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### PUT UP, OR SHUT UP.

Those who make war on county officials and have not the nerve to appear in person before them and give solid reasons for their grievances have one remedy left, always, when the people sustain the officers. They can say, "Never mind, wait until another election! Then the people will do their duty at the polls." It is like the pettish boy who has a grievance against his teacher, and is going to lick him when he gets grown. There is never very much alarm about such threats. If the assessments of the county were made under the solemn oaths of property owners as to value, the assessor can not very well go around them, yet he does sometimes do it.

But in order to prevent the assessor from showing favoritism, should he be a corrupt official, a law is provided by which a board of equalization is formed to pass upon valuations. The meeting of this board is always well advertised, and citizens may appear before this board and complain at any assessment that has been made and compel an investigation. It is as much the duty of every citizen to unearth irregularities in the administration of county affairs as it is for the official in charge. The man knowing of irregularities, who sets back without the courage to go before the proper tribunal and say so, is not a good citizen. Every man is interested in good administration of the county government, and he who howls on the outside and tries to cast insinuations and stir up prejudice, generally gets what he deserves—the horse laugh—from the substantial citizens.

The assessments have been made. They were made under oath. The board of equalization is now in session. If taxpayers have sworn falsely, any citizen may go and prove it and have the assessment raised. It is not in good taste to let it pass and depend upon getting even at the polls. There are enough other lies to contend with at that time, and besides it will be too late to right the present wrong. There is but one thing for the chronic, or other kicker to do, and that is to go before the board of equalization and make his complaint at headquarters, or shut up. This is a hard thing for the chronic to do, it is true, but their words would have more weight in the future if they would try this plan.

East Oregonian has no axe to grind either way, but believes in common sense. A majority of the people are generally right. They generally make the proper selection in electing officers. The people seem to be satisfied as a whole with the present assessments. The test is now on and not a complaint has been made. The field is open. When there is a field open for a fight the brave go forth and do battle. The cowards lie back in the brush and try to create trouble that they may have an opportunity to plunder. But they are seldom headed.

Officers are supposed to do their duty. Umatilla county officers stand well before the people. There is not one afraid to do his duty. Let these insinuations cease against them, or let those who have honest grievances stand forth!

King Alfonso's mother had to give up the fight. She has agreed to retire. She will no longer appear ob-

noxious to the boy king's eyes. She has the consolation, however, of taking her husband along with her. Truly, those kings and "royal bloods" make the man of the country of the free and the brave smile. They are passing. The days of republics are coming. Only figure-heads now, the crowned heads can only try to imitate the royal splendor and tommy-rot of their ancestors. A boy king, half-idiot and half-sim-pleton to rule the destinies of a nation! No wonder America is invading the European country through every avenue in the march of civilization.

A West Virginia woman threw her rival from a wharf causing her death. It is claimed that women are sinking deeper in crime at a more rapid rate than men. This is not true. It is only because a crime looks blacker when committed by a woman, who is considered so far above man in purity and innocence. Nearly all of women's crimes grow out of jealousy. It is to be wondered what they see in a man, the poor, abused things, to so lose their mind over him as to commit a rash act.

Some folks speak lightly of the work of commercial associations. They say it is all wind and working on paper and spouting hot air. While these fellows set back and ridicule, the commercial bodies are advertising the resources of the county and inducing men of enterprise to join us. Yet all reap a benefit alike from the good work of the enterprising citizens.

### MISTER MULLER.

Maud Muller's father—honest soul—Was worried o'er the price of coal.

He talked about it all the while, And very near forgot to smile.

He vowed, with bated, trembling breath, That everyone would freeze to death.

Because the heartless coal combines Would not start digging in the mines.

Each day he'd to his cellar go And shake his head both sad and slow.

Because the furnace had an air As though it wondered why 'twas there.

He bent beneath the heavy weight Of gazing at the empty grate.

And oft with sighs he would deplore The sorrow of the furnace door.

While mirthlessly he sometimes laughed Because no smoke was in the draft.

But Maudie, optimistic maid, Told papa not to be afraid.

The Judge she said, had ceased to court, And now, she joyed, she might report.

Her hand she had been asked to yield To one who owned a great coalfield.

To one who had a right divine To all the fuel in the mine,

And so she planned a fitting dress To grace a new Coal Baroness.

The wedding day was bright and fair But Maudie's papa was not there.

For, while she gave her hand and heart He hustled 'round and hired a cart.

And while the twain were turned to one He stowed away ton after ton.

For he believed, did Maudie's pa, This was a proper son-in-law.

Of all the words to make us grin, The eladdest are: "We've filled the bin."

—Baltimore American.

### THE DESK SLAVE'S SONG.

O this is the song of the man who's chained  
All day to a roll top desk;  
Who, sweltering over a type-machine,  
Assumeth a shape grotesque.  
The breeze and sunset are not for him,  
The sky is a mere hearsay;  
He sits and grinds 'mid the rustling sheets  
Through all of the dull, dull day.

He thinks of the years when his hands were hard,  
His arms like the best of steel;  
He thinks of the days when his lithe limbs made  
Good time on a racing wheel.  
He thinks of the days when he held his own  
In harvesting hay or grain—  
Then smiles at the thought that a croquet game  
Can give him a next-day pain.

He sighs to remember the mighty brawn  
He showed on the college track;  
He thinks of the days when he played baseball,  
And wishes those days were back;  
He thinks of himself in a football suit  
Well padded and picturesque,  
Then weeps o'er recalling the flabby form  
That's chained to the roll-top desk.

O man in the field, with the hoe or plough  
O man with the ditching spade!  
Yearn not for the "easy, white-handed job"  
Instead of your sturdy trade.  
There's money—sometimes—in the office grind—  
There's life in the work you do!  
You are tanned and warmed by the breeze and sun  
And arched with a roof of blue.

Your food is the food of a hungry man  
You sleep like the dead at night;  
Your muscles are firm and your heart is good,  
Your cause is the cause of right;  
We slaves of the desk would renounce our hope  
Of wealth or a "raise" in pay  
If we could but feel as we used to feel  
Back there in our "husky" day.  
—S. W. Gilligan in the Los Angeles Herald.

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"Fishing tackle, you mean. I have seen him when his brain reeled."  
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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