

KEEPS MONEY AT HOME.

The irrigation law, so ably championed by Congressman ... which was recently passed by congress will have the effect of keeping a vast sum of money from leaving this state each year.

Of the 65,277,440 acres of land in Oregon, but 21,991,596 acres are owned by corporations and private parties, and 5,500,000 acres are included in Indian, trust and other reservations.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, the receipts at the United States land office from lands sold in Oregon were 365,761.47.

Roadwork was very active throughout Benton county during the month of June, and more permanent good has been accomplished than ever before.

No one who wished to work the roads, has been prevented from doing so. All who applied for work have been given employment, and as the wages paid were higher than were provided by any plan thus far proposed, it is reasonable to believe as many men were at work as were disposed to accept employment of this kind or were anxious to assist in the betterment of roads.

More About That Petition.

In regard to the petition of the Coast Land & Livestock Co. for reduction of its taxes, from \$456.18 to \$450 or about nine tenths of the amount due, as shown in the letter in last week's GAZETTE, I notice from the petition of M. M. Davis, agent, for that company, that to make a settlement of the whole matter, and to avoid litigation, the company is willing to pay \$450 in settlement of these back taxes amounting to over ten times that much.

I have been wondering if that would be a pretty good investment for all classes of taxpayers to make about once a year. Or once in six years, by letting their taxes for that time go delinquent. But how would the county come off? How would it pay its state tax? The county has already paid the state on this property two or three or more times the amount this company offers to pay the county now, to get out of this honest debt. Suppose the county does make the company a gift of something like \$4,000 because they ask it, and then makes a similar gift to other people asking the same kind of relief, how long would it be until the county would be hopelessly bankrupt?

Mr. Davis may say that they have paid \$822.81 on this tax. Then how did he get his house? That payment on account of 1896 taxes, which he paid individually, as stated in his petition, was the bid he made at sheriff's tax sale, on Dec. 23, 1897. And it is what according to the county records, and other information, he paid for his residence property here in Corvallis. If that money is to be paid back to Mr. Davis, by the county according to the claim he hints at in his petition, then who gets the house? Mr. Davis may say, he traded the depot property to the Astoria Company for the house and two lots, but if he makes that argument, then where did he get the depot property? The same identical \$822.81 paid for the tax certificate which he got at the tax sale, and I included both the residence property and the depot property. It looks very much as if the Astoria Company, whose president is also president of the railroad which has this depot property, has been furnished with an opportunity to make that kind of an exchange and avoid litigation.

In short, the hunt of litigation, the hint of a claim which Mr. Davis hints at in his petition to the county court, looks very much like—well, something one does not like to mention.

The petition goes on to say, we have no expectation of collecting the above amount (taxes, asked to be released, 9-10 of their honest tax debt, or something like that), or any part thereof from Massey, receiver, or Coe, trustee. Now I

ask this plain question. Have they not already received this tax? Was it not a part of the price they paid the receiver for this land? If not then the owners back of them would like to know it. The same parties who are said to have understood that this tax entered into the consideration for the property before they accepted, or waived, objections, to a sale at all by the receiver.

Mr. Davis Replies.

There appeared in your issue of 27th inst. an article, entitled "Concerns the Public," also headed "The Coast Land and Live Stock Co. asks Benton County to settle \$4000 of Overdue Taxes for this land." As this article assumes to give "facts" that are in interest to the taxpayers of Benton county, and although in said article he uses my name in connection with transactions of which he hints darkly, I would have no contention with him if in his attempts to put the facts before the public, he had given facts, or give "facts" to all, and that I desire in writing that the taxpayers should have full knowledge of all transactions relative to the collection and handling of funds of the county. We have been perfectly willing that the public should have full knowledge of this matter at all times, and I think it has been quite generally canvassed over the county during the last two years.

There is no disgrace in being a public benefactor or educator, and it only creates suspicion of the writer's motives when his personality is hidden behind a non-deplume, especially in matters of public moment.

As to the transactions in regard to the property named, I am quite willing to concede that "Citizen" probably knows more about them up to the time when I became interested in the lands by purchase, than I do myself; but as he has failed to give all the facts, I desire in writing to understand the matter as it is, to give a brief statement of the case.

As has been well known, the "Coe Lands," the "Oregon Development Co. Lands" and the "Col. Hogg estate property," were all, for several years, property of the Coe family, and while taxes were assessed against them every year, none were collected except as will be noted hereafter.

Early in the year 1900, there were standing on the taxrolls of Benton and Lincoln counties something between \$8000 and \$9000 of taxes, between the hands of the Coe family, in the name of A. H. Masten, receiver, under the jurisdiction of the District Court of the U. S. for the district of New York. A proposition was made to the county court of Lincoln county, by Edwin Stone, agent, that if the county would accept \$1000 in cash in full payment of all taxes assessed against said lands in that county, his principals (who afterward proved to be the Astoria Co.) would agree to purchase the lands from the receiver, take them out of the hands of the court and place them on the hands of individual settlers, and thus contribute to the advancement of the county.

