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OREGON ASSESSMENTS.

The assessment and collection of taxes has ever been a continual source of complaint, many times justly, and oftentimes for want of an understanding of the matters about which the complaint is made. During the present year we have occasionally heard murmurings of this nature by parties generally who supposed that they had been over-assessed. As to the justness of their complaint we have nothing to say, because we know not the facts out of which it arose. We suppose, however, that Assessors throughout the whole State are placing much higher valuations upon property this year than in years past, for if they did not they would fail to fulfill the requirements of the Act of the last Legislature, which will be found on page 52 of the Session Act of the Legislature of 1880. In treating of the valuation of property this Act says: "True cash value shall be held and taken to mean the amount such property would sell for at a voluntary sale made in the ordinary course of business, and not what it would bring at public auction or a forced sale." Under this law, if property will sell for \$30 in the ordinary course of trade it should be assessed at \$30, and not at \$10 or \$15, as has been the custom in years past. If such extra valuation is placed upon all property without discrimination, it need not be a subject of complaint, because if the property is valued higher than in former years the number of mills levied should be correspondingly less, which will make the aggregate the same as heretofore. While the fact of the State tax being fixed at a certain number of mills on the dollar may in some small degree cause the practical effect of the present law to vary from the above conclusion in regard to the aggregate amount of tax to be paid, yet the present State levy under the increased valuation will produce no more taxes than the State actually needs. Should it cause more money to be paid into the State treasury than is necessary, any succeeding Legislature can and will no doubt reduce the amount now levied by the State. The present Act of the Legislature was no doubt intended to furnish an established rule for the valuation of property, so that all property would be valued alike, and thus furnish an equal and uniform system of assessments. Whether it will work this object remains to be seen. All candid persons must admit that the old system of assessments under which assessors were allowed to value one class of property at thirty per cent. of what it would sell for in the market and another class at one hundred per cent. on its saleable value was most thoroughly unequal and unjust.

THE NEW YORK SENATORSHIP.

From the recent dispatches it would seem that the Albany, (N. Y.) race was soon to be terminated. On Monday Miller, an administration republican was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of senator Platt, and the present indications are that Conkling will go the same road though just who his successor will be is yet a matter of speculation but he will doubtless be an administration man. And truly this wretched state of affairs has been carried quite far enough. The long suffering patience of the people have been sorely tried and are now almost exhausted. When Conkling was elected to the United States Senate, we take it for granted that he was the choice of the people of his state, but when from a petty and childish exence he deserted his post of duty in that body and returned home, it was enough to, and did disgust the better class of his constituency, and they now very justly and wisely refuse to be made parties to this pitiable farce of offended dignity. That Conkling is a man of great ability no one who is at all acquainted with his political history, will for one moment question but that he has proven himself a huge pile of conceit and arrogant incoherencies, is now an equally authenticated and established fact. With him the one prominent and central idea is to "rule or ruin" until the cry of the people of his state now addressed to him is. How far yet will you abuse our patience? To what extent will your unbridled audacity hurt you?

PORTLAND TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

This was intended to be the State

Teacher's Association. The State

Superintendent took steps to make it

instructive and entertaining to all the

teachers of the state. He had im-

ported a distinguished lecturer of

normal school training from California.

As soon as this gentleman reached

Portland he found that Portland

was the state; accordingly, he gave

his whole time to graded schools. If

any one inquired how a certain sys-

tem which he had explained would

work in country schools, he would

reply that in the "rural districts"

they would have to do the best they

could—he didn't know much about

those schools.

Portland with its characteristic

rapacity gobbled up every benefit,

and did not allow teachers from other

parts of the state to take any part

except in the payment of the expenses

of the institute—one dollar apiece.

Teachers outside of Portland seem-

ed to be looked on as intruders. The

expression upon the faces of Portland

teachers and superintendents seemed

to be: "where did you come from?"

