

# TO TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS

There being some who think that the sheriff's office employs too much help during the spring rush, in the collection of taxes I take this method of submitting figures to show that while the expense is apparently greater than it was a few years ago, in reality, it is no greater than in former years.

For 1907 we used eight extra clerks, for 1908 five extra, and 1909 seven extra, with the exception of 15 days in March when we had eight extra, which are the last three years of tax collections.

The 1907 tax rolls have 31 tax funds with a total of \$261,265.78 to collect. 1908 tax rolls have 48 tax funds with a total of \$340,768.58 to collect and the 1909 tax rolls have 81 tax funds with a total of \$446,458.40 to collect.

It must be remembered that 1907 was the first year that the lot block system of assessment was used in this county, which increased the number of volumes from three in 1906 with 900 pages about two-thirds filled to 6 in 1907 with 1,800 pages all filled and to ten volumes in 1908 with 2,500 pages almost filled and ten volumes in 1909 with 2,500 pages practically filled.

For the last three years every lot and parcel of property is a separate tax account, while in former years under the alphabetical system of assessment each tax payer was a separate tax account. Under the alphabetical system of assessment there was not over five thousand accounts any year while under the Lot and Block system we have in 1907 about 44,500 accounts, in 1908 about 50,000 accounts, and 1909 about 64,500 accounts.

It was deemed necessary the system of assessment be changed from the alphabetical to lot and block and was so ordered by the County Court, as under the alphabetical system, there were many erroneous and double assessments and hundreds of acres of land were entirely exempt from taxation, necessarily the system book-keeping in the sheriff's office had to be changed to correspond with the manner of assessment. Under the alphabetical system of assessment the Assessor had no means for comparing valuations and should the name of the owner of a parcel of land be omitted from the assessment rolls there was no means of knowing the property was escaping. This, under the Lot and Block system has been practically eliminated.

The tax rolls for the last four years 1906 to 1909 inclusive total the sum of \$1,235,080.59 while the tax rolls for the fourteen preceding years, 1892 to 1905 inclusive, total only the sum of \$1,271,136.75. We have used 26 volumes of Tax rolls for the last three years, 1907 to 1909 inclusive and for sixteen years prior, 1891 to 1906 inclusive, there were only 26 volumes used.

From the foregoing, it is readily observed that the work in the collection of taxes has necessarily increased and the extra clerical help used has not been out of proportion to the increase of labor, when one stops to consider that it required two extra clerks to do the work for the same period for years prior to 1907 which were all under the old system of assessment.

The criminal work has increased also, as we note that from January 1st, 1892 to July 1st 1906, one hundred twenty-three prisoners were registered in the county jail, while from July 1st, 1906, to October 31st 1910, ninety-eight persons have been registered in that institution, and it is well to note that thirty-eight out of the ninety-eight have been handled during the last twelve months.

I will also state, this office has handled over 31 per cent during the last four and one-third years, of the total number of civil cases tried in Coos county, as shown by the following: From June 14th 1854 to October 31st 1910 (fifty-five and one-third years) there are 2,995 civil cases filed in the Circuit Court and 647 out of that number during the last four and one-third years.

I believe in economy but not to such an extent that efficiency is destroyed. I believe in doing in public life just as one would in a private business and above all not lay down and stay quiet because you see it is costing more than expected.

Another matter that has increased the labors of the sheriff's office is the office of Truancy. Two years ago the District Boundary Board appointed me Truant Officer for the entire county instead of a Truant Officer in each school district, which was expensive and didn't produce results. When there was a Truant Officer in each district the average attendance

# PROHIBITION PROVES A BIG FAILURE

TESTIMONY FROM AN OREGON TOWN VOTED DRY TWO YEARS AGO.

(From Dallas, Polk County, Itemizer.)

There is probably no man in the world who is more of a prohibitionist than the editor of the Itemizer, nor who realizes more fully the great detriment that the abuse of the use is a right and sane way of relieving the United States of this evil, and there is a wrong and insane way. The wrong way is the endeavor to prohibit its use or sale in one locality, while the residents of an adjoining state, county or precinct are allowed the privilege. This has been so abundantly and conclusively proven wherever it has been attempted that it is the biggest part of foolishness to attempt it in new localities. For Marlon county to be wet and Polk dry is a discrimination that works unjustly to the latter in a business way and does not materially affect the sale or use in this county one iota. This has been conclusively shown during the two years in which the local option law has been in force in this county.

From a moral standpoint, and we know whereof we speak, the result has been worse than if well-regulated saloons had been allowed, and we can cite hundreds of instances of our nightly experience to prove this assertion. Taking our own town, for example, it is no misstatement that there is more liquor here than there ever was before and instead of a few places being the repository for such, it can be found most any places that you would least suspect, too.

We would naturally expect that the first result of such a law to be the keeping of liquor from those who are injudicious in its use, and abuse the privilege of its open sale. Now, can you tell us one man in this midst, who has been in the habit of drinking to excess, who has been profited by prohibition, who does not under the local option law get as much as he wants and go on his periodical drunks the same as ever, if not a little oftener?

