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## ARE ITS TAXES LOW

Complaint That the A. & C. Gets Off Lightly

BUT ASSESSOR SAYS NO

Among Business Men and Others There is a Feeling That There is a Certain Inequality, in Which the Poor Man is Not Favored.

Is it true that some of the poor men of Astoria, men who have modest little businesses and modest little home, pay more taxes, proportionately, than do some of the wealthy corporations?

For example, does the Astoria & Columbia River Railway Company pay its rightful share?

At the outset it should be said with emphasis that no one in Astoria wants a corporation to pay more in taxes than does any other person or firm; each should pay exactly alike as far as it lies in the wisdom and power of the assessor's office to assess each alike, and as far as it lies in the wisdom and power of the other officials to formulate an entirely equitable levy. Nevertheless there are many who have come to feel that the assessment as against one or

more of the big corporations is hardly an entirely fair one.

Definite values of the Astoria & Columbia line are not readily obtainable. It is well understood, however, that the company was bonded for \$4,000,000. When the line was sold to the Jim Hill interests, it was commonly reported that the purchase price was anywhere from four to six millions. Therefore, perhaps, no one would be likely to estimate the value of the line in Clatsop county at less than \$3,000,000, inasmuch as fully two-thirds or more of its entire holdings lie within this county.

The right of way and terminals in Astoria alone ought to be worth at least half a million dollars. It is doubtful if another road could come in here and get for a million dollars what the A. & C. now has in Astoria, right-of-way and all.

Last year the Clatsop county and Astoria city taxes against the road were upon an assessed valuation of only \$327,750, which may perhaps be taken as being anywhere from one-eighth to one-twelfth of the actual value.

The new state law requires that counties and cities shall fix the valuation of properties at their actual value. At the office of the county assessor yesterday it was said that probably the new rating on the A. & C. will about double the value as compared with last year's. This will still leave the assessment surprisingly far below the actual value, if it be true that the road is worth anywhere near what it is bonded at, or for what it was reported to have been sold. That is, the new valuation would be still only about one-fourth or one-sixth of the real value.

To make a concrete comparison. Up

on the hillside back of the city are many modest homes. Certain men aver, and point to their taxes in proof, that while their houses and lots are worth no more than (say) \$1500, and that at a sale in open market they would hardly bring that much, nevertheless that they are assessed at (say) from \$500 to \$800—that is from one-third to over one-half of the actual valuation. If their taxes are doubled this year, as it is announced the A. & C. assessments are to be doubled, it will mean that they will be assessed all out of proportion.

It is admitted on all sides that the system of taxation in Clatsop county and in the other counties of the state, has been for years somewhat of a bungling system. In offering criticism upon the system none of those who talk of the matter mean to offer any animadversion against the men now in county office. They are apparently faithfully following just what has been done for years, but it is pointed out that there never was a better time than right now to straighten out certain things in the system; because now the state law demands a new method of valuations.

For years there was a well defined but seldom expressed feeling that Clatsop county ought to do all that it could to lighten the burdens of the A. & C., as it was looked upon as a local concern, and one that had the interests of Astoria at heart. It was therefore hardly to be wondered at if its assessed valuations were fairly low. Now, however, the A. & C. is merely a little tail-end of the great Jim Hill system, and apparently its disposition, as lately exemplified in one or more ways, has hardly been as fair to Astoria as Astoria has always been to it. The A. & C. should now be assessed and taxed just as any other person or firm in Astoria is taxed, with no favors and no favors shown.

Mr. Cornelius, the county assessor, said yesterday that the A. & C. has never been assessed lower than others. He denied emphatically that it has received the slightest favor in his hands ever. Just because it is a corporation is no reason why it should be jumped upon," Mr. Cornelius said. "I hear lots of such complaints, but they have no foundation in fact. The assessment is made upon as fair a basis as it is possible to make, and that is just the plan that I have carried out and will continue to carry out. For one I will

## NORTH-SHORE VIEW OF THE ROW

### FISHING CONTROVERSY OVER THE SAND ISLAND SEINING GROUNDS TOGETHER WITH A BIT OF SIDE HISTORY OF INTEREST.

The Chinook Observer has the following account of the Sand Island fishing controversy, and it makes interesting reading:

"There is trouble brewing on Sand Island. As usual it is occasioned by disputing the right to fishing privileges and locations. Last week eight setnets were placed in front of seining sites Nos. 2 and 3. They are secured by anchors made of rocks weighing about 300 pounds, to which are fastened wooden buoys. The nets run lengthwise of the island and are a few hundred feet from shore at half tide. They occupy about a mile of the frontage of sites 2 and 3. Each day, except Sunday, they are attended by Walter Busse, who is armed with a rifle, I. N. Stensland, and Olyer Houchen, all believed to be in the employ of McGowan & Sons, as the latter's gaso-

not join in the hue and cry against a railway company because it is a railway company. All should be assessed just alike."

