

THE BANK TAX.

We are unable to understand why the First National bank people should be blamed because they ask for a reduction in their assessment. Any other property owner has a right to make a similar request, and a square fight in open court is not taking undue advantage of any one. This paper maintains that the assessors' original valuation was equitable and just, but it is very easy for the bank people to honestly think that it was not. The commissioners' court, in partly acceding to the demands of the bank, acted for the county's best interests as they viewed the matter.

There was no particular principal at stake, and the court granted some concessions rather than engage in an expensive law suit. Another fact that had something to do with the court's decision was that the bank has as part of its assets, about half of the county's outstanding warrants, and it is doubtful if the county can tax its own paper. Judge Hufford stated that he was firmly convinced that the higher valuation was proper and just. Perhaps the commissioners thought the same, but as they are making every effort toward getting the county out of debt they did not consider it advisable to pay out more in attorney fees than they would save in taxes. The bank stock is assessed at \$10,000 more than it was last year.

The GAZETTE does not agree with the bank's position, nor does it think it necessary to attack the bank for looking after its own interests. Why the assessor should be dragged into a discussion of the matter is a puzzle. He made his assessment as required by law and then stuck to it as he should have done if he thought he was right. He doesn't deserve any particular praise nor has he earned any particular blame.

CORVALLIS MORALS.

The Eugene papers are rather fond of advertising Corvallis as being a "tough" town. The rapid growth of the Agricultural College in popularity and usefulness and the more undesirable condition of affairs in the state university has occasioned this hatred of Corvallis that finds lodgment in the breasts of the average Eugeneite. The Journal of last week printed the following:

A gentleman who formerly lived in Corvallis, in speaking of the Williams runaway affair the other day, said: "Corvallis is a wicked town. She is rotten to the core. Among higher social circles there is more 'naughtiness' going on than in any other town of its size in Oregon. And they do not try very hard to conceal it either."

That is a malicious libel. While Corvallis has more life and enterprise than any other town in the valley, her moral condition is as good as any and better than most. In the matter of sensations our town seems to have more than her share, and this may be due to the fact that her "off color" folks have spirit enough to make their doings interesting to the public. But the more reasonable theory is that Corvallis newspapers are enterprising and independent enough to tell all the news in a readable style. Corvallis is no whitewashed spot. Her people believe that light is the best cure for darkness, and that disease is not arrested by ignoring it. There is not much badness here. When the bad ones get too bad they leave—and go to Eugene.

This paper declines to further measure swords with an over-ambitious rival. The GAZETTE charges cash for its advertising space and refuses to be "jibbed" into furnishing it free. As to the circulation, there is probably no man in Benton county with so little wit that he must have demonstrated to him the fact that the GAZETTE is the only republican paper that has or is likely to have a genuine circulation of any consequence in this county.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

is the most dangerous of all human ailments because its approach is unobtrusive. Its symptoms are common to other diseases, viz., Severe Headache, Backache, Dizziness, Sleeplessness, Blurred Vision, Dyspepsia, etc. Once let it get a hold on the system and it is difficult to dislodge. It is caused by inability of the kidneys to filter the urea from the blood.

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS.

Ezra Wyatt, of Philomath, dangerously ill.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. Zelia Meyer is in Portland.

W. E. Rich has removed to Albany.

Elva Akin, of Sheridan, is in the city.

Ed Bryan is at Toledo on legal business.

Prof. Geo. W. Brown is teaching school at Hoskins.

Rev. Cocking occupies the new United Brethren parsonage.

Geo. Webber and Miss Lydia Kisor were in the city Sunday.

Miss Iona Mulkey has opened a millinery store on Main street.

Fred Ingle is very sick with pneumonia at Stockton, California.

W. H. Bryan and wife, after an extended tour picking hops and drying prunes, are at home.

George Scott and family, who moved to California, have returned and located on North street.

L. Mulkey took a header from his wheel last Wednesday and succeeded in breaking three bones in his right hand.

A Mr. Gray from Nebraska, who came over the plains with teams, occupying twelve months on the trip, has located in the E. A. Chapman property in east Philomath.

There was a parlor temperance meeting at the residence of Prof. Emerick Thursday evening. Prof. Guthrie read a paper. After an animated discussion refreshments were served.

Frank Williams had a narrow escape from death Monday morning while engaged in trying to extract a loaded shell from a Winchester shotgun—the shell exploded, the charge of shot passing close to his head.

A messenger arrived here Sunday night from Plainview, Linn county, with the intelligence that Rev. E. C. Wyatt, of this place, was probably fatally hurt by his horse running away and throwing him from his cart. The family left for Plainview early Monday morning.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE.

G. W. McDonald has been working on the new building the past week.

Miss Peterson and Miss Jones, both of Inavale, have taken rooms at the boarding hall.

The new croquet set is here and the grand stand at the tennis grounds will not do such a rushing business.

Rev. J. R. Parker and wife and Prof. and Mrs. Emerick and Rev. O. V. White have gone to the U. B. annual conference at Dufur.

Mr. Derrick, of Eddyville, came over last week, placed his granddaughter in school and had an immense time at the students' social.

A students social was given last Saturday evening. A short programme was rendered in the chapel, after which all went to the rooms below and proceeded to have the very best kind of a time.

The literary paper has convicted S. Prindle and S. Whiteside of burglarizing Nichol & Holm's store in search of handkerchiefs and five cent pocket knives. As these worthies are proverbially silent we have one more proof that still water runs deep.

HOFFMAN ITEMS.

August Kroschel is in our neighborhood once more.

P. A. Johnston is working this week for Mr. Rickard.

Mrs. Josie Driver is drying apples on shares for Mr. Hoffman.

