

THE GAZETTE.

THE ASSESSMENT PROBLEM.

Mr. SEARS, of Multnomah county, who is a large stock owner in Eastern Oregon, says that cattle in this country are assessed at a higher figure than their real value, while in Multnomah county but few have been paying taxes on more than half value. Hence the action of the state board of equalization.

The "sprunging" of the poll tax matter at the city election last Tuesday, we understand, is charged to certain persons. The first the writer ever heard of it was when Judge of Election J. B. Sperry made the announcement that the payment of city poll tax was one very important and necessary qualification of a voter. We believe Heppner has voted five times without exacting this of citizens; in other words it has been a sort of a dead letter, but yet it may be, and no doubt is, a strict adherence to the law. There are many citizens of Heppner, however, who would like to see this subject thoroughly investigated and settled for all time to come.

THE RIGHT WAY.

The city election for 1892 was not without incident. It was stubbornly contested throughout, though it proved not to be as close as many expected. But it is hoped that no animosities have been engendered over so small a matter as the city election of Heppner. To be sure, there is much for the new council to do, for Heppner is on the eve of putting its waterworks, which will require the expenditure of a good many thousand dollars. It is therefore desired that all will move along with harmony and good will; that new members may profit by the experience of older heads in municipal affairs.

LIKE THE DEMOCRATS.

With just regard for the truth, the most sanguine republican must admit that the camp at Portland was badly shaken up at their meeting last week, as ever was one of the democratic persuasion anywhere. They did not get drunk, however, which is to their credit.

The trouble originated over the young "boss," John L. Ayer, who had become arrogant in the grand prospect of future dictatorship. And, too, the deposed leaders, Simon and Lotan, did not admire the manner in which Mr. Ayer was running things, so left a willing hand in taking his head off.

The Oregonian exposes the "advance report" of the convention which was sent to many country papers, with the promise that they would not publish till late in the afternoon of Thursday last. If it purported to be a practical rendition of the program, but not a single part of it was carried out. Mr. Ayer had promised to telegraph any slight change that might occur, but an entire revolution in matters was rather too much, and consequently nothing came. So the "advance report" went for solid facts.

The Gazette has no sympathy with bossism, let it come from whence it may. But after all, the deposition of the young boss may prove a valuable lesson and all go on without a rupture, but that is not likely.

The Gazette alluded to the peculiarities of both great parties in a recent issue, and we will say again that the members of the republican party are prone to become aggrieved at the action of individuals and sacrifice every principle for a little revenge, which always proves a boomerang in disguise, for it never fails to return in full force on the "kicker." If our republics would become a little more "democratic" on such occasions it might tide them over difficulties that seriously interfere with the welfare of the party, and do no good to the individual members. Our democratic friends will split up and row a little, but they know how to cement the breaks and vote "right" at the next election. Can't we learn a lesson?

A POWERFUL AGENT.

How Electricity Cured a Man Who Had Been in Constant Pain Two Months.

EDITOR OREGONIAN—Sir: For two months prior to calling on Dr. Darrin I had been in almost constant pain in my head, night and day. My ideas were confused and my reason almost dethroned from its terrible effects. The trouble arose from stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Dr. Darrin cured the pain in my head with electricity and home treatment in two months. I reside at 902 Sixth street, East Portland, and will gladly answer any questions concerning my case. ALBERT HAYTHURST.

DR. DARRIN'S LOW CHARGES.

Owing to the "hard times," Dr. Darrin will in future give Electric treatment for \$5 a week, or in that proportion, as cases may require. The poor free daily from 10 to 11 a. m.; those able to pay, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 12. All curable chronic, acute, private and wasting diseases, including stricture, hydrocele and varicocele, cancers, tumors and all malignant diseases treated successfully, and cures guaranteed and never published. The doctor also cures deafness, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, consumption, heart disease, dyspepsia, liver and kidney diseases at his offices, 70 1/2 Washington street, Portland. All surgical operations skillfully performed. Consultation strictly confidential. Send for question blank and circular.

