

The Enterprise.

OREGON CITY, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1878.

The Locks at the Cascades.

Senator Mitchell succeeded in getting the appropriation in aid of the locks at the Cascades increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000 in the appropriation bill which has just passed the two Houses, and which now only awaits the President's signature to become a law.

Stewart's Women's Hotel.

After a thorough trial, it is announced that the exclusive feature of a woman's hotel, established by the municipality of Stewart, has been abandoned—it having been found that women will not herd together by themselves like that biped brute of a man—man, but insist on being accessible, and contiguous to the opposite sex; and, hankering after his companionship, will rather elude to the old order of things than to be shut up in the gilded cage erected by Stewart for their separate and exclusive entertainment.

Dry Weather—Crops and Prices.

We are having a long spell of dry weather, which is producing a disastrous effect to the late sown grain, and unless we are soon favored with a dispensation of Jupiter Pluvius will result in a very serious diminishing of the Oregon wheat crop.

The Assessment Law.

There is a pretty general call for some legislation looking to a change or modification of the assessment laws whereby there can be an arrival at a more equitable and fair basis of assessment of the "just and unjust" in Oregon.

Some advocate an assessment of all indebtedness without an abatement for inequity; this would work a great measure of injustice to the debtor classes, and is a species of wrong which the courts should not tolerate, it being contrary to the idea of equal and exact assessment contemplated by the law.

Our present loss of assessable property does not lie in the item of "debtors for indebtedness" so much as in the item of "debts due and to become due," and it is the people who evade strict accountability for the latter item who must be legislated against rather than the first.

The remedy lies in legislation for a sworn statement from every property holder, bank, banker, corporation company and institution of deposit, on a given day, showing a detailed statement of assessable property on hand, and debts due or to become due, against which should come the offset of indebtedness owing to the detailed list of creditors with their several places of residence.

Against the requirement of a strict accountability like the foregoing is a hue and cry that it is inquisitorial and odious. We answer that a man's honor is an inquisitor, and any fair and just statement he may make of his financial condition to the assessor is no less inquisitorial in its results than the sworn statement which should be required under the amendment to the law we have proposed.

Let us amend the law to catch the creditor classes, rather than to pile on a heavier burden on the debtor. The theory of no deduction for indebtedness will not reach the evil of unequal assessments, but will rather add to it; but the law requiring a sworn exhibit at a given time, under severe penalties for a failure to conform, will produce the proper remedy at once, and thus cure what is a radical existing evil in our assessment law.

The peases of the country is the first consideration of patriots. This new effort of the Democracy to inaugurate anarchy and Mexicanize the government by throwing doubts upon the legitimacy of the title of the President is in keeping with the records of that party, one wing of which rebelled against the government, while the other wing gave their aid and comfort.

The latest news from the Indian war reports the savages slaughtering cattle in the vicinity of Camp Harvey, and the people at that post are in great danger of being captured and massacred. Gen. Howard is in the field with a force of 850 men, which is considered inadequate to cope with the hostiles, who number about 600, and are receiving accessions daily. The situation is critical, and it will cost many lives before the Indians are subdued.

The Locks Law.

The law enacted by the Legislature two years ago was all very well as far as it went, but it failed to create a liability for damages to the State for failure to conform to its provisions, and so we find that the W. R. T. & L. Co., the present owners of the works, have resisted the Commissioners in all that class of requirements from the owners for which damages were not prescribed by the law.

They pursued them from one court to another, always gaining the victory and only balked by the law's delays from a final consummation of the decree of the highest court. This was procured some six months ago and the Commissioners have been using the time in the interval up to a month ago in coaxing and threatening the corporation to return the manifests of freight for each trip of boats operated by them—for which the Company stood delinquent for a year and a half. They succeeded in this about a month ago—after five months of contumacy before the courts this high toned corporation acquired in the law and the manifests were made out. The Commissioners then made a demand on the Company for the ten per cent. of the gross proceeds of the Company due to the school fund per the terms of the charter, which according to the account of the Commissioners amounts to seven or eight thousand dollars.

There is no doubt but that the law prevented the sealing up of the Locks and saved the farmers of the Willamette Valley from an odious and extortionate freight combination which had been entered into by the co-conspirators; and the Commissioners "though balked off have won" they have had an inessential fight on their hands. The owners of the Locks are so related and blended with the owners of the O. S. N. Co. that the tyranny of the one has its reflex in the obduracy of the other, the difference being that one under the restraint of the law is nullified, and the other now so arrogant is only waiting to be bridle—when it should be the thanks of the people for their earnest and prolonged fight against the most powerful monopoly north of California, and it is a source of gratification to know that the will of the people when properly directed is superior to the plans and combinations of monopolists.

