

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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FOR DISCUSSION.

"SHALL the charter be amended so as to have the streets kept up by general taxation?" is the leading question. Those who favor the idea argue that when a street is built by the adjacent property owners, and accepted by the city, it should be kept up by a general tax. They say that that is the only way we can ever have anything like decent streets in Astoria; they point to the way the streets have been allowed to go, one man fixing his part whenever he got ready, and everything forever mixed up, and claim that if ever we have a uniform system of streets in this city it will not be by waiting on the whims or influence of any property-holder, but by repairing the street in any part of the city with money drawn from the general fund. They say that while some of the streets in the business part of the city wear out much faster than in other less used parts, yet the whole city uses and gets the benefit of these streets, and that it is unfair with our expensive system of street repair to have the cost fall on individual property owners, as under the present system. They assert that the experiment, if tried, will prove so satisfactory that we would never return to the present way of doing, or not doing.

Men who oppose the proposed amendment say that while it is true that owners of property in the business part of the city pay large sums to keep these streets in repair, yet that they are the very ones that can best afford it, because by reason of their property being so situated they can charge high rents and realize handsomely on their holdings. They claim that it would be an injustice to smaller property holders to tax their back property to keep up those business streets, and that it would thus place them at a financial disadvantage. They argue that their property is comparatively unproductive, and to tax it in a general way for the maintenance of the city streets would be manifest injustice.

Probably were a popular vote to be taken on the subject to-morrow the majority would be against the proposed amendment. There is one thing that must not be lost sight of in this discussion. To our mind the matter of indebtedness lies at the bottom of it all. If there was no such thing as allowing "indebtedness," real or alleged, there would be little opposition to the scheme. But so long as a man can hand in an assessment blank and make himself ten thousand dollars worse off than nothing at all, so long there will be well grounded opposition to the scheme from those who are out of debt and who object to high taxes, made necessary by so much "indebtedness." A man who is able to dodge or evade the payment of tax by reason of indebtedness, doesn't care whether the tax levy is five mills or fifty; the man who owns a little property but is unable to claim indebtedness cares very strongly, and wants to see the tax levy kept down to the lowest possible minimum.

Right here, to our way of thinking, is the gist of the whole matter; if a man had to pay taxes on something like the actual value of his property, regardless of how much he says he is in debt, the idea of general taxation for the maintenance of streets would meet with more favor; but if a man who has \$10,000 worth of property in the business part of town is able to show that he is in debt \$45,000, B, who owns \$5,000 worth of property, and who isn't smart enough to be "in debt" naturally objects to paying for the keeping up of the street in front of A's property, especially if A is able to evade the payment of any tax at all. Thus it appears that this silly "indebtedness" system is what really stands in the way. Till that is removed we cannot expect the majority of the citizens to look with favor on any such scheme as that proposed. This allowing indebtedness is an incubus on the city's progress and prosperity. It offers a premium to inaction and keeps everything in an unsatisfactory condition. THE ASTORIAN asserts as its belief that if the property in this city was taxed fairly and justly, and no indebtedness allowed, that a five-mill tax would run the city government for 1889, and the streets could be kept up from a general fund with much more satisfactory result than under the present system, where so much property escapes paying taxes, and the rate is so high on those whose property has no "indebtedness" allowed to offset the levy. Right wrongs no man, and it is only right that every man should pay his share toward the necessary expenses of the city.

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