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THE AGE OF DECISION

Thomas A. Edison reasons from the particular to the general, rather than from the general to the particular, in arriving at his conclusion that the critical period of decision in the life of a boy is between the ages of twelve and sixteen.

Between twelve and sixteen is a callow age with most boys. Those who thus early discover a metier and formulate a scheme for the future are exceptions—the Rollo books to the contrary notwithstanding.

The true prodigy usually can be trusted to take care of himself. But the parents of youngsters who are still growing and dreaming need not be discouraged.

COUNTY ASSESSOR RENDERS REPORT

County Assessor Fred J. Holman states that it is his aim to attempt an equalization of assessments in Polk county this year and that he believes it would be advisable to raise the valuation of the county as a whole to somewhere near the actual value of the property of the county.

In a communication addressed to the taxpayers of the county Mr. Holman says: Since receiving the tax notice from the sheriff no doubt many are wondering why their taxes are higher than previous years.

Study the following data and you will be apprised of the real facts pertaining to the tax increase:

The total taxable valuation for Polk county for 1919 was \$13,218,345 and in 1920, \$13,302,760, or an increase on an average of \$14.07 per capita by taking the general levy for 1919 of 21.3 mill would increase the tax of each tax payer less than 30 cents.

The state and county levy for 1919 was 16 mills, and for 1920, 24.1 mills, an increase of 8.1 mills, or \$8.10 on every \$1000.00 valuation. This increase was caused by the vote of the people on the measures in the primary election in May of last year.

At that time the voters of Oregon, by their affirmative vote for appropriations to O. A. C., U of O, Oregon Normal, public schools, soldiers', Sailors' and Marines, and state market roads levied an additional tax of \$6,098,258.66 upon themselves.

The state tax plus the 6 percent increase without these measures would have been approximately \$3,400,000.00, but with the increased tax it amounts to approximately \$9,500,000.00, of which Polk county taxpayers must pay their part.

Polk county school districts have voted an increase of \$17,709.85 over 1919.

The general road levy of 1920 is 7-10 of a mill less than in 1919, but on the other hand the people of road districts 7, 14 and 15 voted a special tax on themselves, the total amount of which is \$18,205.63.

In 1920 all school districts not having a high school had to pay a high school tax of \$26,325.18, or an increase over 1919 of \$8,614.30.

The total tax to be collected by the sheriff's office for 1920 is \$556,877.63, an increase of \$43,069.40 over last year.

It is my aim to attempt an equalization in assessments. When we assess this year. As at present the

property of the county is not equitably assessed. I also contemplate raising the assessed valuation of all property which will not increase the taxes, one cent, but will benefit us as a whole.

I request every taxpayer to drop me a card at once and express your views as to whether or not you favor the adjustment of our assessment valuation on property. Remember to raise the valuation will not raise your taxes as you will have a greater valuation and a less millage.

Thanking you for your hearty cooperation, I am, sincerely, Fred J. Holman, County Assessor.

B. F. SWOPE INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE IN SALEM

Attorney B. F. Swope was struck by an automobile in Salem early Sunday morning and is now hobbling around on crutches. He was caught amidships by the fender, and carried a short distance, pitched to the curb, the front wheel of the machine passing over his ankle.

In company with a delegation of local Odd Fellows Mr. Swope attended in Salem a big Encampment meeting Saturday night. After the conclusion of the affair the local men were on their way to a garage to get their cars for the return trip home.

Mr. Swope's injuries were confined to his ankle, and an examination by a physician revealed that no bones had been broken.

Mr. Swope was a member of a class of nine from Model Encampment, Independence, upon which the Royal Purple degree was conferred by Willamette Encampment in Salem last Saturday evening.

Many others from here attended the meeting, which was a prominent affair with state encampment officials in attendance.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FRUIT

Senator McNary has again come to the aid of Oregon pear and apple growers through his efforts in having congress appropriate \$40,000 for the scientific study of fruit conditions while in ocean transit.

When it became known that congress intended to cut down the appropriation for this study of fruit while on ocean steamers, the Oregon Growers Cooperative Association at once wired Senator McNary the great importance to Oregon of this work, and through the representation of the association, he at once, as chairman of the agricultural committee, succeeded in having \$40,000 included in the appropriations.

Pear and apple growers of Oregon will be interested in efforts being made by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association in co-operating with the California Pear Growers' association to have congress set aside \$10,000 for the scientific studying of spraying pears and apples.

It is well known that there is a slight film left on apples and pears after spraying for codling moth, and this film often prejudices eastern buyers as many think it is poisonous more or less.

Senator Charles McNary has been urged by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association to work with Congress to secure an appropriation for the study of a spray that may be used in fighting codling moth that will not leave a film on pears and apples.

While among fruit men it is known that this film left on fruit is not poisonous, yet this condition has to some extent been prejudicial to

the fruit interests of Oregon and California. It is only through the efforts of cooperative associations that proper legislation can be secured for the fruit interests of the north-west.

Rudyard Kipling is reputed to know the full value of his autograph as many a collector has discovered to his bitter amazement. Here is a new sequel to an old story told by a lawyer of Mrs. Kipling's in Vermont. The old story runs that a man once wrote to Kipling: "I understand you write for a dollar a word, and send you a dollar for a sample."

Lives of Great Men All Remind U



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