

# TO THE TAXPAYERS

I understand that there are some who object to the method now in use in collecting taxes and keeping the accounts claiming that it is much more expensive than the old system. In the first place the present system is the cheapest and best that any county can adopt for several reasons. It can safely be said that under the old system there was enough property misseed each year that was not assessed, hence not taxed, to pay the entire salary list of the tax department of the sheriff's office if it had been properly placed on the assessment and tax rolls.

Under the present system, the property is listed according to section, township and range, if it is acreage, or lot, block and addition, if it is town lots, and if the owner is not known it makes no difference, it is placed in its order and each separate piece bears its burden of taxation while under the old method acreage, town lots and personal property were lumped in together and all the taxes extended in one sum against all of any individual's property. In many cases, it was impossible to place all of the property upon the tax receipt (even though it was many times as large), while under the present method every parcel of land, town lot, or personal property is designated together with the valuation and total amount of tax on each distinct parcel.

Under the present system, the sheriff's office finds all errors made by the assessor in placing valuations and all errors made by the county clerk in calculating and extending the taxes. A number of the tax payers will testify to being notified to remit anywhere from \$1.00 to \$120.00 even after they had apparently paid all of their taxes, and were refunded to just as many or more anywhere from a few cents to \$108 that was over charged and paid. The parties in either case had their receipts and would never have been any wiser had we not found the errors and notified them.

Our motto is that, "Whatever is right is right, wrong is wrong and no wrong is right until it is made right." No man is hurt by having to pay exactly what is right according to the assessed valuation and levy.

The law is that the sheriff shall correct all errors in assessment or calculation that he may discover at any time during the collection of taxes and to make the same conform to the facts.

Double assessments under the present system of assessment are things that are almost impossible while under the old system they were things that it was almost impossible to avoid. The records show that there was not a year, but that dozens of them were made.

Under the present system the assessor can make up the rolls practically accurate with very little expense, while under the old way accuracy was almost an impossibility. This year it would have taken at least two clerks in the assessor's office to have done the work under the old way, while one is doing it under the new system. So, while it costs more to collect the taxes, if it does, it costs less to make up the assessments.

Taking the last four years we find the following comparative statement which speaks for itself and shows why it takes more help to handle the taxes now than it has heretofore:

In 1904 there were two volumes of the assessment rolls containing 463 pages, with 29 lines to the page, making 13,427 lines embraced in the part used for making assessments.

In 1905, there was also two volumes of the assessment rolls containing 467 pages, with 29 lines to the

page, making 13,543 lines embraced in the part used for making assessments.

In 1906, there was three volumes of the assessment rolls containing 850 pages, with 29 lines to the page, making 24,650 lines embraced in the part used for assessments; and in 1907, there are six volumes of the assessment rolls containing 1,478 pages, with 35 lines to the page, making 51,730 lines embraced in the part used for assessments.

A glance at the foregoing shows us that there is practically four times as many assessments in 1907 as there was for the years of 1904-1905, hence there would be four times as much labor required to handle the taxes for 1907 as for the years of 1904-5.

I will say that the sheriff's office should not be held responsible for the rapid growth of the county, though we are glad to see it, nor the platting of so many new townships. There are 32,000 town lots on the 1907 rolls which constitute three volumes out of the six used.

Our system of collecting and handling the taxes corresponds to, and is in direct line with the lot and block system of assessment, and the only practical method that has been recommended by the best accountants of the state, and it is the same that has been in use for the past ten years in Multnomah county, and several other of the larger counties have installed it simply because it is the only absolute correct way of getting exactly what is due from each individual which is in compliance with our laws and the Constitution that provides for equal taxation.

Last year Multnomah county had sixteen volumes of assessment rolls and it took 37 clerks to handle the taxes during the busy season while this year we had six volumes and used nine clerks for about ten days, the rest of the time from four to eight, which is proportionately considerably cheaper than Multnomah County people get their taxes collected. In the name of reason what more can the good people of this county expect?

I have collected over \$6,000 of back taxes for the years of 1899 to 1904 inclusive, that was considered by the county court to be all paid and that there was nothing on the books worth while trying to get.

There are some people who are kicking about the expense of prosecuting the open gambling cases, the violators of the liquor laws, etc.

In response to that I will say that the sheriff's office should not be blamed in any way for what violators of the law cost the county as we have only done what is by law made our duty. In the past two years, there has been paid into the county treasury in fines, which were imposed by the circuit court, \$3,205 from gambling cases, violators of the liquor laws, etc., besides \$1,100 from the above sources that is still in court and will come in later on.

W. W. GAGE.

## MARSHFIELD "DRY" BY 200 COUNTY BY 500.

A careful canvass of the list of registered voters assures a majority for Prohibition in Marshfield of 200 and in the county of 500.

Do not worry about Marshfield.

## SALOONS AS AN INDUSTRY.

While our lumber, coal, dairy and fruit industries are bringing money into the county, the liquor business does not bring in one dollar, but sends out thousands every month to pay the wholesale liquor dealers, who are fighting Prohibition in Coos county.

