

Eugene City Guard.

A TURDAY, APRIL 17.

DR CHAPMAN'S ASSESSMENT.

Some Figures From Official Records—
—No Money, Notes or Accounts,
or Real Property.

We desire to call the attention of the public to the state and county assessment for 1896, of one, Doctor Chapman, who is holding down the lucrative job of President of the State University of Oregon at a salary of \$3000 per year and perquisites in form of hotel and traveling expenses when hippodroming the state, at the state's expense, seeking to build up a cheap reputation by delivering stale and unprofitable lectures on subjects which he knows little about, at least lacks appreciation of their worth and intellectual grandeur.

Doctor Chapman is rather a poor man if his sworn statement to the assessor can be relied on. In that year he made a very poor showing, in fact no better than many of our people who instead of a \$3000 a year salary can show but \$300, perhaps less, a year. The tax roll for 1896 has this record:

C. H. CHAPMAN'S ASSESSMENT 1896.

Farm lands, town lots, improvements on same, etc.	\$800
Horses and other livestock	000
Money notes and accounts	000
Merchandise and stock in trade (library)	200
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc; [10 per cent, raise by Board of Equalization]	300
Gross value	520
Exemption	300
Total value of taxable property	220

TAXES.

Amount special school tax, district No 27 [Eugene] . . . 44 cts
Amount county, state school and other tax \$4.30

Value property in road district No 27 [Eugene] \$220

This is not an extravagant showing for a man who has been drawing a \$3000 annual salary for four years past. In fact the doctor has solved the great question that annually afflicts our people, the tax problem. We suggest that Doctor Chapman add another subject to his repertoire of lectures. It would make him the most popular man in the state. His personal experience might be invaluable to many of our sorely burdened citizens. This is the proposed subject:

"How to AVOID PAYING TAXES AND GET AROUND THE ASSESSOR," by Dr Chapman Ph., L. L. D., President of the University of Oregon."

The regents have been sending the doctor out to lecture on flat and worn-out subjects. They should take advantage of the grand opportunity. Put him on the road with this subject and the people will follow him—to Eugene—as did the little children the piper in German fable.

Another pertinent suggestion, Doctor Chapman has been taking considerable interest in the public school affairs of the Eugene district. Do you not consider he has done much more than his share, if the amount of his taxes in the district, 44 cents, may be made a basis for computing the disturbance a man is entitled to raise in the community?

The regents owe it to their personal honor and integrity to make a careful conscientious investigation of the University management.

SOMEWHAT PROPHETIC.

Ex-Senator Mitchell of Oregon ranks rather high in the senate today as a prophet. Four years ago, in opposing the seating of Senator Lee Mantle of Montana, who had been appointed by the governor after the legislature had failed to elect, Senator Mitchell said:

"Suppose at the end of my present term I should be a caucasian candidate for re-election. Suppose the republican party should have a majority of the legislature of the state of Oregon; suppose that some man with unlimited wealth should induce a minority of the legislature to prevent an organization, thereby preventing the legislature from performing its functions. Suppose the man of wealth should be on intimate terms with the governor of Oregon, and that it should be arranged between them that the governor should appoint the man who corrupts the legislature in order to prevent an election. Suppose that then the governor should appoint the rich man in spite of the will of the people to the contrary. Should such a man be seated in this senate? I say most emphatically, no."

It was thought at the time that Senator Mitchell was imagining a purely supposition case. Now it is believed he really had some expectation of what was to occur when his term expired. It isn't claimed that ex-Senator Corbett prevented the legislature from organizing, although there have been rumors to that effect, but aside from that the speech was entirely prophetic.—Washington Post.

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City Recorder's Report.

Following is a copy in full of City Recorder Dorris' annual report for the year ending April 1, 1897. It shows all the items of receipts and expenditures for the year just ended. The city's indebtedness has been reduced nearly \$2,000 by the outgoing administration. The report is as follows:

LICENSES.
Number and character of licenses issued, and the amount received therefor:
1 Saloon \$1,200.00
1 Liquor 100.00
2 Drug stores 122.00
1 Hawker 50.00
1 Auctioneer 10.00
1 Bowling Alley 20.00
1 Billiard 10.00
1 Theatre 10.00
1 Shooting gallery 10.00
2 Dogs 25¢ and three new tags 7.50
Total \$1,350.00

RECORDED'S COURT.

Number of cases and charge:

1. Trials 100.00
2. Inquests 10.00
3. Vacancies 10.00
4. Disorders conduct 10.00
5. Keeping in peaceably House 10.00
6. Carrying concealed weapon 10.00
7. Shooting in City Limits 10.00
8. Riding bicycle on sidewalk 10.00
9. Assault 10.00
10. Fighting 10.00
11. Inching, barging 10.00

Total number of arrests 47

12 Fines collected from 17. \$1,000.00

17 committed to prison 120 days 100.00

3 Complaints dismissed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

BUDGETMENTS.

