

SHINE TELLS OF ASSESSMENT

Secretary of Southern Oregon Company Explains Its Attitude On Taxation.

Editor Coos Bay Times, Marshfield, Ore.

Dear Sir: Your issue of the 30th quotes Assessor Thrift as stating, "The Southern Oregon Company did not advocate the raising of other assessments until the company found that it could not have the assessments on its own property reduced," also "when they could not get a reduction Mr. Shine pointed out property here and there they thought should be assessed higher."

This statement is incorrect and misleading and has a tendency to create a wrong impression of the position of the company in this matter.

The Southern Oregon Company appeared before the Board of Equalization and requested equalization of certain valuations on acreage property adjoining Coos Bay. Their representative first reminded the board that owing to the usual custom of assessing property at less than "its cash value," that it was difficult for any taxpayer to complain that property was illegally assessed at "more than its cash value," and therefore an equalization of values, as by law provided, was always in order.

The company does not desire to avoid paying its just share of taxation and has no wish to increase the taxes of any individual or company, but it wants a "square deal."

A brief examination of the comparative valuations of acreage adjoining Coos Bay showed such a remarkable difference in the valuations per acre, that they have exercised the common right of all taxpayers to draw the attention of the Board of Equalization to the comparative figures, and to ask that they be equalized. They later suggested that if the board preferred to leave the lower figures without change, that the company's valuations on certain pieces should be reduced, but that a fair and equitable adjustment of the incorrect valuations should be made.

Acreage owned by the company and acreage owned by other taxpayers in the vicinity of Empire City and North Bend, is assessed at \$100 per acre. Acreage in Section 35.25.13, within one-half mile of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company's Modern Plant, and within a reasonable distance of the city of Marshfield, is assessed at \$20 per acre.

Hundreds of acres immediately adjoining the city limits of the city of Marshfield (some of which is today selling at \$300 per acre), are assessed at a nominal rate of \$2, \$3 and \$5 per acre. Some of the latter land adjoins other acreage assessed at \$100 per acre.

These are not isolated cases as shown by the petition of the company, and with such remarkable contrasts on the County Assessment Roll, we feel that a request for equalization is not open to criticism. It will be best for the interests of all taxpayers to have such matters adjusted in a business manner on a just and impartial basis.

It is to be assumed that acreage in the near vicinity of large towns has a much greater "cash value" than that located in the vicinity of smaller places.

The last school census shows the following number of school children of legal age in, Marshfield, 732, Empire, 42.

It would seem fair that size, importance and population of towns should be considered in placing the valuation on property for the purposes of taxation, but such has not been done in assessing the valuation of the acreage complained of, and full particulars of which have been placed before the board.

We are, dear sir, Yours truly, SOUTHERN OREGON CO., R. E. SHINE, Sec.

VOTE IN WYOMING.

(By Associated Press.) CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 3.—Good weather favors an early vote. The roads are in good condition.

NEWS OF COQUILLE.

Miss Kate Wickham returned Tuesday from Marshfield where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Nels Odmundson.

ALLIANCE HAD ROUGH TRIP

Steamship Arrived In This Morning Twenty-Four Hours Late.

The Alliance arrived in this morning twenty-four hours late, from Portland, after bucking one of the stiffest head-winds that she has encountered in many months. In addition to the head-wind, the sea was very choppy and part of the time the engines had to be slowed down owing to the steamship's wheel being out of the water. Capt. Olson said that it was one of the worst trips he has seen in a long time. Of course, practically all of the passengers were seasick a good share of the trip. The Alliance will sail from here about 5:30 this afternoon.

The Alliance's passenger list follows:

Bob Hills, M. McCormick, Joe Adams and wife, Mrs. Denny, M. J. Byrd, F. H. Clarke, Joe Croft, Mark Lee, Joe Adams, E. L. Pierce, Mr. Taylor, J. R. Robertson, E. Wood, M. Brennan, H. Aydelet, Louis Dubuque, Della Steiner, Geo. H. Rotor, P. N. Reberg and wife, R. W. Frame, Ed. Stone, W. S. Paige, C. S. Hampton, Frank Coos, Frank Green, F. Rosenquist, Gus Witt, Tony Schmidt, H. Perkins, Ant. Ames, J. A. Cowan, and twelve steerage.

NEW BOATS COMING.

M. F. Plant Laid Up at 'Frisco For An Indefinite Time.

The M. F. Plant will not sail from San Francisco this week, as was reported from F. S. Dow's office the other day. A telegram received today by Agent Dow did not contain any information as to when the Plant would be sufficiently repaired to enable her to sail for Coos Bay. The telegram stated that the M. F. Plant's freight would be brought on the Czarina.

The Homer will leave 'Frisco with passengers and freight for Coos Bay next Saturday. The steamer Bowdoin will leave 'Frisco Wednesday with freight for Coos Bay.

BIG BANK CAVES IN ON CEDAR STREET CUT

Over One Hundred Tons of Dirt Slid From In Front of W. T. Merchant's Residence Into Street

Sunday night or early Monday morning, over one hundred tons of earth slid from in front of W. T. Merchant's residence in North Marshfield into Cedar street which is just being cut around the side of Knob Hill. Where the landslide occurred, a cut of about thirty-five feet had been made, the bank being left perpendicular. The bank broke back within a few feet of the Merchant house and the building will be moved back at once lest another landslide carry it into the street below. It is feared that many other similar landslides will occur along the street during the wet season to come unless the bank is bulkhead at a heavy expense. Who will have a bear the expense of removing the dirt that fell into the street, that is the city, Merchant or Contractor Walter Candron has not been determined.