"what did you come here for?" "Does

your mother know you are out?"

Although this was appointed for

the State Teachers' Association; and,

although a state officer, the Hon.

Sup't was present doing all he could

to make it a success, the citizens did

not turn out at all hardly, day nor

night.

The teachers from the "rural dis-

tricts" became disgusted and left the

graded, normal school teachers alone

in their glory.

I hope that the State Sup't will

hold another Institute next year and

that he will hold it where he will be

respected. VISITOR.

HAPPY VALLEY.

EDITORS GAZETTE:—Having lately

come to this part of Benton county,

and being a friend to the GAZETTE, I

will offer you a few lines for your

highly prized paper.

What is termed Happy Valley is

situated on or near depot slough. I

think it a choice portion of this coast

country. We have the best soil, the

finest timber and the most densely

settled locality I know of on this side

of the coast range.

We have a good school and a well

attended Sabbath school, and with all

a very pleasant neighborhood.

We look for lively times soon, as

we are sure of the railroad. We ex-

pect to engage largely in the building

of this road, as much of the timber

must come from our section of the

country, and we have timber in

abundance and of the best quality

TELEGRAMS.

New York, July 17th.—The friends of

Conkling express great indignation because

certain members resolved to vote for Miller

and to leave him a great amount of personal

abuse at them for thus expressing their in-

tervention to change their vote. Administration

men are confident of electing Lapham

during the coming week to fill the vacancy

caused by Conkling's resignation.

Tucson, Arizona July 16th.—It is reported

that Governor Terrell, who was en-route to

El Paso, was attacked by Indians and

thirty of his men killed.

Kansas City, July 17th.—A train robbery

occurred tonight on the Rock Island road at

Winston Station near Cameron Junction.

Rock Island, Ill., July 16.—There were

13 robbers of the train at Winston. They

shot and killed the conductor and Mc-

Callough a passenger. They got frightened

at the brakeman pulling the valve of the

air brake and jumped from the train before

they had time to rob the passengers. They

got about \$3000 from the Express Co's

safes.

Kansas City, July 17.—There is considerable

evidence to show that the train robbery

on the Rock Island last evening was done

by the notorious James gang.

Albany, New York, July 16.—Votes

for short session daily, 58, Cort

ling 29, Everts 1. Necessary to a choice,

73. Senator Baker, Speaker, Sharp, and

Sisson, were the only ones changed from

Cochran's list. The convention then

voted on the long term which resulted:

Kernan 47, Miller 76, Fisk 9, Wheeler 4,

3 others 2 each and 3 others 1 each. The

chair then declared Warner Miller elected

to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation

of Thomas C. Platt.

Wash., July 19.—The secretary of the

treasury has directed redemption of the

coupon five per cent. bonds embraced in the

1892 call outstanding, with interest to date

Rome, July 16.—Six men have been fined

and imprisoned for disturbing the funeral

procession of Pope Pius IX. on Thursday

last.

Victoria, July 16.—Ten thousand tons of

steel rails have been shipped from London

to Victoria.

An English paper says: The robbery on

a railroad train in America happens as af-

fording an opportunity to reply to American

critics upon the danger of the English plan

of separate compartments. American cars

seem specially made to invite this kind of

outrage. With the English system such a

wholesale raid is impossible in any case.

One carriage alone could be robbed so before

passengers and officials could organize a re-

sistance. As there is no example of such an

event in our railway history we may assume

that the difficulties and dangers are so great

as to deter the most daring criminal. The

actual danger of murder and robbery is far

less on English lines than on American.

Paris, July 19.—A dispatch from Tunis

says that there was an engagement near

Sfax on Saturday in which the insurgent

leader, 200 natives of Sfax and 200 Arab

horsemen are reported to have been killed.

Victoria, July 19.—A miner from Takon

says that several claims had changed hands

at large figures. The diggings are believed

to be very extensive, and prospectors report

that the quantity of the salmon catch will

be 200,000 cases. The canneries are all

busy.