Can you point us to any boys where the temptation of drinking has been removed? As a matter of fact, it has been placed under their noses more than ever, as any one who cares to find out can readily see if they are on our streets late at night or early in the morning. Ponder this. (Paid adv. by H. B. Farewell.)

# RAILWAY TITLE IS SUSTAINED

T. R. Sheridan Loses Case Over R. A. Graham's Operations.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 31. — A mandate from the Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco was handed down in Federal District Court sustaining Judge Wolverton in his decision of the case of E. R. Sheridan vs. the Southern Pacific Company. Judge Wolverton held that the Southern lawfully was entitled to possession of the land, which embraces a considerable tract adjacent to the townsite of Marshfield, Coos County.

Sheridan instituted his action, alleging that he had merely mortgaged the land to the J. D. Spreckles & Sons Company, and that they had no right to alienate title in fee. The Southern acquired the property at the time it bought out the Spreckles railway interests. Defending the property, it was shown that the land had passed to the Spreckles for a good consideration, and that nothing had been done by the alleged owners to suggest that they regarded the deal as a mortgage until after the Southern Pacific bought in good faith and for a valuable consideration.

was 94 out of every 100, while the average attendance for the last two years has been 98, a very nice increase, although it has taken a considerable time, it is surely worth the price and many times more, at any rate, if I am elected at the coming election I will try to sustain the good reputation of the sheriff's office and do my best to put it on a still higher standard.

Respectfully,  
W. W. GAGE.  
(Paid advertisement.)

## PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION.

- A bill for an act to create the County of Nesmith out of a portion of the northern part of Douglas County and the southern part of Lane County; providing for its organization, fixing the salaries of the officers thereof, and for adjusting finances between the three counties. Vote YES or NO.
- 316 Yes.
- 317 No.
- A bill for a law to provide for the permanent support and maintenance of Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, by levying an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the dollar upon all the taxable property within the State of Oregon. (Vote YES or NO.)
- 318 Yes.
- 319 No.
- A bill for a law creating the County of Otis, Oregon, out of territory now included in the Counties of Harney, Malheur and Grant, providing for its organization and for the adjustment of finances and transferring of records between the several counties affected by the proposed law. Vote YES or NO.
- 320 Yes.
- 321 No.
- A bill for a law to annex a portion of the northern part of Clackamas County, Oregon, to Multnomah County, Oregon, and providing for transferring and transferring the records of the territory proposed to be annexed, and for adjustment of finances between the two counties. Vote YES or NO.
- 322 Yes.
- 323 No.
- A bill for an act to create the County of Williams out of a portion of Lane and Douglas Counties, Oregon; providing for its organization; fixing the salaries of the officers thereof; and for adjustment of finances between the three counties. Vote YES or NO.
- 324 Yes.
- 325 No.
- For constitutional amendment providing for the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county, regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolishing poll or head tax. Vote YES or NO.
- 326 Yes.
- 327 No.
- For constitutional amendment giving to cities and towns exclusive power to license, regulate, control, suppress, or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the municipality. Vote YES or NO.
- 328 Yes.
- 329 No.
- A bill for a law requiring protection for persons engaged in hazardous employments, defining and extending the liability of employers, and providing that contributory negligence shall not be a defense. Vote YES or NO.
- 330 Yes.
- 331 No.
- A bill for an act to create the County of Oreland out of the northeastern portion of Umatilla County, Oregon; providing for its organization; fixing the salaries of the officers thereof; and for adjustment of finances between the two counties. Vote YES or NO.
- 332 Yes.
- 333 No.
- A bill for an act to create the County of Clark out of the northern portion of Coos County, Oregon; providing for its organization; fixing the salaries of the officers thereof; and for adjustment of finances between the two counties. Vote YES or NO.
- 334 Yes.
- 335 No.
- A bill for a law providing for the permanent support and maintenance of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon, by levying an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the dollar upon all the taxable property within the State of Oregon. (Vote YES or NO.)
- 336 Yes.
- 337 No.
- A bill for a law to annex a portion of the territory in the eastern part of Washington County, Oregon, to Multnomah County, Oregon, and providing for a transcript of the records of the territory annexed to be made and received in Multnomah County. Vote YES or NO.
- 338 Yes.
- 339 No.
- A bill for a law providing for the permanent support and maintenance of the Southern Oregon State Normal School at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, by levying one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the dollar on all taxable property in the State of Oregon, and limiting instruction therein to those subjects promoting efficiency in the art of teaching. Vote YES or NO.
- 340 Yes.
- 341 No.
- An amendment of Sec. 55 of Art. I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor and the traffic therein within the State of Oregon, on and after the 1st day of July, A. D. 1911, excepting for medicinal, sacramental and mechanical purposes. Vote YES or NO.
- 342 Yes.
- 343 No.

