

VALUATIONS CAUSE MANY COMPLAINTS

Thirty-seven Citizens Plead With Board to Reduce Signer's Figures.

BIG OWNERS HOLD BACK

Most of Objections Filed Involve Small Amounts—One Man Whose Name Was Left Off Roll Would Be Included.

Thirty-seven protests were lodged yesterday with the Board of Equalization against the assessments made on personal and real property in Multnomah County. They were chiefly on small amounts and every number of reason was given in the petitions for reduction.

One unhappy taxpayer had it figured down to a fine point just why the assessed value of his entire estate should be reduced from \$300 to \$100. That last figure was all his property would stand, he swore, and even then he said he was allowing the full sum of \$5 for the value of the family dog.

Another protesting taxpayer was horrified at the estimate of \$100 placed on his larder. He offered it to Assessor Sigler for \$100. Several others denied ownership of property and effects assessed against them.

Amusement nearly got the better of the Board when one protested and asked to get on the tax roll. He said that he owned a bicycle worth \$25, a double-barrelled shotgun worth \$20 and four dogs, worth \$5 a piece. It was a fine display of honesty, but the esthetic beauty of the visitation was spoiled when the would-be taxpayer, H. E. Boddy, snarled confidently in the Board that he wishes to become Clerk of an outlying School Board and that he must be a taxpayer before his application would be considered.

Valuable Holdings Not Listed. The protests began developing early and continued late. No large pieces of property have thus far been included in the lists. In most instances the protests are on personal property.

Mr. Bryan has never been looked upon with favor by the American people because of the mistakes he always makes in the selection of his paramount issues—mistakes which he acknowledges, not by admission but by abandonment.

Not more certain was the Democratic party in 1868 that the election of General Grant would cause us to "melt as a subjected and conquered people amid the ruins of liberty and the scattered fragments of the Constitution"—see the platform for that year—than was Mr. Bryan in 1896 that the continuance of the gold standard would result in the industrial ruin of the American people.

I heard Mr. Bryan say during a session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress at Salt Lake in July, 1897, that the gold standard directly killed more people in the United States each year than did all the atrocities of the Spanish army in Cuba, and the latter was a very live question at that time, resulting in a war with Spain within less than one year.

Surely, everybody will remember how Mr. Bryan on that occasion that immediately the mass of delegates rose to their feet and shouted like mad for five minutes, while a man in a military uniform, a bombardment of the atmosphere with a fusillade of canes, umbrellas, handkerchiefs and hats, bombarded which brought tears to the eyes of the handful of gold standard men who had through some accident secured credentials to the "non-political" party.

Incidentally, it is well to remember that before the election day in 1896 rolled around, the price of wheat had nearly doubled and not a cent had been added to the amount of the circulating medium, "through the discovery of gold mines" or otherwise.

Royal Baking Powder advertisement featuring an image of the product and text: 'The only baking powder from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—Makes Finest, Purest Food'.

BOND BIGGEST YET \$447,760 Security Given on City Reservoir Contract.

HIGHEST FILED IN OREGON Agent for Maryland Concern Takes Huge Responsibility—Company Guarantees Mt. Tabor Dams Will Follow Specifications.

Recording the biggest single bond ever given in Oregon, the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland yesterday filed a bond for \$447,760 as surety for Robert Wakefield & Company and the Pacific Bridge Company, concern which were awarded the contract for the construction of two immense reservoirs in Mount Tabor for the City of Portland.

NEW DISTRICTS FORMED Growth in Eastern Multnomah Makes Another School Necessary.

GRESHAM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—A new school district, designated officially as No. 49, has been established about five miles east of Gresham. The district was created from portions of Nos. 4 and 15, known as the Orient, Cedar and Lusted districts, respectively, and is the center of a new and rapidly-growing settlement.

SALOON MEN ARE SCORED Pendleton Prohibitionist's Views of the Dry Town.

PENDELTON, Or., Oct. 18.—To the Editor:—In The Oregonian of yesterday, when the old reservoirs were built 14 years ago, learned a lesson, the immense bond demanded on this occasion being the result.

'HOW MEN GET RICH' advertisement featuring a quote from Andrew Carnegie: 'That by far the greatest amount of wealth created in any branch comes from enhanced values of real property...'

Laurelhurst advertisement: 'The Addition with Character. If you will investigate, you will find that the prices of lots in this addition are just about one-half the prices of similar property...'

THE COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY advertisement: 'The Fruit Basket of the World. A poor man has a small chestnut tree...'

Sincerity Clothes advertisement: 'A low price can't bring enough quality. Cheapened clothes are not cheap. The label in the corner is put in our garments to encourage confidence...'

Post Toasties advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and a bear: 'COME ACROSS. The delicate, fluffy bits made from White Corn, with the special "toasty" flavour, browned to a "turn," are good for all the family.'

'The Memory Lingers' advertisement: 'Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich. Get Welsbach mantles by the dozen, and we'll give you jobbers' prices...'

CATALEPTIC JAP ROUSES RIGID FOR SIX MONTHS HE MOVES FIRST TIME. Sits Up and Looks Around, but at Once Relapses into State That Puzzles Doctors.

Gas Consumers, Take Notice. Get Welsbach mantles by the dozen, and we'll give you jobbers' prices. Buy your burners and globes in quantities, and save nearly half the price.

BRYAN, MAKER OF FADS A Republican Reviews the Peerless One's Changes of Base. PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(To the Editor.)—The one thing Mr. Bryan has developed in his long senatorial career which is noticeable and commendable, is the unwavering faith in Bryanism on the part of a large percentage of his subjects.