These Cork sowed 30 acres of barley Friday of last week. How's this for January, and where can you beat it?

From the Evening Telegram. County Judge Moreland quite naturally and properly expressed himself yesterday in reply to the statements made a few days ago in the Telegram by Mr. Shelton, chairman of the state board of equalization. There is evidently a difference of opinion about what the legal rights of the county are, and it is evident, also, that the difference will go to the courts to be settled. It will probably land in the United States federal court, and it would not be the proper thing for a newspaper to say that it has an idea what the decision of that court will be.

Right here, however, we desire to take issue with Judge Moreland; and we can do so all the more freely and unrestrainedly because we know that he is an able, capable and efficient public official. He is not only doing, as he always has done, his duty honestly and capably, but in this matter he is trying to protect the county, of which he is Judge, from the payment of a large amount of money. It is a difficult position, and if we, believing as we do, that the state board did the right thing, were in Judge Moreland's place, we would probably do just as he has done. We take it for granted that he owes that much to his own county. But this is the small, selfish, narrow personal, local way of looking at the question. We, not being a county official, have to look at it differently.

And when we do, we find this as the ultimate analysis: The state board of equalization was and is absolutely right. The only legitimate complaint that can be made is that it did not carry out the right thing quite far enough. When it decided to tax mortgages at their full value, as the law requires it must do, and requires every assessor to do, it did just right; but while it was about it, the board should have raised the assessment on land, sleep and everything else, to its full value. The state board showed that it was weak and worthless, not because it assessed Multnomah county mortgages for what they were worth—that was a good job—but because it did not have the moral courage to assess other classes of property the same way. On that one point the Multnomah county capitalists may beat the case.

Our complaint, if we were disposed to make any, would not be in regard to what the state board did, but only what it did not do. We admit that there are millions of dollars here in Portland that all these years have escaped taxation. The owners don't propose to pay taxes on it; and they won't; they will go into a certain court, and, as we have intimated, the chances are that a power outside the state will decide that a state law and a state commission is powerless, worthless. It has done this before; it may be done again.

Judge Moreland talks as an attorney for the county. In his position he can do no less. We all expect that of him, and know that he has the ability to maintain his ground. But above and beyond all that, and forgetting all self-interest, personal or local considerations, the broad, single, simple truth is that the state board is right, and Multnomah county is wrong. We will probably win the fight, but when we do we will shake the few twenty-dollar coins we save thereby with the consciousness of having escaped a just assessment. The only moral satisfaction we can get is that Clatsop, Lincoln, Douglas, Union, Lane, Washington, Wasco—every other county in the state is trying to beat us at our own game; and every sort and style of property has its mouth wide open begging to be assessed at one-quarter what it is worth. Isn't it really time somebody stepped forward and made a sacrifice, temporarily, in order to inaugurate a reign of common honesty about taxation in this state? If Multnomah county, with all its millions of untaxed mortgages, is to be the first victim, well and good; what county can stand it better? If it comes to that, what men can stand it better than the owners of these securities? Of course they won't pay it ultimately, we all understand that; the borrowers pay for it anyway, first or last; but to come back to the original proposition, the state board did simply the right and just thing; only it should have followed it up by assessing everything else the same way. But we will come to that a little later. This is a good deal like "tariff reform"; it can't be done all at once. The democrats will do a little at a time, although would like to do it all at once. Let us get our nose in, and it won't be long till the whole body will follow. We judge that was what the board of equalization thought. It picked out Multnomah county as a victim. So far as we are entitled to speak, we plead guilty. The board simply did its duty, only it did not do its full duty, and all the special pleading of Judge Moreland and all the other good friends and servants of Multnomah county cannot escape that conclusion.

The best, the right, the honorable thing to do, is for Multnomah county to pay its taxes, as assessed by the state board, and if it has any grievance, go before the board next year and not "sneak" about a just and lawful assessment, but simply ask that other property, all over the state, be assessed as the law requires, at its actual cash value. Then Oregon would be worth \$500,000,000, and perhaps everybody with four bits would not be trying to dodge his little share of taxation, as they do now, and nowhere so completely and successfully as here in Multnomah county. To tell the truth, we can't blame the board for making an example of us.

