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By Alfred Jingle

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LANE ASSESSOR ON TAX LEVY

Explains County, City and School Tax--Makes Comparisons.

Eugene, Ore., March 1, 1910. Editor Cottage Grove Leader:— While it is no unusual thing for taxpayers to complain of high taxes at this time of the year, their complaints are often-times without grounds or if well founded they attribute the cause to the wrong source.

I am told there is considerable murmuring and expressions of dissatisfaction in your thriving little city and that your humble servant, the Assessor, is receiving a certain share of blame from the complainants and I offer you some facts and figures concerning the taxes of your locality.

Taking the assessed valuation of Lane county for six years, commencing with 1904, the last year's assessment of my predecessor, and ending with that of 1909 and following each year with the State and County tax levy against same and the tax occasioned we have the following:

Year	Valuation	Levy	Tax
1904	\$ 9,298,690	23 mills	\$213,870
1905	8,868,890	20 "	177,376
1906	15,497,000	14 "	216,958
1907	18,456,785	12 "	221,481
1908	19,181,315	15 "	287,720
1909	22,006,920	13 "	286,090

In like manner for the same period follows Cottage Grove's contribution for state and county purposes:

Year	Valuation	Levy	Tax
1904	\$253,437	23 mills	\$5829
1905	259,495	20 "	5190
1906	366,460	14 "	5130
1907	456,765	12 "	5481
1908	516,110	15 "	8192
1909	573,995	13 "	7462

Now taking the average tax for the entire county levied against the assessments of the years 1905 to 1909 inclusive, (my assessments) we have \$27,925 which is an increase of 11.2-10 per cent over that against the 1904 assessment.

In like manner we find the average state and county tax paid by Cottage Grove for the same period to be \$6,291 which is only an increase of 7.9-10 per cent over that against the 1904 assessment.

From this it is plainly shown that Cottage Grove's state and county tax has not increased in proportion with that of the county at large during this period.

We will now consider your school tax for the same years:

Year	Valuation	Levy	Tax
1904	\$415,570	5 mills	\$1728
1905	376,580	10 "	3766
1906	494,030	8 "	3952
1907	583,175	10 "	5832
1908	516,110	5 "	2731
1909	737,425	10 "	7374

From this table will be observed the gradual increase of the amounts levied for city purposes and that this year you are collecting nine times as much as you did at the beginning of the period, and taking your average city tax for the last five years, which is \$5757, we find that it represents an increase of over 354 per cent over that against the 1904 assessment.

By summary we then find that while the county at large has paid for the past five years an average tax that is 11.2-10 per cent greater than that against the 1904 assessment, Cottage Grove's increase has been only 7.9-10 per cent and that the Cottage Grove school district tax has in like manner been increased to 17.3 per cent and the city of Cottage Grove has out-distanced them all by an increase of over 354 per cent.

Now, I have not made this showing because of any interest in your school or municipal affairs, I am not doing it for political purposes

ASHLAND PAPER PRESENTS ARGUMENT FOR NESMITH

New County Cause as Viewed From a Common and Unbiased Standpoint--Predicts Success of the Movement this Fall.

There is a long stretch of country between the city of Eugene and the city of Roseburg, and between these two places is quite an important city known as Cottage Grove. Besides the size of the place its citizens seem enterprising and ambitious. Neither Eugene or Roseburg, when they were the size that Cottage Grove is now had anywhere near the boost and progress that Cottage Grove possesses. The face of the situation and from the general discussion heard among people unbiased about the matter but having knowledge of the country, is that the territory between the points is naturally the setting of a new county. This idea seems to be justified from certain proceedings taken at the recent meeting of the Eugene commercial club held at Roseburg. The citizens of Drain, Douglas county favor the organization of a new county between Roseburg and Eugene, but propose to draw the lines differently in order to make Drain the center of interest and the probable county seat. As this Drain proposal would carve more territory out of Douglas county than does the proposed county of Nesmith, Roseburg parties opposed the Drain movement and it was voted down. The convention decided to fight Nesmith county and not propose a new county in order to re-arrange the boundaries they pretend to complain about. It is our judgment, with what information is before us now, that there is a natural county lying between the cities of Roseburg and Eugene and that the present lines are about as good as can be drawn and that Nesmith county will win before the people of Oregon, just as Hood River did at the last state election. It is a different case when the issues are handled by a legislature whereby the organization of a body can make or unmake a proposition regardless of its merit or demerit. The voters will take into consideration the fact that Oregon is growing and that new counties are inevitable with increased population. From the interest taken in the recent convention it was readily to be seen Eugene was far more concerned than Roseburg, and as there must eventually be a county organized out of the territory concerned, the selfish interest of Roseburg might in the run of years be just as well taken care of by the present success of Nesmith county.—Valley Record, Ashland, March 2.

