

PROTESTS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS

Many Think Assessments Are Too High and Make Complaints.

ONE MAN THREATENS SUIT

Simon Mitchell Asserts That When He Bought He Was Assured Lots Would Not Be Assessed Above Certain Figure.

If Simon Mitchell does not back down, Multnomah County will find itself defendant in a suit asking the court to restrain Assessor B. D. Sigler from assessing lots 2 and 3 in block 25 in King's Second Addition at more than \$200, which property is now in the possession of the above mentioned Mr. Mitchell, who purchased it from C. E. Morges. The property is assessed at \$750 and the Board of Equalization can see no good reason why Mr. Mitchell's demand should be granted. The matter came up before the Board yesterday afternoon and the writs were laid aside without recommendation, which practically means that the present assessment will stand unless the court issues an order to the contrary.

Mr. Mitchell's reason for a reduction is somewhat novel and out of the ordinary. Having properly reduced it to writing, he says that when he purchased the property, he was promised that at no time should the assessment ever exceed \$400, and now, to his surprise and disgust, he finds it almost doubled. He does not deny that the property may have increased in value. The protest was filed at the regular session of the Board, and among other things it sets forth that the difference in the assessment and the promised rate of valuation is so vast that unless the Board reduces it at once he will feel justified in taking proper action. Altogether there are 369 protests to be reported on by Assessor Sigler and the Board, composed of County Judge Lionel R. Webster, F. C. Barnes and W. L. Lightner, will be occupied for several days.

Protest for Whoalenoers.

One of the main features of yesterday's meeting was the presentation of a protest by Joseph N. Testa in behalf of the whoalenoers of the city. Assessor Sigler has established a 75 per cent basis of assessment on unbroken stock, and this, the merchants declare, is about 30 per cent more than they are willing should stand. They contend that their stocks should be rated no higher than the 60 or 65 per cent of the full valuation placed on retailers' stocks, by reason of the fact that their expenses are relatively heavier than those of the smaller merchants. The matter was discussed at length and a decision will probably be reached some time today. Assessor Sigler, however, is of the opinion that unbroken stocks of whatsoever kind are worth more than broken odds and ends such as are bound to collect in the hands of the retailers.

Mrs. Annie T. Parkhurst owns a 40-acre tract of land on the hillside at the head of Lovejoy street and her husband appeared before the Board with the complaint that, although the property had been reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000, it was still entirely out of reason, as the property was bringing very little income. In fact, he said the only source of revenue from it is the rent of four little ramshackle cottages that bring about \$30 a month. He went even further in support of his contention and stated that these cottages would soon be torn down, as he has already notified the tenants to vacate. Mr. Barnes was inclined to think \$3 a month pretty fair revenue and without a moment's hesitation offered Mr. Parkhurst \$2000 for the tract.

"No," the dissatisfied taxpayer responded. "I would not take \$2000, the property is not for sale. I have an idea that it will be worth half a million some day, but it should not be assessed at \$20,000, that is entirely unreasonable."

Does Not Want to Sell.

"Well, will you take \$20,000," another member of the Board inquired. "I don't want to sell the property," Mr. Parkhurst answered in a way that left no room for misunderstanding. "I admit that I won't sell it for what it is worth because I am speculating. Portland, in my opinion, will have a population as large as that of New York before very long, and then this property will be worth half a million some day. I want \$20,000 to have it platted and placed in condition for the market. In the meantime I am increasing its value by paying taxes at the rate of \$40 a year."

"What would the land bring?" asked Mr. Barnes. "Well, as I said before, I don't want to sell it," Mr. Parkhurst replied, "but two years ago I sold to Mr. Land, and borrowed \$3000 on it. You know Mr. Land is a crank on Jersey cows and I am sort of a crank on cattle myself, and so after we had talked cows for a while, Mr. Land consented to let me have \$2000. I don't think anyone else would have let me have it."

Columbia Slough Lands.

This appeal was listened to with much seriousness, but Mr. Barnes could not quite understand why Mr. Parkhurst would not accept \$40,000 for this property which he claims is being excessively assessed when valued at only \$20,000. With the promise that the Board would do all it could for him, Mr. Parkhurst took departure, and there was a dead silence in the room until a gentleman named Lawrence Connell appeared with a roll of paper in one hand and a hard feeling in his heart for someone, presumably the Assessor, for he asserted that his land on Columbia slough had been assessed way above its value.

