

## NEW SYSTEM OF WATER RIGHT TAX COLLECTION VALUE FIXED

County Treasurer Instead of Sheriff Has Charge—New Regulations

The sheriff's office has been besieged for the past few weeks by inquiries regarding the new system of tax collection as contained in the 1913 law, especially regarding the difference between this and the old system. Under the new arrangement the treasurer and not the sheriff will collect the taxes. Oregon is next to the last state in the union to make this change.

The most vital difference to the taxpayer is that taxes must be paid by April 1, or the taxpayer becomes delinquent. Another very important change that there is no longer any discount for prompt payment. Under the old system if a person paid his tax before April first he was given a three per cent rebate, and had until October to pay without becoming delinquent.

The following are the provisions of the new law relating to the time when taxes are payable:

Taxes legally levied and charged in any year shall be paid before the first day of April following. If the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or the taxes on personal property charged against any individual, firm or corporation, are not paid before said 1st day of April, penalties shall be charged on such taxes and added to and collected with the same as follows:

1—A penalty of one per cent on all taxes paid on or after said 1st day of April and before the 1st day of May following.

2—A penalty of two per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of May and before the first day of June following.

3—A penalty of three per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of June and before the first day of July following.

4—A penalty of four per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of July and before the 1st day of August following.

5—A penalty of five per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of August and before the 1st day of September following.

Provided, that one-half of the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or of the taxes on personal property charged against any individual, firm, etc., may be paid before the said first day of April, in which event the penalties specified in this section shall apply to and be collected with the remaining one-half of such taxes, to be paid prior to the 1st day of September following. All taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of September shall become delinquent. Upon all taxes so delinquent there shall be charged and collected a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum on such taxes from the day on which they became delinquent until their payment.

All household furniture, domestic fixtures, household goods and effects actually in use as such in homes and dwellings; also all wearing apparel, watches, jewelry and similar personal effects actually in use are exempt from taxation.

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you hope to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. Does not upset the stomach, is best for children and grown persons. Owl Prescription Pharmacy, Frank D. Cohen, Opposite Chandler Hotel, Phone 71.

Special Committee Sets \$556.25 as Robert Marsden's Interest in City Park.

The special committee appointed by the City Council to set a figure on the value of Robert Marsden's water right in the city park property met last night in the city hall and fixed a valuation of \$556.25 on all Marsden's claim. This sum will be recommended as a fair valuation to the City Council at its meeting next Monday night.

The consideration of the water right followed an application made to the City Council last Monday night by James M. Upton, attorney for Marsden, who asked that some action be taken one way or another by the city. A special committee had been appointed to investigate the project, but no meeting had been called, and it was finally settled to take place last night.

The figures were arrived at by some of the members fixing the valuation per lot, and by others on a percentage of the valuation of the city's interest in the property. An average was reached, giving the figures as above.

The members of the special committee at the meeting were Hugh McLain, George Baines, J. Wright Wilson, Attorney James Upton and Councilman Winkler, City Attorney Goss keeping in touch with the proceedings by telephone.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## SNEDDON CASE IS ADJOURNED

Examination as to Sanity of Aged Charles Sneddon Continued Tomorrow

Examination of Charles Sneddon, Sr., by Doctors Straw and Taggart before Judge John Hall yesterday was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the testimony of Dr. E. Mingus, the family physician, will be taken as to the aged man's sanity, following an outbreak made at his home Monday night, when he was arrested and taken to the city jail and later released.

The charge was made by John Sneddon that his father had been creating such a disturbance that the arrest was necessary and the examination of the old man is for the purpose of deciding whether he will be returned to the asylum at Salem or not. Hugh Sneddon stated yesterday that his parent was being abused by his brother, Jack.

Sneddon, senior, on being examined declared that he was kicked about the shins and was taken away from his wife, just as they were retiring.

John Sneddon, Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Reese, Charlie Sneddon, Hugh Sneddon and two of the old man's grandchildren testified at the hearing yesterday morning and afternoon.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### CHRISTMAS AT FLORENCE

Santa Claus Ship Reaches There Several Days Late

FLORENCE, Or., Jan. 1.—Christmas stock for nearly every store in town arrived from Portland on the schooner Patsy, two weeks late. The Patsy was held at Astoria for ten days because of the rough weather. Captain Dahlbusch reports twenty feet of water over the Stuslaw bar, the greatest depth reported since the Jetty work started.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## BOURNE PLANS NEW MEASURE

Ex-Senator Would Remedy Evils in Circulation of Referendum Petitions

To the Editor of The Times: It has been quite generally agreed that under the system of paid circulation of initiative and referendum petitions two evils exist: the submission of many measures for which there is no popular demand, and the forging of signatures. To remove these evils I shall propose an initiative measure prohibiting payment for circulation of petitions but placing no restriction upon the right of the people to circulate petitions for any measure in which they feel an interest.

