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**SOME STUBBORN FACTS**

Crook county's tax-roll this year amounts to the enormous sum of \$108,000. Last year it was \$100,000, in round figures, and the preceding year only a few thousands less. The tax rate, while lower in the amount of mills levied, is higher in fact because of the increase in the valuations placed on property. For instance, tillable farming land which in this section was assessed at \$4 an acre two years ago when the levy was 21 mills, making a tax of 84 mills an acre, is this year assessed at \$6 an acre, which at the rate of the levy, 14.3 mills, makes 85.8 mills tax on the acre, and in that two years the amount of taxable property has steadily increased. Thousands of acres of farming land and timber have been added to the tax-roll in those two years. But, with millions of dollars added to the property which bears the burden of taxation, the rate has been greater the past two years than it was the previous years.

Tax figures are stubborn facts. They tell their own story in their own way, and can't be coaxed or wheedled into making matters look better than they are. But, just as stubbornly they point the way to a remedy. It lies in a careful, economical, businesslike administration of county affairs, and that is the reason the demand is so strong for an entirely new deal.

**OUR PAPER RAILROADS**

Hope keeps the heart alive, else we should have long ago despaired of relief for the transportation difficulties of Central Oregon. Time after time has the promise of railroad extension into Central Oregon been given, but always without material results. Beginning with the promised extension of the Corvallis & Eastern, which, long before this section became a populous farming district, had its survey across the mountains and into Central Oregon, up to the present time with its half dozen or more "prospects," Crook county has been scanning the horizon for the advent of the iron horse. Its eyes have grown weary, but its faith has never faltered.

This week we are re-printing a Portland story of renewed activity on the Mt. Hood road. It is the one road "headed this way" upon which actual construction is in progress, and for that reason offers the most immediate promise of rail transportation. The Pioneer prints them all, these railroad stories, because it believes that the people of this section want all the news they can get on a subject so vitally important to them. And because, too, it has an abiding faith in the early fruition of Central Oregon's hope of rail transportation.

The long dry spell has revived interest in scientific methods of dry land farming, in this section, exemplifying the old adage, "we never miss the water 'til the well runs dry." In years of abundant rainfall in this district the difference in the methods of farming is not so apparent, but in the dry years, when there is moisture enough

to mature the crops only by carefully conserving it to meet the demands of the long dry spells, the veriest tyro in farming knows the difference. And, it is against these dry Springs that provision must be made. They are the years that test the farmers of the semi-arid regions, and upon their ability to "make good" in those years will depend the success or failure of the farmers in this district.

William Johnston, candidate for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer, spent several days in the Madras country this week, in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Johnston has been a resident of Crook for many years and has friends in all sections of the county, and he says he is meeting with encouragement in his candidacy.

There was a strong movement in real estate in Madras last Tuesday. With the wind blowing with a velocity of not less than 40 miles an hour all day, every fifty-foot lot in town changed hands several times—or so it appeared to the poor unfortunate who happened to be out in it.

Governor Chamberlain has offered a reward of \$4000 on behalf of the state, for the arrest of the murderer of Julius Wal-lande, whose body was found near Silver Lake two weeks ago under circumstances which indicate foul play.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements of candidates published under this heading are paid for at regular advertising rates.

**T. T. Geer for Congress**

Candidate for republican congressional nomination in the Second District. Liberal appropriations for waterways, equal opportunities and Privileges for labor and capital, and Government control of corporations.

**For County Judge**

To the Voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.  
H. C. ELLIS,  
Bend, Oregon.

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination, on the Republican ticket, to the office of County Judge. Your support at the primaries, April 17th, will be truly appreciated.  
Sincerely yours,  
J. F. BLANCHARD.

**For County School Superintendent**

To the republican voters of Crook county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county school superintendent. Your support at the primaries in April will be appreciated.  
R. A. FORD.

To the Democratic voters of Crook County: I desire the nomination at your hands at the primaries in April for the office of County School Superintendent, on the Democratic ticket, and your support at the primaries will be heartily appreciated.  
Sincerely,  
W. R. COOK.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for County School Superintendent of Crook County, subject to the action of the Republican voters in the primary election.  
M. A. LEHMAN,  
Onell, Oregon.

**For Joint Representative**

To the voters of Crook, Klamath, Lake and Grant counties: I hereby announce my candidacy for joint representative from the 21st Representative District of Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican voters of the district at the primaries to be held April 17th.  
U. C. COE,  
Bend, Or.

To the Republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant Counties: I wish to inform the Republicans of Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties, constituting the Twenty-first Representative District of Oregon, that my name will be presented for your consideration at the Primary election to be held April 17, 1908, asking your suffrages for selection as one of the Republican nominees for Joint Representative in said district, to be balloted for on June 1, 1908.  
H. A. BRATTON,  
Paisley, Or.

**For County Surveyor**

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination, on the Republican ticket, to the office of county surveyor. I respectfully solicit your support at the primaries on April 17.  
FRANK MAY.