The Lincoln county court accepted the proposition and the \$1000 was paid as agreed. The same proposition was submitted to the then county judge of Benton county, who requested that, on account of the death of Commissioner Buchanan (the death of Commissioner Buchanan, I believe, was not then full, it should be filed until a full board could be had).

Assuming that as Lincoln county had accepted the proposition, Benton county would also, The Astoria Co. proceeded in good faith to purchase the lands and took them out of court.

Before purchasing this property, our company had the matter thoroughly investigated by competent attorneys, who advised us the taxes as assessed against the lands, were not a valid lien against these lands, and that the collection of them could not be enforced as against the lands or other assets of our company. Therefore in all of our sales we have given the purchasers full warranty deeds, which we are prepared to protect in full.

No business man who claims property which he has purchased in good faith, and in the purchase of these lands we did not expect to assume to pay those taxes. Our attorneys have always advised against making any settlements whatsoever, and it was only after strenuous litigation on my part that I was allowed to make the proposition that I did, which was only made to give Benton county the same opportunity which Lincoln county had to secure something out of the matter and to get the business settled at once.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is known to the officers of the county and to all attorneys who have looked into this matter, that those taxes cannot be enforced against our lands or the property, so it then is a simple business proposition, as to whether the county will let something which it can get it out of, settle for, or take nothing at the end of an expensive lawsuit.

There has been no secrecy about this proposition, nor has the least influence been exerted; I simply presented the proposition to the court and explained our position in the matter, assuring them that this was only made to get the matter settled at once, and asking that they either accept this or proceed to enforce the collection, that the matter might be settled as soon as possible.

"Citizen" says that we want to pay \$1,600 taxes with \$450, or less than 30 per cent., which is not true. Of this \$1,600 the county has already had \$822.80 which I paid them for my tax certificate on the sale for the 1896 taxes, (and of which I shall certainly enforce the return, if those taxes are proven invalid), the \$148, in cash offered making \$1420.88, a much greater per cent. than the \$148 of 80 cents per acre when the records show that the lands were assessed at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, the same as all the other grant lands were assessed. He seems also to want to insinuate something about the transactions in my purchasing the Corvallis property, but all there is about that is that I had in the above mentioned tax sale, and after I had my tax deed of record, found that I was liable to have trouble about this deed on account of the tax lien being invalid, so I bought the property on the best terms I could, and it is my own business how I handle it. I had no interest in that whatever action the court may see fit to take in this matter, will be done for the best interests of the county in the light in which they see it.

and according to the information they have on the subject. I do not desire to influence their judgment in the least, it being a simple business proposition with us; we do not believe the taxes are a lien, and are not going to pay them unless they are proven to be, but we are willing to pay the amount offered in order to save a lawsuit and get prompt settlement. M. M. DAVIS. Yaquina, Or. June 23, 1902.

Dead Man Found.

Henderson Murphy came to town this morning to report to coroner Woods at Dalais the discovery of the remains of a man found in the river bottom near Buena Vista in an advanced stage of decomposition. Coroner Woods is holding an inquest this afternoon.

The body is supposed to be that of Capt. Bell's son who fell from the steamer Ruth several months ago and whose remains had never been found. The only identification possible would be the clothing. We go to press too early to obtain the particulars of the coroner's inquest, but a full report will appear next week. —Independence Enterprise.

Special Rates for the Fourth.

The following round-trip rates will be given from all points on the C. & E. to Corvallis, July 4th: Yaquina to Elk City, inclusive, to Corvallis, \$2. Morrison to Eddyville, inclusive, to Corvallis, \$1.50. All points east of Eddyville to Corvallis, one fare. Detroit to Gates, inclusive, to Corvallis, \$1.50. West of Gates to Lyons, inclusive, to Corvallis, \$1.50. All points west of Lyons to Corvallis, one fare. A rate of one fare for the round trip will apply between all stations. Tickets for sale and good going July 3 and 4, on all regular trains, and for return not later than July 5th.

Your Opportunity.

Just arrived—new designs of wall paper, at Barnhart's. See them.

Oil meal for sale at Graham & Wells. Splendid feed for dairy stock.

Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes, the peer of them all. Sold only by S. L. Kline.

Mrs. J. Mason offers her stock of trimmed dress hats—12 dozen—for 20 per cent off.

Reduction sale of 15 per cent. on all mens and boys suits, to make room for our large fall order. S. L. Kline.

The eagle will scream in Corvallis July 4th. Buy your celebrating outfits at Nolen & Callahan's. Complete lines in all departments. New goods all the time.

Those in search of cheap homes will do well to call on Morgan & Eglin, as they are offering several desirable farms and stock ranches, also resident properties in Corvallis, and they will treat you right.

S. L. Kline, agent for Osborne Binders, Mowers and Hay Rakes. Full line of Groceries. Highest price paid for Wool.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton county administrator of the estate of Emoline Frary, Deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified as by law required at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Or., within six months from the date hereof. F. J. FRARY, Administrator of the Estate of Emoline Frary, Deceased. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, July 1, 1902.

