

Oregonian Branch Office. From Eastern Oregon are cordially invited to call on the Oregonian office in Portland, and make arrangements to receive the paper at home.

To Business Men. Dollars in gold coin will be paid on the 1st of January, 1889, to the firm of individual who has the largest amount of gold in the columns of the Daily and Weekly Oregonian.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The church of the E. O. B. Building, 10th and Johnson streets, Sunday at 11 a. m. Mid week prayer-meeting, 6:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all those not connected with the church. Seats free.

BREVITIES. Campbell, dentist, Eastern prices. G. H. Lee will preach in the M. E. Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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Our local preachers are seldom appreciated until they go away from home. The following is from the Portland Oregonian: "Rev. P. DeRoo, of Pendleton, who lectures this evening at G. A. R. hall for the benefit of the poor, arrived yesterday. He is well known as a scholar and eloquent speaker, and is prepared to give all who attend a literary treat. He is master of seven languages.

Court street is now eighty feet wide from Main street to the flooring mill, and of course looks more like a street and less like an alley. Could the founders of the town have exercised a little foresight, Court, Alta and Webb streets each would have been made eighty feet wide in the first place. It would have been quite a help to the appearance and growth of the town.

The number of tough characters in Pendleton is increasing, and citizens should carefully lock the doors of their residences at night. The burglars are already beginning to burgle on a small scale, and will doubtless soon become emboldened enough to commence more extensive operations. Forewarned is forearmed.

Why is it the citizen, on his way home, trends lightly and softly along suburban streets in the darkness of night? Is he afraid of stepping on a Pendleton cow? No, but the cow has a good deal to do with it. Either sidewalks ought to be fenced in, or cows instructed in the etiquette of the promenade.

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HOW TO RAISE REVENUE. Hon. E. B. Gambee Sends in His Opinions and Ideas—He Would Not Tax Improvements on Land.

ALBA, Or., Dec. 15, 1888. To the Editor of the East Oregonian. Your circular asking my views upon the question of State revenue is at hand, and as you request I will reply briefly.

1. How can a full and fair assessment of property be secured? This has always and is now a desideratum in civil government, and probably will be so long as the honesty of the people is the basis of assessment. I have sometimes thought that every person's assessment should be made a contract between himself and the public, whereby he agrees to sell any part or parcel of his property at its assessed value, at any time until the taxes are paid; and in case any property is not assessed it should become the property of the State.

2. What sorts of property should be the subjects of taxation? If any should be exempt, what and why? I do not believe the present list should be extended, but would exempt money, notes and accounts, and probably improvements upon lands.

3. Are you in favor of a State Board of Equalization? If so, wherein will it work a benefit? The benefits of a State Board of Equalization have never seemed to me to be sufficient to justify the exposure of such a board.

4. Are you in favor of precinct instead of county assessors? There seems to be a general demand for precinct assessors, and as the county assessor is obliged to appoint deputies for every precinct in order to perform his work within the required time, why not elect them? It probably would result in securing the service of men who are better fitted to execute the work. But whether any more satisfactory results would be attained, I seriously question, because the leverage of low or more nominal valuations would be still more potent than it is under the present system. In this connection I might remark that the law governing the assessor should be very stringent, requiring him to assess all property at its full value, instead of from one-third to one-fifth, as the present practice seems to be.

5. Are you in favor of a graduated income tax? And if so, how can it be assessed and collected? Theoretically speaking, this is the most equitable method of raising revenue, but how can it be assessed and collected? "There's the rub." No economist has as yet pointed out the way. It may be, however, that your question refers rather to the practice in some States of requiring merchants to take out a county license to do business; these are graded, and amounts in some measure to a graduated income tax. I am in favor of this, as it produces a goodly revenue, and is derived from a source whereby it creates no hardship.

6. What are your views on the "single tax" theory, or the placing of taxation upon land values only? This theory by Henry George seemed very just as applied to the vacant lots in New York City, belonging to the Aster estate, which had been bought for a few dollars many years ago, and now through the labor and exertion of others are worth \$300,000 and upwards, and yet but a nominal tax had been levied upon them. And this is the case with unimproved lands everywhere. It is increasing in value by reason of the labor of those who own neighboring lots and tracts, and yet these lands go practically untaxed. That it would effectually stop the holding of large tracts of land for speculative purposes there can be no doubt, but is not the provision of the constitution of the State of California, which provides that improved and unimproved lands similarly situated shall be assessed at the same value per acre nearly as effectual, while it is far more just to the small farmer, and the one who makes use of his possessions? It seems to me that this theory, if legalized, would have a tendency to depreciate the value of lands. When, however, we consider taxation in the abstract, it would seem that land and land alone should be taxed, for its value depends not so much upon what the owner may build upon it, but rather upon what others may do. If people collect in vast numbers and make their homes and transact business in the immediate vicinity, its value becomes almost phenomenal, and it seems that for this reason it should pay for the government of the people to whom it owes its value. And this is true of land and land alone. A house built in San Francisco fifty years ago at an expense of a thousand dollars is worth no more today, because it can be duplicated for the same value or less, but the ground upon which it stands cannot be duplicated in the same locality and has increased in value a thousand fold, by reason of its position.

7. Do you think the bill prepared by the tax commission of 1886 an improvement upon the present law? In what respects would you recommend a change in it? I do not remember ever to have seen this bill, and have no recommendations.

