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OUR TAXES.

Taxes within the limits of Dalles City are too high, and before we can enjoy the prosperity which has so long been promised and which we have so long anticipated, some means must be devised to reduce them. The local press has long advertised the great advantages of this city, geographically and commercially, and has repeatedly pointed out the great importance of establishing in our midst enterprises which will give employment to laborers and create a home market for our abundant fruit and vegetable gardens, our farms and our stock ranges. We will continue to preach and urge and appeal with no better result than in the past, unless by some heretofore unknown economy on the part of those who handle public funds, our taxes are reduced. New born manufacturing enterprises cannot live and pay an annual tax of 31 mills. The Dalles must remain a small trading town, a way station in the commercial system of our state, or we must so conduct public affairs as that taxation will not be the oppressive burden it has so long been and is now.

Portland groans and its newspapers growl, and its taxpayers almost rebel because taxes are oppressive, yet with all its bonds, its commissioners, its classical high school, its extravagant city hall, its poorly paved streets, its parks, its courts and its hobos, its taxes are actually less than in our small city. This should not be.

We do not undertake to point out where the fault lies, but the taxpayers of the city should find where it lies, for it certainly exists somewhere, and before another county election devise some scheme to alleviate the trouble.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ATTENTION!

The next candidates for the state legislature should be forced before election—yes before nomination—to place themselves on record upon several questions of importance to the people of the state, and to so place themselves on record that there can be no craven-quivocating afterwards. Among some of these questions we suggest: What legislation should there be with respect to the compensation of governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

The constitution fixes their compensation, but statutes have passed in direct contravention of the constitution, adding fees to their salaries. These laws appear to be unconstitutional, but if the prosecuting officers of the state had the courage to bring the question to the supreme court, we have no doubt that wise tribunal would follow the precedent of the Eastern Oregon asylum case and say that as they pertain to the executive department the courts must have nothing to say. Another question with respect to which would-be legislators should make known their position is that of salaries of county officers. The number of good men who now are urging their services upon the county, indicates that there is no danger of a strike if the salaries should be reduced

slightly. There are some other questions more important to the people of this state than the silver or senatorial questions; a discussion of them by aspirants is cordially invited.

The doctrine of the sermon which Rev. W. C. Curtis preached last Sunday, an outline of which was published in yesterday's CHRONICLE, was sound and sensible. Our land needs more such sermons. "God requires of thee, O man, that thou do justly," is applicable to the city, county and state, as well as the national government; the nation must be honest, but the county and state must first be so.

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at his office in The Dalles, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday Feb. 12, 1896.

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