No one will question the county assessor's motives or actions in the matter, yet at the same time a great many seem to feel that the matter should at least be stirred up and looked into. If the complaints of inequality have any basis in fact, arising from an archaic system of taxation, and in the case of a railroad, of taking its valuation at millions below what it is bonded or actually sold for, the taxpayers at least have a right to know that no inequalities were intended, and that the entire subject is so well understood and annually examined by the gentleman in charge that inequalities, if any, cannot exist for long. Meanwhile the fact seems to remain that a goodly number of men in Astoria do believe that there are certain inequalities in the taxation of the A. & C.

line launch takes them to and from the locations. They may all three have setnet licenses, as it will take three persons to hold the eight locations.

If the nets are allowed to remain where now anchored the lessees of the seining sites named are thereby put out of business. The lessees, the Columbia River Packers Association of Astoria, this month paid to the United States Government \$1294.25, rent for the first quarter for the use of the seining sites, and have given a bond in the sum of \$5175 to secure payment of each subsequent quarter's rent. It is now up to the United States Government to protect the lessees in the possession of the water in front of the island and insure seining operations, or to declare that it is taking from the lessees thousands of dollars annually and handing them nothing but gold bricks. At the time the government proposed to lease the island to seiners three years ago it was contended that the government could not lease below low water mark. These setnets are beyond low water mark, and if the present lessees are to be protected the federal government must go beyond low water mark to protect them. The annual rental for all the sites on Sand Island is \$6775. If the setnets hold on sites 2 and 3 others can be placed in front of sites 1, 4 and 5, and in future all of them will not be worth 30 cents a year.

"Three years ago, on account of continuous disputes and trouble between seiners, and numerous applications for tideland and shoreland on the south side of Sand Island, the federal government, at the request of the U. S. Engineers Department, unceremoniously drove all seiners from the island and divided it up into five seining sites. This move put an end to all disputes, and in April, 1905, the following parties, by paying the following sums annually, obtained leases and enjoyed them in peace till their leases expired: Site No. 1, W. E. Tallent, \$400; No. 2, T. A. O. Stensland (fished by McGowan & Sons), \$1920; No. 3, W. E. Tallent, \$1500; No. 4, W. E. Tallent, \$600; No. 5, Hansen & Olsen, \$750. We understand that on account of the poor catches last year the lessees defaulted on the last quarter's rent, and this year a bond was exacted of the new lessees to insure payment.

"The favorite seining grounds of all the sites is No. 2. It was operated by McGowan & Sons the three past years. They were in on the bidding

this year, but their bid was \$1670 less than that of the Columbia River Packers Association. Having failed to obtain possession of the ground by bidding the McGowans, the Stensland and others, have evidently determined to oppose and test title of the United States to the seining privileges in front of the island. The Columbia River Packers Association will bring the attention of U. S. Government to the seizure of the waters in front of the seining sites by the setnetters, and it will be interesting to learn what steps government will take to quiet and give the lessees possession. It is presumed the Government will take speedy action on this matter, delay of a few days would render seining sites valueless for this season. The seiners must get their outfitmen on the grounds at once.

"Fishermen using fixed appliances look upon this new move on Sand Island as a very unwise one, and will renew the fight of the gillnetters against stationary gear, and cause a narrowing-down of traps grounds, with more complaints to U. S. Engineers about obstructing drift nets and navigation. The netters have heretofore fought locations on the island, and turn pile-drivers adrift in the act of setting traps. They will as vigorously oppose the obstructions incidental to setnets. If the new setnets are allowed to fish an entire season, hundreds of gillnetts would make it impossible for them to get enough fish to pay expenses. There will be nothing in the business, for when salmon are running in great quantities the gillnetters actually cover the ground within a few hundred feet of the shore of sites Nos. 2 and Chinook Observer."

W. R. Ward, of Dyersburg, Tenn., writes: "This is to certify that I used Orin Laxative Fruit Syrup chronic constipation, and it has, without a doubt, to be a rough, practical remedy for trouble, and it is with pleasure I give my conscientious reference." Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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3.00 Chemise go for	.....	1.75
1.50 Gowns go for	.....	.85
2.00 Gowns go for	.....	1.19
3.00 Gowns go for	.....	1.85
1.00 Drawers go for	.....	.59
1.50 Drawers go for	.....	.98
2.00 Drawers go for	.....	1.15
.40 Corset Covers go for	.....	.23
.75 Corset Covers go for	.....	.39
1.00 Corset Covers go for	.....	.68
1.75 Corset Covers go for	.....	1.10

#### Hosiery

15c Black Hose, sale price	.....	7 1/2c
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35c Tan and Black Hose, sale price	.....	23c
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