Buenos Ayres, June 24.—American Min-

isters here and at Santiago, Chili, have over-

come all difficulties attending the settlement

of the boundary question between Chili and

the Argentine Republic. The two govern-

ments have agreed to finish the settlement

by a treaty without arbitration. A major-

ity of the Chilean congress has agreed to

will support the treaty.

Quebec, July 19.—The Roman Catholic

Presbytery at Rexton Falls burned to-day.

Father Lavne perished in the flames. His

REAL ESTATE

—AND—

Collection Agency.

Collections in any part of the County

attended to promptly.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE:

CITY OF CORVALLIS.

Two Lots adjoining Court House with good house,

and garden. Exclusive privilege to the bay. Price \$200.

Unimproved Lots, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, in Block 10

Dixon's addition to the City.

Improved Lots, 7, 8, 9, in Block 17, in the County

addition to the City.

FARMS.

5 Acres in the town of Philomath Benton Co. good

land suitable for any purpose. Price \$200.

100 Acres 20 miles from Newport on the Yaquina,

steamboat landing, 20 acres in timber, good house

orchard, etc. Price \$1000.

150 Acres in King's Valley. First rate land with

large house, barn, close to school and church, post

office, creek and saw mill. Price \$6000.

540 Acres in Linn county, 5 miles east of Lebanon,

on branch of east side railroad, and Oregon & Pacific,

good timber, near school. Terms easy.

670 Acres in King's Valley, 200 under cultivation,

well watered, good outbuildings, 15 acres orchard,

producing all kinds of fruit; house and garden, very

large barn and good outbuildings. 1 mile from school,

near postoffice, saw and grist mills, and close to pro-

posed narrow gauge depot in King's Valley. Price,

\$11,000.

354 Acres adjacent above with equal advantage of

position, about 100 acres under cultivation, an excellent

stock range, carrying a good flock of sheep, under

fence, well watered, good house, barn and orchard.

Price, \$4,500.

422 Acres (John above), 100 acres under cultivation,

good house, orchard, etc. Excellent stock range with

good outlet, 2 miles from school, postoffice, etc.

Price, \$4,500.

740 Acres, 90 under cultivation, good house, barn

and comfortable house, garden, etc. This property

includes 20 acres of timber, good new house (new),

and barn. School house within 200 yards, and con-

venient distant from mills, store, etc. well watered

and timbered. \$7,000.

100 acres situated on Little Elk next Baker's. Ex-

cellent water and good outlet to fine range.

150 Acres 3 miles above Onesta saw mill, south

exclusive privilege to the bay. Price \$1,200.

420 Acres, 10 miles west of Corvallis, 1 mile from

Yaquina road on King's Valley road, 6 miles from

King's Valley railroad depot, 1 mile from school. Good

house, barn, etc. an excellent farm with 130 acres

under cultivation. Price, \$5,000.

200 Acres east end of Blodgett's Valley, well im-

proved, capital building and fencing, 20 acres in

cultivation, excellent garden, and one of the finest

summer residences in the state.

200 Acres of land at the junction of the Yaquina

and Elk roads, 20 miles east of Newport. The

Good bottom land with outlet to well grassed ranges.

Price, \$2,000.

240 Acres two miles from Summit on fork of Marys

River. And very productive, with good range; ex-

cellent house, two large barns and other buildings;

good fences; improvements valued at \$1500. Price,

\$2,500.

100 Acres situated on Little Elk road, two miles

west of Blodgett's Valley; 60 acres table land, 100

acres new bottom, well watered; 18 acres under

cultivation; abundant out-range for stock. Price,

\$12,500. An excellent bargain; terms reasonable.

AT NEWPORT.

100 Acres on beach between Cape Foulweather and

Newport. Capital building and fencing, 20 acres in

cultivation, excellent garden, and one of the finest

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