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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, May 13 .- For Western Ore gon and Western Washington: light rain followed by fair weather.

Washington: fair weather followed by by light rain. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, fur-

culture, weather bureau: Maximum temperature, 64 degrees. Minimum temperature, 50 degrees. Precipitation, none.

nished by the U. S. department of agri-

Total precipitation from July 1st 1892, to date, 79.43 inches, Excess of precipitation from July 1st 1892, to date, 8.18 Inches.

EXCESSIVE TAXATION.

The excessive taxation of property in Clatsop county is an evil which calls for prompt attention on the part of the property owners. In chasing the railroad phantom during the past three years, no attention has been puld to this important matter, with the result that holders of acreage and other realty are now placed in an extremely critical position financially, while the county receives comparatively little benefit from exhorbitant taxation. When it was first proposed to assess property at its speculative, instead of its real value, the idea was thought to be good, because of the showing that would be made when the aggregate valuation as returned by the county board of equalization to the state board could be compared with the figures from other counties, but since nothing has been accomplished further than to embarrass the owners of the land assessed and hurt the entire county, the property holders are beginning to see the matter in its proper light. Out of the aggregate of last year's 22 mill tax, the state's share is 12 mills. That valuations are inflated it must be admitted, and consequently the county is burdened with more than its proper proportion of the expenses of the state. A few figures from the report of the action of the state board of equalization at its session in December of last year, will conclusively prove the above statement. For instance, the aggregate valuation of city, village and town property as returned by Clatsop's board of equalization was \$2,588,811, while the figures from Lane county for similar property were but \$1,513,360,and Linn county, \$1,701,866. The return of Marion county was but \$2,107,908, although 30 per cent, was added by the state board, as was done also in the case of Linn county. Then came Multnomah county with but \$25,775,670, as the aggregate valuation according to the county board, but to which 30 per cent, was added.

It is true that part of the fault lay at the outset with the owners of property themselves, but the assessor and county board of equalization were in the main responsible. The former went to work on the basis that the price for which land was held was the proper basis of assessment, and he was sus tained in this erroneous view by the board. Both the latter and the assessor were evidently forgetful of the fact, or ignorant of it, that there was no sale for property at the prices asked, and that much of it had been purchased at its real value and held with the hope that when the market became brisk through the settlement of the railroad question, a handsome profit could be realized. In brief, the assessor valued the property at what the holders fondly hoped they might get for it at some future time, and not at its

value at the time it was assessed. In Portland, as high as \$3,000 has been asked for land which was assessed at \$30 per acre only a year or two ago. while quite recently property has been

ther into details. Linn and Lane counties furnish examples that might be followed with profit by Clatsop county's assessor and board of equalization These countles, representing a real valuation many times greater than that of Clatsop, are combined, assessed at but little over 30 per cent, more than is this county.

The remedy for this foolishness lies in some measure with the property holders. Let them discuss the situaation fully and freely, and there is no doubt that there will be a change in the sentiment of the community, and facts can be so placed before the assessor that he will see the wisdom of making radical changes in his plans For Eastern Oregon and Eastern for the present year. Owners of realty need all the money they can get, and the less that is sent out of the county the better for all concerned.

THE ALASKA SALMON PACK.

It is noteworty that the Alaska pack this year is expected to attain the large quantity of 800,000 cases. The Alaska association has announced its intention to pack about 625,000 cases, but it is evident from the amount of supplies and gear which it has shipped northward that it is resolved to exceed that supposed limit. It is believed that the Alaska pack will reach 1,000,000 cases within five years. There are no canneries on one half the number of streams which it is believed are frequented by selmon. Vast regions are entirely unexplored. In them the salmon have not been molested by ever the Indian population, Under such favorable conditions the fish must have multiplied amazingly, affording opporunities for fishermen such as existed in the palmy days of the Columbia river, when thousand of salmon were thrown away from inability to pack

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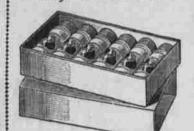
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