Store your goods with the Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

### POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

# MARSHFIELD WILL BE DRY

Prosecuting Attorney Geo. M. Brown Says Law Is Plain On Question.

Owing to the reports having been placed in circulation that the Marshfield saloons would, under the amendment to the charter recently secured, be independent of the county and able to keep open even if Coos county goes dry, official refutation of the claim was secured today. Marshfield saloons must abide by the same law that governs every other city in Coos county, according to Geo. M. Brown, prosecuting attorney for this district. The following telegram is self explanatory:

Roseburg, Or., May 26, 1908.

Dr. J. T. McCormac, Marshfield, Oregon. Local option law applies to all parts of Coos county alike and if county goes dry of course Marshfield saloons will be closed.

GEORGE M. BROWN.

## HAVE MERCY ON THE SALOON-MAN.

By voting for Prohibition and give him a chance to earn an honorable living. Many of them would become good citizens if given half a chance.

## ARE SALOONS A BENEFIT TO A TOWN FINANCIALLY?

If they are then Marshfield with its 13 saloons should be in a fine financial condition, with paved streets, municipal water works and electric lights, city parks, city docks, modern sewer system and everything that goes to make up a modern city, with city warrants at a premium.

What are the facts? According to the report of Expert Squires she is in an alarming condition.

With a city charter that allows an indebtedness of but \$25,000 she is in debt to the amount of \$43,000 and going still further in debt.

Not a bank in the county will cash the Marshfield city warrants at par. There is not a single foot of paved streets.

Not a single one of the above necessary improvements.

Worse than all, the city is running in debt to the extent of several thousand dollars annually; and the city council is considering the advisability of asking the people to allow them to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$50,000.

What do you think that for a "wet" town?

Compare the above with the city of Eugene a dry town for two years, which is in a most prosperous condition as shown by the statement of Mayor Matlock.

## LICENSE AND CRIME.

For every dollar the state of Oregon receives from saloon licenses it pays out over eleven dollars in the prosecution and punishment of crimes caused by liquor.

Cities receive the license fee and the counties pay the bills.

Farmers where to you get off? What good will Prohibition do Coos county, if we elect gamblers and saloonmen to execute our laws? Remember this when you vote.

## LINE UP.

You must vote either with the gamblers, saloon men and BAWDY HOUSE KEEPERS or against them. Where do you stand?

We will store your goods for 1c cubic feet. Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

It's Here  
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Pronounced a Beauty by all the Local Gasoline Experts  
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We can care for your valuables in the strongest and best equipped vault in the county for \$5.00 a year.

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First Trust and Savings Bank of Coos Bay, capital stock fully paid \$100,000.00.

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M. C. HORTON..... Vice-pres.-manager.

D. KREITZER..... Cashier.

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# Steamer Plant

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FROM MARSHFIELD.

No reservation held after the arrival of the ship unless ticket is bought.

**F. S. DOW, Agent**

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# Portland & Coos Bay S. S. Line BREAKWATER

Sails from Portland Wednesday at 8 p. m.  
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## Business Directory

### Doctors.

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Physician and Surgeon  
Diseases of Women and Children.  
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Osteopathic Physician  
Graduate of American School of Osteopathy  
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Office Hours—9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Other Hours by Appointment. Office in Nasburg Block  
Phone 1611. Marshfield, Ore.

**D. R. GBO. E. DIX**  
Physician and Surgeon.  
New Flanagan & Bennett Bank Bldg.  
Phone 1681.

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Office over Sengstacken's Drug Store.  
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### Miscellaneous

**MARSHFIELD DANCING ACADEMY**  
Odd Fellows Hall.  
Monday and Thursday. Afternoon and Evening.  
Private Instruction, Prof. C. P. Smith

**C. RIBBS & MASON**  
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Contracts taken. Estimates Furnished.  
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Voice Culture,  
Pure Italian Method, Artistic Singing  
Studio in Nasburg Block.

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Voice, Piano, Pipe Organ, Harmony etc., from beginning to graduation. Singers coached in style diction and interpretations, for opera oratorio or concert work.  
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**TAFFE'S FISH WHEELS**

**COLUMBIA RIVER**

the only salmon stream on Pacific Coast where **MERCILESS FISHWHEELS** are permitted. BILL 332 now before the public **WILL CORRECT THIS**

Four years ago hatcheries in Upper Columbia caught over 20,000 salmon. Fishwheels improved so now no salmon reaches hatcheries and they are all closed. Thus all of the Upper Columbia natural spawning grounds are barren.

**CLIP THIS OUT** and put it in your pocket for information on ELECTION DAY.

332	X	Yes	Will save the salmon fisheries to all the people for all time.
333		No	
318		Yes	Will give all salmon to six wheel owners as long as salmon fish will kill all salmon
319	X	No	

This picture shows the LONG LEAD, extending into river, right up to falls, and the three uppermost FISHWHEELS. These CATCH ALL THE SALMON ascending to spawning grounds. To save the Columbia Salmon Vote 332, Yes, and 319, No

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