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## THE TAX MUDDLE.

The tax muddle caused by the decision of the supreme court that the plan of apportioning the state tax among the counties in ratio to county expenses, is unconstitutional, will be cured by the emergency law passed last Thursday. The equalization board created by it will meet Wednesday of this week and attempt to apportion the tax according to the true valuation.

If the board accepts the returns by the various assessors as the true valuation, Wallowa's proportion of the state tax will be increased over six thousand dollars, and, for example, Union's will be decreased \$13,000.

The reason is just this: A lot of office holders in Oregon have violated their oath of office. The members of the county courts and the assessors of Wallowa and Union counties took the same oath of office. They swore they would have the property in their respective counties assessed at its true cash valuation. This was done in Wallowa county by the court and Assessor Pace, who think it is dishonorable to break an oath to obey the law.

In Union it seems to be different. Union with twice the population of Wallowa has less assessed valuation. No one in La Grande would admit for an instant but that Union's true valuation is two and a half or three times that of Wallowa.

Union is a type of most Oregon counties, though a few returned true valuations like this county. A few prosecutions for violations of oaths of office is in order.

The board to sit Wednesday has the power to go back of the assessors' returns and by other evidence get at the respective true valuations. It is to be hoped it will make a thorough job of it, and in its report show up the dishonest courts and assessors—for a man who violates an oath of office is dishonest.

## VALUE OF TIMBER LANDS.

If the reported sale of the Crossett Timber company's holdings in this county to the Palmer Lumber company for \$700,000 is correct, it sheds a new light on the true valuation of timber lands for assessment purposes. Incidentally it is pretty good evidence for the county, in the appeals to the circuit court by the timber companies from the county board of equalization's ruling that Assessor Pace's valuation of timber lands in this county at \$6.25 per acre is not excessive or unfair.

The Crossett Timber company is assessed at \$231,125, which at the \$1000 per quarter rate, indicated it owned about 37,000 acres. It added considerably to its holdings since last March but hardly reached the amount stated in the dispatch, 50,000 acres. But even so, the reported sale at \$700,000 would be \$14 an acre valuation.

A bill requiring timber to be cruised for assessment purposes has passed the house, but is held up in the senate. It will likely be killed in committee as all "the big timber companies are opposing it." The initiative will cure that old, familiar legislative disease. Orton's bill to tax corporations is also reported killed. It was intended to levy a just tax on interests now escaping taxation although among the heaviest beneficiaries of the state, and would probably have brought in enough revenue to have paid all state expenses. Another case where the initiative should be invoked.

The published lists of assessed valuations are better than an old-fashioned Sunday school story book as a moral object lesson. They also show what a false dame rumor is. Common report says Mr. So and So is "worth" so many thousand dollars, but the cold figures of the

assessor, made under oath as the true valuation, proves Mr. So and So is worth only one-third or one-fourth the amount rumor gave.

Brother Jonas of the Wallowa Sun is still sour and disgruntled about the county high school. The latter, however, is flourishing up to the hopes of its most sanguine friends. In spite of Mr. Jonas' ill-natured flings, and is doing a noble work in the education of the youth from all parts of the county.

If timber lands had been assessed at their true valuation in this county, and every individual had given to the assessor all his property, the tax levy would have been under 10 mills. The difference between what it would have been and what it is, 12.5 mills, is what the honest man is paying to make up for the other fellows.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT

[CONTINUED.]

