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THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

JUDGE DEADY has given a decision in a case in the U. S. circuit court for this district, wherein the Dundee mortgage trust, investment company, the American freehold mortgage security company and the New England mortgage security company brought suit against nine county sheriffs of this state to enjoin the collection of taxes on mortgages held by plaintiffs. The allegations of the plaintiffs were to the effect that the mortgage tax law was unconstitutional, not in accordance with federal law, the constitution, and opposed to equity and fairness of assessment of property.

The court in a lucid exposition of the case reaffirmed a former decision to the effect that the mortgage tax law was unconstitutional. Further on, argument is made as follows:

"Whenever the assessor of a district of a country as large as one of these counties, uniformly estimates real property at only one-third of the value he places on mortgages, it is impossible to attribute the results to the infirmity of human judgment, and the only conclusion possible in the premises is that it was deliberately and willfully done in pursuance of a settled purpose or rule on his part; and where the same thing occurs in a number of counties in various parts of the state, it is manifest that the action of the assessors is not only willful and deliberate; but that it is the result of a general and well understood custom to substitute this conventional value of real property for the 'true cash' one, which the statute requires."

"Indeed, the practice is so universal and well known that the court might take judicial notice of it and safely assume that there is not an acre of land in Oregon that is valued for taxation at more than one-half its 'true cash value,' and that generally it is not valued at more than one-third of such value. Nor is it a sufficient answer to this to say, as counsel does, that land in Oregon does not yield an income of 6 per centum to its owners on its assessed value. For the annual income of land depends not alone or largely on its value, but its use and management."

"Probably two-thirds of the taxable land in Oregon is unused, except as this wild pasture. The owners of such property do not expect any income from it, nor are they entitled to any. But they are getting the benefit, year by year, of its enhancement in value, from the general growth and improvement of the country, to which they often contribute but very little."

"But it is not probable that the money of the country yields an income of more than six per centum. Certainly, if it is loaned at legal interest and pays the usual taxes, it does not. Then there is always a considerable portion of this capital lying idle, but still subject to taxation. And yet in the nature of things, personal property, especially money, is more liable to escape taxation than land, and therefore it is, that in a country governed largely by land owners, like Oregon, there is more or less under-valuation of land, upon the specious plea, more understood than expressed, that this is the only way to keep even with the moneyed capital of the country and secure something like an equality between them."

Though the trend of the judge's argument appears to favor the plaintiffs, he decides against them and refuses to grant the motion to grant an injunction. It seems to be the only decision that could be rendered under the law, and yet it is plain on the face of it that the law itself, that is the mortgage tax law, is an absurd attempt to reach by legislation something that in the very nature of things cannot be legislated upon.

A NOTION has gained ground that it is commercially profitable for a newspaper to cater to low tastes, and that it invariably increases its circulation by gathering and publishing all the details of revolting social scandal. It seems to be the opinion of the New York Sun that this notion has demoralized the country press, which has copied the city press in this reprehensible practice. If now, on such good testimony as the Sun, it turns out that the ways of uncleanliness in journalism are unprofitable, and that the scrupulously decent newspaper is, in the long run, the most profitable, a most desirable change may be looked for all along the line. It can not have escaped the observation of newspaper conductors that there has been for some years a general complaint among men who have families that it is difficult to find a paper with the news in it which is decent enough to be admitted into the house. The reply has been that the public demanded the depraved sort of news and was willing to pay for it, and would always by preference buy the journals that furnished it. We are glad to be authoritatively informed that this is a commercial mistake. Our theory of the newspaper is that it is very much what the public want it and make it, and we believe that as a rule the tone of a newspaper is higher than that of a majority of its readers.

THE Oregonian advises Portland to drop cent per cent. and start manufacturers. The advice is good. And the Oregonian's suggestion reminds us that such a concern as that newspaper represents considerable of a manufacturing establishment itself. If two or three men came to Portland and offered to put in \$100,000 and employ twenty-five or thirty men to spend about that many thousand dollars every year in the city they would feel justified in asking for some encouragement, immunity from taxes, a small subsidy, or other recognition. A newspaper is in the nature of a manufacturing establishment but differs from the most of manufacturing establishments in being expected to stand in first last and all the time and have for its reward the consciousness of duty done and a clear conscience—all same virtue.

BENEFIT has ceased to startle the religious world. He long since ceased to be orthodox and is now sailing in stormy waters. He seems inclined to Buddhism lately, and last Sunday announced the Asiatic idea of Nirvana. He says:

"When a burning taper goes out, the earth don't shake, the sun don't stop, nobody knows it, it simply goes out; and when a man has spent the force of his life here, and has reached those conditions which have made another stage possible to him, he simply goes out. What inhumanity is there, what shock? He that would live again must live well now. But as for the rest, that beginning high go down steadily lower until they lose the susceptibility, the possibility of moral development, let them keep on, and in the great abyss of nothingness there is no groan, no sorrow, no pain and no memory."

THE London Daily Telegraph of the 15th says that the parleyings between England and Russia upon the Afghan question is becoming serious. Russia has brought forward new claims, and refuses to make concessions. Salisbury's tone, while friendly is very firm. The situation is thought to be very critical and the war party in England is strong and anxious to see a conflict. Should Russia maintain her present attitude, it is thought that Salisbury will make no concessions.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOBBSHEIMER has bought the New York Star, on behalf of an incorporated company. The new company will publish a paper every morning for two cents a copy. Although it is supposed that Ben Butler is largely interested in the stock, it will be a strong administration paper. The price paid is said to have been \$70,000 cash and about that amount left on mortgage.