"Why," said he in a way that indicated disgust for the three-acre strip of ground that the records prove is his, "that land of mine is the worst in the whole section. It is cut in twain by a sort of gulch and then part of it is under water half the time. I want a man to come out and look at it and so that you will know what you have to deal with. I am assessed more than my neighbors and their land is much better than mine."

When pressed, Mr. Connell acknowledged that only during the high-water period did the slough come up as far as his land, and then only to the edge of it. Nevertheless, Assessor Sigler promised to send a man to take a look at it. "Now when you send your man let me know so that I can show him the right place," was the parting remark of the man from the slough. The total amount of the assessment is about \$300.

Had No Household Furniture.

Attorney Russell E. Sowell appeared to inform the Board that he was not in possession of any household furniture at present, owing to the fact that he is boarding. His statement was accepted. A large number of the protests filed during the regular session of the first week in October were reported upon by Assessor Sigler who had made investigations as to their merits. Several were found without cause and with others again he presented recommendations which as a rule were accepted by the Board.

One dealer had stated that his stock consisted of old "stuff" that wasn't worth much of anything, but investigation led to the discovery that it could easily be assessed at \$20,000, and so it will be. Another firm reported that, instead of having money, notes and accounts on hand, an accused by the Assessor, it sold everything for cash and paid out the money as fast as it came in and owed the bank bawbles.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

MATINEE AT MARQUAM TODAY

Beautiful Roselle Knott in "When Knighthood Was In Flower."

This afternoon at 2:15 o'clock a special matinee will be given at the Marquam Grand Theater, when the charming actress, Roselle Knott, supported by her own excellent company, will present the beautiful romantic drama, "When Knighthood Was In Flower." This is the original stage production, one of the most elaborate and expensive series of scenes ever given in Portland. Do not miss seeing this clever actress and her excellent company. The last performance will be given tonight.

WHITTLESEY MATINEE TODAY

Performance of "The Lady of Lyons" This Afternoon a Society Event.

The popularity of White Whittlesey as a star is so great that his performances at the Belasco have become recognized society events. He is one of the most popular actors who has ever appeared here and, supported by the magnificent Belasco Stock Company, the productions he is giving at the Belasco leave nothing to be desired. The "Lady of Lyons" is a beautiful production and is winning her the admiration of the most discriminating spectators. Do not forget the matinee this afternoon. Performances tonight, tomorrow night and tomorrow matinee.

"TIGER LILIES" MATINEE.

Farwell Performance This Afternoon at the Baker.

The farwell performance of the popular "Tiger Lilies" Burlesque Company at the Baker will be given at the matinee this afternoon. There is no performance at the Baker tonight, and all those who wish to see the great "Tiger Lilies" must attend the matinee, which will start at 2:15. The costumes worn by the graceful girls composing the chorus and also the principal in the "Tiger Lilies" have been the subject of much comment all week. The opening burlesque is entitled "A Temporary Husband" and is a scream of laughter throughout. The closing number, "King of the Coffee Friends," brings out Alex Carr, the celebrated Hebrew impersonator, who is second to none.

"A HUMAN SLAVE."

Two Performances of Startling Melodrama at the Empire Today.

At the Empire this afternoon and tonight the last two performances of the startling melodrama, "A Human Slave," will be given. This unusually powerful play dealing as it does, with the struggle between oppressed labor and tyrannical capital, has attracted a large and increasing audience. The costumes worn by the graceful girls composing the chorus and also the principal in the "Tiger Lilies" have been the subject of much comment all week. The opening burlesque is entitled "A Temporary Husband" and is a scream of laughter throughout. The closing number, "King of the Coffee Friends," brings out Alex Carr, the celebrated Hebrew impersonator, who is second to none.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Georgia Minstrels on Monday Night.

Next Monday night, November 13, at the Marquam Grand Theater, Richards and Fring's Famous Colored Georgia Minstrels will be the attraction. The excellent performances given by this company will be improved upon this visit. They have a whole lot of new and heavy material, and it is passed along the line that it is the best show they ever had. Well, if it beats last season it certainly must be a corker. Seats are now selling. Watch for the big parade Monday at high noon.

Whittlesey in "The First Violin."

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Advance Sale for "Ghosts."