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Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given, that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 116, for the construction of a sewer through Blocks 22 and 23, Corvallis, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 105, in each of the following mentioned lots and parts of lots was entered in the docket of the City Treasurer, in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 5th day of July, 1902, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof, together with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from that date and costs of collection, viz:

Table with columns for Block, Lot, Name, and Amount. Includes entries for Lucia Addison, J. L. Hersheiser, J. L. Hersheiser, T. H. Welscher, etc.

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 113 for the construction of a sewer from Van Buren street on the south side of Block 4, County Addition, thence northerly to a point fifty feet north of the middle of the south side of Block 25, Dixon's Second Addition, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 101, in each of the following mentioned lots and parts of lots was entered in the docket of the City Treasurer of Corvallis, in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 5th day of July, 1902, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof together with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from that date and costs of collection, viz:

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Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 119 for the construction of a sewer through block 17, N. B. Co. Addition to Benton County, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 102 in and against each of the following-mentioned tracts of land was entered in the docket of city treasurer of Corvallis on the 24th day of June, 1902, and is due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Corvallis in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 14th day of July, 1902, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof together with interest thereon at eight per cent per annum from that date and costs of collection, namely:

Table with columns for Block, Lot, Name, and Amount. Includes entries for Margaret N Cooper, Bolt Buchanan, etc.

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 115, for the construction of a sewer through Blocks 12 and 13, County Addition to Corvallis, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 104; in each of the following mentioned lots and parts of lots was entered in the docket of City Treasurer of Corvallis on the 18th day of June, 1902, and is due and payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Corvallis, in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 5th day of July, 1902, the Common Council will order warrants to be issued to the Chief of Police for the collection thereof, together with the interest thereon, at 8 per cent per annum from that date and costs of collection, viz:

Table with columns for Block, Lot, Name, and Amount. Includes entries for F. H. Mills, Henrietta E. Dille, etc.

Auction of Dairy Cows.

I will sell at my ranch, on Philomath road Saturday, June 28th, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property. Twenty head, No. 1 milk cows; 12 head yearling and fall calves; 1 short horn bull, 4-year old; 1 short horn bull, 2-year-old; 1 Jersey bull, yearling; between 40 and 60 head of hogs—7 wood sows, balance young hogs from 50 to 100 pounds; 150 chickens, mostly hens; 1 light two-horse wagon; 1 platoon, 1 set double harness, almost new; and numerous farming implements. Terms of sale: All sums under \$50, cash; between \$50 and \$200, one year's time, at 10 per cent.; over \$200, at 8 per cent. interest. S. B. BANE, Corvallis, Ore.

Assessment for Sewer.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 117, for the construction of a sewer through Blocks 9 and 5, County Addition to the City of Corvallis, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 103, in each of the following mentioned lots and parts of lots, was entered in the docket of the City Treasurer, in United States gold or silver coin, and if not paid on or before the 5th day of July, 1902, the common council will order warrants to be issued to the chief of Police for the collection thereof, together with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from that date and costs of collection, viz:

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Table with columns for Block, Lot, Name, and Amount. Includes entries for Wm. Porter, John and Haug, etc.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed executors of the last Will and Testament of Robert E. Cooper deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required at the law office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. THOMAS W. COOPER and GIBBO W. COOPER, Executors.

Notice for Publication.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, GEORGE L. McMURPHY, of Falls City, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 14 in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 7 W., and will make for purchase of the Northwest 1/4 of Sec. 20, 14 in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 7 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Benton county, Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday, the 19th day of July, 1902. He names as witnesses: Albert N. Robinson and Freeman W. Ferguson of Falls City, Oregon; George A. Bayne, George Bayne Jr., Homer Lilly, and George A. Bayne, all of Corvallis, Oregon; and George A. Bayne, Henry C. Williams, and Charles H. Moore, Register. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Percy R. Kelly, as administrator of the estate of Rosina Such, deceased, has been filed in the county court of Benton county, Oregon, and that the 4th day of August, A. D., 1902, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P. M. of said day has been duly appointed by said court for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof. Dated this 14th day of June, A. D., 1902. Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Rosina Such, deceased. A Great Saving. All property owners should know it. For one Dollar we will sell you our everlasting Fence Post receipt. To be had at this office.

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Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Terms of sale: All sums under \$50, cash; between \$50 and \$200, one year's time, at 10 per cent.; over \$200, at 8 per cent. interest. S. B. BANE, Corvallis, Ore.

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Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.

TIME CARD. 2 For Yaquina: Train leaves Albany 1:00 p. m. " " Corvallis 1:50 p. m. " arrives Yaquina 6:45 p. m. 1 Returning: Leaves Yaquina... 6:40 a. m. Leaves Corvallis... 1:30 a. m. Arrives Albany... 12:15 p. m. 3 For Detroit: Leaves Albany... 7:40 a. m. Arrives Detroit... 12:15 p. m. 4 Returning: Leaves Detroit... 12:45 p. m. Arrives Albany... 5:40 p. m. Trains No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with the S. P. south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S. P. north bound train for Portland. Train No. 2 connects with the S. P. west side train at Corvallis Crossing for Independence, McMinville and all points north to Portland. EDWIN STONE, Agent, Corvallis.