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How can a law be constitutional which enables men of means to escape their just proportion of taxation.

The annual farce of assessing the several counties of the state is now on. A pity 'tis that the farce can not be turned into a tragedy with the tax evader as leading character.

It is said by one who is in a position to know whereof he speaks that upward of \$1000 a day will be paid for labor upon the west side of the river this season.

If possible each member of the republican county central committee should be present at the meeting in this city next Monday. Let every precinct be represented.

This demand for houses by renters continues to increase. It is evident that building operations for 1890 must greatly exceed those of last year if the demand is met.

Where is Salem, anyway?—Oregon City Enterprise. She is right here. Look over this issue, and see how you like her style.—Statesman. Style good, but say, how do stand so much wind?

A few weeks since a letter was inadvertently published from Springwater which reflected upon one of the citizens of that community. It is but justice to our regular correspondent to say that the communication was not from his pen. It will not happen again.

The SIOUX CITY JOURNAL in an article on the best way to advertise a town says: The best way to advertise a town is to advertise it. And the best way to advertise it is for the men who constitute the town to advertise themselves. A great deal of valuable time is lost in waiting for somebody else to do this—at least to pay for it.

We believe that some of our Canemah friends were unnecessarily alarmed concerning the road along the river banks from Oregon City to that place. The court could hardly afford to consider seriously a proposal to abandon that thoroughfare, which has been in use almost from the earliest settlement of the state. Aside from the claims of the general public which alone would demand its immediate repair, the situation and population of Canemah is such that a gross injustice would be done were the road between here and there abandoned. It is true that the repair must be made at great expense, as it should be well done. It must be built stronger than before owing to the absence of the company's breakwater which is not to be rebuilt. But it is a necessity the same as the Clackamas and Oswego bridges are necessities, and none have the right to object because of expense. Canemah is to all intents and purposes a part of Oregon City, save and except in the one matter of corporate limits. But her interests are our interests and her people are our people; therefore the injustice and unreasonableness of abandoning the sole available avenue of communication. It ought not to be necessary to petition to have it done.

MISTAKES.

What ever may be the belief concerning mistakes made in newspaper offices, it is a fact that, for every error made, a dozen, made by outsiders, are corrected, and if the matter of spelling was included in the estimate the proportion would be nearer 100 to one to 12 to one.

A great many people who send paragraphs for publication seem to believe that the worse the manuscript looks the more it conforms to that to which the printers are accustomed. This may have been true years ago, but to-day the professional newspaper writers furnish, in a large majority of cases, neat and legible "copy" and the average is much better than that sent in from outside. The pains taken to correct evident or possible mistakes would cause surprise to anybody not acquainted with a printing office. Frequently there is a date which must be incorrect, inasmuch as the day of the week and the day of the month do not conform.—Gazette.

The county court yesterday issued an order refusing to grant the much talked of motor franchise. A committee of the Board of Trade presented remonstrances signed by over 1500 citizens and asked to have it determined at this term. But it was developed that the county judge without consulting his col-

leagues, had taken it upon himself to continue the matter for another term at the request of one of the petitioners. Commissioners Bair and Moehnke got together and concluded not to be bound by a decision thus made and determined to deny the petition at once in obedience to public sentiment, so unanimous that no disinterested man in the county has been found to take the other side.

In the matter of so much importance we ought not to forbear to criticise Judge White's actions.

He will remember, as also will the public that when he has done right heretofore we have upheld and commended him, and have never withheld good words because of difference of politics. We hope that both he and the public will believe that it is very painful to us to feel obliged to say that his course in this matter has been reprehensible in the last degree, a permanent disgrace to himself and a positive disgrace to Clackamas county.

What was the proposition? Nothing less than to give certain individuals gratuitously a large proportion of the public improvements of the county—the best bridges and most costly roads—both built largely by private enterprise. We think we do not in the least overstate the case. And to give this public property to whom? To the Judge's nephew, Casius Barlow, another member of his family, George Shepard, and an impudent advertiser named Blaisdell, whom the other two exploited as a railroad building capitalist. We cannot believe that the county judge was deceived as to Blaisdell's standing, and it is against common sense to suppose that he believed that the other two members of his family had the ability to build any railroad whatever or any intention of trying. Their plain intention and hope was to get a franchise from the county which would stand in the way of a genuine enterprise and thereby extort money—proceeding very much akin to blackmail. The proposition had fraud written all over it and ought to have been indignantly rejected and the proposers kicked out of court. But instead of this Judge White evinced an evident leaning in favor of the proposition from the first to the last. The public were justly alarmed at what they were reasonably justified in looking up on as a town says: The best way to advertise a town is to advertise it. And all the more so since it is perfectly well known that the Judge is generally the court, and since neither of the commissioners is known as a pugnacious man or a man of firm and independent thought it was not too much to expect that the Judge might bring at least one commissioner to his way of thinking.

