

FOR MANY REFORMS County Judges and Commissioners in Session.

Great Enthusiasm Manifested by Every One Present—Work of the First Day.

The fourth annual convention of County Judges, Commissioners and County Assessors opened yesterday morning in the rooms of the Multnomah County Commissioners in the City Hall.

The purpose of the gathering—securing an equitable system of taxation laws and a uniform administration throughout the state—would be materially furthered.

Speeches were made by Judges Gray, of Clatsop, and Willis, of Crook, on the work of the convention.

In the afternoon session the committee reported the following order of business: Consideration of the necessity of a state board of equalization; manner of assessing real property; manner of collecting taxes; consideration of the road and poll tax question; appointment of commissioners; election of officers.

On motion the following committees were appointed: Committee on equalization—Judge W. C. Willis, of Crook, chairman; Judges Sibley, of Polk, and Blakeley, of Wasco; Assessor Jett, of Baker; Commissioner Steele, of Multnomah; and Assessor Jett, of Multnomah.

The committee on manner of collecting taxes reported the following recommendations: That the Treasurer shall be the collector of taxes up to the time they become delinquent; that the Sheriff shall collect the delinquent taxes.

That the assessor shall be the collector of all taxes on personal property not secured by lien on real estate.

That all taxes shall become due and payable January 1, annually, and become delinquent on May 1 following, and that a penalty of 5 per cent be then added, with legal interest on same after becoming delinquent.

That some better method be devised for disposing of real property sold for delinquent taxes than the present one of authorizing the county judges to bid it in for the county.

INJURED BY ACCIDENT. Developments in Case of Little James Barton.

The funeral of little James William Barton, 4 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barton, of Center Addition, took place yesterday afternoon from their home.

This is the little boy who died from concussion of the brain or fracture of the skull, caused by a fall on the concrete floor of the basement in the Mount Tabor schoolhouse, on West avenue, district No. 5.

Four weeks ago the boy met with the accident which resulted fatally. Mrs. Barton, the mother, made the following statement:

"Our little boy came home from school and said that he had been hurt by another boy, but he did not then seem to be hurt. He was in bed for a few days at school the next day. We supposed he had been hurt while playing, and thought nothing about the matter at the time.

Professor Durrette, the principal of Mount Tabor School, yesterday carefully investigated the case, and found that there were several young pupils of ages from 8 to 12 who had been 'mating' each other's hats in play.

Death of Elias Sanders. Elias R. Sanders, a veteran of the Civil War, died at St. Vincent's Hospital Monday night, after a lingering illness of several weeks from blood poisoning.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, from Finley's undertaking parlors, at 10 o'clock. Rev. Alexander Blackburn will officiate.

East Side Notes. Mrs. Almira Curtiss of La Grande, Or., is visiting at the home of her brother, L. H. Wells, at East Ninth street, South.

PERSONAL MENTION. Dr. Oswald F. Beckham, of Astoria, is at the Imperial.

Senator John D. Daly, of Corvallis, is at the Imperial.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Mrs. Montgomery, at the Fifth Avenue.

SEEM TO BE SATISFIED. Question of Assessing Law Books Decided in Favor of the Owners Thereof.

A good many prominent citizens visited the County Board of Equalization yesterday and examined the assessment rolls, but only a few complaints were made.

The two principal complaints yesterday were by Cotton, Teal & Minor and Emmons & Emmons, against the assessment of their law libraries under the head of household furniture, etc.

As described by the Census Bureau, the center of population is 'The center of gravity' of the country's inhabitants.



A COMPOSITE VIEW OF THE TAX-PAYER. PHILLO HOLBROOK TOOK NO CHANCES WITH HIS HAT.

with a force proportional to its distance from the center. That is to say, the mass of inhabitants increases in weight in proportion to the length of its removal from the center point.

Assessor Greenleaf states that he merely placed these firms on the roll as a test case, and if the board had decided to sustain him, he would have had the rest of the lawyers appear before the board and placed all of them on the list having liability of sufficient value.

COMMERICAL CLUB PLAYERS. Scores Made in Billiard and Pool Tournaments This Week.

The pool and billiard tournament at the Commercial Club is progressing quite rapidly. Billiards has been played to date. Beach seems to have the preference as a possible winner in the pool tournament.

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Portland's temperature yesterday ranged from 10 to 26 degrees above zero, and fell here. More snow fell at Portland Monday than at any other point in the Willamette Valley.

CENTER OF POPULATION. Here is a Paper That Has Actually Heard of Portland.

The population center of the United States is not traveling westward as fast as formerly, but it is still traveling. In 1890 it is located at Columbus, Ind.

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