THE period of twenty days during which the British Columbia authorities agreed to hold Hibbes, defaulting postmaster at Lewiston, Idaho, expired on the 15th, but a telegram was received from Victoria, promising to keep him under arrest until the United States postoffice inspector, bearing an extradition warrant, should arrive there.

PACIFIC county may take warning from New Jersey's experience. Great damage has resulted from fires this month in New Jersey cranberry swamps. A swamp, especially a cranberry swamp is about the last thing in the world one would expect would take fire, but "it is the unexpected that happens," as the French say.

AND so they are going to put up a monument to the memory of Mrs. Surratt. So far no one has—in public—proposed a monument to the memory of J. Wilkes Booth.

EASTERN war rumors have sent wheat up from \$1.52 1/4 to \$1.58 1/4 per cental in California.

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The Steamer Clara Parker, Eben P. Parker, Master, WILL MAKE AN EXCURSION

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JOHN BROWN, Master St. Montezuma, Dated at Oysterville, W. T., July 13th, 1885.

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Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will apply to the Common Council, of the City of Astoria, at its next regular meeting for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors, in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year in the building formerly occupied by Luigi Serra and known as the Camp restaurant on Squemoqua street in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT U. S. LIFE SAVING SERVICE. WASHINGTON, D. C. JULY 6, 1885.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, the 17th day of August, 1885, for the construction of a frame cottage at the Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station, near the light-house. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for one hundred dollars (\$100) drawn to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury as security that the bidder will enter into contract without delay, and give such bonds for the faithful performance thereof as may be required if his bid be accepted. Specifications and plans forms of proposals and full information can be obtained of the Collector of Customs, Astoria, Oregon; the Keeper of the Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station, North Cove, Pacific county, Washington territory; and the Superintendent of the 12th Life-Saving District, room 25, Appraiser's building, San Francisco, California. All proposals must be endorsed, "Proposals for constructing a cottage at Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station," and addressed U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C. The right to reject any or all bids, or to waive defects, is reserved.

S. J. KIMBALL, General Superintendent.

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Notice. BE IT KNOWN THAT I, GEO. W. PARDEE, of Astoria, Oregon, have this day purchased of M. C. Hutchings the right of the said M. C. Hutchings patent process for testing sealed cans in the state of Oregon and territory of Washington, for the term of 17 years from the 17th day of March, 1885, except one right sold to M. J. Kinney and one right sold to the Aberdeen Packing Co., at Ilwaco, W. T.

GEO. W. PARDEE. Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, will apply to the common council of the city of Astoria, at its next regular meeting for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year in the building situated on block 34 in the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively.

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City Taxes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Tax list of the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, is now in my hands for the collection of said taxes, and will remain with me for thirty days.

J. G. HUSTLER, City Treasurer and Tax Collector. Astoria, July 1st, 1885.

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To Whom It May Concern. I TAKE PLEASURE IN STATING THAT purchased by me from Messrs. Bezorith & Johns of this city over the Cunard Steamship line and Pennsylvania R. R. and connecting lines, arrived safely in Astoria twenty-one days from Stavanger, having received during the trip every attention from the officers and employees of the steamship and railroad lines above named, who addressed her in her own language. Her baggage arrived in Astoria in good order on the same boat with herself.

I can cheerfully recommend all who want to travel over the fastest and safest line, and at the same time have the very best of treatment in every respect, to buy their tickets via the Cunard Line. L. J. ARVOLD.

Executrix' Notice. HAVING BEEN APPOINTED EXECUTRIX of the last will and testament of M. M. Gilman, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified to me at my residence in Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, within six months from this date.

FLORA J. GILMAN, Executrix. Astoria, April 2nd, 1885.

Executrix' Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Conrad Boelling, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate of deceased should present the same properly verified to me at my residence in Astoria, Oregon, within six months from this date.

PHILIPPENA BOELLING, Executrix. Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, March 28, 1885.

To Fishermen. THE COLUMBIA CANNING COMPANY will be ready to take salmon from company and outside boats after July 12th, and will pay outside market price for salmon. By order Board Directors. THOMAS DEALEY, Secy.

Astoria, Oregon, July 4th, 1885.

For Rent. THE HALL OVER D. L. BECK & SON'S can be rented for Public gatherings. Application may be made to the executive committee of the Astoria Ladies' Coffee Club. MRS. BERGMAN, Mrs. FRANK, Mrs. CHARTERS.

County Treasurer's Notice. THERE IS MONEY IN THE COUNTY Treasury to pay all county orders presented prior to October 1st, 1885. All such orders will cease to draw interest after this date.

ISAAC BERGMAN, Treasurer Clatsop County. Astoria, Or., June 22nd, 1885.

School Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 1, Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, held at the school house of said district on Friday, July 17th, 1885, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of levying a tax to support a school in said district for the ensuing year; also to levy a tax to pay interest on the present indebtedness of said district; also to levy a tax for incidental expenses of said district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk Dist. No. 1.

Dated the 2nd day of July, 1885.

Attorney at Law, Astoria, Oregon. OFFICE, Room 5, over Big Block Store.

Dissolution of Copartnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned formerly partners doing business under the firm name of Evanson & Anderson, have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent, Martin Anderson retiring and Chas. Evanson continuing said business. Said Chas. Evanson to pay all of the indebtedness of said firm and collect all accounts and moneys due or to come due to him. MARTIN ANDERSON, CHAS. EVANSON.

Dated the 2nd day of July, 1885.

Abstracts of Title. THE UNDESIGNED HAS COMPILED a set of Abstract Books from the records of Clatsop County and is now prepared to furnish complete and correct Abstracts of Title to any Real Estate in the County, at reasonable rates.

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