April 1, 1896. \$1

Amount outstanding w/ta. \$5,956.2

Amount warrants issued current year for Streets

Light Co. \$2,267.15

Water Company 1,009.00

City att'l, 10% other legal fees, 10% 80. 565.80

Recorder 125.15, city taxes 125. 151.15

Streeter 100. fire war item 15.00

Marshal 100.25, night watchman 100. 2,251.35

Special police and night watchmen 204.00

Street improvements and repairs 987.70

Landscaping 85.65

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

100. firehouse 100. Rose cart 45. 175.00

Repairs to apparatus, etc 56.40

City allowance to comp's salary chief engineer 220.00

Board prisoners and jail supplies 57.60

Printing 100.45, surveying 15.90 102.95

Street light poles 800, sprinkling streets 42. 71.00

Wood Esq, care of estates 119.25 119.25

Care of the sick 31.80

Election and other expenses 64.15

Borrowed to pay bonded bonds 1,255.00-\$1,000.00

RECEIPT AND BALANCE.

April 1, 1896.

Cash on hand, treasures &c report 371.30

Received for taxes 3,000.00

Received for Revenues 2,758.65

Received for fines 157.00

Received for street accounts 126.00

Received from Chas Lamer 1,251.55

Total and bal. 00.619.0

General fund deficit 7,499.51

\$18,817.92-\$18,817.92

POWER FUND—BUDGETMENTS.

April 1, 1896.

Writ No 100 outstanding

Year issued current year for cleaning catch basin 5.25

Jury list and banker's commission 201.75

Matured bonds 3,000.00

January Interest and banker's comms 301.75

Total unpaid and bonded RECEIVED.

Received from taxes \$1,480.25

General fund deficit 4,788.02

\$6,268.25-\$6,268.25

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES.

Sever bonds \$10,000.00

General fund deficit 7,498.02

General fund deficit 7,498.01

Total indebtedness \$7,498.03

RESOURCES.

Taxes in course of collection 1,250.00

Street assessments in course of collection 2,200.00

Due from Recorder, attorney 5.00-\$1,000.00

Total indebtedness of city 417.99

B. F. DORRIS, Recorder.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE GALLows.

Theodore Durrant was on Saturday taken to San Quentin prison, they to be confined until his execution, which has been fixed by the court for June 11th. This is the second time Durrant has been sentenced to death for the same crime and he received this judgment, like the other, with calm indifference. His attorney made several further attempts to secure delay, but Judge Bahrs declined to modify his sentence in any way. When taken to the Oakland ferry, en route for prison, Durrant broke down at the sight of the crowds who rejoiced in his passing to the shadow of the gallows after so many and protracted delays. He mused—Blanche Lamont over two years ago.

Latest developments indicate to a certainty that Russia is backing Greece in her contest with Turkey. The semi-official Russian organ declares that all coercion of the powers will cease on a declaration of war. This means that Russia will not allow outside interference in case of war.

The two-mill special Port of Portland tax of 1894 has been declared by the supreme court to be illegal. It took two years and cost the city quite a large sum of money for attorney fees to find out that it could not tax the people to the limit and then grab again under the guise of a special tax.

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Dexter Items.

April 14.

Beautiful spring weather. Ed Griffin and James Holbrook went to Eugene Monday, returning Tuesday.

The Trent Mill Co., succeeded in getting a part of their logs to the mill and they will start up the machinery next week.

Please announce the date Mr "Cor" for that debate at Unity between Mr Holbrook and Mr Matteson, as people from this side would go their button to hear these gentlemen discuss this or any other subject.

If warm weather continues the mountains will be practically free of snow very soon, and travel will begin to cross the mountains.

School has begun at upper Lost Valley with Miss Foster as teacher.

Every available team is at work hurrying the grain into the ground. Although belated it is better than not to sow at all.

The Sunday school at this place has decided to observe children's day on the first Sunday in June.

Messrs Frank and Will Cruzan, Fred Parker and Louis Addington started Monday for California, looking for work.

A young man named Gwill from Eugene is working for John Guile.

REGULAR.

Walterville Items.

April 15, 1897.

The weather is nice and vegetation is growing rapidly.

The County Commissioners were up to see the ferry boat yesterday. I understand the plan is to build a smaller boat.

Mrs J. W. Shumate and Mrs C. H. Decker went to Eugene Monday.

C. H. Decker traded his lot for a ranch in Nebraska.

Mrs Fisher, teacher at Leaburg, was visiting friends at this place last week.

Rose Rees was visiting with her sister last week, Mrs G. W. Milan.

Mrs Gibbs is putting a plank fence around his farm.

The Stormont and Goddard case was settled before it came to trial.

G. W. Milan and family were visiting with friends at Thurston Sunday.

Carrie Smed and Emma Dotson were presented their diplomas by the chairman of school board, J. W. Shumate.

Mr Girdner student of the U of O visited here last week.

OAK HILL Items.

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Farmers are busily engaged plowing and sowing grain.

Mrs David Mack left for Coos county last week.

Will Fisher has moved into the Cheshire house.

W. L. Miller organized a writing school at the Fir Butte school house last Wednesday evening and it will be continued the rest of the term. Mr Miller is an excellent penman and will give good satisfaction.

There is talk of re-organizing the Sunday School this spring.

Dick Fries left Saturday for Deadwood to gather up some cattle.

Mr Bull is moving into the house recently occupied by Will Fisher.

Miss Eva Belshaw went to