

NOTHING IS EXEMPT.

Under the New Tax Law Everybody Must Hereafter Pay Taxes.

With the taking effect of an act passed by the last legislature, everybody must hereafter pay taxes, and there will be no longer any such distinction as taxpayers and non taxpayers. All in future will be qualified to vote at school elections, or join the taxpayers league, and there will be no such thing as a man being excused from jury duty because he is not a taxpayer. It will not be possible to make a change against a man running for public office that his name does not appear on the tax roll says the Oregonian.

If the new law is carried out, and there is no reason why it will not be done, the names of all persons, except minors, paupers and Indians, must appear on the tax roll. It will be a perfect encyclopedia of information.

Under the statute concerning exemptions as amended all personal property is subject to taxation. Nothing is exempt. Even a man's dog, which according to law, is personal property, can be assessed. Wearing apparel, ball gowns and dress suits are no longer passed by; bicycles can be taxed as well as licensed; bootblack stands can be taxed, barbershops, surgeons' instruments, private automobiles, a horse and buggy, express wagons, books, pictures, musical instruments, watches, jewelry, typewriters owned by individuals—in fact the new law does not omit anything.

This change of conditions was brought about by the passage of a bill which cuts out the following sections from the statute concerning tax exemptions previously in force:

"The personal property of all persons, who by reason of infirmity, age or poverty may, in the opinion of the assessor, be unable to contribute towards the public charges.

"The personal property of every householder to the amount of \$300, the articles to be selected by the householder shall be exempt.

The exemptions from assessment and taxation in the law as amended, briefly stated, are as follows:

"The public or corporate property.

"The personal property of any literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions; real estate actually used by such corporations. Houses of public worship, schools, libraries and property of Indians."

From this it will be seen that the assessor now has a wide scope, and can go into a workshop and assess tools, into any office and assess a typewriter, or desk, or the suit of clothing worn for personal adornment, or even a police man's uniform.

Nor is this all, as will be observed by a perusal of the following clause which has been inserted in the general tax law, instructing the sheriff how to proceed to collect delinquent taxes on personal property:

"He shall levy upon the personal property on which such taxes were assessed wherever the same may be found, and regardless of the ownership thereof at the time of the levy."

Examine Alaska Fisheries.

Washington, April 22.—On June 1 a party of scientists under charge of Professor David Star Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, and Dr. Barton W. Evermann, of the United States Fish Commission, will sail from Puget Sound on the fish commission steamer Albatross to make a tour of the fishing grounds of Alaska with an intention of studying the species and habits of the fish inhabiting the Northern waters.

The party stops at Vancouver Island and thence proceeds northward, stopping at Prince Edward's Island Kadiak Islands, Karluk, Klawak, Loring Island, Shelikof Strait, Bristol Bay, Nushagak, Nana and the seal islands and other fishing grounds on the way. If the expedition has time it is to cross the Alaskan peninsula and investigate the kinds of fish that inhabit the Arctic Ocean.

On the return trip the party will visit the more important canneries and salmon fisheries and make a complete report, which is to serve as a guide for Congress in framing future legislation looking to the protection of the Alaska salmon supply, and which will also form the basis for new Treasury Department regulations.

America School of Business.

London, April 24.—The British Consul at Chicago, Mr. Wyndham, in his annual report on Chicago and the whole consular district, gives a glowing account of the great and increasing prosperity thereof and pays high tributes to American methods. He expresses the opinion that the progress of the country is largely due to the "opportunity both in business and in employment in this large, young country, the encouragement given to workmen, the rewarding of merit, the intimate acquaintance of the heads of firms with the work of their subordinates, the keen enthusiasm shown by the workmen in the interests of their employers and to the absolute fearlessness on the part of the business man in venturing on any experiments, either in machinery or system, that may be brought before him."

Mr. Wyndham urges the importance of a careful study of the business and manufacturing methods of the United States and the adoption of those which are suitable to the country where trade is sought for. He considers that such a study is indispensable to holding trade where English merchants are active. This study must, however, be prolonged for several months as a short stay of a day or two in the big cities, so often deemed sufficient by European visitors, is "worse than useless, as any one not accustomed to their ways at first only sees the bad points and learns nothing."

Many Stock Sales at Ritter.

Ritter, Ore., April 25.—W. E. Piersol of Ritter bought from T. J. Ennis Monday seven yearling steers, one yearling heifer and three 2 year old heifers, paying \$210, or slightly over \$19 a head. The stock bought will not leave this vicinity. Mr. Ennis has no more cattle left.

Walter Jones of Dale bought 55 head of 2 year old steers, four head of 2 year old heifers and an unknown range horse, 60 head in all, last Friday from T. J. Ennis. Twenty-seven dollars a head was paid all round. The bunch was moved to Desolation creek, 20 miles from Ritter, for summer range.

Samuel Reynolds of Susanville purchased from H. H. Arbogast of Ritter seven 3 year old steers for his butcher shop at Susanville, paying \$290. These steers were culled from a band of 57 head, and were the lightest of the herd. Mr. Arbogast has 50 head left, which will be put on the June market. These steers were all stall fed on headed wheat and were in prime condition.

Will Forbid Grazing.

"Unwelcome as the information may be, nevertheless the stockmen of the Pacific northwest may as well face the inevitable truth that before many years the government will have to put a stop permanently to the grazing of all sorts of live stock in the forest reserves," says Congressman J. N. Williamson.

Congressman Williamson himself is a sheep breeder, and quite naturally does not desire to accelerate the progress of the antigrazing sentiment in the departments at Washington.

"No matter what we people here may want, the end is certain to be as I have indicated. It is true that the heads of departments in Washington will be considerate, and will bring in the new regime gradually. Yet, put it off as they may, and delay the final consummation as we will certainly do as long as we can, yet before many years it will be the rule that no live stock of any description will be permitted upon any forest reserve in the United States."

This is the substance of what Congressman Williamson learned concerning one of the most important matters that engage the attention of Oregon stockmen at this time. He believes that it is not the part of wisdom to shut one's eyes to the truth.

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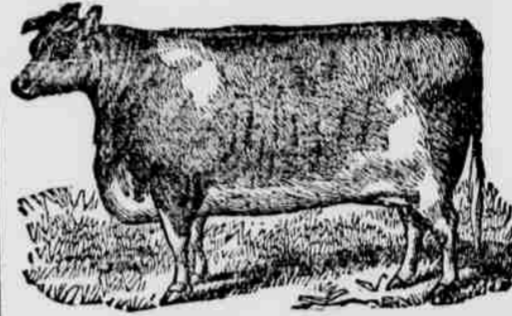
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