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INCREASED VALUATIONS.

The opinion expressed by one of the largest tax-payers in Clatsop county in another column, is based upon a strong presumption of truth and facts, but it is no excuse for the violation of the laws of the state by county assessors, not only in Clatsop county, but in other of the counties of the state.

It might be opportune to call attention of our correspondent to the fact, that the tax-payers of Astoria and Clatsop county are responsible for the existing conditions—if they exist as he claims. At every election held in Astoria or Clatsop county there is a falling off in the vote, and nine out of ten of the votes are registered there is a falling off in the vote, and nine out of ten of the stay aways are the large tax-payers.

The whole matter resolves itself down to this proposition. It is admitted that the laws relative to assessment and taxation are violated, and it is an enforced violation because the tax-payers take no interest in selecting competent men to administer the affairs of the city and county. That the fact that there is a low assessment and a high tax levy mitigates against capitalists coming here for location and investment, simply because the tax-payers neglect their duty to the government.

There is no doubt but the tax-payers; the moral element and the business element of Astoria are in the majority in Astoria and Clatsop county when they will take sufficient interest in the management of city and county affairs to exercise a prerogative that will make a change for the better, but as long as they remain away from the polls and allow a class of men who are barnacles on the body politic; who own no property, pay no taxes, the vicious and immoral element to nominate and elect men to office who do not possess the requisite

business qualifications, just so long will this condition of affairs exist, and Astoria nor Clatsop county be in a position to offer inducements for investment or homes. Just so long will the minority control the politics of the commonwealth while those that pay the expenses of maintaining the city and county government stay at home, apparently indifferent and unwilling to assist in maintaining a government by the people, of the people and for the people.

FOREIGN CITIZENS.

Of course the criminal and the physically incapacitated immigrant should be excluded at all times, the first because of his or her purpose to prey upon the country, and the last for the reason that he or she is almost certain to become a public burden. We have more criminals and helpless people to resist and support now than we would have had if in the earlier days of immigration a properly restrictive supervision of the inflow of humanity were enforced.

These conditions exist more in the larger cities while in Astoria, where there is a large foreign element, there are very few criminals and paupers. The public schools make good Americans of the children of immigrants, while the parents absorbed patriotism and American ideas from an environment intensely patriotic and American. By the time these immigrants came to exercise the inestimable privileges of American citizenship, even though the period of waiting was but five years, they were often more American than the native Americans themselves, as was evidenced by those who took part in the Memorial day exercises, and who are always the most enthusiastic in 4th of July celebrations.

But a different condition of affairs exists in all the large cities. There are foreign quarters in all the large cities, and foreign sections where immigrants foregather with their own kind, and are practically excluded from contact with American life. Of American institutions they know absolutely nothing. As has been shown time and time again, where these immigrants are brought forward to be made citizens, they think, many of them, this country is a monarchy. Men of this class as citizens are a positive menace to the republic.

Astoria has a large foreign population, but a large majority of them have assimilated with the Americans and imbibed American ideas. They are in the most part, home builders. The Finn population of Astoria is an honor and credit to the city. They are frugal, industrious and patriotic. True, they reside, for the most part, in one section of the city, but they interfere with no one's rights. Their children grown occupy some of the best positions in the commercial life and are honest and industrious. The Norwegians and Swedes are among our best and most progressive citizens. They appreciate our form of government and obey its laws with more strictness than do some of the native born. There is no race or class prejudice in Astoria and its people extend a cordial welcome to these people to come and abide with us.

PATRONIZE FARMERS.

The West Coast Trade evidently understands the conditions of reciprocity between the merchants and farmers in the following timely suggestions. With the coming of the summer season the annual problem is up to the merchant doing business in the country towns of providing facilities for handling the country produce originating in this territory. Successful merchants are coming to regard this factor as an important element. The store that offers the best

