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P. R. L. & P. CO. PAY \$150,000.00 ANNUALLY Taxpayers Enlightened On Taxes

Those who attended the Taxpayers monthly meeting at Barton, July 24, heard some very interesting facts and figures presented by County Assessor J. E. Jack. Although obliged to shorten his speech in order to catch the last car, Mr. Jack managed to impress upon the minds of his hearers the fact that corporations doing business in Clackamas Co. do pay a reasonable share of the taxes, popular belief to the contrary notwithstanding.

He cited the P. R. L. & P. Co. as one example and named \$150,000.00 as the sum this company annually pays into the treasury of Clackamas County in the shape of taxes.

Mr. Jack also stated it is his belief that taxes are too high and he submitted the figures given below as proof of the assertion that they have increased at an alarming rate during the past ten years.

TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1905	
State, School, Road and other tax	\$171,078.03
Poll Tax	1,180.00
Special School Tax	26,087.93
" Road "	2,625.60
" City "	10,650.92
Total Tax for 1905	\$211,622.48

TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1915	
State, School, Road and other Tax	\$545,916.57
Special School Tax	141,711.38
" Road "	70,281.28
" Cities "	61,975.55
Timber Patrol Tax	334.53
Total Tax for 1915	\$819,318.99

INCREASE IN TAXES FOR THE TEN YEARS	
State, School, Road and other Tax (By County Levy)	214%
Special School Tax (Vote of the People)	443%
Special Road Tax (Vote of the People)	2,476%
Special City Tax (Vote of the People)	473%

E. F. Riley of Portland, spoke briefly on the Farmers Land and Loan Bill, saying that farmers would be nothing more than mere tenants paying full rental value of their land to the state, should this bill become a law. Consequently people having money to invest in farm lands would hunt some spot not favored with Oregon's freak legislation. The fact

BOB MORTON A HERO

Estacada Boy
Rescues Imperilled Swimmer

In a letter received this week by Clyde Havens of Estacada from A. Benson, manager of the Salmon City, Idaho hatchery, was enclosed a clipping from the local paper, descriptive of the heroic actions of Robert E. Morton, in the rescuing of a drowning forest officer.

The clipping reads:

"Harry Power, the forest officer, while making soundings of the Salmon river last evening, fell into the river, and barely escaped drowning. The cable which the federal government has installed for this work gave way, while Mr. Power was riding the suspended basket over the middle of the stream. Though he is a powerful swimmer, the stage of the river, and the weight of his clothes made progress toward shore rather difficult. Robert E. Morton, one of the fish-trap men, who lately came from Oregon, and is himself a champion swimmer, happened to be standing on the bank as a witness to Mr. Powers' distress. When Mr. Morton saw that the man was struggling with adversity, and not apt to make the shore, he threw his coat, plunged in and rescued him, bringing him to land. It was a close call, and Mr. Power hopes that it won't happen again."

Bob Morton left Estacada a month or so ago, accompanying A. Benson, former manager of the River Mill Hatchery, to Salmon City, where both are employed in hatchery work.

Benson's letter adds a few extras to the newspaper account, such as the report that Bob was out walking with the town's belle at the time of the accident and is now being treated as a hero by all of Salmon City's damsels, both white and Injun.

becomes apparent that voters do not understand this bill.

J. K. Ely Chairman of the League's Road Committee reported the proposition of paving a section of the proposed "Eastern Clackamas Highway" near Eagle Creek Grange Hall was taken up with the County Court at the July term, and while the Court seemed not averse to doing some work of this character in the eastern end of the county, they could not see their way clear to move the paving plant at the present time.

However since this is the first request of the kind coming from this part of the county the committee feels the County Court will in making their plans for permanent road improvement another year, give Eastern Clackamas some consideration.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Currinsville, Monday, Aug. 21th, at 1:30 P. M. League members hope that the program committee will invite the County Assessor to be present at this meeting and go into the details of Assessment and Taxation more fully than his short stay at Barton permitted.

FATAL ACCIDENT SUNDAY

Motorcycle Causes
Upset Of Wagon

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in this community for many months, took place last Sunday noon near the top of the Springwater Hill, resulting in the death of Mr. John Ptacek of Estacada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Somers, her sister, Mrs. Annie Mikulecky, and their aged father, John Ptacek all of Estacada started about 11 A. M. for Highland, Mr. Somers driving a two seated wagon hitched to his team of mules. Near the top of the Springwater Hill road, where the curves are sharp and dangerous, two motorcycles, each carrying two passengers, sped by bound for the Meier & Frank picnic in Estacada Park, the latter one, which came around a turn suddenly, frightened the mules so badly that they backed the wagon and its occupants over an embankment, overturning the vehicle and fatally injuring Mr. Ptacek.

Aside from a bad shake up, the other three occupants of the wagon were uninjured, but the aged father, having been unable to protect himself against the fall, was found in an unconscious condition, suffering from a bad scalp wound with probable fracture of the skull, besides internal injuries.

Medical aid was summoned at once, but the injured man passed away at his house late that night, never regaining consciousness.

While possibly no blame could be attached to the driver of the motorcycle, he was undoubtedly careless in rounding the curves of the hill at that spot and without sounding any warning of his fast approach. The cyclist's name was not learned, although the number of the machine was taken, after he had ridden to Estacada and summoned a physician.

Mr. Ptacek, who had resided with his daughter, Mrs. Mikulecky, on Shafford Ave., Estacada for several years, was about 74 years of age and in very poor health.

The remains, after being embalmed by undertaker Chapman of Estacada, were taken east for burial, accompanied by Mrs. Mikulecky; the interment taking place the latter part of this week at their former home at Wilson, Kansas.

The sympathy of the community is extended the family in this sudden taking of their beloved father.

Lecture On Mexico

A truly interesting, instructive and entertaining series of lectures will occur in Estacada, beginning next Sunday evening at the Christian Church, continuing to and including Wednesday evening.

The church is fortunate in having secured the services of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Mellinger of Portland. Mr. Mellinger is the pastor of the Woodlawn Church and was for a number of years a missionary in old Mexico and is conversant with every detail of Mexican life and history.

On Sunday evening, Mr. Mellinger will deliver a sermon lecture upon the subject, "Religious History of Mexico" to which all are invited. No admission will be charged for the Sunday evening lecture, but beginning Monday evening, a series of three lectures will be given, to which an admission of 25c per lecture will be charged, with tickets for the three lectures, for sale at the special price of 50c, the proceeds going towards the support of the church choir.

The subject of Monday evening's lecture will be "Present Day Conditions in Mexico." On Tuesday evening the lecturer will speak on "Life in Mexico", this lecture being profusely illustrated with stereopticon views.

The final entertainment of the course, occurring Wednesday evening, will be by Mrs. Mellinger, who is one of Portland's foremost entertainers. The entertainment will consist largely of readings and musical numbers, which will prove a treat to all who attend.

Coming at this time when Mexico is an every day subject of conversation, an opportunity to hear Mr. Mellinger, should not be missed. All lectures will start promptly at 8 o'clock P. M.

Union Services Next Sunday

Everyone is cordially invited to spend the day at the Union Services next Sunday, August 6th, which occur in the grove adjoining the Mt Zion Church in Garfield.

An exceptionally entertaining and instructive program will be given, with the singing in charge of the Springwater Choral Society, with the Garfield Band rendering several selections.

A program covering the entire day has been arranged, with sermons preached by Dr. Nugent of Newburyport, Mass. and Dr. Talbot of Kimball College, Salem.

The noon hour will be given over to a regular picnic dinner, with all urged to bring their lunches and enjoy the day.