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ASSESS AT TRUE VALUE.

Several counties throughout the state are adopting the plan of assessing property at its real cash value instead of at from one-third to one-fifth as has been done heretofore. In Lane county the assessor has given notice that on March 1, when his deputies begin to take the assessment, they will be instructed to abide by the law and assess all property at a reasonable cash value. The Southern Pacific railroad in Lane county will have its assessment raised, according to Assessor Keeney, from \$4500 per mile to between \$10,000 and \$12,000. At the convention of county assessors in Portland recently, this plan was agreed upon by a majority of those present.

The plan of assessing property at something like its true cash value would be an especially wise policy in Crook county, where at present the assessment is very low and the tax-levy correspondingly high. Crook county has a 21-mill tax-levy for the ensuing year, when if the real property in the county had been assessed at anything like a fair cash valuation, a 10-mill levy would have yielded the same amount of taxes. Crook county's tax rate of 21 mills is a big handicap in its competition for the middle Western immigration which is pouring into the state, and it is doing much towards keeping out the thrifty settler from the middle Western states, who before buying our lands, looks into the matter of tax rates. The policy of a low valuation and a high levy works injuriously both ways, for the high levy keeps out the thrifty settler, while the low valuation places a handicap upon the property when it is offered for sale or when an attempt is made to borrow money upon it. A fair valuation in making the assessment, and a correspondingly lower rate of levy would not increase the burden of taxation, while the low rate would give the county great prestige among the counties of Central Oregon.

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More Observer.

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able to send cash with order for your groceries, etc.? In short will they do anything to provide a market for what you have to sell, and thereby keep up the value of your real estate? Will they do anything for social, school or government support, or do they take your dollars out of the community with no return except the goods you buy? Consider these propositions before risking your orders and cash in the vain hope of making a better deal abroad than can be done at home.

Out of the first 95 voters who registered in this precinct, 65 were Republicans, 14 Democrats, 6 Prohibitionists, 6 Independents and 4 Socialists. This calls to mind the fact that about four years ago when this section of Crook county was first being settled up, there was considerable speculation as to what effect this would have upon the political complexion of the county. The registration throughout the farming districts of Western Crook is removing all doubt, if there ever was any, of the political complexion of Crook at this time; this registration showing that the farming sections are overwhelmingly Republican.

Judge Frank J. Brooks has announced his candidacy for the nomination by the republicans for the office of Justice of the Peace of this precinct. He has been justice of this precinct for the past two years, and he desires to succeed himself. Judge Brooks has adopted as his slogan, "Justitia Omnibus", which has no reference whatever to the new style of coaches being used of the Prineville stage line, but refers solely to a style of judicial decisions which Francis J. Heney and Bourke Cochran say are extremely rare in the courts of this broad land of ours.

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company is going to use crude oil upon its line between Wallula and Portland, and the company is now building an immense tank at Arlington to be used in storing the oil. The tank will have a capacity of about 50,000 gallons. Crude oil will also be used on their Condon branch line. This branch runs through fields of grain for a distance of 40 miles, and the company will use the crude oil for fuel in order to do away with the fires which catch every year in the grain fields from the sparks from coal burners.

Frank Loveland is thinking of utilizing the hot air which comes out of his Madras well in such abundance, by condensing and bottling it and then selling it to the Laidlaw Chronicle and the Bend and Prineville papers, to be dished out by them to the unsuspecting public in the form of Central Oregon railroad stories.

Warren Brown is in town today from the Haystack neighborhood. Mr. Brown informs us that he has concluded to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for county clerk.

Action has been brought against the Madras Milling and Mercantile Company by R. L. Sabin, attorney for the Merchants' Protective Association, of Portland, for \$3152.32, this amount alleged to be due creditors among the wholesalers of Portland. The attachment was filed and seizure of the company's property made Monday. Another suit in equity has been filed against the company for \$6000 by parties residing at The Dalles, who claim interest in the property to that amount.—Crook County Journal.

The masque ball Wednesday night was well attended, and all seemed to spend a pleasant evening. There was quite an assortment of maskers, and a neat little sum was realized for the school district.

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Make out your list of words in alphabetical order, giving the number it contains, sign your full name and address, and send it to Eilers Piano House, 351 Washington Street, Portland, Oregon, marked "Word Contest Department;" also state whether you have a piano or organ and what make.

Each and every list will be filed and examined carefully by competent Judges, immedi-

ately at the close of the contest, and will be announced through the papers a few days thereafter.

Those who receive Credit Bills can use same on any new piano at regular price, cannot apply them on any purchase made prior to March 16, 1906.

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If you secure a Credit Bill and already own an instrument, you can transfer the same to another party who may wish to buy a piano, having the transfer made in our office, properly indorsed by our manager.

No more than one Credit Bill will be accepted on the same piano. All answers must be in our office not later than 5 o'clock, March 15, 1906.

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