Mrs. T. B. Williamson has been on the sick list for a few days. She seems to have a touch of la grippe.

Mr. John Coffee spent Tuesday night at Mr. Wentz' home. He contemplates wintering in the mountains.

Rev. G. A. Maashardt intends to commence a series of protracted meetings at the Oak Grove school house, in the near future.

The store and postoffice seems to be doing a flourishing business. The people of Philomath picture a bright future for this community.

Grandpa Karstens, the aged and revered father of Mr. P. Karstens, passed from this life of cares and pains last Wednesday, October 13, at 9 o'clock, p. m. His remains were interred in the Palestine cemetery, by his wife's side, Saturday. Though almost 86 years of age, he was active and industrious, being sick only a few days. Every respect was shown to this faithful pilgrim. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

SCUDD.

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Nolan & Callahan's big stock of clothing has arrived.

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DUSTY.

A. P. Starr sold a valuable mare last week.

Amos Howard, jr., has returned from California.

J. N. Hogue has removed his family to Alsea.

S. E. Starr and family went to Sodaville Monday.

Ed Williams bought a drove of sheep in Alsea last week.

Royal Hall has returned to San Jose to spend the winter.

The Waggoner wood saw has been making its yearly rounds.

Wesley Jenkins, of Lobster, is in our borg this week on business.

The Green Peak Fruit Co. have finished drying their crop of prunes.

A rapid movement is on foot for the building of a grange hall at this place.

"The harvest home" concert given at Simpson chapel last week was a success.

The Bellfountain school commenced last week with 35 scholars in attendance.

Mrs. S. L. Shedd, of Corvallis, is here spending a few days with her son, J. L. Caton.

Geo. Kendall's baby has been very sick the past week, but is improving at present.

V. R. Buckingham and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Hogue.

Miss Eva Fletcher, of McMinnville, has been visiting friends in this vicinity for the past few weeks.

Johnnie Perrin and family of Harrisburg, have moved to the Homer Humphrey place, where they will reside.

Joseph Gragg has been putting some improvements on his house by way of weatherboarding and also a bay window.

The Bellfountain grange will confer the first and second degrees on a class of eight or ten applicants at the next regular meeting.

Joe Householder and Miss Lillie Lovell were married at Lebanon last week. On their return home they were waited on by the boys.

SAMANTHA.

MONROE ITEMS.

A light frost was on hand Friday morning.

Song service every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Teachers' institute this evening and to-morrow.

Lee Porter took a flying trip to Eugene Saturday.

The Monroe "16 to 1" club is to be reorganized in a few weeks.

Supt. Denman was in town last week making arrangements for the institute.

Warren Hinton has moved his family into the Schuette residence near the lower mill.

M. C. Starr and family, of Salem, will hereafter make the farm their permanent home.

Prayer meetings are now held at 7 o'clock every Thursday evening in the M. E. church.

A grand bal masque is now talked of in Monroe. Thanksgiving is said to be the date.

The dance last Friday evening was a success in every way. Nearly 100 numbers were sold.

J. W. Welty, who recently had his eyes so badly injured by a premature explosion of powder, is able to walk around again without a guide.

Several learned gentlemen, attached to the faculty of the O. A. C., camped in Monroe last Thursday night, while on their way to hold a farmers institute at Loranue.

It is said that Dr. Emil Schubert is intending to return to Monroe and relocate here. Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Schubert will be glad to have them here again.

Many moons will not pass before the "tin can orchestra" will be called upon again to execute its sweetest strains and rend the air with melody (f) in this vicinity. We are sorry the affair is to be private—it prevents us from obtaining and writing up a pleasant news item, yet we dare say that when the chance does come to contribute a "few lines," we won't hurt ourselves by being brief.

Quarterly meeting of the M. E. church will convene in Monroe on the first Saturday in November at 1 p. m., at which hour Rev. Dr. Ford will preach. The quarterly conference of the Monroe circuit will be held just after the sermon. For Sunday appropriate services have been arranged by the pastor, and presiding elder Ford will also address the people on that day.

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ON COLLEGE HILL.

The O. A. C. Teachers and Students Busy—Football and Other Notes.

The signal corps members are flitting their flags.

The chemists of the station are still at work on sugar beets.

The cadets are drilling now in companies and have begun the study of the manual of arms.

The barometer for next month

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The cadet band is drilling on the campus under the capable guidance of Drum Major Frank Crawford.

The student body has voted a voluntary tax of 25 cents for male students and 15 cents for females, for athletic purposes.

In chapel Tuesday morning Dean Berchold called attention to the city ordinances concerning bicycle riding and reminded students that the ordinances were made to be obeyed.

Football is in the air again. It has been difficult to arouse proper enthusiasm, but with the assurance of good games ahead the boys are bucking to the work. The O. A. C. has fine material, and the orange and black will triumph in glory this year of 1897.

President Gatch gave a little talk on "Selah," Tuesday morning. He has such a kindly way in checking over exuberance of liveliness that some of the boys are wondering if he really could scold. But none of the students are so unappreciative that they wish to give him an opportunity.

Recently some one at Albany sent Prof. Fulton a bottle of water and asked if it contained any impurities. The professor answered that it contained many sulphates. Then an Albany paper said that the pipes of the city's fire engines had been eaten by the water from the Santiam ditch and that Prof. Fulton, of the O. A. C., had tested the water and found it contained sulphuric acid in large proportion derived from the water of a paper mill. Albany people who use Santiam water were excited and the mill people indignant. Then the Albany papers stated Prof. Fulton's opinion correctly and all is serene.

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