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The Real Question

The real question at issue in regard to the port commission is not the idea of equalizing taxes, it is not whether the law is exactly perfect in every small detail. The former is entirely foreign to the subject and will be so considered by all who can think through the situation and see all sides of the question, but as has been stated before, if there is any connection between the equalization of taxes and the port commission it would be all in favor of the port, because the commissioners, anxious to get all the tax money possible for the improvement of the harbor, would naturally look into the matter and stir up the proper authorities to force the large land and timber owners to pay their share of the taxes, so that if the equalization of taxes would come into the question at all, it would certainly be favorable to the port commission.

Then in regard to the port law, of course this has a great deal to do with the port commission, and must be met squarely on the face of it.

The complaint of the opposition is, that there is too much power vested in the port commissioners, and that it would be certain ruin to everybody in the valley if so much power were delegated to five men, and that there would be graft and all that sort of thing. Now these men are laboring under the erroneous idea that all men are rascals and grafters, and that it would be impossible to get five honest citizens who would serve as port commissioners. We are frank to say that we have more confidence in humanity than these gentlemen have. We thoroughly believe that there can be found, in the Coquille valley, five honest men who would use just and equitable judgment in handling the public business, and that there is no reason to fear from graft. If all five of the commissioners did not happen to be honest, there would at least be enough honest men on the commission to watch the others and expose to the public any crooked work of the others; and even though we could not use the recall, it is a very easy matter to get an appointed official as well as an elective one, when it is known or even suspected that he is juggling with public funds. So, argument from the source of graft and stealing is simply sophistry of the highest order.

Then there is another phase to this question, one that savors of commercialism, but at the same time it is a fact that cannot be overlooked, and that is, Are we going to move ahead or are we going to stop progress? The defeat of the port commission at this time means a number of years' checked industry; it means a set back to the valley that cannot be repaired in one year or five years. Are we willing to be thus stifled in progress because the port law does not suit in every point? Other ports are going ahead and organizing under the law, and are progressing, and getting recognition from the government as a result of their energies. The law is an easy matter to adjust, and let us go ahead and organize our port and be ready for action. We can look after these minor points afterward.

Kentucky Adopts Electrocution

The world will note with no small degree of interest that the Kentucky legislature has passed a law and that the governor has signed it—substituting the electric chair for the cross beam and hemp method of sending criminals to their death.

But how often will there be opportunity to put the new and more modern instrument of official life-taking into operation. For years Barthitt and several adjoining counties have found far more expeditious means of getting rid of obnoxious citizens and holding the Blue Grass census down to a modest basis.

If the gallows provided by the state has one victim the Winchester rifle has had a dozen victims. If one legal hanging has been arranged for a dozen illegal ones have been pulled off in the courts of Judge Lynch before the sleepy-eyed minions of the law had time to know what had happened.

Another strange feature of the situation is that the attempt to abolish legal hangings did not call forth an imposing lobby of Kentucky colonels to protest against the measure as an unwarranted blow at the Kentucky hemp industry.

For ourselves we are disposed to overlook these minor questionings and accept the view that Kentucky is cutting loose from her darker traditions and customs and has set her face toward the new day Des Moines Capital

Lincoln

Lincoln, one of the greatest of observers, was himself the least truly observed. God had built him in the back-yard of the nation, and there wrapped in homely guise, had preserved and matured his pure humanity. He was heard but seems rarely, if ever, to have been truly seen. The reports we have of him do not satisfy, do not justify themselves, are inconsistent. The Eastern, Old-World eye could not reach beyond the queer hat, bad tailoring and boots you could not now give away—and he was so long he fairly had to stoop to look the little world in the face.

Never have bad tailoring and homely, deferential manner so completely hidden seer, jester, master of men, as did these simple accouterments hide this great gift of the west. The world reads simple deferential manner—true evidence of refinement—as weakness timidity and indecision, just as it reads strength in noise, and power in abuse. It is said of sound that volume will start a tear more quickly than quality of tone. But it is surprising that professional observers, artists and writers alike, have drawn and redrawn an untrue picture of this man. Out of the hundreds of Lincoln's pictures few are reliable, even as records of fact, and the hundreds of copyrighted lives of him, in their personal description, are largely reiterated popular opinion and hearsay.—Yeoman Shield.