8. Are you in favor of deductions for indebtedness? Only in the case of mortgages, which should be considered as an interest in the property.

I consider the present law which permits the deduction of all indebtedness the great cause of tax evasion. All property that the law makes the subjects of taxation should be assessed at its full value, and the law should be very plain and stringent for the guidance of assessors.

As I have stated above, I consider the present system of low valuations and deductions for indebtedness the great source of tax evasion, and I hope there will be an honest effort on the part of the coming legislature to remedy this great evil, and to this end I shall look with favor upon any bill that tends in this direction and shall read with interest whatever the EAST OREGONIAN may have to say upon this very important subject.

E. B. GAMBEE.

Wisdom's Violet Cream. Is the most exquisite preparation in the world for softening and whitening the hands and face. Nothing enters the composition of this delightful toilet article which could prove injurious to the most delicate skin, and indeed, it might be taken internally with perfect safety.

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It has the power of preventing and removing sunburn, tan, chafed and scaled skin, and all ordinary irritations. It acts by improving the softness, clearness and healthy tone of the skin, and its daily application tends to preserve it from the actions of drying winds, vivid sunshine, extreme temperatures and the like. Ask your druggist for it.

Conflicting Telegrams. Last evening, after the telegram was received announcing that the decision of the lower court had been affirmed in the Hartman-Young case, another telegram was received by one of Young's friends, saying that the decision of the lower court had been reversed, and that Young had won. This caused some little excitement among the friends of both parties, and dispatches were sent to Salem, inquiring into the truth of the matter. The answer was flashed back over the wires that the first telegram was the only authentic one, and that Hartman was the lucky man, much to the satisfaction of some and corresponding depression of others. It seems strange why such conflicting telegrams were sent in so important a matter.

What a Noted Physician Says. CHICAGO, Jan. 31st, 1888. W. M. Wisdom, DEAR SIR:—As you requested I have examined the formula of your toilet preparation, called "Robertine." I can assure you that the ingredients are both bland and harmless, and that the compound would form an excellent application in irritated conditions of the skin.

Yours truly, ARTHUR DEAN BEVAN, M. D. Prof. of Anatomy Rush Medical College and P. A. Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Notice of Meeting. A special meeting of Umatilla Encampment No. 17, I. O. O. F., will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening, December 21, 1888. All Patriarchs are invited to be present. By order of LOT LIVERMORE, C. P.

The case of the State vs. I. E. Saling, charged by John O. Moorhouse with trespass upon his premises, was decided in favor of the prosecution, and Saling was fined \$10 and costs, which are considerable. Saling had commenced building a fence on land occupied by Moorhouse, a re-survey by J. C. Arnold showing that he (Saling) was entitled to quite a strip of the same. Saling was then arrested by Moorhouse on the charge of trespass, and was fined as above, Judge Bishop holding that an undisputed occupancy of ten years entitled Moorhouse to the land, regardless of the new survey. The case will probably be appealed.

J. F. Robinson, the expert and popular shavist, has commenced operations in his new barber shop in the Golden Rule Hotel, which he has fitted up in first-class style for the comfort of his many customers. Besides fitting it with all the appointments necessary to a well-regulated barber shop, he has added a number of neat bath-rooms for the accommodation of those wishing a good bath at a reasonable price. Old and new friends and customers are invited to call, and they will be made welcome.

It seems as if the usual Christmas turkey dinner will have to be omitted by many a Pendleton family man, because the central figure of the feast, the royal turkey, is very scarce now in the markets. So long as your neighbors' chickens roost low, however, it don't matter much.

The dynamo and water wheel of the Pendleton Electric Light & Power Company are now being placed in position. A traction engine is the motive power temporarily used in operating the present system, which fills the bill in pretty good shape.

A marriage license has been issued by the clerk to J. W. Muir and Miss Allie Saling, who are probably ere this joined by the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mrs. M. J. Greene left on last evening's train for the Willamette Valley for the benefit of her health, which has been failing of late.

A young man named George Elliott committed suicide on Coos bay by shooting himself a few days ago.

The "Shepherd Boy" at the opera house next Thursday and Friday by local talent.

Singer box cabinet sewing machine for sale. Nearly new. Inquire at this office.

Thomas Hopper, of Youkum, is in town to-day making final proof.

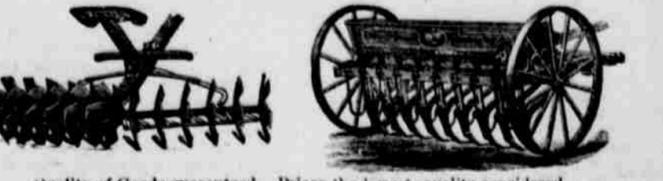
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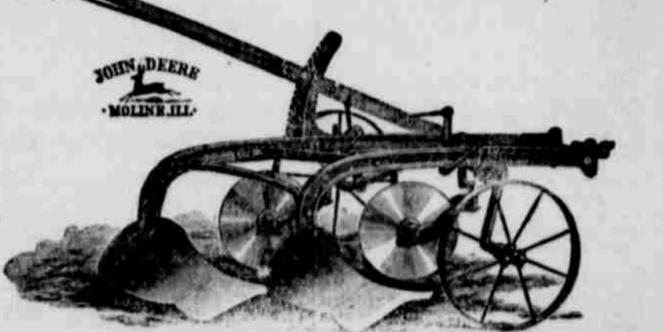
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