costs no more for feed. Order your eggs for hatching purposes now. Eggs \$1.00 per 15, at residence on North 11th St.

OTTO F. L. HERSE, Corvallis, Or.

ITCH—RINGWORM.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25th, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ringworm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

HEALTH

Means the ability to do a good day's work, without undue fatigue and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be best and quickest obtained by Herbine, the best liver regulator that the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith writes, April 3, 1902: "I use Herbine, and find it the best for constipation and regulating the liver I ever used." Price 50 cents. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Spring, 1904. Just Arrived.

New Black and Colored Dress Goods, New Wash Fabrics, New Waistings, New Prints, Gingham and Percales, New Clothing and Men's Furnishings, Douglas \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes—Spring Styles.

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Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, White Goods, Shirt Waists.

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PACKED In Small Quantities. 2-Pound Cartoons.

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OUR GARDEN SEEDS

Are now in either Bulk or Package.

HODES' GROCERY, PHONE 483, CORVALLIS, OR.

For Sale.

Bright chest and rye grass hay, vetch, speltz, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices. I. L. Brooks.

Wanted—Bids for Keeping County Poor.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, up to 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904, for the care and keeping of the poor of Benton County, Oregon, for a term of two years from May 15, 1904. The County Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Dated Feb. 8, 1904. Victor P. Moses, County Clerk.

For Exchange.

A fine residence in Los Angeles, good location, will rent for \$30 per month, value \$4000, for improved farm about same value. J. G. Simpson, 2560 N. Siebel st. Los Angeles, Cal.

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Lounges, Couches, Desks, Folding Beds, Etc., made to order. Particular attention given to special orders and repairing. All work guaranteed. One door south of R. M. Wade's, Main street. W. W. Holgate.

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Good Clean Beds and Comfortable Rooms. A home for farmers and laborers. Rates reasonable on application.

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H. S. PERNOT, Physician & Surgeon

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DR. C. H. NEWTH, Physician & Surgeon Philomath, Oregon.

Notice for Publication,

Timber Land Act June 3, 1879. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, January, 18th 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress June 3, 1879, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1882, Barney L. Carey of Falls City, county of Polk, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6817, for the purchase of the Lots 1 & 2 of Section No. 2 in Township No. 12 S., Range No. 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Jacob L. Henkle of Philomath, Oregon, John W. Byrd " " " " Frank Spencer " " " " Michael Flynn " " " " Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of March 1904.

Algernon S. Dresser, Register