market to the farmer for the output of the garden and dairy is pretty sure to control the bulk of his trade, and the town that gets a reputation for paying good prices for produce has acquired an effective advertisement. It is well worth the while of the individual merchant to make an extra effort in this direction and it is likewise a good thing for the retail dealers' associations to take action along the same lines. One of the counter arguments usually employed by the farmers, when urged that they owe it to themselves to stand loyally by the home merchant, is that the home merchant does not take enough interest in him to see that he gets all that is coming to him for what he has to sell, and that preference is given to the fruits, vegetables, etc. shipped in from outside sources. Where this is true, it is usually largely due to the producers themselves, but the merchants owe it to the communities in which they do business to do a little educational work, in order that local farm products may be marketed under such conditions as will afford the greatest possible profit to the grower. Every successful effort to this end will bring good results. Farmers can afford to buy more and pay better prices when getting good returns for what they have to sell, and it is poor economy to import from abroad products to compete with and lower the price of commodities that are grown at home by the best patrons of the dealer.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

Wonder if the czar carries and marine insurance?

There is nothing to prevent the tax-payers of Astoria having a voice in the selection of city and county officials.

From present indications the men in the Russian fleet will make no more drafts on the Carnegie hero fund

Admiral Togo's guncockton and lycopodium made cavarie of the Russian flotilla.

Now that the battle is over the excitement is over, the public can pick up the thread of the teamsters' strike.

Togo says the victory was due to the virtues of the Mikado. This will head off any claim Tom Lawson may make in his next frenzy.

In spite of the avowed determination of Nan Paterson, she has gone on the stage. In several cities the people have demonstrated their good sense in keeping away and her greedy manager is loud in his complaint of small and unprofitable audiences.

The young engineer had been sent to report on the feasibility of running a railroad through a hitherto unexplored country. He anticipated immense difficulties, but he was put out of college and ready for any of them.

But his disappointment was greater than his confidence had been. After weeks of hard toil he telegraphed to his company: "Can't build railroad. Country perfectly flat and dry; no places for tunnels or bridges."

There is a church in Illinois that refuses to accept democrats as members. This prohibition of democrats may not be a reflection upon their moral worth. The founders of this unique church may have been influenced by the scriptural statement that Christ came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Philadelphia has lived to see the day when municipal business is transacted at the city hall instead of the private office of a boss.

Consolidated Broker—I have just made up my usual balance sheet, and do you know that on last year's operations I lost over \$250,000? It's a fact, and the worst of it is that fully \$100 of that was my own money. Ain't it awful?



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It makes no difference how long you have been sick, if you are troubled with indigestion, constipation, liver and kidney troubles, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well. 35 cents. Frank Hart, Druggist.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, May 30th, 1905.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$328,204 07 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 4,287 23 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500 00 Stocks, securities, etc. 73,380 00 Other real estate owned 6,900 00 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 8,205 50 Due from state banks and bankers 79,017 82 Due from approved reserve agents 93,819 68 Checks and other cash items 107 76 Notes of other national banks 1,245 00 Nickels and cents 441 39 Lawful money reserve in bank viz: Specie \$129,500 00 Legal tender notes 450 00 Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 625 00 Total \$737,933 54

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000 00 Surplus fund 50,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 29,408 91 National bank notes outstanding 12,500 00 Individual deposits subject to check \$444,748 97 Demand certificates of deposit 150,912 66 Certified checks 363 00 596,024 63 Total \$737,933 54

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1905. V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At Astoria in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, May 29th, 1905.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$343,811 53 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 3,807 91 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500 00 Premiums on U. S. bonds 750 00 Bonds, securities, etc. 35,941 99 Banking house, furniture and fixtures 3,985 00 Other real estate owned 4,375 00 Due from national banks (not reserve agents) 4,965 22 Due from state banks and bankers 7,743 37 Due from approved reserve agents 113,368 18 Checks and other cash items 1,213 48 Notes of other national banks 975 00 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents 680 50 Lawful money reserve in bank viz: Specie \$ 72,239 20 Legal tender notes 2,361 00 74,800 20 Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 625 00 Total \$609,442 44

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000 00 Surplus fund 10,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 31,563 80 National bank notes outstanding 11,400 00 Due to approved reserve agents 26,630 73 Individual deposits subject to check \$250,186 07 Demand certificates of deposit 24,301 87 Time certificates of deposit 204,138 97 Certified checks 1,221 00 479,847 91 Total \$609,442 44

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June, 1905. GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

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