**For Joint Senator**

To the voters of Crook, Lake and Klamath Counties: I hereby declare my platform: Statement No. 1. "He that is greatest let him be your servant!!" The people of Oregon are competent to elect all officers. Oregon livestock breeders, Oregon fruitgrowers are world-famous. Let us make Oregon the greatest state for good roads, good schools, pure foods, honest weights and measures, honest political methods, Push for Oregon, Pull for Oregon.  
G. SPRINGER.

Democratic candidate for joint senator.

I wish to state that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for joint senator to represent the district consisting of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties.  
H. L. HOLGATE,  
Bonanza, Oregon.

I herewith announce myself a candidate for joint senator from Klamath, Lake and Crook counties on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primary election.  
L. F. WILLIAMS,  
Klamath Falls, Or.

**For County Treasurer**

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to your approval of the administration of the office during my present term.  
W. F. KING.

**For County Clerk**

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held in April.  
WARREN BROWN.

**For Sheriff**

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Crook County, on the Republican ticket, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary to be held in April.  
FRANK ELKINS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Crook county, subject to the approval of the democratic voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.  
W. C. CONGLETON,  
Paulina, Or.

**For District Attorney**

Subject to the approval of the voters of Crook and Wasco counties, I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District at the coming primaries. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully as the law provides.  
FRANK W. WILSON,  
The Dalles, Or.

To the Republican voters of the 7th Judicial District:  
I desire the nomination at your hands to the office of District Attorney and will appreciate your votes at the coming primary election if you deem me worthy of your support.  
W. P. MYERS,  
Laidlaw, Oregon.

**For County Assessor**

To the voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county assessor, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held April 17, 1908.  
H. F. JONES,  
Redmond, Or.

**Cake for U. S. Senator**

Prominent in Oregon as a champion of pure politics, and an advocate of the eradication of the dangerous machine system is Hon. H. M. Cake of Portland. Mr. Cake is seeking the Republican nomination for United States Senator and is doing so in a way that appeals strongly to the people. He believes in the people and consequently believes in their election of U. S. Senators.

Fortunately for those of us who have little admiration for a wearer of the senatorial toga who has achieved his exalted position by chicanery or political methods, Mr. Cake is nothing of a politician. He represents the other type; the reserved, conservative and able lawyer, who believes in the active policies of Roosevelt and has unlimited hope for our state of Oregon.

Though his record is not a political one, Mr. Cake has probably done more towards the development of Oregon than any other private citizen. It was he who inaugurated the plans of development and advancement that are being so successfully accomplished by the Portland Commercial Club and the Oregon Development League. Mr. Cake was for several years president of the Portland Commercial Club and in that position brought it to its present state of efficiency.

Oregon at this time has sore need of proper representation in Congress. No one will deny that our growth and progress has been retarded by want of proper representation at the nation's capitol. Mr. Cake is an ardent admirer of President Roosevelt, believes in his policies and is convinced that it is to the nation's best interests that they be continued.

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**PROHIBITION COLUMN**

This space has been reserved by the local prohibition organization, and will be occupied by matter furnished by them each week.

The following advertisement appeared in the newspaper recently:

- Wanted—A bartender. He must be a total abstainer.
- The paradox in this appears when we make the following comparisons:
- Wanted—A barber who never cuts his hair.
- Wanted—A baker who never eats bread.
- Wanted—A shoemaker who never wears shoes.
- Wanted—A minister who never speaks of Jesus Christ.

**Jails Not Needed**

A peculiar problem is being discussed in the province of Prince Edward Island. The suggestion has been made that one jail centrally situated is ample to meet all the needs.

The plan heretofore has been a jail in each county, but oftentimes it has happened that all of them have been empty, and it never happens that any of them are full. The Charlottetown Guardian points out that the percentage of population that is criminal is the smallest in Prince Edward Island of any province of Canada, and therefore there is no need for a prison in each county.

This is a striking tribute to the benefits of the prohibitory law. If bar room accommodation is increased prison accommodations must also be increased. Where bar room accommodation is reduced prisons become less necessary.

In Prince Edward Island there are no bar rooms and therefore no prisoners for the jails.—Pioneer.

**The Crime of Liquor Selling**

Once more the liquor traffic has been hit. The blow comes from the federal bench this time. Judge Alston G. Dayton of the United States District Court for the northern district of West Virginia, is the man who delivered it. And here is the way in which he did it:

"I have said it, and I again proclaim it, that no man can be engaged in the sale of liquor and be honest. He will take the last dollar of a drunken young man, kick him out, and send him on to a drunkard's grave. They study dishonesty, and come into court and perform themselves to avoid punishment. We don't license any man to rob, steal, or murder, but you can take the licensed saloons generally of the country, and the murders committed under the sale of liquor will average one murder for every saloon in the country."

But here is a curious thing. If it is dishonest to sell liquor, or if liquor selling makes a man dishonest, why does the government issue a license to the man permitting him to sell, and legalizing his dishonest business? If it is dishonest to sell liquor, is it not demoralizing to license the sale of liquor?

Back of the crime of liquor selling is the other crime of licensing the selling. The law punishes the liquor seller (sometimes) but the government continues to issue the license. The time has come when the government must dissolve partnership with the criminal liquor business. An aroused and dignified public sentiment demands it. The liquor traffic is rotting, and it is infamous for Congress to continue to bolster it up.

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