PUPILS ARE ACTIVE.

Myrtle Point Scholars Take Up Athletics and Oratory.

MYRTLE POINT, Nov. 2. — A fine interest in athletics and oratory is in evidence at the Myrtle Point high school this term. Two basketball teams have been formed, one of boys and the other of girls, and the prospects are good for a girls' team in the eighth grade. It is proposed to have the teams meet those from other schools of the county during the fall and winter in a try for the county championship. In oratory also, the Myrtle Point debaters expect to meet those from the other schools of the county. The first local debate was held Friday afternoon, the question discussed being, "Resolved, That the Philippine Islands should be given their independence." The affirmative was taken by May Hall, Cecile Miller, Margaritha Clinton, Lester Sumerlin, Lucy Huff and Mamie Haines. The negative was handled by Mabel Haughton, Ira L. Howe, Paul Bremer, Dalton King, Clark Giles and Ray Haines. Although few of the debaters had ever before been in a public debate, the question was well handled by both sides. The judges decided in favor of the negative side.

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BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES

MR. AND MRS. A. S. ELDRIDGE RETURN FROM THE FAR EAST TO VISIT COOS COUNTY RELATIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Eldredge and two sons arrived on the Bay by the last Breakwater from Portland, en route from Manila, P. I., to New York. They are visiting their relatives on South Coos River. Mr. Eldredge has been in the Philippines for the past three years as a contractor engineer for J. G. White & Co., of New York, the contractors for the new coaling station for the Navy Department at Olongapo, P. I. He has built and completed the first unit of the largest coaling station ever undertaken by the Navy Department and costing one million dollars. This plant consists of steel and concrete docks and bunkers, storage shed, a central power plant, an elaborate water system, with a 500,000-gallon steel storage tank, placed at an elevation of 250 feet above the sea level. The water for this system comes from a mountain stream, some five miles distance in a 12-inch pipe. The river being dammed in order to get the fall required.

The plant is operated entirely by electricity from a central power plant installed by Mr. Eldredge.

Coal is unloaded from ships by traveling electric cranes which deposit the coal upon belt conveyors which distribute it into large steel storage sheds, 150 feet by 450 feet in size, and divided into bins of 600 tons each.

In landing ships the coal is conveyed by the same system of belt conveyors to the ships and runs directly into the ships' hold, thereby saving the expense of handling coal by hand. This system will load or unload coal at the rate of 250 tons per hour. The belts are so arranged that the coal passes over a system of weighing scales which weighs and records the coal coming out or going into a vessel without the aid of the operator of the plant.

The whole plant is lighted by electricity and is also furnished with an alarm system that records the temperature and location in the sheds where the coal is heating, so that the keeper of the plant can locate the spot within ten feet.

Mr. Eldredge says that this plant although very complicated, has been erected entirely by the native labor. The average cost of which is 45 cents per day per man.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge enjoyed the stay in the islands very much, but are glad to be home again. They spent a month traveling in China and Japan, and tell some very interesting stories about the countries they have visited and their people.

Mr. Eldredge will return to New York after a week stay at Anson Roger's, on Coos River. Mrs. Eldredge and the boys expect to remain some time visiting relatives and friends before returning east.

♦♦♦♦♦ LATE THIS AFTERNOON ♦♦♦♦♦
By Associated Press.
CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 3.—
W. H. Taft arrived at his home at 8 o'clock this morning. Important business prevented him voting at noon as he expected. He said he would go to the polls late this afternoon. "I am very much gratified with the report and thank you heartily for letting me know it," was Taft's remark on hearing the first precinct returns from Massachusetts as reported to him by the Associated Press.

INDEPENDENTS WIN GAME.
The Independents defeated the Marshfield High School today by a score of 7 to 6.

CURRY COUNTY NEWS.

Events There As Told By The Wednesday Radium.

School has been in session at Gold Beach since Tuesday, October 14th. At the opening, Miss Ada Bailey, who presides at the district building and has classes below the sixth grade, had thirteen scholars and Miss Kelsey, who has the higher grades, recorded an attendance of eighteen. No further diphtheria developed, and the members of the Bishel family are convalescent.

Mr. Ballou, who was sent from Marshfield to repair the Curry county telephone line, spent seven days on the work and had the line ready for service Sunday afternoon. Communication was uninterrupted for a day and then the line went down again between Port Orford and Bandon. Mr. Ballou started home Tuesday morning and will give the line another overhauling on the trip, and it should be in as good shape as its tumble-down, worn out condition warrants when he finishes with it. The line needs extensive repairs and will never furnish satisfactory service until these are made. The salt air along the coast reduces the life of telephone wire materially and this rusting process is accountable for a great part of the trouble in this section.



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FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply Mrs. Lash, over Mangan's Undertaking Parlors.

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FOR SALE—Cheap—One, large airtight stove, suitable for large room or bar—Also cash register. Inquire of Merchant & Kammerer.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received by the Common Council of the City of Marshfield, until 7:30 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, November 10th, 1908, for the work of improving that portion of Alice street from the north line of Queen avenue to the center line of 'D' street, in E. B. Dean & Co., second addition to the town of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon, according to plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Recorder; also for the work of improving certain portions of Front street, from a point 320 feet north of the north line of 'A' street to the north line of 'W' street, in Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

A certified check for five per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany each bid, to be forfeited to the City of Marshfield in case bid shall be accepted and bidder fails to enter into contract within five days after notice of such acceptance. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 31st day of October, 1908.

J. M. UPTON, Recorder of the City of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon.

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