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FOLLOWING THE LAW.

Judge Webster, county judge of Multnomah county, has ordered that assessment of Multnomah county be made in accordance with the law and that all property, both real and personal, be assessed at its true cash value.

The very men who are opposing the increased assessment for fear that the county court and the common council will not reduce the tax levies, are the ones who always vote to keep the present administration in power.

A large majority of the people do not understand the question. Many of them imagine that a high valuation means an increase in the taxes.

Judge Webster then explained that the county court levied only the general county and road tax and had nothing to do with the other levies.

The law requires the county assessor to assess property at its full value.

same as other counties, because the taxpayers of Astoria have no confidence in the business ability of the officers of the city and county.

FOR HUMANITY SAKE.

President Roosevelt has made a name for himself and the United States that will live forever.

President Roosevelt, with the aid of France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, has succeeded in his preliminary negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and Japan.

The substance of the communication is that the Russian and Japanese governments, not only for their own sakes, but in the interests of the whole civilized world, shall "open direct negotiations for peace with one another."

Shipping News.

The steamer Roanoke arrived in yesterday from Port Los Angeles and other California ports.

The cruisers Chicago and Boston arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and left up the river where they will remain several weeks as an attraction to the fair.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn arrived from San Francisco yesterday with a full cargo of freight and a large passenger list.

The steamer Aurelia arrived in yesterday 24 hours behind time on account of the heavy northwest winds which has been blowing down the coast.

The steamer Nome City from San Francisco to Puget sound, arrived in yesterday short of fuel.

The steamer Newport, which is billed to run between here and Eureka, making the coast ports, is at Eureka.

The Swedish ship Clan McFarlane, bound from Antwerp for this port via Port Los Angeles, with a cargo consigned to G. W. McNear of Portland, was spoken on April 19 in latitude 21 south longitude 35 west.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

- Parker. T. M. Avery, Portland. David Rolly, Ft. Stevens. J. N. Young and wife, Spokane. A. L. Bradley and wife, Spokane. C. D. Rogers, Ilwaco. H. Alexander, Ilwaco. L. Lambert, Ilwaco. R. D. Blount, South Africa. W. M. Meserve, Gray's River. E. W. Smith, Gray's River. Wm. Ferguson, Portland. Frank Cole, Portland. H. Nilson, South Bend. H. Bullman, Ilwaco. W. A. Graham, Flaside, La. James George, Salem. Oscar Luckinger, Brookfield. S. C. Shock, Brookfield. H. H. Miller, Brookfield. H. Seaman, Portland. John Jensen, Forence, Id. Miles Mess, Florence. J. Tazlar, Knappa. Jas. Arnold, Claskanine.

ON THE TRAIN.

The Astorian Poet Enjoying a Trip to Greater New York.

The following has been received from Herman Wise, "on the train," dated June 12, and is evidence that he is having a hallelujah time on his trip.

On the Columbia.

Mile 1. As on the train I onward sped, Now and again someone has said: Just look at yonder pretty lake, And while the lake was really nice I could not help give this advice: If you would see the finest stream, Where life is sweet and full of cream, Go to where folks are wide awakes, Go where?

Zwei Miles.

Well, now and then we'd pass a hill. My neighbors hardly could sit still. Isn't this mountain really grand? Oh, pretty fair, I would say. They looked at me. Old man, you're gay. And all the while I cracked no smile But told them, "Friends just wait awhile "And come with me to my dear land." "What land?" "Hear me: "Astoria, on the Columbia."

Another Mile.

A lonely fisher came on board And woke all hands who napped and snored. "Won't this here make a splendid dish?" He proudly showed a 5-inch trout And all the rest got up to shout. "Hold on!" I said, "this fish may be "About the largest you folks see; "But if you really would see fish "Come, I'll whisper where. "Astoria, on the Columbia."

Some more miles.

Pretty soon we saw some trees, Not very large or thick as bees. Some men exclaimed, "Just see those "woods!" I simply smiled and shook my head. The people gazed, and then I said, "For timber that's the genuine goods; "Come, just listen where, "Astoria, on the Columbia."

Last mile; (I see my finish.)

And soon the folks on this here train Took up my best, my one refrain, And said with me, "the sight is grand "But as for hills, majestic streams; "For fish; for women who are dreams "There is a land to open your eyes, "And that's the land of Herman Wise. "We need not ask where is this land. "We now know (I should snicker) "It is, Astoria, on the Columbia." Smilingly yours, HERMAN WISE.

Huge Task

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend the great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by C. Rogers, druggist. Price, 50 cents.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret that for cuts, burns, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. "It did not take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes, writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Texas. 25 cents at Charles Rogers' drug store.

Why suffer with spring tiredness, mean cross feeling, no strength, no appetite. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents, Tea or tablets at Frank Hart's drug store.

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Advertisement for S. DANZIGER & CO. featuring 'EXTRA! 250 Dozen Men's Summer Weight Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers' and '85c The Suit'. Includes text: 'ONE PRICE TO ALL—GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.' and 'ASTORIA'S GREATEST CLOTHIERS'.

Advertisement for BENTON'S NEW VALVELESS GASOLINE MARINE ENGINE. Features an image of the engine and text: 'Simple and Reliable. Latest Cut.' and 'THORNBURG & BENNETT, Knappton, Wash.'.

Advertisement for PRAEL & EIGNER TRANSFER CO. featuring 'DRAYING & EXPRESSING LIVERY STABLE' and 'All goods shipped to our care will receive special attention. 709-715 Commercial Street.'

Advertisement for Sherman Transfer Co. featuring 'HENRY SHERMAN, Manager' and 'Hacks, Carriages—Baggage Checked and Transferred—Trucks and Furniture Wagons—Pianos Moved, Boxed and Shipped. 433 Commercial Street Phone Main 121'

Advertisement for ASTORIA IRON WORKS featuring 'JOHN FOX, Pres. and Supt. F. L. BISHOP, Secretary' and 'Designers and Manufacturers of THE LATEST IMPROVED Canning Machinery, Marine Engines and Boilers, Complete Cannery Outfits Furnished. CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED. Foot of Fourth Street.'