

SAYS SMALL HOME OWNER OVERTAXED

Assessor Charged With Burdening East Siders, and Favoring West Siders.

That the increase of \$17,426,459 in the county's taxable property is largely due to increased assessments against the small home owners of the east side, that west side districts such as the King and Couch and Goldsmith additions, where really increased valuations have been made by recent assessments and shown in the increased assessments and that this constitutes discrimination worthy of appeal to the highest courts is the substance of a startling charge made against Assessor Sigler by the United East Side Improvement association and the East Side Business Men's club today.

"What they say is true," admitted Assessor Sigler this morning. "I did increase the east side assessments and from these increases come a large portion of the taxable property valuation. They may protest and resolve all they like, but that will not change the facts, nor alter my judgment."

"I did not increase the assessments in Goldsmith's addition, or Couch's addition or Kings, because I did not think an increase was warranted. I am responsible for the whole proposition and I don't care what they say. Tax assessments are not based on a uniform basis in this city. Every assessment is a new assessment. Every assessment must stand on its own bottom. I thought the east side assessments were warranted and still think so."

"Look at Alder street for instance. There has been a tremendous amount of improvement along that street. Would it have been proper to have raised the assessment on Taylor street where there has been little improvement to the same degree as the assessment on Alder. I raised the assessment on upper Washington but not on lower Washington street, and I did the same sort of thing in other parts of the city."

The protest against Assessor Sigler's methods was formulated after George Black, expert accountant and prominent in east side club work had gone over the assessment roll.

"I found that the assessor expected the small homes of the east side to bear the burden of the increase in assessments," said Mr. Black today. "I found that he had not touched the west side additions where the wealthy people live. Whatever may be his reasons I do not think such discrimination just. Neither do the east side organizations and special meetings to consider the discrimination and to effectively protest will be called."

DIVEKEEPER'S SALOON LICENSE TRANSFERRED

Councilmen Ralph C. Clyde and Will H. Daly yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Highways committee of the city council voted to transfer the license of Tony Arnaud to George W. Fuhr, although another ordinance revoking Arnaud's license had been before the committee for consideration.

Earlier in the day these councilmen made a strenuous effort to revoke the license of the Quelle. They both declared that police court evidence of law violations in that case were not necessary to convince them that the license should be revoked, but that common sense was enough. The committee was of the opinion that a transfer of the license was sufficient punishment for the French saloonman. They put Arnaud out of business, but kept his license alive by the simple expedient of transferring it to George W. Fuhr, who will operate a saloon on the east side of the river. Arnaud's saloon in the north end has been closed.

In the council meeting during the progress of yesterday's saloon fight, Councilman Maguire, with whom Councilmen Daly and Clyde took sides, called attention to the fact that notorious divekeepers, when at the last ditch, were in the habit of saving themselves monetary loss by conveniently transferring their license, thus preventing its being revoked.

The committee voted to transfer the license of Frank Minto to F. E. Hartsell. Councilmen Clyde and Daly voted against this on the ground that the evidence of two detectives showed that the transferee is not a proper person to conduct a respectable saloon. They sought to have the license revoked, but got no support.

The committee voted unanimously to transfer the license of Gallet & Deneaux to E. A. James on condition that James should find another location within 60 days.

Ordinances revoking the licenses of both of these last mentioned saloons were introduced in the council by Councilman Maguire. Councilmen Daly and Clyde, who were with Maguire in the fight on the Quelle, did not agree with him, however, that the license of Gallet & Deneaux and Tony Arnaud should be revoked, as their votes in the committee showed.

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CHRISTMAS LAKE PROJECT PLANNED

Irrigation Company May Be Formed to Take Water From Lake Odell.

(Special to The Journal.)
Lakeview, Or., Oct. 22.—It is stated upon competent authority that a move is on to handle a gigantic irrigation project in northern Lake and Klamath counties. In case the deal goes through, a company is to be formed, with the object in view of taking water from Lake Odell and, by bringing it in cement lined canals, irrigating the 25,000 acres lying in Christmas lake and Silver lake valleys.

The United States reclamation service had this body of water and many thousands of acres in the northern part

of the county withdrawn from all forms of entry but, after a thorough examination, it was found that the only way that it could be handled at this time was through private companies that could invest the money necessary to carry the deal through.

On account of the volcanic ash and other light soils through which water easily filters in a long stretch of country, much of the canal would necessarily have to be cement lined to avoid seepage. There is some doubt as to all the people in the valleys mentioned deriving water on their lands, for the most progressive living there now feel that their lands are good enough to hold without water and that tillage is all that is necessary to insure paying crops.

The distance from Odell to the end of Christmas lake valley is 25 or 30 miles and the total length of the entire system would be about 75 or 80 miles. It would take about three to five years to handle it.

Labor Men to Assemble.
Washington, Oct. 22.—An official call was issued today for the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, beginning the thirteenth of next month.

NAKED BODY OF MAN FOUND DEAD ON CREST

(United Press Local Wire.)
Los Angeles, Oct. 22.—With the finding of the body of Henry Connolly in the desert peak of a mountain near

Siendland, the police today were called upon to solve one of the strangest mysteries in the history of southern California. Connolly's body, without a shred of clothing on it or even some the spots, was found in the only dist of the peak's summit. There was not a footprint near with his own. A slender ash across his throat gave some evidence

of the crime. The police are absolutely without a clue.

Women Organize Club.
(Special to The Journal.)
Dayton, Or., Oct. 22.—The ladies of this city have organized an auxiliary to the Commercial club with 14 members. The officers are: President,

Mrs. C. H. Rippey, vice-president, Mrs. M. F. Smith, secretary, Mrs. H. G. Smith, treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Miller. The work has not been outlined as yet, but civic improvement will undoubtedly figure largely in the plan.

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