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LAND GRANT TAXES MUST BE PAID

In a decision rendered recently, Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, in the case of Douglas county vs. the Southern Oregon company, involving taxes due the county from that company, held that the tax is "a lien against the land—a definite charge—not against the individual owner, but against the land itself."

The Southern Oregon company owns the Coos Bay wagon road grant made by the United States in 1869. Practically the same conditions govern as in the Oregon & California land grant, owned by the Southern Pacific.

When the litigation was begun to cancel the land grants for failure to comply with original conditions, the Southern Oregon company stopped paying taxes upon the grant, as the Southern Pacific did later. The suit was brought to determine the validity of the tax liens issued against the property.

The company maintained that the federal court decision entitled it to an interest of \$2.50 an acre in the land, and that as much of the land was assessed at a greater sum, the assessment was void. The court held that the assessor was bound to assess the property at its real value against the holders of the legal title, and that if the land had been assessed at too high a valuation the remedy lay in an appeal to the board of equalization. Over-valuation is a mere irregularity which does not render the assessment void.

The decision will undoubtedly be carried to higher courts, but there is little doubt, in view of previous decisions, but that it will be confirmed, and that both the Southern Oregon company and the Southern Pacific company will have to pay the delinquent taxes—or lose all equity in the land.

Some \$170,000 is due Jackson county from the 440,000 acres in the Oregon and California land grant, and this and subsequent delinquencies will eventually have to be paid to secure title to the land, for the land itself is liable, not the person happening to own it.

GOOD WORDS FOR OUR AUTO CAMP

Following is an excerpt from a letter received by Beaver Realty company, under date of January 1, 1916, from Mrs. Dora D. Humbert, of Minnesota:

"Please tell the gentleman who planned and executed the scheme of the park, that Ashland gave us the most convenient and comfortable camping place that we found on the entire trip of more than 9,000 miles, and while our bodies rested, our souls feasted on the natural beauty of the spot, and the artistic touches added by some beauty-loving mind.

"We most heartily thank whoever gave the time and thought for our comfort and assure him that the effort was appreciated, not only by us, but by every overlander who visited the park, for we heard of Ashland and auto camp grounds all along the way.

"We arrived home in October after a trip of over five months; and today the snow is flying in white sheets past the window as I write, but it does not trouble me for the eyes of my inner self are looking into the clear waters of Ashland creek and I see the sunlight flitting through the trees above it. I love your Oregon, most sincerely!"

To produce a work of art you must first master the art of work.



Mary Pickford in "Esmeralda" at Vining Theatre Tuesday night, January 18, 1916.

EXCUSES THE MAKESHIFTS OF THOSE WHO FAIL IN LIFE.

Excuses fill no pay envelopes. The salesman who brings in excuses instead of orders keeps no wheels turning.

The engine driver who has excuses to offer for bringing in his train late day after day and week after week is not the man the railroad wants.

The renting agent who can attract no tenants, but can furnish fine excuses for his failure, is not the person the landlord cares to keep in his employment.

The world wants results, not excuses. No man can hit the bullseye every time.

No man can make a sale to every prospective customer. No man can achieve the superhuman.

Indeed, it has been sagely said that the man who never made a mistake never made anything else.

But the best workers in any field are those who offer the fewest excuses.

You will notice that the fellow who is not making good nearly always blames someone else.

Often he is too conceited and self-satisfied to look for the cause in himself, in his own shortcomings, in his own lack of energy and ability.

If he can find nobody or nothing else to blame he will complacently attribute his failures to "bad luck."

Search diligently enough and you can usually find a reason for "bad luck."

"Bad luck," most times, is nothing but a convenient excuse for lack of energy, lack of persistency, lack of diligent thinking and planning and striving and stick-to-it-iveness. "Bad luck" and laziness, indifference, shiftlessness and shallowness are near relatives, if not always brothers.

"Good luck," you must have noticed, however, commonly goes hand in hand with hard work, with indefatigable plodding, with unremitting application, with clear-headed thinking—with, in short, deservedness.

If those who use their brains in coining glib excuses would use them in overcoming the need for excuses, they would fare better in the end.

Abject failure and an ideal excuse are less desirable than partial success and the poorest of excuses.

If you are a ready weaver of excuses which implicate others, stop right now and do a little self-analysis.

Turn your searchlight inward. Do some keen, unsparing introspection.

Apply an x-ray to yourself. Try to find weak spots in your own makeup instead of having eyes to see them only in others.

Don't fill yourself with delusions that you are really a much smarter fellow than the world imagines.

Don't drug yourself with self-pity and self-laudation.—B. C. Forbes in the S. P. Bulletin.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown. To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutriment gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Coffee

You may know much or little about coffee; but you know what you like.

You like a clear cup of coffee with a rich, smooth flavor; and no suspicion of bitterish chaff.

To give you this, Schilling's Best is evenly ground, the objectionable chaff is taken-out and the coffee is packed into air-tight tins.

It is ready for use when you buy it. Moneyback, of course.

Schilling's Best

POCKETBOOK ARGUMENT.

Aside from town loyalty, why should a person trade with his home merchant? Home pride and town loyalty is not so strong as pocketbook argument. Many Ashland merchants tell the writer that their prices, quality considered, are better than people are paying when they send away. If this is true, and you let the trade know it, they are pocketbook chumps, nothing less, if they persist in sending away for supplies. But—and there's the rub—the average Ashland merchant does not let the people know. It is one thing to advertise and another thing to produce advertising with pulling power. Every merchant, to be successful, should spend as much each month for advertising as he does for rent. Then he should give the matter he puts in his advertisement as much thought as he gives both to buying right and selling at a profit. Advertisements are effective salesmen. Just how effective depends upon what is offered for sale and how it is offered.

