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## STATE REVENUES.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet from the State Capitol detailing in extenso the work of the State Board of Equalization. In fact it is a tabular statement and report of the whole proceedings of that Board, together with rules for the Assessment, and for county Boards, addressed to the Governor, and signed by the individual members of the Board—Messrs. N. H. Gates, Geo. L. Curry and W. F. Alexander.

Much information may be derived concerning State finances from a perusal of these pages. We learn that this is the first year in which the assessment rolls of Oregon's counties have been made uniform. For the first time the different kinds of property are shown in detail in appropriate columns.

The Board takes the view that when all property is completely listed at the true value, inequality and unfairness in taxation will no longer be experienced; that, to illustrate: If the taxable property of the State could be returned at \$100,000,000, which they estimate to be nearer the cash valuation than the amount actually returned, there would be no necessity for a further continuance of the State tax at 5 1/2 mills, as it could safely be reduced, under such circumstances, to less than one half that figure, with a corresponding reduction in the taxation for county purposes.

In connection with the subject of taxation the Board suggest the advisability of paying all County officials a stated salary yearly, instead of fees as at present, and that the fees for services be collected as usual and transferred to the County Treasury. They advise that a sufficient salary be paid to Assessors to insure, for a position of such importance, that talent and competency so essential for the work. They hold that there is no County official, whose intelligent and energetic service comprehends more beneficial results, or whose duties are of more vital consequence, and that the term of office should be extended to at least a period of four years, to make the incumbent more independent of interested influences, and to enable him to secure to the public the value of his experience, at a compensation graded according to the work to be performed. They show that the revenue system of the State is very defective, and urge its thorough amendment as a matter of the first importance. The report says:

The necessity of the case is so imperative as to demand a complete revision of these laws as soon as possible. They were enacted from time to time without reference to the present system of equalization, seem to have been created without regard to the revenue laws, and consequently difficulties are constantly arising to retard and embarrass the action of these organizations in the exercise of their functions.

It was undoubtedly the intention of the Legislature, in making it the duty of the Assessor to deduct from the taxable property of the taxpayer his indebtedness within the State, that the indebtedness so deducted, in the form of obligations to pay in the possession of the creditor, should be subject to taxation as the property of the creditor. If otherwise, the law is invidious and unjust, and should be repealed, as many of our merchants, having liabilities due elsewhere, are precluded from the benefit of the law. The Board have therefore directed Assessors hereafter in all cases not to deduct indebtedness unless the names of the creditors are given. It was compelled to this course as a matter of right to the State and to the taxpayer, as well as justice to those who are excluded from taking advantage of the law, and more particularly because of the enormous amount of indebtedness appearing as an offset to assessments. The aggregate indebtedness throughout the State, which taxpayers have the benefit of, amounts to \$13,621,114, while the column of "money, notes and accounts," where said indebtedness should appear, aggregates only \$9,030,672, which is too sufficiently significant of itself to

need further comment. The assessable property of the State for the present year was returned at \$57,682,691. Deducting indebtedness and exemption amounting to \$16,682,532, the total taxable property amounted to \$40,700,159. The result of equalization increases this sum to \$45,688,924 94.

Four very important statistical tables are presented in a compendium, showing the resources of the State as follows:

1st. A table of the acreage, average value per acre, and gross value of land, exclusive of grants to corporations, in each county of the State, and per cent. of increase after equalization. It shows an aggregate of 3,489,394 acres, and the assessed value of \$19,010,508, with the value as equalized of \$22,220,381 40.

2d. A table of the number and gross and average values of stock in each county of the State, and per cent. of increase after equalization. It gives 65,789 horses; assessed value, \$2,589,617; equalized value, \$3,080,227; cattle, 232,132; assessed value, \$3,416,946; equalized value, \$3,783,061; sheep, 388,241 assessed value, \$965,461; equalized value, \$1,041,199; swine, 72,825; assessed value, \$145,641; equalized value, \$212,354.

3d. A table of the property of corporations, showing description of property owned by each company, the assessed value thereof, the percentage added or deducted, and the equalized value. This exhibit gives 427 1/2 miles of telegraph line; assessed value, \$27,950; equalized value \$42,750; 257 1/2 miles of railroad, equalized at \$5,803 88.3 1/2 per mile, or \$1,494,500; 192,514 acres of land of European and Oregon Land Co.; assessed value, \$146,698 93; equalized value, \$268,121 49; 484,562 acres of lands of wagon road companies; assessed value, \$365,461; equalized value, \$477,925.