As we predicted a few weeks ago, after the fog house of the Senate got through with a necessary amount of gush and gasconade, they referred the payment of the five and one-half million dollars award for the Canadian fisheries arbitration to President Hayes, and the Cabinet recommending its payment, if, in their judgment, the National honor demanded it. There is no doubt but that we were egregiously swindled in the finding, but, having gone into the arbitration, it would illustrate the worst kind of dishonor to crawlish from its payment. While it may do to disregard our treaty obligations to Indians, and minor nations, it will not answer so well to put our dereliction square in the light of the highest civilization of Europe, and particularly with a power of the size of Great Britain. And so, after Scott's pet, Blaine, and that other demagogue, Oglesby, got through with their fanfare and combined with ground and lofty tumbling, the Senate, under the cooler inspiration of Bayard, Thurman, McMillan and Hoar, voted to obey the ordinary instinct of personal honor, and abide by the result of the arbitration.

A class of lumbags like Blaine, Oglesby, Howe and Hamlin, who are always found raising a hornets' nest on all questions of National policy, just for their love of a ruction, do more to give color to the instability of Republics than all other causes combined. They are the froth which rises above the sedate, solid common sense of the Senate; and while seeming to give color to legislation, dissipate before the cooler judgment of statesmen whose wisdom finally prevails over the vagaries of the Hotspurs of the Senate.

The Halifax Award.

The Portland municipal election was held last Monday with the following result: Peter Taylor, Dem., Police Commissioner; Councilmen, J. W. Payne, Dem., 1st ward; E. H. Stolob, Rep., 2d ward; H. Weber, Rep., 3d ward.

New To-Day.

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND WRIT of execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Clatsop, dated the 15th day of May A. D. 1878, and to me as Sheriff directed, in favor of the State of Oregon and against John A. Snoddy, for the sum of \$125.00, I have sold and do hereby offer for sale at public auction, on the 25th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House door in Oregon City, Clatsop County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit: The northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., of the Willamette Meridian. Also the following, being the fractional south 1/2 of the south 1/2 of sec. 25 in T. 3 S., R. 2 E., of the Willamette Meridian, containing 600 acres. Also the southeast 1/4 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., of the Willamette Meridian, containing 600 acres. Also the fractional west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., of the Willamette Meridian, containing 600 acres. Also the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., of the Willamette Meridian. On Saturday, the 25th day of June, 1878, at the Court House door in Oregon City, Clatsop County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction, on the 25th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House door in Oregon City, Clatsop County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit: The above named defendant, John A. Snoddy, in and to the following described property, to-wit: The largest bidder for cash to me in hand will satisfy the balance of said account with interest, costs and accruing costs thereon. THOS. S. MILLER, Sheriff of Clatsop County, Oregon.

The Conference of the Powers.

At the instance and invitation of Germany, the several powers that are presumed to hold the destiny of Europe under official supervision, were invited to meet in Berlin on the 13th of this month, to take into consideration the situation relative to the Russian triumph over Turkey; and to what extent, if any, the treaty of San Stefano should be modified. It is called in the interest of pacification of the several distracted nations, whose interests are supposed to be imperiled by the result of the war. It is fortunate for the prospect of a peaceful termination of the crisis that the objections to the treaty are founded on different reasons by the principal objectors, Austrian interests being totally diverse and foreign to the paramount objection of England. Under such circumstances the Russians can afford to conciliate one, and thus destroy the prospect of an alliance to contest with them the substantial fruits of the victory. It may be found, however, as the result of the conference, that England, Austria, Italy and France are all opposed to Russian territorial acquisition, and will insist in sending them back to their previous lines of limit, and interpose a government under the protection of the great powers in lieu of Turkish autonomy over Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, leaving but a small slice of land to the Turks in Europe of their grand possessions before the war. Nothing but the projection of a government of this kind, under the guarantee of the powers will save the ultimate requirement of all this territory to Russia, including Constantinople. This would make her such a Colossus that all the balance of Europe would scarcely be a match to contend with her in any subsequent embroilment. It will make her a nation of over one hundred million inhabitants, and there is plenty of cause for the alarm actively felt by England and Austria over the situation. If Russia acquires the practical control of the Turkish provinces named, Austria would be completely enveloped and surrounded by an ananona whose tightening folds would soon begin to be felt on its south and west, while Prussian cords bind it tightly on the north and east. She would finally be choked to death, and Russia and Prussia will divide the spoils. As for England, with Russian acquisition of the Turkish provinces, there is the danger of a naval power being built up, (they then being in undisputed possession of the Black Sea) which will speedily grow into rivalry with her own, and no odious English domination of the seas, which is all that gives England the prominence that she now enjoys. So that England and Austria are much exercised at the situation of affairs, and see exact to see a prolonged continuance of the conference, and very skillful diplomatic maneuvering of the agents of the interested parties before a conclusion is finally arrived at. We believe it will result in a peaceful termination, but there may grow out of it one of the grandest enterprises of the world as ever seen, as the interests at stake involve the ultimate life or death of Austria, and the final eclipse of the star of English supremacy in the councils of Europe. Diplomatic deems it of so much importance that he goes himself as one of the representatives of his government to the conference.