One of the fundamental purposes of the Oregon system is to increase the power of men and decrease the power of money. I am surprised, therefore, to find that there are some sincere advocates of better government who oppose the plan of prohibiting paid circulation of petitions. Most of those who oppose my bill acknowledge that it is right in principle, but say it will not work out satisfactorily in practice. I contend that if it is right in principle it will ultimately be adopted and will work in practice.

An initiative petition is supposed to represent the desire of 8 per cent of the voters. It does no such thing. It represents merely the expenditure of a certain sum of money.

Possibly circulation of petitions serves to notify about ten per cent of the voters that the measure is being proposed, but, if that is the end to be gained, it certainly could be done more effectively by expending the money in the printing and circulation of copies of the bill which voters could read, rather than in securing signatures of voters to a petition which few take the time to read.

The adoption of my suggested bill would make the petition represent public opinion, for the number of volunteer circulators would be in proportion to the extent of public desire for the measure.

I admit that so long as the custom of paying circulators continues, practically every measure must be initiated in that manner, but I am confident the time will come when the duties of citizenship in procuring and protecting desired laws under the initiative and referendum will be performed without special compensation.

The hiring of paid circulators for measures or candidates is no less unrepresentative than the hiring of

workers or vehicles on election day, which both have been prohibited by the corrupt practices act.

JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
BUYS FINE PIANO.

The Orpheum Theater has purchased a fine new piano for the popular show house from L. L. Thomas.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If you have anything to sell, rent, trade, or want help, try a Want Ad

HEARTY GREETINGS FOR A BRIGHT AND

Happy New Year

FROM JOHNSON-GULOVSEN COMPANY

Quality Home Furnishings

## "The Fireside"

In the home, is the very center of good cheer, comfort and the hostess, most able assistant in hospitality, and makes her visitors more easily entertained. Tonight it is where the family, with its friends, watch its cheerful glow, recalling its past pleasant memories, and wishing in its crackling blaze, as we do,

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

"The Fireside"

137 North Second Street.

## Hub Dry Goods Co. A New Year's Thought

- To build a business that will never know completion but that will advance continually to meet advancing conditions.
- To develop stocks and service to a notable degree.
- To create a personality that will be known for its Strength and Friendliness.
- To arrange and co-ordinate activities to the end of winning confidence by merit.
- To strive always to secure the satisfaction of every customer.
- That is the Aim of The Hub that is being impressed more and more indelibly as the days go by upon the Character of the Business itself. That is being expressed more and more effectively as the store grows greater in strength and understanding.
- "The Satisfaction of Every Customer"—the slogan that expresses the ideal of the store.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Hub Dry Goods Co!

"SMART WEAR FOR WOMEN!"

Broadway and Central Avenue.

IRVING BLOCK.

FOR THE SUCCESSES OF THE YEAR 1913 WE HAVE OUR FRIENDS TO SINCERELY THANK. TO ALL THOSE FRIENDS WE EXTEND OUR HEARTY WISHES FOR A

Happy and Prosperous New Year



## To the People of Coos Bay

We are pleased to extend the greetings of the season and assure you of our appreciation of your patronage and your approval which has been so generous the past year. We sincerely wish you all



A HAPPY AND MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Coos Bay Bakery

MARSHFIELD

NORTH BAY

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS IN PARTICULAR AND EVERYONE IN GENERAL.

KINDLY ACCEPT OUR HEARTIEST WISHES FOR

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

MAY IT BRING WITH IT ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU HAVE LONG DESIRED AND ITS END FIND YOU HEALTHIER, WEALTHIER AND HAPPIER THAN YOU ARE TODAY

Going & Harvey Co.

## The Red Cross Drug Store

Wishes One and All A Very Happy New Year

We are appreciative of the loyal support extended in the past and will endeavor to merit the same confidence and patronage continually.

Red Cross Drug Store

Jewelry

Phone 122.

WE DESIRE TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF COOS COUNTY OF OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION OF YOUR PATRONAGE THE PAST YEAR AND EXTEND OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR

A Happy New Year

ALSO TWELVE MONTHS AND MORE OF UNINTERRUPTED HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

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