4th. A table of the aggregates of property in each county of the State, with the values as assessed and equalized, showing the total taxable property of the State as equalized to be \$45,688,924 94.

In looking through these tables we find that Clatsop county has a greater valuation of town lots than any counties of the State except five, and three of the five have but very little more than Clatsop. In the matter of indebtedness but five counties of the State show less than Clatsop, but when the actual estimate is reduced pro rata this county stands second in that respect. In the matter of merchandise, implements, and money, notes and accounts, Clatsop county rates equally as well as any county in the State, proportionately considered.

—There are 361 1/2 miles of telegraph in Oregon, but nary inch in Clatsop county.

—The Independents have got the Salem Statesman, and installed Sam A. Clark as editor of it.

—The Albany Democrat was injured by a fire in the office on Thursday morning of last week, to the extent of \$1,000.

—Rev. Gustavus Hines is no more. His death occurred in Salem on the 9th. In his death Oregon has lost one of its most gifted men.

—A destructive fire occurred at Port Garry, Canada, on the 4th, by which the Parliament building was totally destroyed, with all the books and official documents.

—J. J. Henderson has been confirmed as consul to Amoy, China. The telegraph changed his name to Joseph Johnson, but he probably won't stand the alteration. His wife is now en route to China.

—The House of Representatives has agreed to report a bill to repeal so much of the postal law of the last Congress as prohibits the passage of newspapers through the mails without postage.

—A great howl has been raised in Oregon, and on both sides the political organs teem with vituperation of Judge Williams, for the removal of Addison C. Gibbs from the office of United States Attorney for the district of Oregon. If Judge Williams is guilty as charged it is to be regretted that he has been appointed to the high position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Bench. If Gibbs is guilty as charged it served him right. When we have heard all the testimony we shall publish an "opinion" for the benefit of the public, on this important case.

—It is reported that at the time the Virginius was lying at Santiago de Cuba, the British war steamer Niobe and her commander, Lorraine, left Jamaica in such haste that several of her crew, who were ashore on leave, were left behind. He hardly stopped to cast anchor at Santiago before he hastened ashore and protested against the killing of any more of the Virginius crew. General Burriel answered him saucily in a letter, saying that every execution that had been ordered would be proceeded with. Commander Lorraine instantly returned a reply that in the absence of an American man-of-war he would protect not only the interests of his country, but those of the United States, and that if Burriel harmed a hair of another prisoner he would bombard the city. It was generally believed at Santiago that this action of the British Commander saved the lives of the rest of the Virginius crew. Commander Lorraine afterwards obtained five copies of the process of the Court-martial condemning them to death.

—Elkhart, Indiana, has a first-class somnambulist, Mendenhall by name. He works in the locomotive machine shops there and his latest feat, while asleep, was climbing by devious and dangerous ways to the top of the chimney at the works, which is one hundred feet high. After walking about on the top he descended, swinging down by the posts like a trapeze performer, often head first. He regained his boarding house and his bed without recollecting consciousness.

—The recent snow-storm was particularly severe in Marysville, California. Snow fell to the depth of five inches. The weight of snow demolished a barn 100 feet by 80 feet. The eight telegraph wires leading from the city were demolished in every direction. It afterwards rained so hard that fears were entertained of a flood.

**Fireman's Ball.**—Astoria Engine Company No. 1, will give a Grand Ball, at Spiritual Hall, Astoria, on Christmas Night, December 25th, 1873. Good Music will be provided. Tickets, including supper, \$3. A general invitation is extended to the public. Committee of Arrangements—W. P. Gray, Foreman; J. G. Coe, 1st Assistant; B. F. Stevens, 2d Assistant. Floor Managers—C. S. Wright, I. Stevens, W. P. Gray, N. S. Welch.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**DRILL.**—Astoria Fire Company No. 1, will meet THIS (Saturday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock for drill. By order of the FOREMAN.

**Sheriff Sale.** BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued upon a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clatsop, made on the 19th day of August, 1873, in which James Taylor is Plaintiff, and John M. Shively is defendant, commanding and directing me to sell lots two (2), three (3), ten (10), and eleven (11), in block numbered one hundred and fifteen (115), of Shively's Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, or so many of them as may be sufficient to pay and satisfy the several sums of money in said decree, specified, to-wit: The sum of three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$328 70), in United States gold coin, with interest thereon in like United States gold coin, at the rate of one per cent. per month in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendant John M. Shively, together with costs and disbursements taxed at nineteen dollars and forty cents (\$19 40), and other costs to accrue on said execution, I have this day levied upon all the right, title, interest and estate of the said John M. Shively, in and to the said lots two (2), three (3), ten (10) and eleven (11), in said block one hundred and fifteen (115), in said Shively's Astoria, in Clatsop county, State of Oregon, and shall proceed to sell the same at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of January, 1874, at two (2) o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Court-house door, in the County of Clatsop, and State of Oregon.