We dismiss this matter with the hope that no county court of this county will again seriously entertain a deliberate proposition to rob the public. The end of this matter shows how difficult it is. There are other adequate means of showing it to be dangerous as well.

COUNTY COURT.

2. O. R. Taylor road ordered open. Bill of expenses \$10.

3. Claim for damages by the John Page road filed by Mrs. A. J. Cherry for \$600. Assessors of damage E. B. Ludding, John Allright and John Lovelace who allowed \$50, which the county will pay.

4. A. V. Newland road ordered open as per report of viewers. Bill of expenses \$20.60.

5. Change ordered in Salmon and Foster road as per report of viewers. Claim of Thomas Garrett for \$500 damages fixed by assessors at \$50.

6. Change ordered in the Joel P. Geer road for report of viewers. Claim of F. W. Geer for \$200 damages thrown out for want of verification of claim. Bill of expenses \$63.

7. Petition of J. R. Olson et al for county road denied as the petition is too indefinite in its specifications.

8. Court adjourned on account of high water.

9. Change ordered in Baker Ferry road through the town of Edgewood upon the payment by petitioners of the expense of survey, and the improvement of said new road.

10. Consolidated with 2. of March petition.

11. Petition of Martin Thomas et al for county road denied owing to a defective petition.

12. Petition of John Hogue et al for county road withdrawn.

MARCH ROCKET.

1. Petition of R. W. Aiden for change in Morton road granted. Viewers A. W. Richards, Jas. Swafford and Fred Ely to meet March 16 at house of R. W. Aiden.

2. Clerk ordered to notify O. I. & S Co that the county bridge at Oswego is in danger by reason of the company's dam, also that in case of damage the county will expect the company to make it good.

14. Reports of supervisors for year ending February 1st 1889 and claims for extra pay.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

No. Supervisor Days End Antlnd apd A.P.D.

1. B. Campbell	28	\$9.05
2. C. W. Risley	9	18.00
3. T. C. Carpis	9	18.00
4. J. R. Olson	12	25.00
5. H. Trox	15	34.00
6. M. E. Willoughby	5	10.00
7. E. H. Burghardt	15	*12.16
8. H. C. Williams	13	25.00
9. G. Jones	21	40.00
10. Henry Miles	16	29.00
11. Pat McAdams	12	24.00
12. W. J. Curran	12	24.00

Poor Hog's Backbone.

EDITION ENTERPRISE:

As I never see anything in your estimable paper about our little burg, I thought I would make an effort with my humble pen to let folks in general know that if we do sit so high and dry above them on Poor Hog's Backbone, we do not feel above them in the least.

It seemed as though the good dames vied with each other in their endeavors to lond down the table. There were so many good things that to even mention them would take too much space, but the "wedding cake" baked by Aunt Kate Gonchar deserves special mention. It was certainly the succor of the occasion and in proof thereof, when the feast was over, there was not a bit of the cake left.

Grandma and grandpa Darnall, as they

were affectionately called, occupy a warm corner in the hearts of all who know them. The writer has yet to hear the first ill word spoken of them. Owing to this there was a good attendance at the anniversary meeting, and the wish of all was that the aged couple may live to see many more anniversaries of the occasion.

Our school meeting passed off quietly, resulting in the election of W. W. May as director, and the re-election of Jack Knots as clerk. The clerk's report shows that there are 51 persons of school age in the district.

J. P. Logan has leased G. J. Trullinger's

dowling mills for a term of three years.

He is busy now fixing up the same, putting on new bolting cloths throughout, and otherwise getting the mill in first class working order. He expects to start up about the last of the month.

There will be an exhibition followed by a dance and supper in grange hall, on Friday night, March 14, it being the closing day of school in district 84. Z.

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