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U. S. Land Commissioner.

Special to the HERALD: Myrtle Point, March 23.—Binger Hermann received the appointment as commissioner of the general land office at Washington this morning.

The News and the Tax Cases.

The Coos Bay News has taken in tense offense at the HERALD's implication that its editor was criticizing the supreme court contemptuously for its decision of the late tax cases. But it doesn't better the matter in its explanation—for its explanation does not explain—but only places it in contempt, not only of the courts, but of the law and justice and the people. It says: "And while we believe the cases are managed ably by responsible attorneys from the old parties, and that Judge Schroeder and the county officials are doing their best to collect, and that the county eventually will win"—and further on: "Don't think for a moment that the News is in favor of letting go now; it is too late to talk at this stage of the case. It is absolutely necessary in the interest of Coos county that these taxes be collected, no matter at what cost." These confessions come at last, bearing the earmarks of one of the attorneys who is assisting in the effort to defeat the county and at the same time confessing the possibility that the end is not yet, that it has only reached the first step in a court of last resort.

The litigation is not due to the HERALD nor to its party, nor "to the handful of loafers and 'crow-hoppers' who surround you (the HERALD) office," as the News retorts. The HERALD is entirely willing to compare manhood, loyalty, law-abiding citizenship and capabilities of its friends and supporters with those of the News editor and his parasitic, drinking, gambling, loafing associates, professing to one thing toward the people—as implied in the quotations above, and especially the aspiring, for a fee, to do the opposite. The lawyer also makes the special plea that they are only resisting an inequitable burden of taxation imposed by the Populist assessor, Mr. James, "on a certain class of unfavored citizens." So far as the unfavored class of citizens is concerned the statement is correct, for Populist principles have been declared, time and again, as opposed to "favored classes," knowing well that the old parties had oppressed the people by making favored classes whom they exempted, wholly or partially, from the burdens of government for pay. This question the people took to the ballot-box and left the editor of the News and his shabby-gentled gang of manipulators and conspirators without a seat to tug at, or even an empty bottle to scent the fumes of the departed spirits from, as of old time. But as to resisting an "inequitable burden of taxation," imposed by the Populist assessor, that is entirely false. The county board of equalization and the county court, in due form of law and without prejudice of class in the first instance composed of a Republican county judge, Watson, and two Populist confederates, reduced the assessment to what was deemed by all as an "equitable" point; and in the second instance the board of equalization and county court was wholly Populist, but its action was confessed by the "class of unfavored citizens" and their pettifogging counselors at law themselves as acceptable and equitable; hence the News' scribbler had better have kept within the bounds of truth as to the "resisting an inequitable burden of taxation" imposed by the Populist assessor. It is untrue from first to last, and we may give the "inwardness" of the News' attack on the citizens of Coos county as being "loafers and crow-hoppers" before he gets through with his barroom slang regarding those who are so much better than himself, own their own living, and are not owned or influenced by gang methods.

The Coos Bay News says: Howell and Thomas intend resuming work at their logging camp on Fishtrap, Coquille River, this summer. This is all right. The Coquille can furnish you fine timber to run your mills with. But Fishtrap also furnished you good political timber in the past to carry your old parties to success with, for which you were apparently very thankful at the time, but now since the power of thieving is broken and Fishtrap's statesmen are unrescuable, you berate them as a community of hungry office-seekers—eternally asking the suffrages of the bay. Come, Gus, and have snuffin', to settle your nerves.

Alf Greene of Deer Park was in town last week. If you bet on Corbett, you are sorry that you spoke. It is said that Miss Fannie wore the largest shoes in town. Corbett has few admirers in Myrtle Point—since the fight. Lemons are still selling in town for 10 cents per dozen, and nice ones, too. Our school grounds should be fenced to prevent the accumulation of stock in the basement. The weather has been somewhat mixed during the last week, sunshine, rain, snow and sleet. W. H. Erdice has begun work on the grounds for the new skimming station, digging a well, etc. Our barbers are running each other a little late. Will Guild does shaving for 10 cents, while Walter Eudicot does so for five. The Capital Journal was in great demand in Myrtle Point on last Friday, as it contained the first account of the big fight and much other valued information. There was but little more interest manifested in town over the dispatches from the great fight of Fitz and Jim than there was over the presidential election last fall. Rev. J. E. Blair delivered a very interesting lecture in the Presbyterian house on last Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience. The subject was the late prize fight. The interest in the Presbyterian church at this place has been steadily growing since Rev. J. E. Blair came here, over a year ago. The O. E. society is very thrifty and energetic, hence their Sunday evening meetings are very interesting. The band entertainment in the Opera House last Saturday evening was well attended and all have a good word to say for it. The songs rendered by Mrs. W. H. Brown and Mrs. S. B. Hermann were features of special appreciation. The dance after the entertainment was kept rolling until a late hour. All-in-all the occasion was a grand success. Chat Huling and Will Lundy returned last Friday from a few days' visit to Currier's camp, at Pleasant time among the miners, though they experienced some old fashioned snowing and icy "down east" weather. They both quit sliding down off the steep mountain after one went headlong into the creek, and the other hung a gunny-sack on the after part of his belt to modestly hide the rent in his pants. Take it all together, this has been a hard winter on stock. Though the weather has not been so very severe, yet it seems that the grass has not grown as much as usual, and as farmers did not prepare to feed stock, quite a percentage has been lost. Almost every farmer asserts that he will be better prepared hereafter. And we may look for a large amount of feed stored next fall. Every farmer should see that every available piece of land on his farm produces something and then he should save the product and store it carefully, and in case he has no need of it there will be a market no doubt and somebody's cow or horse will be the better off. There is a scarcity of feed at almost every farmer's barn in the up-river country, which has been unusual heretofore. We see by the Coast Mail that the courthouse question is still hanging heavily on the mind of the editor of that journal. It is commendable to see parties contest for and use all fair means to obtain prestige, but after being defeated twice, it would look more generous in our friends at Marshfield to throw up the battle and acknowledge that the majority should rule. That would be Americanism, and would be much better than to keep up a strife that will engender a bad feeling among the people of the county. Marshfield first agitated the county seat question, and since the people have decided that question it is bad grace for a few to seoff at the decision of a large majority of the county. Myrtle Point would make a very good location and the people would be glad to have it—if they should get it by fair and honorable means; but as it has been settled by a large majority the more thoughtful and candid element desire that that question should be dropped, and they would rather see a friendly feeling cultivated between the citizens of this place and Coquille City. The energy of the people favored by natural resources is what makes a thriving town, and we know that while the new county seat has many advantages, our own town is surrounded with lasting resources that will make it a lively and good town in proportion to the energy, industry and skill of its leading inhabitants. So let us stop howling and endeavor to advance our interests and develop some of our great advantages.

UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Experts will soon be on hand to examine the Big Joe quartz mine on Poverty Gulch. The butchers now find good beef cattle pretty scarce, owing to the recent cold storms. Still the sneak-thief gets in his work. Mrs. F. G. Dixon lost several bushels of potatoes recently. Edwin Schroeder of Norway took in the band's entertainment and was a successful promoter at the ball. The four sons of A. H. Schroeder are getting out timbers for the Beaver Hill Coal Co. two miles below town. Some of the citizens of this vicinity are planning to attend the great '97 C. E. convention at San Francisco in the coming July. R. C. Eudicot left on Monday's train. He goes on business to Marshfield. Mr. E. is one of our energetic loggers, who is pushing steadily to the front. John Giles came up from River-ton last Friday. He reports about 100 men working in and about the mines at that place, which are moving steadily ahead. Monday's train brought over many new goods for our merchants. Among other things we noticed onions, beans, bran, and rolled barley. Such articles can and should be produced at home in quantities sufficient to supply home consumption, and even a surplus for exportation. While we complain of our market, Californians are very well satisfied with it. We learn that Ash Moore superintendent of the Salmon mountain mines, has repaired the old sawmill at the head of the flume and has been cutting lumber for use in the mine. Mr. Moore is a thorough miner and a rustler, and is despoiling of much credit for the energy he has displayed in the development of one of the richest mines on the coast. We have never thought one raised in Oregon should necessarily be ignorant from the effects of isolation and solitude. Why even Coos county still holds many attractions for us; although of late years there has been a bad seam allowed to settle in its territory, yet we do believe the pest is not contagious and think, by proper fumigation, the fungus might be

The cabinet appointments were confirmed by the senate. They are as follows: Secretary of State, John Sherman, Ohio. Secretary of Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, Illinois. Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger, Michigan. Secretary of Navy, John D. Long, Massachusetts. Secretary of Interior, Cornelius Bliss, New York. Attorney-General, Joseph McKenna, California. Postmaster General, James A. Gary, Maryland. Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, Iowa. The confirmations were made without discussion except in the case of Cornelius Bliss, the New York banker, appointed secretary of the interior, who was opposed by Mr. Teller and Mr. Stewart on the ground that the secretary of the interior should be a lawyer because of the many important legal decisions he is compelled to make on questions of title. Of course the appointment of Mr. Bliss was a concession to Wall street, and though he is considered an honest and able man it would not be surprising if he should favor the railway interests in any dispute between them and actual settlers.—Telegram

Roseburg Review: The Oregonian is booming Judge M. L. Pipes, "Gold Democrat," for the vacant U. S. judgeship in California to succeed Attorney General McKenna. He should have it—the devil is entitled to his just dues, and the traitor to the price of his infamy. There are in the present national house of representatives 135 new men.

At a meeting of the Miners' Union at Leadville last Tuesday 1896, was formally declared. The strike has cost the camp \$4,000,000, besides the cost to the labor organizations of the country. WANTED—FAITHFUL MEN OR women to travel for responsible established house in Oregon. Salary \$780 and expenses. Position permanent. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

In the Transvaal they have passed a law to make the decisions of the supreme court reviewable by the legislature. NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the County of Coos, Oregon, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1897, and to me duly directed, upon a judgment and decree rendered by said court and order of sale duly rendered by said court on the 8th day of July, 1896, and duly entered on the 8th day of July, 1896, in and by Henry C. Sterling, deceased, W. H. Logan, Laura W. Logan, his wife, Isiah Hacker and A. Bush were defendants in favor of said plaintiff and against the said defendants, by which execution I am commanded to sell the real property in said execution and hereditarily described, to pay the sum due the plaintiff and the said defendant, Seth R. Hammer, as administrator of said estate amounting to Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two and 50/100 (\$3752.50) Dollars, with interest thereon from the said 18th day of July, 1896, at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid; and the further sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, together with the costs and expenses of said suit, taxed at April 30-100 (\$50.00) Dollars, and the costs and expenses of said execution and sale, to wit: The southwest quarter of section fourteen, all in township thirty south and range fourteen west of the Willamette meridian in Coos county, Oregon, containing 320 acres of land, more or less. Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law. Dated this 23rd day of March, A. D. 1897. W. W. GAGE, mar23] Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.

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