- A bill for a law to prohibit, prevent, and suppress the manufacture, sale, possession, exchange or giving away of intoxicating liquors within the State of Oregon, except for specific purposes; to govern the shipment of the same, declaring what is intoxicating liquor within the State of Oregon, and providing penalty for violations of the act. Vote YES or NO.
- 344 Yes.
- 345 No.
- A bill for an act creating a Board of Commissioners of nine members to examine the subject of employees' liability for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, and to prepare a measure to be presented to the legislature governing the same, and report to the Governor of the State on or before the 1st day of February, 1911, and appropriating \$1,000 for the purposes of the act. Vote YES or NO.
- 346 Yes.
- 347 No.
- A bill for an act prohibiting the landing of fish from the waters of Coos Bay, River, or of any of its tributaries, by any means, except with hook and line, commonly called angling. Vote YES or NO.
- 348 Yes.
- 349 No.
- A bill for a law to create the County of Deschutes, Oregon, out of the northwest portion of Coos County, Oregon, providing for its organization, the salaries of its officers, and settlement of the finances between the proposed county and Crook County. Vote YES or NO.
- 350 Yes.
- 351 No.
- A bill for an act providing for the creation of new towns, counties, and municipal districts (excepting drainage and irrigation districts) or less than one county or changing the boundaries of existing counties by a majority vote of the legal voters of the territory within the boundaries of the proposed municipality, and providing that 30 per cent of the number of legal voters within such territory may petition for the creation of a new municipal corporation, and providing for the appointment of officers and adjustment of the finances of the new corporation, and the method of procedure to create the same. Vote YES or NO.
- 352 Yes.
- 353 No.
- An amendment of Section 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, permitting cities to issue bonded indebtedness beyond \$500 to build permanent roads, and providing that debts for permanent roads may be incurred on approval of a majority of those voting on the question. Vote YES or NO.
- 354 Yes.
- 355 No.
- A bill for a law to amend the direct primary law by extending its provisions to presidential nominations, allowing voters to designate their choice for their party candidates for President and Vice-President for direct nomination of party candidates for presidential election; providing for election by party voters of delegates to their party national nominating conventions, each voter voting for one delegate; for payment of delegates' actual travel expenses, not exceeding two hundred dollars for each delegate, and extending the publicity rights of candidates in the State nominating and general election campaign books. Vote YES or NO.
- 356 Yes.
- 357 No.
- A bill for a law creating a Board of People's Inspectors of Government, providing for publication of an official State magazine, said board to be the editors and publishers thereof, the printing to be done by the State Printer; all books of public officials subject to examination by the Board of Inspectors and reports thereof published in said magazine; all expenses of the board for printing and publication of the magazine, salaries, etc., not to exceed one dollar for each registered voter in the State; the magazine shall be mailed every two months to each registered voter at public expense. Vote YES or NO.
- 358 Yes.
- 359 No.
- For an amendment of Article IV, Constitution of Oregon, increasing initiative, referendum and recall powers of the people; restricting use of emergency clause and veto power on State and municipal legislation; requiring proportional election of members of Legislative Assembly from the State at large, annual sessions, and increasing members' salaries and terms of office; providing for election of Speaker of House and President of Senate, outside of members; restricting separate franchises to twenty years; providing ten dollars penalty for unexcused absence from any roll call, and changing form of oath of office to provide against so-called legislative log-rolling. Vote YES or NO.
- 360 Yes.
- 361 No.
- For amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon, providing for verdict by three-fourths of jury in civil cases; authorizing grand juries to be summoned separate from the trial jury, permitting change of judicial system by single prohibitory restriction where any evidence to support verdict; providing for allowance of judgment on appeal notwithstanding error committed in lower court, directing Supreme Court to enter such judgment as should have been entered in lower court; fixing terms of Supreme Court; providing judges of all courts to be elected for six years, and increasing jurisdiction of Supreme Court. Vote YES or NO.
- 362 Yes.
- 363 No.

## Vote for or against prohibition of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors for beverage purposes, for entire County of Coos.

Mark X Between Number and Answer Voted For.

- 364 For Prohibition.
- 365 Against Prohibition.
- Port of Coos Bay Measures Proposed by Initiative Petition. (Appearing in pamphlet of Port of Coos Bay as Number—Yes 366, No 367.)
- For amendment to Charter of Port of Coos Bay prohibiting its Board of Commissioners from incurring any indebtedness in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and providing that any such excess shall be void unless the affirmative of the question of incurring such excess indebtedness shall have received a majority vote of the legal voters of said Port voting thereon at a legal election; and providing that the aggregate indebtedness of said Port shall never exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of property within said Port. Vote YES or NO.
- 366 Yes.
- 367 No.

- Port of Coos Bay Measures Referred by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Coos Bay to the Voters of the Port of Coos Bay. (Appearing in pamphlet of Port of Coos Bay as Number—Yes 368, No 369.)
- An ordinance of the Port of Coos Bay adopting a certain project of harbor improvement providing for the dredging and maintenance of a main ship channel, for improvement of subsidiary waterways emptying into Coos Bay, for purchase of property suitable for public wharves and docks, and providing for issuance and sale of Port bonds in the sum of \$300,000.00 to carry out such project. Vote YES or NO.
- 368 Yes.
- 369 No.

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