General Fund.	
J. B. Olmsted, salary Nov. 1908	66 65
Edgar Marvin, salary Nov. 1908	166 65
W. C. Boatman, salary Nov. 1908	125 00
S. F. Pace, salary Nov. 1908	100 00
I. C. Conley, salary Nov. 1908	83 33
W. T. Bell, salary Nov. 1908	60 00
Chas. G. Bilyeu, salary Nov. 1908	75 00
Chas. E. Crow, salary Nov. 1908	75 00
E. J. Forsythe, lights, Nov. 1908	18 00
S. R. Haworth, first payment on court house	3500 00
J. B. Olmsted, salary Dec. 1908	66 65
Edgar Marvin, salary Nov. 1908	166 65
W. C. Boatman, salary Dec. 1908	125 00
S. F. Pace, salary Dec. 1908	100 00
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Chas. G. Bilyeu, salary Dec. 1908	75 00
Chas. E. Crow, salary Dec. 1908	75 00
W. T. Bell, salary Dec. 1908	60 00
E. J. Forsythe, lights, Dec. 1908	18 00
J. H. Minnaugh, auditing county records	750 00
J. C. Conley, to express	1 15
H. G. Bauer, dray	25
Burnaugh & Mayfield, county supplies	27 20
Pacific Stationery Co., supplies	4 35
Glass & Prudhomme Co., supplies	27 70
Glass & Prudhomme Co., leather tabs	3 00
Kilham Stationery Co., book-typewriter ribbons	10 26
Irwin Hodson Co., supplies (files)	2 00
Glass & Prudhomme Co., blank books	54 00
do, acct. book for Supt.	21 25
W. C. Boatman, stamps	25 00
L. F. McNulty, cleaning court house	2 50
Michael Crow, fixing booth election day	2 00
Jack Spencer, witness fees	2 20
Benj. Marks, registering 30 voters	3 00
T. C. Miller, registering 31 voters	3 10
Elgin Forwarding Co., freight	1 55
Peter Flicker, hall rent election	6 00
J. A. Cox, returning revolver	60
Arthur Johnson, stove for grand jury room	3 00
Geo. W. Hyatt, witness fees	2 25
W. J. Hammack, wood	103 00
E. T. Anderson, salary, stamps, etc.	104 55
Hotel Enterprise, jury 13 meals	4 55
James Rodgers, repairing chair for clerk	1 00
E. M. & M. Co., misc. merchandise	17 90
Lincoln Austin, rent of hall, Nov. election	3 00
Smith & Smith, wood for jail	1 50
Edgar Marvin, livery	6 00
J. C. Conley, livery	73 77
Weathers & Allen (Chieftain) printing	8 25
J. C. Conley, postage, freight and express	5 45
W. W. White, jury summons	2 20
S. D. Keltner, hardware	14 55
W. Riley, dray	2 25
Joseph & Elgin Stage Co., expressage	15 65
S. F. Pace, stamps	2 00
A. F. Sheets, justice fees	7 65
H. E. Barton, juror's fees	2 20
L. A. Bedingfield, constable fees	4 70
C. R. Clark, juror's fees	2 20
I. N. Sanders, juror's fees	2 20
Aug. White, juror's fees	2 20
I. N. Flemer, juror's fees	2 20

A. J. Stewart, witness fees	4 20
Lumlie Marr, witness fees	2 20
J. W. Hayes, witness fees	2 20
J. M. Spencer, witness fees	4 40
Dallas Mays, witness fees	2 20
F. Sheets, justice fees	4 00
The Enterprise Press, blanks, letter heads, etc.	124 90
The News Record, printing	9 10
The News Record, printing	68 15
A. Wade, rent of court house	325 00
J. A. Cox, drawing jury list	3 00
H. E. Driver, assisting drawing jury list	2 00
C. W. Gregg, assisting in drawing jury list	2 20
Edgar Marvin, sheriff, board of prisoners	38 72
do, do, stamps	10 95
W. J. Funk & Co., mdse	6 10
W. C. Boatman, freight	2 15
W. H. Decker, county poor, Nov. and Dec.	20 00
L. P. Rose, county poor, Nov. and Dec.	24 00
Hattie Merrill, county poor, Nov. and Dec.	24 00
Stella Doud, county poor Nov. and Dec.	24 00
Home Ind. Tel. Co., phone rent, Dec. 1908	14 10
Ella Daley, salary, Dec. 1908	40 00
Jregon Library Com., books	283 31
City of Joseph, city hall rent election	6 00
Edgar Marvin, sheriff, expenses	39 70
do, do, expenses	27 25
Phos. Wright, telephone rent	8 32
I. C. Hall, quarantining East	34 00
Grossman	7 50
John Hoefle, rickling wood	7 50
W. G. Locke, commissioner's salary	69 00
Sem Litch, commissioner's salary	56 40

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1909.  
In the matter of appointing road viewers for the year 1909:  
Ordered that H. C. Cramer of Enterprise and Joner Trump of Promise be and they are hereby appointed as members of road viewers for the year 1909.  
In the matter of appointing the official paper for 1909:  
Ordered that the Wallowa Chieftain, a weekly newspaper, be and the same is hereby appointed as the official paper of Wallowa county, Oregon, for the year 1909.  
Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1909.  
In the matter of estimating the amount of money needed for all purposes for the year 1909:  
It is hereby considered that the following amounts are needed, to-wit:

State	\$10,839 44
County	44,080 40
County School	18,788 36
County Road	10,839 44
County High School	5,058 40
County Scalp Bounty	722 63
Total	\$90,328 67

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1909.  
In the matter of selecting jurors for 1909:  
Now at this time the court selects two hundred tax-payers from the 1908 assessment roll to act as jurors for 1909.  
Friday, Jan. 15, 1909.  
In the matter of repairing the roof in the building now used as a court house:  
After considering the matter of having the leak around the flues on the roof of the building repaired, the clerk is ordered to notify the owners of said building to immediately repair the same at their own expense.

