

USE OF BLOCK BOOKS OFFERED

Assessor Says Tax Quiz Can Be Made by Them; Needs Tax Rolls.

County Assessor Sigler exhibited the block books of his office this morning as proof that an investigation into the equity of tax assessments as proposed by George Black for east side property owners can be better carried on by their use than by using the tax rolls.

"Mr. Black insists that he must see the tax rolls," said Mr. Sigler. "Mr. Black's request is unreasonable not because we are unwilling to exhibit the tax rolls, but because the books are at this time in such constant use that his monopolizing of them would seriously interfere with the work of the board of equalization."

"But the tax rolls are taken from the block books in this office. The block books show in condensed form the valuation and assessment of each piece of property in the city for several years back. They offer ideally the opportunity for comparison which he desires."

"The tax roll, on the other hand, affords no opportunity for comparative study and does not offer, in any sense, the facilities requested by the joint committee from the East Side Business Men's club and the East Side Improvement association."

"I hope and I believe that the tax roll of this year is more accurate and equitable than ever before and I believe investigation will not confirm my belief."

The assessor showed then how the tax roll is made up from the block books in his office, how the valuation and improvements of last year is used as basis for the valuation of improvements on property this year and that then how general advance in property values together with localized increases are taken into account in assessing the property for this year. The assessor or his deputy, in determining the present status of improvements on property use blue prints as field sheets. These show a number of blocks with the size of the lot in each, giving opportunity for a comparison of values which he says is not possible using only the tax roll, which is based upon the field sheets and the records of the block books.

DOUBLE TRACKING OF SANDY ROAD URGED

The Rose City Park Improvement League, at a meeting last night, appointed a committee composed of Postmaster C. B. Merrick, W. A. Lovett and B. B. Huston, to appear before the council and bring about a satisfactory arrangement of the matter of the application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for a franchise to double track the Sandy road line.

Publicity Manager W. T. Buchanan of the street car company, explained before the meeting that the company's hands are tied in the premises as City Attorney Grant had given his opinion that the company has no valid franchise on the street on the ground that the county court did not have jurisdiction to grant such a franchise as that under which the line was built, although the road was under the jurisdiction of the county.

In view of this opinion of the city attorney the company would be unable to proceed with double tracking unless the city council grants a franchise, and as the company's application is before that body it will be for the Rose City Park residents to urge that it be passed. This led to the appointment of the committee.

It was also explained that as far as the improvement of the pavement was concerned the company would be willing to pave between the tracks.

The association decided that the best place for the proposed public auditorium would be the old site of the exposition building. The Bennett system of city beautiful was also indorsed.

"REFORM IN TAXATION" DISCUSSED BY WILSON

Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 25.—Addressed this afternoon by J. Stitt Wilson, Socialist mayor of Berkeley, and Frank K. Mott, mayor of Oakland, were the features of today's program of the fourteenth annual convention of the League of California Municipalities.

Wilson's subject was "Reform in Taxation." He advocated local option in matters of taxation.

"The wealth of the individual creates should go to the individual," he said. "The values which are created by social bodies by their very sociality should go to the social bodies. Social bodies are as much of a reality as individuals. The city in which we live should provide public utilities and civic equipment for all the people, and to do this the city must have money. That purse must be filled and refilled from the city's own earnings."

Mayor Mott spoke on "Municipal Government."

Other speakers were: Professor C. L. Cory of the University of California; Professor C. D. Mark of Stanford, and Professor C. G. Hyde of Berkeley.

TOWN TOPICS

Attorney Should Come First.—An attorney's fee for defending a man charged with nonsupport should be paid before the wife gets any money was the advice Edith Davis told County Judge Cleston this morning after getting from her husband's attorney. This was one of the reasons, she explained, why her husband had been unable to pay her a weekly sum for support. "I told his lawyer he had not given me more than \$4 in four months," said Mrs. Davis, "and the lawyer said: 'That's nothing; I have not been paid a cent, and I should have had my fee first.' I've had to go to the city board of charity for support of myself and two children." Davis is a laundress and admitted earning \$30 a month. He said his wife would not live with him, and that he had made all efforts possible to maintain a home. Judge Cleston gave him the alternative of paying \$40 a month to the wife and two children, or serving one year on the rockpile. Davis said he would pay the money.

Sunny-side W. C. T. U.—Sunny-side W. C. T. U. will meet in the interest of the sailors' work, at the home of Mrs. Bainbridge, 1007 East Yamhill street, Thursday, October 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Journal want ads bring results.

WOULD BANISH VACCINATION PLAN

Dr. McCormick Tells How the Practice Was Routed From Chicago Schools.

"The greatest cause of smallpox in our time is the breakfast food habit," said the assertion of Dr. Charles McCormick last night at the Health Defense League in the Commercial building. Dr. McCormick is president of the McCormick Medical College of Chicago and is on a visit to the Pacific coast. Vaccination was the theme paramount at the meeting last night. Dr. McCormick described himself as an "irregular regular," and who is widely known as one of the leading opponents of the so-called "medical trust." Although his students are scattered all over the country, and his school is not recognized by the state examining boards, yet he fights his battles for them and has never yet been vanquished by his regular antagonists.

