

### COLLECTING TAXES

#### Going After Tax Escapers League in Oregon.

#### INCLUDES ALL BACK TAXES

Petitions for the Initiative Being Circulated in the Various Counties of Oregon for a Law Compelling Tax-Escapers to Pay Their Taxes.

A short time ago a movement was set on foot to invoke the initiative and force those who hold large land grants within the state not only to pay taxes on said lands, but to pay back taxes of from 30 to 40 years standing. The idea was taken up like wildfire by citizens all over the state. A few days ago the following was given out from Salem, Ore.:

Petitions for the initiative upon the proposed bill to assess and collect taxes on all property in the state heretofore unassessed have been completed and will be put into circulation within a few days. Inquiries are being received from all parts of the state regarding the move, and much comment of a favorable character is being made. It is said prominent men of both parties have signified willingness to not only sign the petitions, but help circulate them in this county.

Besides the 1,129,960 acres of land held in this state by the Oregon & California and Oregon Central Railway Companies and by the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military and the Corvallis & Yaquina Bay Wagon Road Company, by virtue of the grants of congress of 1866, there are several hundred thousand acres of land purchased from the state which have also escaped taxation in past years. This is due to the fact that the purchasers neglect to file their deeds of record when they complete payment to the state, and there are no convenient means by which the assessors of the different counties can assess the property on account of the lack of record of title.

In years past it has been a practice of purchasers of state lands to make first and second payments and delay final payments an indefinite period, thus leaving the title in the name of the state. Thus they would be required to pay only interest at 6 per cent per annum, which was much cheaper than taxes. Last year, however, the land board issued an order compelling all purchasers of state land to complete payments within the limit of three years as prescribed by law, under penalty of having their certificates canceled. While many were encephaled under this order a great majority paid up and received their deeds, but they still have eluded the assessors by neglecting or refusing to record the deeds.

All this property would come under the provisions of the proposed bill and taxes could be collected upon it back to the date of the issuance of deed. There is a complete record of the state's transactions in the office of the clerk of the state land board and Governor Chamberlain says that the assessors of the different counties of the state have free access to these records, which would give them all the data necessary to assess the property to the rightful owners. All the land purchased from the state and escaping taxation could be listed from the land office records, and the governor says it would pay each county to send its assessor here every year for the purpose of checking up the records and listing taxable property. The back taxes upon land of this character would also amount to thousands of dollars.

#### THE ROSE CITY.

#### School Children Taking an Interest in Civic Improvement.

School children of Portland have taken into their hands the problem of making the Rose City look presentable during the Lewis and Clark exposition from June 1 to October 15 next. Over 2000 are already enrolled in the prize yard clearing and flower planting contests which have been inaugurated by the civic improvement board of the chamber of commerce.

Portland's reputation as the Rose City will be abundantly sustained during the exposition, for, in addition to the thousands of roses that now blossom in all of the residence districts, 15,000 additional rose bushes will be distributed free to all who desire them. The civic improvement movement will not be confined to the planting of flowers, but will include a general planting of fences and outhouses, the removal of unsightly bill boards and wholesale cleaning of lawns and the streets.

Portland, which will be the most conspicuous city in the United States this summer on account of the Lewis and Clark exposition and will attract thousands of visitors from the east,

has already won a name as one of the most beautiful cities in the United States. The city is built on a prairie, on both sides of the Willamette river, with the foothills of the Cascades closing in on its suburbs, and four snow-peaks puncturing the horizon.

#### HOEFLER'S.

#### Where the Epicure May Delight in Dainty Dishes and Drinks.

New York has its Delmonico and Huyler's; San Francisco its Zinkaud's and Haas'. Astoria boasts of one establishment where dainty confections, equal to the best in the country are sold, and where now the epicure can also enjoy a repast not excelled by New York's Delmonico. The Hoefer Company have just added to their confectionery, at 543 Commercial street, an elegantly equipped restaurant and grill.

Are you in the habit of dining out among the fastidious? Then you know what to expect at Hoefer's. The finest of napery, china and silver, amid luxurious surroundings, prompt and efficient service, cleanliness in every department from the properly cooled storerooms to the modern kitchen, presided over by a competent chef; these are some of the features that bring Hoefer's up to the standard of the swell resorts of the larger cities.

If you have ere this taken your friends to this elegant confectionery, remember that now you can also enjoy a regular luncheon from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., while dinner will be served daily from 5 to 8 p. m. Meals a la carte and drinks will be served at all hours. A separate entrance enables ladies without an escort to make Hoefer's their gathering place after shopping at any time of the day or evening. The excellent service heretofore maintained in the confectionery and ice cream departments will be continued.

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION.

#### Knights of Pythias to Hold Convention in Astoria.

Next Wednesday a convention of the Knights of Pythias, comprising the district of Astoria, St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie will be held in Astoria. The local lodge is making extensive preparations for their entertainment, and no pains will be spared to make the convention a success.

The state is divided into separate districts, comprising a certain number of cities. In most of these the uniform rank has a large membership. An effort will be made to reorganize the uniform rank in Astoria and W. A. Sherman will probably be selected as the drill master.

#### Marine Notes.

The steamer Rendondo arrived down from Portland yesterday with a cargo of lumber and went to sea.

The steam schooner Cascades left out yesterday for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber.

The steamer Alliance left out yesterday morning for Coos Bay with freight and passengers.

The four masted schooner Alexander arrived down from Portland yesterday with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

The German steamship Arabia arrived down last evening with a general cargo for the orient.

The government transport Buford will leave Portland today with troops and supplies for Manila. She will probably cross out tomorrow.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank V. List of Seattle is in the city on business.

