

CUTS VALUES OF ASSESSOR

Board of Equalization Heeds Protests of Many Tax-payers.

Action reducing a large number of assessments was taken by the county board of equalization yesterday. Nearly all requests considered were granted, but most of the more important protests that came from the railroads, public service corporations and large estates have not yet been passed on. This is where the tug of war will come.

The largest reduction announced was in the matter of the estate of Henry W. Corbett. The books of the administrator showed that the valuation on money, notes and accounts should be cut from \$95,000 to \$54,400, and this was accordingly ordered.

Reductions on money, notes and accounts were granted to the following: Portland Cordage company from \$90,000 to \$46,000; J. D. Meyer estate from \$13,100 to \$4,500; Dan Marx from \$45,000 to \$15,500; Carrie H. Roach estate from \$9,200 to \$500; Taubenhelmer & Schmeer from \$4,000 to \$2,000; Gaston & Knight from \$45,750 to \$22,900; and E. B. Colwell from \$8,400 to \$1,500.

The board declined to reduce the \$12,000 assessment on the stock of the H. T. Hudson Arms company, which was badly damaged by fire in July, holding that this could not affect the valuation on March 1. C. Minsinger also met with refusal in asking for a reduction on lots in Albina for which he paid \$12,500 a few years ago, now assessed at \$16,900. Increase in property values is regarded as justifying the figures of the assessor.

A. M. Stearns of St. Johns, who asked that his assessment be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,000 on the ground that he was not assessed high enough, was accommodated. The Schwarzschild & Sulzburger company was also raised from \$1,000 to \$1,700 on its money, notes and accounts by its own request.

The Mount Hood Railway & Power company secured a reduction on machinery, tools and horses from \$15,300 to \$4,000 by showing that much of the property assessed belonged to a contracting firm. The assessment of \$15,000 on the hull of the steamer Astorian was cancelled, as it is said to be dilapidated and of no value. Machinery valuation of the Crown Columbia Pulp & Paper company was cut from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Mrs. Rachel Hawthorne's furniture assessment was reduced from \$1,500 to \$500.

GOOD ROADS MAN COMES TO GRIEF

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 6.—John Hennessey, who made a fortune in Nevada mining, has a wagon road on his hands because of the refusal of the state to accept as a gift, a \$60,000 roadway from the Hennessey ranch in Trinity county to the Humboldt state road. The private roadway is uncompleted for three miles and Hennessey has offered the state a bonus of \$5,000 for its completion. The state has declined all offers because of the expense required in maintaining the thoroughfare. Hennessey has become financially embarrassed and cannot complete the road and pay for its maintenance.

There is no territory of importance to be developed by the road, and the state cannot see its way clear to accept the offer.

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STRAUS CASE NOT DECIDED

Commissioner Takes Matter Under Advisement Until Next Tuesday.

United States Commissioner Cannon last evening took under advisement the evidence submitted at the preliminary examination of Charles A. Straus, the suspended cashier of the Portland post-office, who is charged with a shortage of more than \$4,000. Whether Straus' case is to go before the next federal grand jury will be announced by the commissioner Tuesday.

Yesterday afternoon Assistant Postmaster J. J. Shipley was on the stand and told how he found the shortage in the cashier's department soon after the leather carriers' satchels in the envelope box where stamped envelopes worth \$122 were supposed to be. Who put the satchels in the envelope box and how long they had been there has not been brought out.

O. C. Ritches and two other postal inspectors were examined during the afternoon and last evening. Their testimony explained the system of handling money and books in the department. They also told of finding the shortage.

Counsel for the defense endeavored to show yesterday that Postmaster Minto had recommended an increase in salary for other employees without mentioning Mr. Straus on certain occasions. The postmaster had been recalled to the stand to identify several letters from the department at Washington that had been asked for by the defense.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Minto replied, "I have made more recommendations for an advance in salary for Mr. Straus than for any other person in the office."

The theory of the defense has been to show that an enmity existed between the cashier and the postmaster.

Mr. Straus' hearing lasted a part of two days, having been begun Wednesday afternoon, and completed last night.

DICTATES TO CITY BOARD

Street Railway Company Demands Privilege of Selecting Pavement.

In four remonstrances filed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company with the city auditor, yesterday, that corporation practically refuses to put in its part of street improvements on many different thoroughfares, unless the city shall comply with the wishes of the railway company's engineer as to the character of the pavement. The remonstrances state that the company is willing to make "such improvements as would appear advantageous to the proper maintenance of their part of the streets and not otherwise."

P. E. Sullivan of the street committee of the executive board probably had these protests in mind when he declared yesterday in a meeting of the committee that the railway company is "holding up a great number of street improvements all over the city by refusing to do its share of these improvements. We must adopt some means to compel this arrogant municipal corporation to carry out its share of contracts promptly so that the contractors may not be needlessly delayed."

Isaac Sweet, however, asserted that it is the fault of the contractors themselves that the work is being delayed on many streets. He said that if the contractors were forced to finish contracts within the time limit they would find some means to make the railway company finish its share of the work.

Manager Simon of the Pacific Bridge company, said that he didn't consider it any part of his business to see that the streetcar people hastened their operations in putting in Belgian blocks and other improvements. Neither could he see how his company could complete its contracts unless the railway company was compelled to expedite matters.

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(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Nov. 4.—Commissioners of notaries have been issued to T. H. McDavitt, A. L. Veazie, O. F. Fish, E. G. Eton, Leroy Lomax and Charles Lomerine, Portland; O. M. Corkins, Enterprise; E. W. Jensen, Port Orford.

THIRTEEN AND A HALF ACRES BRING \$12,000

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Hood River, Or., Nov. 6.—Apple land at Hood River continues to move at high prices. L. H. Smith of Ames, Iowa, today bought 13½ acres from A. F. Pflinger for which he paid \$12,000. Only half of it is set to trees, the rest being in strawberries and pasture land. For the land that is in apple trees the price approximates \$1,500 an acre.