W. H. TWILIGHT, Sheriff Clatsop County Oregon. Dated at Astoria, Dec. 20th, 1873. d20 4w

**HENRY BERENDES, BOOT MAKER!** Fashionable CHENAMUS street, Astoria, Oregon.

Manufactures to order the best quality of Boots and Shoes. Repairing of all kinds.

**Astoria Truck and Dray Co.** Office at J. W. Gearhart's Store, Astoria.

**ORDERS LEFT WITH MR. GEARHART** for any kind of Teaming, will be promptly attended to. Wood of all kinds constantly on hand. Orders solicited. oe 11f

**Oregon Bakery!** Main St., (Holladay's Wharf), Astoria, Oregon. CHARLES BINDER, PROPRIETOR.

**FRESH BREAD, CAKES, PIES, CRACKERS** and Pilot Bread, always on hand.

**A RESTAURANT** Is kept in connection with the Bakery, where meals can be procured at all hours.

Oysters in every style in the season.

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**FRANK FABRE,** at the Central Market, Portland, has enlarged his COFFEE stall, and added such improvements as will enable him to provide Epicures with the best in the Market. Parties furnished with Hot Coffee on short notice. Give the Central Market Coffee Stand a trial. oc11f

**Fancy Poultry for Sale.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED, ABOUT TO REMOVE** from Astoria, offers his stock of fancy Poultry for sale, at the following reduced prices: Silver Spangled Hamburgs.....\$7 50 per pair Buff Cochins..... 5 00 " Light Brahmas..... 5 00 " Duck-Wing Game..... 3 00 " All Chickens are warranted to be Pure blooded. A. J. MEGLER, Astoria, Oregon. n21f

**THE WHOLESALE OYSTER CO.** A. S. Gross, Agent, PORTLAND, OREGON.

**THIS COMPANY IS NOW READY TO DELIVER** from one to one thousand sacks of fresh Oysters, direct from their native element three times a week; we can furnish all kinds, in any quantity, at prices Defying Competition. Customers can rely upon regular tri-weekly supplies, either in sunshine or storm—We never Fail, and Always last the Season Through. G. W. WARREN & CO., Astoria, Oregon. oc21f

**THE IMPROVED LAMB KNITTING MACHINE** KNITS OVER 20 GARMENTS!

A PAIR OF SOCKS IN THIRTY MINUTES Knits Hosiery, Mittens, and Gloves of all sizes, complete, without a seam. Send for Circular. Agents Wanted. A. VAIL, General Agent, Portland, Oregon. n21f

**CRACKER MANUFACTORY Oregon Bakery,** F. OPITZ, Proprietor, First Street, near Vine, Portland, Oregon

MANUFACTURE all kinds of Fancy Biscuits, Crackers, Pilot, Ship and Naval Bread. Orders addressed as above promptly attended to. n11f

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**The Steam Tug Varuna** Will leave Astoria every TUESDAY and SATURDAY Morning, for FORT STEVENS, CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, And UNITY, Carrying Mails, Passengers and Freight.

On other days of the week she will be ready to go anywhere that business may justify. Is prepared to lighter cargoes, freight, hay, cattle and wood. J. H. D. GRAY Agent, Astoria.

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**GEORGE B. McEWAN, Boat Builder** ASTORIA, OREGON.

IS PREPARED TO CONSTRUCT BOATS of every description, of the best materials, on short notice, and guarantees to give satisfaction. Before sending to San Francisco or elsewhere, give me a call. oc11f

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For Cash will offer the Most Flattering Inducements In the line of DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES

FANCY GOODS, LADIES' DRESS GOODS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS,

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Give me a call, and be convinced that my goods are of the best quality, and as cheap as can be bought of any house in the State. A. VAN DUSEN.

**GOODS FOR THE SEASON Great REDUCTION in Prices!**

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**HAS TO BE SOLD;** And in order to settle up the affairs of the estate, the undersigned, administrator, is now offering the entire line embracing a very desirable quality of goods at prices below actual cost. Call and Examine for Yourselves. oc11f

All persons having bills against the estate will please present the same, with proper vouchers for payment. And all persons owing the estate will please come forward and settle, or make arrangements to settle the same, and save costs. C. S. WRIGHT, Administrator. n21f

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