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Several Members Now Visiting Clatsop County and Astoria.

OUR VALUATIONS ARE HIGH

Compared With Other Counties, Clatsop Is Paying Too Large a Share of the State Taxes.

Messrs. J. A. Holland, of Vale, Malheur county; C. A. Johnson, of Heppner, and O. P. Goodall, of Union, the new members of the state board of equalization, are visiting in the city, guests of their co-member of the board, Mr. O. Wingate.

When seen by an Astorian representative, Mr. Wingate said last evening "These gentlemen who are visiting Clatsop county with me, and who are the new members of the state board of equalization, are here to become personally acquainted with the values of property in Clatsop, and if we have time we will also visit Columbia and Clackamas counties. They are here at their own expense for the purpose of getting information.

"As far as Clatsop county is concerned, as compared with other counties of the state, valuations of property are too high. Some classes of property have been raised within a year over what they were assessed last year, causing the county to pay more than her share of the taxes. The board is organized to equalize values as between counties. The county board of equalization equalizes values as between individuals. I believe firmly that the assessment laws of Oregon need very careful revision in many particulars. There seems to be no power, for instance, to compel any county to file its roll on file in time for us to equalize it. Our season is thirty days from the first Tuesday in December. If the roll is not in on time, we have no way to compel it to be sent in. There are many other points in the present law which need revision. If the tax roll of the county is not passed upon by the board as to whether the taxes are equitable or not as between counties, it frequently places counties falling to send in their rolls to much unnecessary expense and creates unequalled burdens upon the tax payers. There is a great lack of interest upon the part of the people at large in the matter of taxes. They do not look after their taxes at the right time. After assessment rolls have been turned in and passed upon by the board of equalization, it is too late to make protests. Now is the time to protest and secure readjustments. For example, take the one item alone of town lots and improvements. The assessment under this column in Clatsop county has been raised this year over \$400,000 above what it was last year. As compared with other counties in the state it should have been lowered by that amount instead of having been raised. My business is to equalize the valuation of property as between counties, and I do not want to criticize any one, but it does seem to me that we ought to take the same action in the matter of taxes and our fair proportion as a community, of the state taxes, which we have to pay as we would in our personal affairs. In other words we should use every endeavor to make the business of the community at large successful and keep down its expenses. One only needs to examine the record to learn startling facts. We have paid \$100,000 more than we should have paid on account of state taxes, all because due diligence was not used. I know it is claimed that we have a valuation in this county of over \$4,500,000, but I do not believe it. On a legitimate basis, compared with other counties in the state and other sections of the country, we should not have a valuation of over half of that amount."

IMMIGRATION BILL IS DISCUSSED

The Senate Proposes Several Amendments, One Being Adopted.

NO OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS

Will Be Employed by the Democrats Against the Dingley Bill—Comments on Republican Majority.

Washington, December 10.—In the senate today the immigration bill came up as unfinished business. Gibson suggested that the measure go over until after the holidays. Lodge, in charge of the bill, protested that there should be no further delay. Gibson changed his motion so as to postpone the bill until the first Monday in January, and a roll call was taken, resulting in yeas, 17, nays 57.

The vote for postponement was: Bacon, Bates, Blackburn, Caffery, Gibson, Mills, Mitchell, of Wisconsin, Murphy, Pascoe, Pugh, Turley, Vest, Waltham, Democrats, 17.

The measure brought out an extended debate. Vest pointed out that the provisions should be restricted to male immigrants, showing that female domestics, most of them coming from foreign countries, did not have franchise, and could not reduce to our standard of citizenship. Chandler called attention to the fact that in recent elections women voted in many states, and that the distinction urged by Vest was fast disappearing. Chandler said it was essential that the mothers and girls who were coming from abroad should not be illiterate as they taught and reared children who were to swell our coming generations.