The Ashland Tidings is today going into 90 per cent of the Ashland homes. How could a Tidings advertisement carry an attractive offer that had no drawing power? Be a merchant. Compete like a successful business man. Couple your merchandising intelligently to your advertising and have no fear that your customer will send away for goods they should buy of you. Buyers go where they think they do the best. Why not you convince them that you have the best to offer? If you can not compete you are out of the running. If you can compete and the people do not know that you can, still you are out of the running. If you do compete and let the people know it, you are bound to win. That is the philosophy of advertising. More fortunes have been made through proper advertising than from all the gold mines of the world. The Tidings is a good medium in which to try it.

The British government has asked Portland mills for bids on 12,000,000 feet of lumber.

The People's Forum

TOO MUCH I SIN

Editor Tidings: As I toast my feet by an anthracite fire while the blizzard rages without, my mind is lifted and my heart is stirred by the message Rev. Calkins gave me this forenoon.

Why should I not say that God sent it thru an inspired son? It was no miracle, only a true message from the source of all truth as all truths come and must come, thru natural agencies working thru natural laws, laws that never have changed or ever can. I will not say that none of the human thru which it came did not stick to it—just enough bran to make it good whole wheat flour. I think there was no chaff. We rarely get it without chaff. I cannot give you Mr. Calkin's gist, but I am inspired by it to try to emphasize a truth to which many are calling attention—the unbearable burden of denominationalism that is crushing the life out of Christian churches.

Each church should be a central organization for united uplift work in its locality. Two churches should not exist where one can do the work. That work should not be the spreading of some special "ism" or "dozy", but the helping of homes and schools in building up Christian character.

I think the Jews (good people) admit that Christian character is good character. Therefore, they, if they are few, should not burden themselves with a synagogue and a rabbi until they are numerous enough to fill the synagogue and wealthy enough to pay the rabbi a decent salary. Much less excuse is there for Methodists, Baptists or Presbyterians when they split apart, putting the burden of maintenance upon a few, often struggling to get outside aid to maintain separate weak organizations. They cannot help their own poor, much less can they help outside poor. They cannot help let the light into "darkest Africa". They cannot unite in starting a "community house" with a library, and the modern appliances for amusing, educating, and benefitting the community.

They can do nothing but keep the breath of life going in their separate little weak church organization. This church fault is so general at least among Protestant denominations, that I think I may liken it to a farmer with thousands of acres of fertile wheat land. He might plow and sow it all (yes, all and raise a tremendous crop with a few steam plows, modern harrows, and wheat drills, but no, he uses oxen, or horse

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teams (in many places one horse) and buys special machines to spread "ism" fertilizer.

He cultivates comparatively few acres poorly, getting little crop, while much of his land runs to weeds. At beautiful Ashland in the fertile Rogue river valley, Oregon, I was told that sixteen different church organizations divide the efforts of a population of 6,500 (about the population of Hilo outside the plantations). They have no Y. M. C. A., no community house. How could they support them?

It is, however, a proof that without a saloon (they have none) a town of that size can give a semblance of life to sixteen church organizations.

I doubt if there is much Christian love between the sects, or much co-operation. At Jerusalem Turkish soldiers guard the sacred places to prevent Christian pilgrims from fighting each other; not pilgrims from America, I believe, tho there is here too much denominational animosity and too little Christian love.

From the age of three till thirty at Grafton, Ohio, I attended a Congregational church, tho that was not of my "ism". I was sorry when a Methodist church was built near it for there was scanty support for one. The Congregational church is now dead. I hope it will stay dead, for the Methodist minister is a good, capable man and if all denominations there will help him he will do great good.

In the Outlook of December 22, is a report of President Wilson's "strong appeal" at the "Church and Country Life Conference" at Columbus, Ohio. He said: "You have got to save society in this world, not in the next * * * It is a job we have got to undertake immediately and work out all the time, and it is the business of the church." A survey of Ohio found (I quote) "that one of every nine country churches had been abandoned; only one-third are increasing in membership, and two-thirds have either ceased growing or are dying; 83 per cent have less than 100 members, 21 per cent have less than 25; only 6 per cent have individual preachers—a large proportion of preachers receive about the same pay as day laborers. Less than 40 per cent of the rural population are church members. The evil growing out of a narrow sectarianism, "denominational bullies", absentee pastors, and farm tenantry were debated * * * "Organized attempts will be made to have rural churches form community federations in order to attack aggressively the problems of better roads, better farming, agricultural college extension courses, temperance, public health, community planning and beautifying, promotion of cooperation among farmers for buying, sell-

ing, and producing, and social and recreation centers." Ohio churches are seeking to apply the teachings of Jesus—social service, uplifting helpfulness to mankind.

H. E. KELSEY, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26, 1915.

Cold weather consumes wood. Wood costs money. Money is scarce. You can save by phoning your wood orders to 420-J. 64-1f

Not a property in Ashland but that can be sold by Tidings "For Sale" ads in less time and at less cost than through the regular agent channels.

Interurban Autocar Company. Between Ashland, Talent, Phoenix and Medford car leaves Ashland northbound daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m., 12:50 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 3:30 p. m., 4:45 p. m. and 6:15 p. m. Sundays leaves Ashland at 9:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., 5:00 p. m. and 10:30 p. m.

Leave Medford for Ashland daily except Sunday at 8:00 a. m., 11:50 a. m., 1:15 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 3:45 p. m. and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturdays at 11:15 p. m. On Sundays leave Medford at 10:00 a. m., 4:00 p. m. and 9:30 p. m. Our cars are kept warm in cold weather.

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In Every Town in Oregon Neighbors Say the Same.

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Why should any woman continue to worry, to lead a miserable existence, when certain help is at hand?

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