

The passenger railway strike that has been keeping Chicago in turmoil for weeks and making trouble for thousands of people that had no part in it, has at last been settled. That it was settled by compromise proves conclusively the folly of those who inaugurated it. The men are back where they started from, all they have to show for their long and bitter fight is a dead loss of over \$80,000 in wages that they ought to have had. The company's loss foots up over a quarter of a million, which they are better able to lose than the men. The loss to the general public, the patrons of the road, and merchants cannot be computed in coin, but it would be safe in placing the entire loss to Chicago and Chicago citizens at a good half million—and all for what?

Young Frank Hurt, of this city has not yet recovered his normal mental equipoise, and still remains under the spell cast on him by Parson Creffield. He recently made an attempt to influence Miss Esther Taylor, once a member of the society here, to remain true to the faith. The young lady is now at the home of the Boys and Girls Aid Society, in East Portland, suffering from mental derangement due to the religious mania said to have been brought on by the ravings of the fanatics. With a carelessness almost criminal, Miss Taylor was allowed to be taken to church on Sunday last, and on the way young Hurt met and urged her to "Remember and keep on victory's side." This greatly excited her, as her mind is still very weak, and she made a scene in the church. The officers of the Home are to be blamed for making this scene possible, and it is hoped that greater care will be exercised in the future.

A good move in the way of good roads is being put forward in Congress. If the bill, which was introduced into the house of representatives of the Fifty-eighth congress, on November 19th, by Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, becomes a law, the State of Oregon will become entitled to the sum of \$250,000, payable in three years, 1904-5-6, to be expended in the improvement of her public highways, providing that the state, counties and municipal districts in which the proposed improvements are to be made will co-operate in the work and bear their pro rata share of the expense. The main objects of the bill are to create in the department of agriculture, a bureau to be known as the Bureau of Public Roads, and to provide for a system of national, state, and local co-operation in the permanent improvement of the public highways. The general policy of the bureau, so far as may be, is a uniform method of road construction, repair and maintenance throughout the United States, and to co-operate with state or civil sub-division thereof in the actual construction of permanent highways.

The article published in last Tuesday's issue of this paper entitled "To Stop Tax Dodging," was sent to the GAZETTE for publication by a newspaper office from another county. The GAZETTE complied with the request and published it accordingly but overlooked stating its origin. In making up the paper the article was placed upon the editorial page. From its position in the paper it would naturally be considered by the reader to voice the sentiment of the GAZETTE upon the points therein mentioned. While there are some things in the article interesting and could be made to subserve the public good if carried into practical effect, yet there are some points stated which do not apply to conditions existing in Benton county, and, therefore, do not express the views of the GAZETTE. While there are no doubt a very few persons in Benton

county who may not give in all of their property the cases are the exception. There is positive statute law requiring every person to list and give to the assessor a complete itemized list of all of his or her property. To refrain from completing such list is a violation of positive law and the parties who fail to comply with that law, "dodge taxes," necessarily become law breakers. Benton county is not made up of a lawless population, but her citizens are law abiding, God obeying and peaceful people, as is abundantly evidenced by the records of the Benton County Courts. The circuit courts of some counties are in session all of the time and others for two or three weeks at a time with frequent sessions. In Benton county, circuit court seldom lasts over three or four days at a time, and rarely over a week. The people of Benton county as a rule list their property for the assessor completely and fairly, the exception being rare for which there is ample law to require those who fail to comply. The low valuations mentioned in the article so as to cause taxpayers to not pay more than one-tenth of their proper taxes does not apply to Benton county, because the tax roll for the present year abundantly evidences pieces of property listed on the tax roll for greater value than the owners thereof have for several years held the price of the same property for sale, while all other pieces of property in the county is valued high.

The taxpayer is in no way responsible for the taxable value placed upon property assessed. It is the assessor who places the value thereon. The law requires the taxpayer to make a complete itemized list of his taxable property, but does not require or permit him to put the taxable value thereon, but the law does require the assessor to value all property at an equal ratable cash value thereon, such cash value to be governed by the same cash value as he places upon any other taxpayer's property, and this is the kind of a cash value which is intended by the tax law.

The talk named in the article purporting to have taken place between neighbors to the effect "that they would list their property completely if their neighbors would make also as complete a list" does not apply to Benton county, because as stated the taxpayers are good about making proper lists.

As to the forms mentioned in the article of publishing each individual taxpayer's assessment prior to the meeting of the board of equalization to thus give publicity and general knowledge to the mass of the people as to the condition of the taxation of the property in the county, would be an excellent thing providing such inexpensive methods of details can be devised, in the way of advertising to carry it into effect so that the taxpayers can afford to pay the expense thereof, because all new or additional labor put upon the gathering of taxes must finally be borne and paid by the taxpayer, and yet publicity is the great leveler and equalizer of all public concerns.

To All Fraternal Societies.

We wish to commence our lodge directory with the new year, and would ask secretaries to bring the matter before their lodges at once. A standing advertisement of each lodge will be inserted for \$3 per year. No other charges will be made for changes in meeting or officers, reports of meetings, special meetings, elections, etc. This directory is a great convenience to people living out of town and to members of any of the orders visiting Corvallis, and its value depends in a great measure on its being kept up to date. As December is the month when most elections are held, we would ask the secretaries to promptly report all elections of officers as soon as held.

The night School for Bookkeeping and Typewriting meets on Monday and Thursday evenings of each week, in the Corvallis Business College.

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Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, Oct. 9, 1903.
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,

THOMAS D. HUFFT, of Wren, county of Benton, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5307, for the purchase of the S. 1/2 of N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 12, in T. 12 N. 12 E. R. 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 Victor P. Moses, County Clerk at Corvallis, Oregon, on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1904.

He names as witnesses: George Green of Philomath, Oregon, Edward C. King, Herman S. Pitman and Jesse M. Hufft of Wren, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of January, 1904.
ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., November 13, 1903.
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, Philip H. Johnson, of Monmouth, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6122, for the purchase of the E. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 15, in Township No. 12 S. R. No. 3 West, 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 Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Inavale, Oregon, Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler, Frank Fisher, all of Monmouth, Oregon.
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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the estate of L. Diller, deceased, notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate that said administrator has filed his final account in said estate and that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, in probate, has appointed Monday, the fourth day of January, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the County Court House in the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the final settlement thereof.
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Administrator of the Estate of L. Diller, deceased,
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