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UNIVERSITY MONEY TO ROLL BY THOUSANDS

Washington County Alone Will Pay in Neighborhood of \$20,000

TAXATION MEASURE OUTRAGEOUS

Assessment Roll Shows Gain of Millions Over Last Year

If the State Tax Commission fixes the Washington County Valuation at twenty-six millions of dollars—which would be but a trifle over the valuation it fixed for the county on state tax in 1913—the sovereign county of Washington will pay but \$18,200 for the two state universities, Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon. If the two Normals are sustained by popular vote as to the legislation perfected and passed at the 1913 session of the legislature, then the county of Washington will pay \$20,800 for the universities and normals at the next year's tax counters. And, be it remembered, this money must go from our treasury, whether or not there are delinquent taxes.

This budget should make the taxpayers of Washington County do some thinking, and that should make them chary of their votes to sustain such wholesale depletion of their pocket books. This year's assessment has been tabulated at \$19,735,115, and it will doubtless be reduced somewhat by the board of equalization. As last year's county assessment was over \$18,000,000, and the state board fixed our values for state purposes at over twenty-five millions, it is only reasonable to suppose that the state valuation of our roll will this year reach the '26' mark. If it shall do this, then the twenty thousand outside school tax will be taken from the pocket-books of county taxpayers. This will mean 75 cents for every man, woman and child in the county—a condition that makes the high water mark of taxation. Taxpayers should beat the Normal law, and should intently consider the proposal to vote for those only for the legislature who will pledge to work to repeal the two university bills, and voters should also consider the election of a governor who will not veto a repeal, and also elect a man who will not stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the universities.

This last straw is too much. But it is up to the taxpayers to put a stop to it.

The summary of the tax roll now under consideration by the board of equalization is:

Acres tillable, 115,644.....	\$8,055,665
Acres non-tillable, 343,749.....	3,930,860
Improvements deeded.....	1,641,323
Timber.....	1,930,740
Town and city.....	913,735
Imp on same.....	873,590
Imp on lands not deeded.....	11,790
Six Eng & Mfg Mach.....	125,470
Misc & Stock in trade.....	274,720
Farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc.....	224,195
Money.....	86,905
Notes & Accts.....	361,447
Shares of stock.....	178,475
Horses, 7322.....	469,700
Mules, 78.....	6,735
Misc cows, 12657.....	378,465
Young and beef stock, 4634.....	72,591
Sheep, 4317.....	1,855
Goats, 1688.....	34,200
Swine, 4701.....	4,025
Dogs, 681.....	69,710
Autos, 231.....	4,150
Libraries.....	68,830
Hotel, billiard, pool, office, barber shops, picture shows, etc.	\$19,735,115

This does not include public service corporation.

REEDVILLE NOTES

A pleasant surprise was given Saturday evening, Sept. 12, at the home of M. Borden and wife, of below Reedville, when friends gathered in honor of the arrival of Mrs. John Hess and son, of Bellingham, Wn. Luncheon was served after an evening pleasantly spent in music and conversation. Those present were:

Messrs and Mesdames M Borden, J A Zimmerman, Carl Skow, Mesdames John Hess, J T Heard, M Solgard, Geo Graves, Emma Adams, Messrs Thorgny Holmes, Walter Heard, John Hess Jr, Allan, Genevieve and Sterling Adams.

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A TRIFLING MISTAKE

By THOMAS R. DUNN

I was dressing for dinner one evening when the telephone bell rang. Stepping to the instrument, I heard a very sweet feminine voice say:

"Is that you, Mr. Pemberton?"

"Yes, I'm Pemberton."

"You're to be at the corner of Eighth and Walnut this evening at 9. Take the cab you will find there and—"

"Who are you?" I asked, not understanding all this talk.

"I'm Effie Strong. You will be driven to the park entrance. Go to the fountain, where you will find Edith. Carry a rose in— Oh, heavens, some one is coming!"

There was a click and that was the end of these remarkable instructions. It was evident that there had been a call for some one bearing my name, and the telephone girl or the person calling or some one had made a mistake.

Now, I would not on any account take advantage of such a blunder to gratify curiosity, pry into other people's affairs or for any other purpose. But I felt it incumbent on me to correct the error if possible. This other Pemberton would not get the message intended for him, the driver of the cab might wait all night on his box, and Effie might grow so desperate as to drown herself in the fountain. It behooved me to set matters right.

I called up the telephone office and asked who had given me the last call. I might as well have asked the operator to tell me how many grains there are on an ear of corn. I looked in the directory for the name Pemberton, but mine was the only one there.

There was nothing for it but that I should go to the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, take the cab, proceed to the fountain and tell Edith that she needn't wait any longer because the real—her real—Pemberton had not been informed of the meeting.

I confess I was somewhat curious to know why a conveyance had been provided and what was to be the upshot of the business. But I resolved simply to state that a mistake had been made and ask no questions. I thought it necessary to carry a rose in order that I should be recognized for the other fellow or I might as well stay away. So on my way to the place where I should meet the carriage I stopped at a flower shop and bought one. The cab was in position, and I opened the door. The driver asked if I was Mr. Pemberton, and I told him that I was. Then he drove me to the park. I alighted and went up the walk to the fountain.

Two girls were standing looking at the dripping water, and one of them on seeing the rose in my hand left her friend and made straight for me.

"I have come to tell you," I said, raising my hat, "that there has been a mistake."

"Good gracious! What's gone wrong? Is it all off?"

"A telephone message came to me this afternoon from a lady whom I don't know."

"Certainly you don't know her. You are not expected to know her."

"You see, I'm not—that is, there's only one person of my name in the telephone book—"

"You're Mr. Pemberton, aren't you?"

"Certainly I'm Pemberton. There's no doubt about that, but—"

"Come! Let us hurry. We'll be too late. Maud told me that if I failed her it would break her all up; she wouldn't be able to get through with it."

If this young woman had been a scarecrow or suspicious looking I might have attempted further explanation. But she was as pretty as a peach, and if she wouldn't give me a chance it seemed to me that I was excusable for letting her have her way. Putting her arm through mine, she hurried me to the cab. We got in, and the cabman drove away without any instructions. I presumed he had been given them before.

"Now I'll explain," said my kidnaper. "You see, Maud Farnsworth and Ned Bigles have been dead in love with each other for a long while. Maud's parents think they know better whom Maud wants to marry than she does herself. She and Ned are to be married secretly, and you and I are to be the witnesses."

"Oh! That's all?"

"That's all! Why, isn't that a good deal?"

"But please tell me what I have to do with it."

"Why, Maud has made all the arrangements. She asked me whom I would like to take me to the parsonage, and I said it didn't matter to me; she might find some one herself. She said she would and made all the arrangements."

I leaned back on the cushion and chuckled.

"What amuses you?" asked my companion.

"I tried to tell you that a mistake has been made, but you wouldn't listen to me. I am pleased to learn that no harm has been done. On the contrary, I have made a very pleasant acquaintance."

I told her the whole story, at which she was greatly amused, remarking that it was a good joke on Maud. At the parsonage Maud started on seeing a stranger in me, but as I was only intended for a witness and she was very much rattled at the step she was taking she said nothing.

And that's how I met the girl I married.

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