Just About Cows

At the meeting of the Bandon Commercial Club Friday evening

the subject of whether or not the cows should be allowed to run at large was discussed, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be very much in favor of stopping the perambulation of the bovine tribe within the city limits as it is a certain fact that we can never have a beautiful city so long as they are allowed to run at large, and the matter will be taken up again at the meeting next Friday night when it is intended to formulate a plan to get the matter before the people for a vote, either at the next general election, or at a special election for that purpose. While there are a good many acres of pasture within the city limits, and while it might be working a hardship on some poor people who have cows, yet it is generally thought that it is an imposition on the general public to force people to fence their lawns in order to keep other people's cows off, and it is also true that we can never have any beautiful lawns until the cows are kept off.

Other cities of the county are passing ordinances against cows running at large and members of the commercial club feel that it is high time that something was being done in Bandon consequently the proposition will be taken up Friday evening and should be the means of bringing out a good attendance at the club as there will probably be those who are opposed to the proposition.

Eight men killed by a premature explosion on the United States cruiser Charleston is the latest disaster in our Navy. These accidents are so numerous that it is not improbable that since the civil war our sea fighting equipment has cost the lives of more of our own men than the combined losses of all the enemies that we have encountered in the past forty years. Thus far the blame for these accidents has always been placed on the men who were so unfortunate as to get killed. There is, of course a possibility, if some one on whom the blame were to be fixed should escape death, that he might offer some suggestions by which these frequent disasters might be avoided. If our Navy costs so many lives in time of peace, the carnage during an actual war would be fearful to contemplate.—Oregonian.

Fourmile Notes

Everyone is busy getting their plowing done and sowing their grain.

Mr. DeLong moved Mr. Rea and family to town last week.

A fine baby girl was born March 13 to M. S. Charles Foster of Clayton's mill.

The people of Fourmile took a great look at the electric storm Sunday the 20th, the lightning lasted for over an hour and was plainly seen, but the thunder was a great way off.

George Cox finished sawing at the new mill and is now at his ranch near town putting in his crops.

R. P. Hunt and Vet Shields just returned from a trip to Roseburg, they walked both ways, they report

the Coos Bay wagon road in the shape for this time of year, the roads have dried very fast this fine weather. Mr. Fless is getting out some logs and sawing them at New Mill.

Mr. J. L. Foster made a business trip to Coquille the fore part of the week.

Pete.

Mail Service Better.

Mail was received at the Bandon Post-office, Sunday, for the first time since the entire mail for Coos and Curry counties has been coming by way of the Middle Fork road. The new mail service is due to the fact that the Southern Pacific is now running a Sunday train from Marshfield to Myrtle Point.

It is stated that after July 1st, the Coos Bay mail will again be brought in over the Coos Bay wagon road.

The mail service for Coos county has been anything but satisfactory in the past, but we understand that the postoffice department is going to keep on experimenting until we get the very best service possible to be obtained without a railroad.

W. R. C. Items

Tag day was a success beyond our greatest hopes and many of the tags were brought back and sold again. Bandon is surely alright when it comes to helping a good cause along.

Grandma Shoemaker, the oldest lady in our corps, received the prize for being the best tag seller.

The prize for the prettiest baby at the baby show was awarded to the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird's baby, receiving the prize for the prettiest girl.

Press Correspondent.

C. W. Woodruff, of the furniture firm of Woodruff & Turner, of Bandon, and Mr. Kinney, a traveling man from Portland, were in Lakeport last Saturday. In conversation with these gentlemen they said that they had heard considerable about Floras lake and the surrounding country. What they heard was not complimentary and described the country as low and swampy and covered with skunk cabbage. They were unable to see any of these odiferous plants. They were pleased with Lakeport and promised for it a bright future.—Lake Port Banner.

R. M. Pressy, the creamery man of Bandon, made the Banner office a pleasant visit yesterday afternoon. Mr. Pressy informed us that something will be heard in regard to the Bandon-Port Orford railroad, and that most probably it would be started soon.—Floras Lake Banner.

Season of 1910

The thorough-bred black Percheron stallion Grainaulte, will stand at the following places during the season: Bandon, April, 1-2 10-11-18 19 20, 27-28. May, 6 7, 15-16, 23 24-25. June, 1-2 3, 10 11, 19 20, 29 30. Four Mile, April, 3, 12, 21, 29 May, 8, 17, 26. June, 4, 12, 21. Langlois, April, 4 5-9, 13 14, 17, 22-23, 26 and 30. May, 1-2 5-9 10, 14, 18-19, 22, 27-28, 31. June, 5-6, 9, 13 14 15, 18, 22-23, 27 and 28. Sixes, April 6 7 8. 15 16, 24 and 25. May 3 4, 11-12-13, 20-21, 29 and 30 June 7 8, 16-17, 24 25 and 26.

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