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By virtue of the above warrant I have levied on the following described property, to-wit: The 20th day of June, A. D. 1878, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M., at the Court House door in Oregon City, Clatsop County, State of Oregon, I will execute for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the following described real property, sufficient amount of each item named in the within delinquent tax-list, as shown upon the delinquent list, together with costs and accruing costs, to-wit: Bellman, Frank, west part of Snoddy's claim, sec. 9 and 6, 2 s, r 3; 180 acres. Tax \$2.20. Ringman, Isaac, heir of part of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., containing 48 acres. Tax \$2.20. James, James, 6 s of sec. 9, 2 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Brown, E. Oswego, 2 blocks in McMillan's addition. Tax \$1.00. Barry, Pat, 1/2 of sec. 9, 2 s, r 1; 5; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Dowden, John, part of claim No. 23, 3 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Burton, T. S. W. of n e 1/4 and n e 1/4 of sec. 24, 1 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Buckner, John, n e 1/4 of sec. 4, 1 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Cahill, Enos, part of the 1/2 of Splink claim; 119 acres. Tax \$5.00. Gately, David, part of Barber claim, sec. 31, 4 s, r 1; containing 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Zimmerman, Chas, 6 s of sec. 4, 1 s, r 1; containing 40 acres. Tax \$2.20. Frank, R. W. of n w 1/4, and n e 1/4 of sec. 2, 1 s, r 2; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Case, R. W. s of sec. 1 of sec. 27, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Duff, Patrick, 1/2 of sec. 2, 1 s, r 2; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Davis, William, n w 1/4 of sec. 1, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Douglas, J. D., n 1/2 of sec. 10, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Murray, James, w 1/2 of sec. 4, of sec. 1 of sec. 33, township 2 s, r 1; 120 acres. Tax \$1.40. McGill, Thomas, Oregon City, lot 5 in block 17. Tax \$0.10. Demie, G. W., fractional s 1/2 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Demie, W. H., part of Ben Ross's claim, sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Duffield, Albert, w 1/2 of sec. 21, 1 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Elliot, T. A., s 1/2 of sec. 21, 1 s, r 2; 40 acres. Tax \$2.20. Everest, Lyman, 6 s of sec. 4, and s e 1/4 of sec. 9, township 6 s, r 1; 120 acres. Tax \$2.20. Fletcher, T. H., 1/2 of w 1/4 of sec. 21, township 2 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Franklin, A., part of Stoker claim, sec. 20, 2 s, r 2; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Funk, Philip, part of S Church claim, sec. 25 and 26, 2 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Galvin, Thomas, sec. 30, 1 s, r 3; 60 acres. Tax \$2.20. Govey, Elijah, n e 1/4 of sec. 14 and s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 160 acres. Tax \$1.50. Gosser, Rob, 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec. 18, 1 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Hoggles, Harry, s 1/4 of sec. 19, 1 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Hall, R. C., s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Imman, P. R., s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Ingraham, Henry, part of sec. 13 and 21, township 3 s, r 1; 87 acres. Tax \$4.60. Jewell, James, fractional s 1/2 of sec. 14 of sec. 3, township 5 s, r 1; 70 acres. Tax \$2.20. Kellgren, Orin, heirs of part of claim 33, in sec. 12, township 2 s, r 1; 12 acres. Tax \$2.20. Koblberger, Jesse, s 1/4 and s e 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 16, township 2 s, r 3; 147 acres. Tax \$2.20. Kinney, John, Oregon City, lot 8 in block 14. Tax \$0.10. Kelllogg, Joseph, n 1/2 of sec. 14 of sec. 20, township 2 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Lee, S. P., n 1/2 of sec. 14 of sec. 22, 1 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Long, Lewis, part of Hamilton claim 73, sec. 21 and 25, 1 s, r 1; 140 acres. Tax \$1.00. Lee, Mrs. M., part of claim 43, sec. 93 and 24, 1 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Milby, J. H., s 1/4 of sec. 20, 1 s, r 3; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Milligan, F., w 1/4 of sec. 1 of sec. 31, 1 s, r 3; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40.