C. P. Alexander of Dallas, Tex., is in the city.

Chas. Wampler of La Center was in the city yesterday.

C. F. Peterson of Tacoma is registered at the Occident.

H. H. Scovel of San Francisco is in the city on business.

A. Olsen of Push was in the city yesterday on business.

Joe Arnold of San Francisco is registered at the Central.

P. Gervurtz, manager of the Star, is in Portland on business.

Hans Peterson of Altoona was in the city yesterday on business.

George Brown and wife of Portland are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Westinghouse of Altoona visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

N. P. Sorensen of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

C. R. Higgins returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland.

Miss Pulliume of Skamokawa visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. G. C. Fulton and Mrs. H. F. Prael are visiting friends in Portland.

Geo. Hannigan, editor of the Cathlamet Gazette, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Margaret McLaren of Rainier is visiting Mrs. M. R. Pomeroy in this city.

Otto F. Heilborn is nursing an attack of the grip and will be laid up for several days.

E. H. Flagg, editor of the Oregon Milet, was in the city yesterday. He left last evening for Clatskanie.

Bernard J. Lindenberger, who was recently married in Germany, arrived down on the noon train yesterday with his bride.

### INTEREST MANIFEST

#### Increased Attendance and Interest at Methodist Church.

#### SKEPTICISM WAS DISCUSSED

The Difference Between Honest and Dishonest Skepticism Discussed and Interesting Illustrations Made Which Were Very Convincing.

The Methodist church was crowded again last evening to listen to an eloquent sermon by Rev. Ralph Gilliam. Several selections were sung by the choir and audience. Mrs. Watkins sang a solo, "Drifting Away," and Rev. Gilliam announced his text from Luke xix:15: "For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." Mr. Gilliam said, in part:

I do not speak to you as a preacher, nor as an evangelist, but as a man talking to man, a friend talking to friends. If there was ever a man who dealt leniently with skepticism, it was the Man who I represent, Jesus Christ. In a room were gathered together certain disciples, all except Thomas, when Jesus appeared in their midst. Someone may have told Thomas that they had seen the Savior, but he refused to believe it until he could feel His hands and thrust his hand into his side. Eight days after another meeting was held and Thomas was there. Jesus went up to him and said: "Oh, Thomas, be not faithless, but believe," and Thomas confessed Him as Lord and Master.

We are living in an age when men will not be honest. Some men say I do not believe in a hell that damns men's souls. I challenge any man or woman to find one single word within the cover of the Bible in the 66 books where God ever said that hell was made to damn men's souls. If men go to hell, they go there because they prefer hell and the company that associates there. I believe as most men believe, that Jesus Christ had all the power in heaven and earth at His disposal, but He can't save a man against his own will. A man's will must be surrendered to God before he can be saved. No man has ever surrendered his will to God that did not go out into the world leading a Christian life.

A young man said to Jesus, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said, "keep my commandments." The young man said: "This have I done." Then Jesus said to him, "go and sell all that thou hast and give unto the poor." The young man went away, but no one ever heard of his coming back. The first class of skeptics are those that are dishonest. If they are dishonest about his so-called religious views, he cannot be trusted along any line. I would be willing to sit beside any man for hours if I believed I could lead him out of his belief in skepticism and he was honest in his belief. I have no use for any man in this world that covers up some sin with the cloak of skepticism. But all skeptics are not dishonest. The man that is seeking the truth with the object of putting it into practice in his life, is honest. I do not believe that there is a man that walks the streets of this city who will bend his will to God, but will be cured of skepticism.

No one ever heard me say one unkind word against morality, but I do not believe morality is a ticket to heaven. There are two classes of moral men the same as there are two classes of skeptics. I have no use for a man who is always telling others what a moral man he is. I once asked a man if he was a Christian, and he told me gruffly, none of your business. From a conversation with him he told me what a good man he was, one of the best in that town, and from what he told me I thought he was the best man I ever met, and he impressed upon me that he always paid his debts. I talked with another man who knew him and he told me that he owed every man in the community.

Jesus Christ, with all the power in heaven and upon earth cannot save a man who thinks he is good enough. Jesus Christ was tempted while upon earth as no man was ever tempted, and he is able to sympathize with us in every avocation in life, saying: "Let me come in." I can imagine when the shepherd went out to count his sheep and found one that was lost, and some one said, are there not enough for thee. No there was one that was not within the fold, and he goes out to save the one that was lost. And lifting it in his arms and putting it over his shoulder he carried it back to the fold, and when he enters the house he hears sounds of rejoicing. It was because of the one that was lost. There is more rejoicing in heaven over the one sheep that was lost than over the ninety and nine that need no repentance. The son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Satan offers all the pleasures and amusements of earth. Jesus offers eternal life. Which will you accept.

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#### Church Services.

Services at the First Lutheran as usual tomorrow. Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening. Subject for morning service preached in Swedish, "The Bread of Life;" evening service, always in English. During Lent there will be a short discourse on the passions of our Lord each Sunday evening. Everybody welcome to our services.

First Congregational church, Rev. Mahone pastor. Preaching 11 a. m. by Rev. Gilliam; 3 p. m. a special meeting for men; Dr. Gilliam will preach; Sunday school 12:20 p. m. No evening service on account of union service.

Special evangelistic meetings will begin in the Lutheran Bethany church to continue for some days. The pastor, Rev. Hoacham, will be assisted by some visiting brethren.

Grace church—Services Sunday as follows: At 11 a. m. and 4 p. m., there will be preaching by Rev. E. T. Simpson at both services. Services in Uppertown at 7:30.

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