The advance sale of seats will open this morning at 10 o'clock for the clever young star, Harry Mestayer, who comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, November 14, 15 and 16, supported by an excellent company, in Henrik Ibsen's greatest drama, "Ghosts." It is impossible to name a star who is upon the stage in this country who has not received his or her training in the school of the dramatic. The star, Harry Mestayer, who, under Oliver Morley's management, is touring the country in Ibsen's pathetic drama, "Ghosts," has served an apprenticeship in stock for 11 years. After that he was leading man for Chauncey Drost, and then for Mary Shaw.

"The Utopians."

The famous "Utopian" Burlesque Company will give its first performance at the Baker tomorrow afternoon at 2:15. Among the acts on the vaudeville bill are Madden and Jess, the Two Assistants, Brooks Brothers, Rose Jezeette, and Blackford and Hunter. "Mixed, Muddled and Fixed" is the title of the extravaganza, which was written especially for this company by Harry Rogers.

"Hooligan" Coming Tomorrow.

"Hooligan's Troubles," which Manager Arthur J. Aylesworth brings to the Empire, is a farce of the most farcical nature. The story adequately describes the doings of "Hooligan," a member of comedians, pretty much as he is. The play is a comedy of the most humorous kind. "Hooligan's Troubles" will open tomorrow matinee at the Empire and run all next week.

Pythian Lodge Incorporates.

What is said to be the largest lodge in the world of Knights of Pythias was incorporated in Portland yesterday, when the incorporation articles were filed for record in the office of the County Clerk. The incorporators are L. E. Cronch, chancellor commander; Fred F. Holm, keeper of the records and seal, and John W. P. Bannister, M. C. Bannister, W. W. Terry, Joseph Supple and George J. Cameron. The name of the lodge is Ivanhoe No. 1. All the Knights of Pythias in Portland were recently invited to join the lodge, which gave it a membership of 340 persons. The lodge is incorporated for the purpose of facilitating the erection of the new building which it is to build on the northeast corner of Eleventh and Alder streets, and empowering it to own the property. This will be modern in every respect, will cost \$22,000, and will be finished by April 1, 1906.

The Denver & Rio Grande has established through Pullman standard sleeping-car service between Portland and Denver, leaving Portland at 8:15 P. M. and arriving in Denver at 10:30 A. M. on the following day. For reservations and at its third street.

Many persons keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand to prevent bilious attacks, sick headaches, dizziness, and find them just what they need.



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stance, and to accept no more "straw" bonds. Owing to a "pull" enjoyed by some persons in the past, officials overlooked "straw" bond business and permitted "good fellows" to operate unmolested, without due regard to the interests of the city or state.

Mayor Will Examine Pipes.

Evidently Mayor Lane and the Water Board are determined to school themselves thoroughly concerning all the bad features of steel riveted piping before the bids for the big water main from Mount Tabor to Highland are opened November 27. They have seemingly left no stones unturned in their efforts to inform themselves upon the subject, and this afternoon His Honor and members of the body, including Superintendent Dodge, will take a trip to Gresham, where it is reported there is quite a bad leak in the main supplying this city with water from Bull Run.

It is the Mayor's intention to have the piping uncovered and make a systematic examination of its condition with the idea of gathering all the data possible to meet the demands of the situation. Unfortunately, there are no cast iron mains hereabouts of a size sufficient as a basis of comparison of the two materials, but it is expected that Chief Engineer Clarke will bring back with him from the East a great deal of authentic testimony bearing upon the relative merits of both. Mr. Clarke will probably return in about two weeks.

For Southern Oregon Excursion.

All the members of the party of business men who were secured for the proposed excursion to Southern Oregon next Tuesday are requested to meet at the rooms of the Commercial Club at noon today for the purpose of receiving their transportation.

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A Smooth Artful Worker.

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But if heavier doses of the drug are taken while the effects of the drug lasts. So with morphine.

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"At the same time he advised me to try Postum Food Coffee, saying it was used in his family. I quit the old kind of coffee at once, and began on Postum, which proved to be, when made right, a most palatable and delicious beverage. At once I began to improve and now I need only to say that during the years I have used it I have been completely restored—my headaches are gone, my nerves are steady, the constipation that used to trouble me, no longer does so. I got worse and worse, and was so nervous that the least noise drove me wild, and he at once said 'You ought never to drink coffee.'"

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Japanese Art Loan Exhibit.

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