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Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF OREGON, S. S. COUNTY OF CLATSOP. TO THE SHERIFF OF SAID COUNTY: IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF OREGON, you are commanded to levy on the goods and chattels of the delinquent taxpayers named in the within delinquent tax-list, or so much thereof as will satisfy amount due, together with costs and accruing costs; and if no personal property be found, then upon the real property as set forth in said tax-list, or so much thereof as will satisfy the same, and you are required to perform the first Monday after the 1st day of July, 1878, to the County Treasurer of said county, and seal of office hereto attached. Witness my official signature and seal of office this 15th day of May, 1878. W. H. H. FORTIS, County Clerk.

By virtue of the above warrant I have levied on the following described property, to-wit: The 20th day of June, A. D. 1878, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M., at the Court House door in Oregon City, Clatsop County, State of Oregon, I will execute for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the following described real property, sufficient amount of each item named in the within delinquent tax-list, as shown upon the delinquent list, together with costs and accruing costs, to-wit: Bellman, Frank, west part of Snoddy's claim, sec. 9 and 6, 2 s, r 3; 180 acres. Tax \$2.20. Ringman, Isaac, heir of part of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., containing 48 acres. Tax \$2.20. James, James, 6 s of sec. 9, 2 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Brown, E. Oswego, 2 blocks in McMillan's addition. Tax \$1.00. Barry, Pat, 1/2 of sec. 9, 2 s, r 1; 5; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Dowden, John, part of claim No. 23, 3 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Burton, T. S. W. of n e 1/4 and n e 1/4 of sec. 24, 1 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Buckner, John, n e 1/4 of sec. 4, 1 s, r 1; containing 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Cahill, Enos, part of the 1/2 of Splink claim; 119 acres. Tax \$5.00. Gately, David, part of Barber claim, sec. 31, 4 s, r 1; containing 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Zimmerman, Chas, 6 s of sec. 4, 1 s, r 1; containing 40 acres. Tax \$2.20. Frank, R. W. of n w 1/4, and n e 1/4 of sec. 2, 1 s, r 2; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Case, R. W. s of sec. 1 of sec. 27, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Duff, Patrick, 1/2 of sec. 2, 1 s, r 2; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Davis, William, n w 1/4 of sec. 1, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Douglas, J. D., n 1/2 of sec. 10, township 3 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$1.40. Murray, James, w 1/2 of sec. 4, of sec. 1 of sec. 33, township 2 s, r 1; 120 acres. Tax \$1.40. McGill, Thomas, Oregon City, lot 5 in block 17. Tax \$0.10. Demie, G. W., fractional s 1/2 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Demie, W. H., part of Ben Ross's claim, sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Duffield, Albert, w 1/2 of sec. 21, 1 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Elliot, T. A., s 1/2 of sec. 21, 1 s, r 2; 40 acres. Tax \$2.20. Everest, Lyman, 6 s of sec. 4, and s e 1/4 of sec. 9, township 6 s, r 1; 120 acres. Tax \$2.20. Fletcher, T. H., 1/2 of w 1/4 of sec. 21, township 2 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Franklin, A., part of Stoker claim, sec. 20, 2 s, r 2; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Funk, Philip, part of S Church claim, sec. 25 and 26, 2 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Galvin, Thomas, sec. 30, 1 s, r 3; 60 acres. Tax \$2.20. Govey, Elijah, n e 1/4 of sec. 14 and s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 160 acres. Tax \$1.50. Gosser, Rob, 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec. 18, 1 s, r 1; 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Hoggles, Harry, s 1/4 of sec. 19, 1 s, r 1; 100 acres. Tax \$2.20. Hall, R. C., s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Imman, P. R., s 1/4 of sec. 14 of sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., 80 acres. Tax \$2.20. Ingraham, Henry, part of sec. 13 and 21, township 3 s, r 1; 87 acres. Tax \$4.60. Jewell, James, fractional s 1/2 of sec. 14 of sec. 3, township 5 s, r 1; 70 acres. Tax \$2.20. Kellgren, Orin, heirs of part of claim 33, in sec