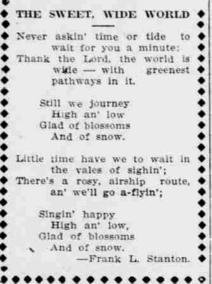
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IT WOULD BE UNJUST.

Umatilla county should object and object strongly if the constitutional amendment being fathered by the senate committee on taxation looks to taking the taxation of public service corporations away from the counties and giving it to the state.

As pointed out in a news story in the East Oregonian yesterday such a change would work a heavy annual loss upon this county and upon all other counties, which like Umatilla, have considerable railroad mileage. It would inure to the benefit of Multnomah county and of interior counties that have no mileage.

needed for state purposes should be raised from the various countles in an assessed valuation of 277 millions while Umatilla has but a 40 million assessment. In other words Multnomah county is approximately seven times as wealthy as Umatilla and should consequently pay seven times as much in state taxes as does Umatilla.

But see here. Multhomah's assess ment of public service corporations amounts to less than twice as much as does that of Umatilla. The corporation assessment in Multhomah totals 24 millions while in Umatilla the corporations are assessed at over 12 millions. So if the state raises its funds from the taxation of corporpay more than half as much as does

justly pay but one-seventh as much as Multnomah. Interior countles that have no public service corporations would be excused entirely from payment of state taxes.

there is no just reason for taking the gument in support of the plan for sion, rather than by the various county assessors. But that plan is bearing upon the move said to be contemplated by the senate taxation committee.

DR. STEINER'S DEFENSE.

Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, has been allowed to defend instead of being extravagantly con-The per capita cost of living there is lower than at any similar institution luxury made a net profit last year of \$28,000 for the state. The auto, which he is criticised for buying, he