nor am I in any way trying to influence the public pro or con as to the county division question—I am simply asking space to defend myself in my purpose to be fair in the discharge of my official duty as county assessor and to show to the taxpayers of Cottage Grove that their taxes are greater because they have voted them greater to meet the greatly increased needs for their school and city government, all of which is a local mat-

Whereas; Halley's Comet Will Appear May 19th at 2 A. M.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved: That Wheeler-Thompson Co. the busy store will fit you out any old time with one of those New Nobby Spring Suits at \$15 to \$30 or one of our Nifty Spring Hats at \$2 to \$3.50 or a pair of our Snappy Spring Oxford Ties at \$2.50 to \$5.00. Be it Further Resolved: That everyone appear at our store forthwith and be redressed so they will be presentable on Easter Sunday. Be it Further Resolved: That Everwear Hosiery and Wheeler-Thompson Company will wear forever with the public.



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BUILDING HAS COMMENCED

Last Year's Great Record Will be Broken in the Year 1910

The season's building activity has commenced in real earnest and while the year 1909 saw the completion of fully one hundred new buildings in Cottage Grove, this record promises to be broken before the close of the year 1910. Among the new buildings already under course of construction is a beautiful modern bungalow for William Ward in the McFarland addition, Will F. Hart, contractor. Near this new bungalow, W. B. Cooper has just completed a similar cottage, now ready for occupancy. The Botsford wood working and lumber company have their new dock and mill well under way on the S. P. siding near the fruit evaporator in this city. The frame work of the new chapel of undertaker Marion Veatch on Tennessee avenue is now nearly completed and later in the season Mr. Veatch will build a modern cottage on the opposite corner of this lot. W. B. Cooper has completed two new bungalows and now has his carpenters at work on a large barn Long addition, which property he has sold to the draymen, Harrington & Harrel, which they will soon occupy. There is also a number of cottages under course of construction in the Nokes and Cooper & Raudall additions to Cottage Grove. Lumber is also on the ground for a new cottage for Lon Willard on Wall street and another one near the brick yard for Henry McCoy. Watch Cottage Grove grow.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER TO VISIT G. A. R.

Appamatoc Post, G. A. R. of Cottage Grove, is in receipt of a letter from department headquarters announcing that on Tuesday March 15th, Department Commander, James P. Shaw, will pay Appamatoc Post and Cottage Grove a visit, an honor which is greatly appreciated by the old veterans of the local post. This will be the first visit of the Department Commander to this city and is an occasion which the members of Appamatoc Post look forward to with much pleasant anticipation and interest and will be an occasion which the citizens of Cottage

A SILK CREEK BRIDGE COLLAPSED LAST WEEK

Four Horses, Wagon and Driver Precipitated in Water Ten Feet Below With but Slight injury to Driver and Horses.