A Common Cold.  
We claim that if catching cold could be avoided some of the most dangerous and fatal diseases would never be heard of. A cold often forms a culture bed for germs of infectious diseases. Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria, and scarlet fever, four of the most dangerous and fatal diseases, are of this class. The culture bed formed by the cold favors the development of the germs of these diseases, that would otherwise find lodgment. There is little danger, however, of any of these diseases being contracted when a good expectorant cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It cleans out these culture beds that favor the development of the germs of these diseases. That is why this remedy has proved so universally successful in preventing pneumonia. It not only cures your cold quickly, but minimizes the risk of contracting these dangerous diseases. For sale by Burnaugh & Mayfield.

Reliable, always the same, is the Advertiser—Enterprise made cigar.

## SEEK HIGHER DUTY ON HOPS

Western Growers to Ask for Double Charge.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—To secure relief for the hop industry of the Pacific Coast from foreign competition, E. C. Horst, of San Francisco, and Herman Klaber, of Portland, Or., will make another plea to the ways and means committee of Congress for an increase in the duty on the foreign product. Foreign hops at present pay 12 cents a pound duty, and an increase to 24 cents is sought.

The plight of the hopgrowers is pictured as desperate. The production in this country has fallen off in the last three years nearly 50 per cent, while the importations have nearly trebled. For the last three years, it is said, the American grower has not received for his hops the cost of their production; and in California, Oregon and Washington hop fields are everywhere being abandoned and thousands of acres of hops plowed up.

## CONGRESS HONORS WIDOWS

Wives of Cleveland and Harrison Granted Franking Privilege.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Frances Folsom Cleveland, widow of ex-President Grover Cleveland, and Mary Lord Harrison, widow of ex-



MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND.  
President Benjamin Harrison, were granted the franking privilege for life by the provisions of a house bill passed by the senate.

## CANADA AND MEXICO TO SEND DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 1.—Now that the Canadian and Mexican governments have both formally accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to send delegates to a North American Conservation Conference here, the final arrangements are being rapidly put into shape. The conference will be held at the state department February 18.  
Canada and Mexico will each send three delegates. The only others present will be the members of the National Conservation Commission and representatives of the state department and of one or two other executive departments.

## Adopt Spanish Industry.

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 2.—Through experiments just completed, California should come into a \$2,000,000 industry that is now enjoyed by Spain as one of her chief winter exports. It is the growing, storage and marketing of choice varieties of grapes, which hitherto has belonged to the Castilians.

For four years, experts of the department of agriculture have been experimenting with the preserving of grapes at the plant of the Pasadena Ice Company. Varieties have been subjected to every conceivable condition of temperature and time. The result shows that by a scientific method of packing and storing, choice species can be grown here in the summer, kept as long as necessary and placed on the market in perfect condition.

## THE MARKETS

Portland.	
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 96c; red Russian, 93c; bluestem, \$1.06; Valley, \$1.00.	
Barley—Feed, \$28; rolled, \$28@29.	
Oats—No. 1 white, \$34; gray, \$33.	
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$16; do. ordinary, \$13; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$18; do. fancy, \$20; alfalfa, \$16; clover, 14.	
Butter—Extra, 33@35c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.	
Eggs—Extra, 50c.	
Hops—1908, choice, 71c; prime, 6@7c; medium, 5@6c; 1907, 2@2 1/2c.	
Wool—Valley, 14@15 1/2c; Ib.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.	
Mohair—Choice, 18@19c.	
Seattle.	
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07.	
Oats—\$34.	
Barley—\$27.50@28.	
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$18 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$13@14 per ton; wheat hay, \$13 per ton; alfalfa, \$13@14 per ton.	
Butter—Washington creamery, 37c per lb.; ranch, 21c per lb.	
Eggs—Selected local, 42c.	
Potatoes—White River, \$19@24 per ton; Yakima, \$22@26 per ton.	

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, January 11, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Albert L. Childers, of Enterprise, Oregon, on October 16, 1902, made Homestead Entry, No. 12040, for W 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before D. W. Sheahan, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Enterprise, Oregon, on the 20th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frank W. Heskett, of Wallowa, Oregon; David H. Hearing, of Wallowa, Oregon; Nicolas W. Ownbey, of Enterprise, Oregon; James W. Childers, of Enterprise, Oregon.  
F. C. Bramwell, Register.

## NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Enterprise Mercantile & Milling Company will be held at the company's office in Enterprise, Oregon, at three o'clock p. m., on February 10th, 1909, for the purpose of electing directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come before said meeting.  
GEO. W. HYATT, President.