"When I graduated from medical college 27 years ago, I was dyspeptic and a physical wreck," he continued. "One of my professors asked me where I was going, to practice. I replied that I could not look a sheep in the face and prescribe the stuff I had been taught in this school. And I never have practiced medicine of that order. I do not use any drugs. I hear you talking here of inoculation, and I tell you that the worst kind of inoculation is the mental kind. The people at large are inoculated with the medical ideas and that is the worst disease to combat. As to smallpox, the breakfast food habit is the greatest cause of it. Let me take all of you and feed you with certain carbonaceous food for a sufficient length of time, and you will all develop some kind of disease. Some of you will have erysipelas, some rheumatism, some arterio-sclerosis, some appendicitis, some smallpox, some meningitis, and so on, according to the individual makeup, mental and physical."

Dr. McCormick offered suggestions as to the way to deal with the question of compulsory vaccination now agitating Portland, although he said he had always been able to do more single handed than in combination with any society. He told how vaccination had been driven out of Chicago schools by carrying it into the courts, and encouraged his hearers in their effort to banish it from Portland.

SPOKANE ALSO PLANS PUBLIC AUDITORIUM

Spokane is planning to build a public auditorium, and has sent an emissary to Portland to study the progress made here in the same direction. W. H. Wright of Davenport's restaurant has been selected by the Spokane chamber of commerce to make the investigation and submit a report.

Mr. Wright states that Spokane's wealthy and public spirited business men and citizens are subscribing a fund for the purpose of a site on which the city will erect a building to be paid for by taxation. But before going ahead with the building it was deemed wise to investigate what procedure is followed in Portland.

The Commercial club this morning put Mr. Wright in touch with the persons and committees at work on the auditorium project here.

Insane Man Kills Himself.

Chico, Cal., Oct. 25.—After scratching his forehead four times with bullets from a revolver, Fred Reusser, insane, committed suicide here by hanging.

CAMERON REFUSES TO GO FROM ROOM

District Attorney Remains on Job When Maher Case Comes to Grand Jury.

District Attorney Cameron this morning refused to leave the grand jury room during the investigation of the charges made against "Faddy" Maher, employed by the county court as a detective. The latest charges against Maher are made by Jacob Kutner, who says Maher tried to get money from him upon promise to have an indictment against Kutner dismissed in the circuit court. Attorney Seneca Fouts reported this matter to Presiding Judge Gates of the circuit court, and the judge asked Attorney Fouts to take it before the grand jury. It was then that District Attorney Cameron stated he would leave the room while the grand jurymen were considering the evidence.

When Attorney Fouts brought the matter before the grand jury this morning, he reminded the district attorney of the promise made before Judge Gates. The district attorney denied making such a promise. Several hot words were passed between Attorney Fouts and District Attorney Cameron, and the foreman of the grand jury had to ask the men to desist from further quarreling.

Other witnesses against Maher today are M. Kutner, Julius Kutner, Ross Smith and several Frenchmen who have given previous testimony against Maher. The three Kutner witnesses charge that Maher offered to get the charges dismissed if M. Kutner would produce a certain amount of money. Ross Smith has told the story that Maher attempted to have her give false testimony against A. M. Cox, former chief of police, who was indicted last spring.

Ben Wade, a policeman, was before the grand jury in the kidnapping case of Leo Martin, wherein Detectives Mahoney and Mallett are charged with the offense. Wade was appointed to the east side by Attorney Brookings, who was riding on the running board of the automobile used by the officers in getting away with Martin. Wade refused to sign the machine. He says he walked up to the auto, saw the two detectives in the machine, and they told him everything was all right. He then walked away. The two detectives have been before the grand jury and told their side of the affair.

500 APPLE TREES OFFERED AS PRIZE

Among the special prizes being offered for exhibits at the annual apple show to be held by the Oregon State Historical society in Portland next month is one from the Woodburn nurseries. This is one of the largest prizes being offered. It consists of \$500 four to six foot apple trees for the best 10 boxes of apples, with not less than three boxes of each variety.

Through error of the secretary of the society this premium was omitted from the premium list, which was recently issued.

A second prize of \$10 cash is offered by the society for Baldwin, Jonathan and Spitzenberg exhibits. It is probable that there will be an exhibit at the show from Salmon Arm, B. C., as C. J. R. Sterling of that place has written to Secretary F. W. Power inquiring for space.

A message was received yesterday by

HEATON IS GIVEN PARDON AND VOTE

Full Freedom Follows Good Prison Record and Zeal as Deputy Game Man.

Salmon River of the Journal: Heaton, Or., Oct. 22.—Hort Heaton, who was granted a conditional pardon last June and has since that time been living an upright life, was today granted full pardon and restoration of all rights of citizenship by Governor West.

During Heaton's 17 years at the penitentiary his record was perfect. Since his conditional pardon he has moved his family from Lane county to Salem, where he has established a home. Heaton was thrown into the limelight this morning because he carried out instructions of State Game Warden Finley to arrest persons falling properly to tag deer they killed. He arrested Curtis Cross, a local butcher, yesterday afternoon on a charge of having a deer displayed without a tag. The case was dismissed by Deputy Prosecutor Winslow on the grounds that displaying a deer with the horn and hide without a tag was not a violation of the statute, as Finley holds. The attorney general's office, while not giving out a formal opinion, was inclined to believe that it was a violation of law, although the law is indefinite in regard to the displaying of deer. Mr. Cross said today that the deer was tagged, but Justice Webster, before whom he was taken, said the deer was not tagged as far as he could see.

Heaton had his resignation in the hands of the fish and game commission at the time of the arrest of Cross. He has several indictments now pending in circuit court against parties along the Salmon river, for dumping sawdust into the river.

Secretary Power from J. W. Jeffrey, commissioner of horticulture, saying that he would be unable to attend the show. It had been intended to have Mr. Jeffrey act as one of the judges.

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