Chandler caused a laugh by reference to Hill, of New York, who temporarily occupied the chair. He said the restriction of immigration had been approved by several national platforms. "If I am wrong, the senator in the chair (Hill) will correct me, and he is familiar with all platforms." Chandler said the Republican national platform and at least one of the platforms on which Bryan stood, had declared for restricted immigration, and he facetiously suggested that Vest ought not to be the first to violate party pledges. Palmer offered an amendment making the restrictions apply to all persons over 21 years of age, instead of 14 years, as proposed by the bill. He urged that 21 was the usual time of reaching majority. The Vest and Palmer amendments were pending when the bill was laid aside. The amendment by Sewall was agreed to excepting the minor children and wives of admissible immigrants from the operation of the bill.

DROPPED DEAD.

Gus. Iverson Succumbs to Heart Disease in His Own Home Last Evening.

At 10:45 last night Gus Iverson dropped in his own home on 6th street, between Bond and Commercial. Heart trouble was the cause. In the early evening he and his wife had been out walking, and upon returning, retired for the night. Feeling a depression in the chest, Mr. Iverson arose and went to the kitchen for water. Before his wife could reach him, he was dead, having fallen to the floor in his effort to reach the water.

Mr. Iverson was in the employ of Alex Grant and was known for his sobriety, faithfulness and honesty. He was a member of the order of Red Men and only a short time ago underwent medical examination, the doctors reporting that he was in good health. He was a kind father and loving husband, and leaves a wife and three children, the oldest being three years of age.

ALL PERISHED.

Steamer Saller Wrecked and All on Board Lost.

Vigo, Spain, December 10.—There were 210 passengers on the steamer Saller, which was wrecked off Corunna, Celubedo. Her crew was composed of sixty-five men. All on board perished. The Saller's passengers consisted of 113 Russians, thirty-five Galicians, sixty-one Spaniards and one German. The Saller was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, via Corunna and Villagarcia. The passengers were mostly steerage.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Why is it that a man never likes to have his wife kiss another woman like kisses?
Beware of the woman who does not love babies. There is something wrong in her composition.
Isn't it strange how unfamiliar some words, look even though we have often written them.
When a woman truly loves a man no sacrifice is too great to make for him. If, however, she does not, he cannot do enough waiting on her and denying for her to make himself agreeable in her eyes.

A PORTLAND OPIUM DEAL

Four Hundred and Eighty Tins Captured in Honolulu.

A TACOMA FIRM IS INVOLVED

Hawaiian Island Firms Party to the Transaction—Portland Co. Knows Nothing of the Matter.

Honolulu, December 4, per steamer China to San Francisco, December 10.—Four hundred and eighty half-pound tins of opium were captured by the customs house authorities on December 1st. They were found concealed in tins of soda crackers in a shipment of 174 cases per Mount Lebanon by the Portland Cracker Company to the Washington Feed Company, Morris and Lowden, of the latter company, are under arrest. They probably did not know they were contraband goods.

Portland, December 10.—H. Wittenberg, manager of the Portland Cracker Company, in this city, says they know nothing about the opium. The firm shipped a quantity of crackers to Honolulu, but it is ridiculous to suppose that the company is engaged in illicit traffic.

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CUBAN RAILROADS.

From the Railway Age.

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Sharkey was carefully examined and the witness was positive he was at that time uninjured in the groin. After Sharkey was taken to his hotel and the trainers were excluded from Sharkey's room, Lynch, Danny Nedham and Dr. Lee were alone with Sharkey. Shortly afterwards from his position outside of the room the witness said he heard Sharkey cry out as if in pain. When he next saw Sharkey on the following day his groin was bandaged and there were stains of blood on the groin.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, December 10.—Wheat, dull, demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 10d; No. 1 California, 7s 4d.
Futures, December, 6s 6 1/2d; May, 6s 7 1/2d.
London, December 10.—Hops, Pacific coast, 13 1/2s.
San Francisco, December 10.—Hops, 80 1/2c for fair to choice, and 11c for fancy.
Portland, December 10.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 81c; Valley, 83 1/2c.

DEATH OF G. W. STAVER.

Special to the Astorian.

Portland, December 10.—George W. Staver, head of the well-known agricultural implement house of G. W. Staver & Co., fell dead in his office this morning. The cause of death was apoplexy. Mr. Staver was 65 years of age and one of the most widely known business men of the northwest.

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