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THE OREGONIAN AND THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

The Oregonian is making a serious mistake in its attack upon the state board of equalization for raising the assessment of Multnomah county. There can surely be no sane person in Portland who doesn't know that that city has always evaded its fair proportion of the burden of supporting the state government; and whether the people there realize it or not, the Astorian has quietly suggested to them that Clatsop—the only county singled out by the Oregonian for its abuse—is the last county they want to have any row with on that question.

A LAST WORD.

"All roadways," said the Roman pride, "All roadways lead to Rome." Perchance, how'er men's paths divide, At last they bring them home.

I have not known of mortal mould A wretch so fell and grim But when the story all was told I needs must weep with him.

Time takes my strength, but gives my pen A wider range and scope; I view the heaven-shaped lives of men With endless trust and hope.

No more I label, sort, define God's dealings deep and dread; I raise to heaven these eyes of mine, And all my creed is said.

By Frederick Longbridge.

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and see. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs.

Land well stocked with the saw palmetto, which was long looked upon as hardly worth despatching in Florida, can be bought in the Keuka region at \$1.25 an acre, and the plant is likely to prove yet one of the most valuable products of the state.

A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE. D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use.

In one of the chief squares of Patras an important sculpture and an ancient mosaic pavement have recently been discovered. The most important piece is a statuette which is undoubtedly a copy of the Athens Parthenon of Phidias.

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board in each county, as the basis upon which that county proposes to levy its own taxes for county purposes. In order to equitably distribute the state's taxes, the state equalizers exercise their judgment in grading down or raising, as the case may be, certain specific items of taxation appearing on these various rolls, after a careful comparison of all the rolls with each other.

It can thus be readily seen that in the case of Clatsop county the state board has simply exercised its prerogative to lighten Clatsop's proportion of state taxes for 1896 a few hundred dollars less as compared with that of Multnomah county.

As to the Oregonian's allegation that the reduction made by the state board in Clatsop's assessment is equivalent to an admission by her own citizens that the value of their property has declined, this doubtless has reference to the fact that the members of the board from this district were to be a resident of Clatsop county.

Passing the imputation thus cast on the intelligence and honesty of the other members of the board, the Astorian has only to say that in view of the nature of its duties as here explained, and the system under which the board is organized and conducts its labors, such a charge is utterly silly.

In Multnomah, on the contrary, the difference of over \$1,000,000 noted between the returns made by its own board in 1895 and the return made in 1896, evidence is really furnished by its own citizens tending to show a depreciation in values in that county which is either so alarming as to entitle them to the sympathy of other and more prosperous sections of the state, or else they are guilty of a deliberate and scandalous attempt to shirk their rightful share in the support of the state government which will bring down upon their heads the contempt and malediction of every other county.

We would advise the Oregonian to say nothing further of an offensive nature against Mr. Wingate, nor concerning the depreciation of property in Astoria, as confessed by its own citizens in the unprejudiced assessment fixed by the state board of equalization—otherwise it may be shocked to find the news going the rounds of the great daily papers, and later appearing, under the head of items of "interest," in the patent boiler-plate cities of country weeklies, that the city of Portland suffered a decline in the value of its property in 1896 the enormous sum of over \$11,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent of its total property valuation.

A well-preserved mosaic, the central figure of which is believed to be a portrait of the poet Virgil, has been discovered at Susa, in Tunisia. The figure has a smooth face, is dressed in a white toga bordered with blue, and is reading from a papyrus, which shows lines of the Aeneid, to the muses of History and Tragedy standing on either side.

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Harold M. Sewall, of Bath, Me., famous chiefly as the republican son of William J. Bryant's running mate on the silver democratic national ticket, is the republican candidate for Bath's representative in the Maine legislature, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John O. Patten.

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