## GAME LAWS.

Any person knowing of any violation of the game or fish laws of this state, or of persons not properly keeping screens over irrigation ditches, are requested to notify

JOE CLEMONS,  
Deputy State Game and Forest Warden, Zuniway, Oregon. 421f

## Information Concerning Eighth Grade Final Examinations.

I. Dates:  
Three examinations annually. Each county superintendent to select months for his county.

- (a) January 21-22, 1909.
- (b) May 13-14, 1909.
- (c) June 10-11, 1909.
- (d) September 2-3, 1909.

2. Program:  
(a) Thursdays—Arithmetic, Writing, History, and Civil Government.

(b) Fridays—Grammar, Physiology, Geography, and Spelling.

3. Sources of Questions:  
(a) Civil Government—United States Constitution.

(b) Geography—State Course of Study; Redway and Hinman's Natural School Geography.

(c) History—List of topics from History Outline in State Course of Study and Current Events.

(d) Language—Buehler's Modern English Grammar, no diagramming.

(e) Reading—The teacher will send to the County Superintendent the applicant's class standing in reading, which shall be taken by such superintendent as the applicant's standing on the subject.

(f) Spelling—Eighty per cent from Read's Word Lessons, and twenty per cent from manuscript in Language.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. ACKERMAN,  
Supt. Public Instruction.

The first Eighth Grade examination for the year 1909 will be held January 21-22.

Teachers preparing classes for this examination will please report to this office the number of applicants at

least thirty days before above date.

Respectfully,  
J. C. CONLEY,  
Supt. of Schools.

## Department of Public Instruction Salem

### CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION

Giving the sources of examination questions for State and County papers, February and August, 1909.

1. Arithmetic, One-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Smith.

2. Civil Government, Strong & Schaefer.

3. English Literature: February, 1909—

A. One-half from texts: Newcomer's English Literature, and Newcomer's American Literature.

B. One-half from the following classics:  
1. Lowell, The Vision of Sir Launfal (Riv. lit. ser.) Houghton, 25c, 22c.

2. Webster, The First Bunker Hill Oration (Riv. lit. ser.) Houghton, 25c, 22c.

3. Scott, Marmion (Pocket Classics) Macmillan, 25c, 22c. August, 1909—

A. One-half from texts: Newcomer's English Literature, and Newcomer's American Literature.

B. One-half from the following classics:  
1. Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (Riv. lit. ser.) Houghton, 25c, 22c.

2. Ruskin, Sesame and Lilies (Riv. lit. ser.) Houghton, 25c, 22c.

3. Carlyle, Essay on Burns and Burns' Poems (Pocket Classics) Macmillan, 25c, 22c.

The first figure is the publisher's price, the second the price to schools contracted for between the Oregon Library Commission and The J. K. Gill Co.

4. Geography, One-fifth from State Courses of Study, four-fifths from Redway & Hinman.

5. Grammar, One-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Buehler.

6. History, U. S. One-fifth from State Course of Study, four-fifths from Buehler.

7. Orthography, Reed's Word Lessons.

8. Physical Geography, Tarr's New Physical Geography.

9. Physiology, Krohn, Hutchinson.

10. Reading, State Course of Study, White's Art of Teaching, Oral Reading.

11. School Law, School Laws of Oregon.

12. Theory and Practice, White's Art of Teaching.

13. Writing, Outlook Writing System, Tests in Writing.

14. Algebra, Wells: Algebra for Secondary Schools.

15. Bookkeeping, Office Methods and Practical Bookkeeping, Part I.

16. Composition, Herrick & Damon

17. Physics, Millikan & Gale: A First Course in Physics.

18. Psychology, Buell.

19. Botany, Bergen: Elements of Botany.

20. Geometry, Wentworth: Plane and Solid Geometry, questions on Plane Geometry.

21. History, General, Myers: General History.

An examination is required upon the first thirteen subjects for a first grade County certificate valid for three years; upon the first eighteen subjects for a State certificate valid for five years; and upon the twenty-one subjects for a State diploma valid for life.

## TOWN PROPERTY

**FARM LANDS**  
**TIMBER LANDS**  
**STOCK RANCHES**

**FIRE INSURANCE**  
**PLATE GLASS INS.**  
**STOCK INSURANCE**

Property listed with me is unsolicited. The owners desire to sell. Consequently they are

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Good farm propositions in valley and out lying districts.

Insure your live stock in the National Live Stock Insurance Company. You can not afford to take chances at the price it costs to insure your horses or cows.

I have the best Standard Fire Insurance Companies. Also the cheapest Mutual Company.

## W. E. TAGGART,

Enterprise, Oregon.