I had a severe attack of catarrh and became so deaf I could not hear common conversation. I suffered terribly from roaring in my head. I procured a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm, and in three weeks could hear as well as I ever could, and now I can say to all who are afflicted with the worst of diseases, catarrh, take Ely's Cream Balm and be cured. It is worth \$1,000 to any man, woman or child suffering from catarrh.—A. E. Newman, Grayling, Mich.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met in regular session last Monday evening. All present except Malloy. Minutes of the last regular and special sessions read and approved. Councilman Gilliam reports progress on the matter of securing a place for book and ladder. Also that he had heard nothing from Mr. D. W. Alb, of Weston. Motion by McAtee, seconded by Gilliam, that the committee on streets and public property remove obstructions on L. D. Boyd's property, was carried. Bills allowed: G. W. Hen, \$50, allowed \$25; A. A. Roberts, \$16.66; J. W. Rasmus, \$60. Mr. Emery Oliver, the engineer, reported present, and asked council for help in surveying the town and adjoining property preparatory to putting in waterworks. Referred to the committee on fire and water. Council adjourned.

ARLINGTON DOINGS.

Hon. W. R. Ellis passed through Tuesday. Louis La Pointe, formerly of this burg, was in town last week. W. A. Von Cadow returned from Portland Monday in time to vote for? Mr. and Mrs. Homer Comfort, who have been visiting friends and relatives, returned home Tuesday morning. Doctor E. H. Griffin is back again in his old quarters with his son, Fred, who is studying dentistry under his father. Sheriff Wilcox returned from the Washington side of the river with the individual who hired a horse from Mack's stable at Condon, and forgot to take it back. He disposed of the horse, valued by the owner, Dr. Nicklen, at \$45, for \$15. Jack Layman and John Hoss had a fistie set to last Friday night, Marshal Carlie appearing upon the scene and called a draw. Hoss was willing to pay a fine and cry "quits," but Layman desired to stand trial, a hearing being set for Tuesday afternoon before the recorder. Wm. Spense, who is well known here, passed through Tuesday on his way to Salem, where he is sentenced for eight years on account of his actions regarding Mrs. Alice Weaver, the nauseating details of which appeared in the Oregonian some time ago. Spense is the only one convicted. The sentence is regarded as exceptionally severe. Ed. Huntley, who was relieved of his brilliant, famous from Maine to California, whilst traveling by stage in Montana, was in town Monday and left on the afternoon accompanied by his assistant for Heppner. Arlington, Feb. 2, '92.

C. S. Van Duyn's,

63 1/2 First National Bank Building.

Revival services will begin at the M. E. church, south, Sunday night. No services in the morning. Mr. Bell will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. E. C. Adkins, a former pastor, and later on by Rev. M. V. Howard, of Walla Walla.

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BARBER'S DAY.—On Thursday of each week will be "barber's day" at Danner's gallery. Bring along your babies and have their pictures taken, and you will get one photo free of charge. 68-ft.

A. C. Pettys was up from Ione today. Gazette on Thornton's counters. Price 10 cents. J. P. Hadley and wife, of Hardman, were down first of the week. G. W. Smith and R. J. Hill, of Lexington, called this afternoon. A. E. Murphy, of Missouri, but more recently of Hardman, is spending a few weeks here.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Flour, Hogs, Sheep, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Turkeys for both CALIFORNIA MARKET and PORTLAND MARKET.

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LOST. An ivory umbrella handle between my ranch and Heppner. Finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at the Gazette office or at my place. 63-ft. Wm. HITCHES.

STOP IT. I warn all parties, old and young, big little or otherwise to stop "canning" dogs and avoid arrest. If continued, it will cause a runaway. 63-4 J. W. RASMUS, Marshal.

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