A new donkey engine for the saw mill of Owens & Sons, arrived at this place last Tuesday and on Wednesday Mr. Owens and sons came in town with one of their logging wagons and a six horse team to take the new engine out to their mill on Silk Creek about five miles west of Cottage Grove. The roads being soft from the recent heavy rains it was decided to knock the engine down and make two loads of it. Accordingly the base of the engine was placed on the logging wagon and the boiler was left at the depot for the next trip. The six horse teams walked along with their lead without trouble and the first Silk Creek county bridge just outside the city limits was crossed in safety, but when the second bridge was reached about two hundred yards beyond the first one, the teams were halted and owing to the weak appearance of the structure, planks were laid across the bridge upon which it was proposed to drive the logging wagon, with its load thereby more evenly distributing the weight. However, upon reaching the center of the span over the water, the bridge began to crack and settle and in an instant four of the six horses, wagon and driver, A. E. Owens, were precipitated into the cold waters of Silk Creek, the bridge having parted in the center and gone down, the front wheels of the heavy wagon being in the water and the rear wheels on the wrecked bridge. Fortunately, so well fastened was the base of the engine to the wag-

Grove should take an interest in also and co-operate with the old veterans in making a notable event. Commander Shaw should and will receive a very cordial welcome to Cottage Grove and his visit be made an enjoyable one.

Chas. D. Drain, a retired merchant of Drain, while out shooting near his home last Tuesday accidentally shot and killed himself instantly with his shotgun. His father was an esteemed pioneer in whose honor the town of Drain was named. Deceased was 49 years old. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. He carried a \$10,000 life insurance policy.

BOOSTERS BOOST AT CRESWELL

New High School Wanted and Site Already is Donated.

A rousing booster meeting was held at Creswell Friday evening under the directions of the Creswell Commercial club, Col. E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Capital Journal being the principal speaker of the evening. An invitation having been extended to the members of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club to attend this booster meeting, the local club responded to the invitation to the tune of something like sixty strong, including the Cottage Grove brass band. The special car carrying the big Cottage Grove delegation was pulled into Creswell at 6:30 in the evening and was a great surprise to Creswell and Col. Hofer as it was not anticipated that more than five or six members of the Cottage Grove Commercial Club would be present. The delegation, headed by the band, marched up to the commercial club rooms where the meeting was held. Dr. L. D. Scarborough, president of the Creswell Commercial Club, presided and introduced Col. Hofer, who delivered a characteristic booster address. He said he had enjoyed the pleasure of viewing the progress of the great orchard enterprise inaugurated and being prosecuted by the Bornstedt company, and said it was the biggest enterprise attempted in the state, that several hundred acres of fruit trees had already been set out and that this work would proceed until more than 1000 acres is planted in systematic and uniformly surveyed and platted tracts. It was stated that this company had already expended cash in the sum of \$10,000 for fruit trees alone for the successful consummation of this great enterprise. Scores of investors have purchased tracts ranging in area from five to twenty-five acres, principally people from the east and middle west. Col. Hofer predicted that inside of ten years this industry would alone transform Creswell from a country village to a flourishing city. Mr. Hofer demonstrated that he is thoroughly familiar with Oregon's growth and development with which he has been closely identified for a decade and is today, as he always has been, a staunch booster for every movement inaugurated for the development and upbuilding of our state and its resources. Many other speakers were introduced and delivered brief but interesting addresses, including C. C. Hazleton, president Cottage Grove Commercial club, who in conclusion extended a cordial invitation to the Creswell Commercial Club to attend the big booster meeting at this place Monday evening. Other Cottage Grove speakers were H. O. Thompson, J. F. Spray, Dr. A. W. Kime, B. K. Lawson, Frank King and Fred G. Conley. The superintendent of the Bornstedt orchard work, delivered a very interesting talk on fruit culture in the Creswell community. An enjoyable smoker followed the speaking.

Securing Assessor's Supplies.

L. R. Long, who has been appointed deputy assessor for Cottage Grove, went to Eugene Thursday to receive instructions and take out supplies for his work, which will commence at once.

C. A. Smith, a deputy assessor, from Saginaw was getting his supplies the same day. He reports everything moving right along at Saginaw. The Booth-Kelly Lumber company is shipping lumber about as fast as they can saw it.

Boost for Nesmith county.