



EXEMPTION TAX

is Declared Unconstitutional—Increases Assessments. Poor and Rich Will Now Pay Taxes.

Washington County Assessment Commenced—Assessor Wilcox Will Make No Changes.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision that the Householders' Tax Exemption law is unconstitutional. This means that the tax list of the entire state will be increased about eight million dollars and the change will probably go into effect during the present year, necessitating a revision of the tax list. The law providing for the exemption from taxation of householder's property to the extent of \$300, has been in effect since 1854, with the exception of 1904, when an exemption was made due to an act of the legislature, which was subsequently declared void.

Article nine of section one of the constitution of Oregon says, "The Legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation and shall prescribe such regulations and shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such as for municipal, educational, literary, scientific or charitable purposes, as may be specially exempted by law." Until the constitution is amended there will be no more household exemptions on the tax rolls.

The following is the decision of the

supreme court on this subject:

E. C. and E. Wallace appellants against W. H. Fallin, assessor, and J. O. Booth, judge, from Josephine county, H. K. Hanna, Judge. Reversed in an opinion by Judge Moore. This is a suit to enjoin the assessor, board of equalization and sheriff from allowing certain exemptions from taxation pursuant to the act which exempts certain personal property to the amount of \$300 from taxation. A demurrer to the complaint on the ground that it did not state facts sufficient to entitle the plaintiffs to the relief sought having been sustained, the suit was dismissed and appeal taken.

Says the court: "We believe that the clause in the constitution to prohibit its legislative assembly from granting to householders of the state exemption from taxation of property attempted by the statute, which though in force when the organic law took effect, was inconsistent therewith and hence repealed by the adoption of the constitution, and its attempted reenactment is void as repugnant thereto on the ground that the rate of assessment and taxation is not uniform between a householder of the state and non-residents."

Assessor Wilcox estimates the household exemptions at \$700,000. He has commenced to compile the assessment roll and says he will make no changes, but would complete the roll as originally contemplated, and the board of equalization could order the exemptions stricken off and the full amount of taxable property taxed. This he believed the simpler plan.

—If you are thin, nervous, have poor appetite and don't sleep well, take Dr. Morrow's Anti-Lean. Dr. Hines' Drug Store.

GRANGERS MEET

Patrons Favor State Owning Telephone Systems—Want Tuttle Road Law Abolished.

Report of Subordinate Granges—Class of 14 Initiated to the Fifth Degree.

The Washington County Pomona Grange, having jurisdiction over 11 granges with total membership of about 600, met last Thursday at Tigardville in the hall of Butte Grange, No. 148. Austin Buxton, who is Master of this Pomona, as well as master of the Oregon State Grange, with Mrs. Buxton, the lecturer of the Pomona, were present and report a very large attendance, over 100 being present, and an extremely interesting and beneficial session.

Butte Grange, No. 148, is one of the oldest organizations in the state, being organized April 22, 1874. It is very prosperous, having over 100 members, and owning its hall and grounds. Its presiding officer is Mrs. Hannah Christensen, who is a very successful and popular officer.

Reports from the subordinate granges show marked progress in all. Beaverton Grange reported an increase of 40 in membership during the quarter.

At 2 o'clock the grange adjourned to the village church, to assist in the funeral of Mrs. Josie Robison, a member of Butte Grange. The impressive funeral ceremony of the grange ritual was used.

At 4 p. m. the grange took up the discussion of resolutions. The following resolution on the state ownership of telephones was introduced, discussed and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. B. G. Leedy, A. N. Davis and Mrs. Ruby Boyd, who are to get action from the subordinate granges, investigate the matter and report at the October meeting. It is very probable that the committee will modify the resolution to a demand for a law establishing a commission to regulate rates and to compel all companies to connect with each other's lines for a proportionate charge. The text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, the grange has always advocated and believed in co-operation an all practical lines for the benefit of the farmer and his family, and,

"Whereas, there are corporations trying to monopolize the telephone business of the state and charge all that the traffic will bear, and,

"Whereas, a uniform system and uniform rates would be very advantageous to all using telephones.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Washington County Pomona Grange that we believe the state ownership, control and operation of the telephones of the state would best meet the desired condition."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, certain interests are continually exerting themselves to get the opportunity to bond districts, municipalities, counties and states, and,

"Whereas, as Patrons of Husbandry, we are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise as tends to oppress the people, and,

"Whereas, it is not necessary that the present Tuttle road law or any other bonding scheme be enforced in order to obtain good roads, and as the old road law gives County Courts power to make sufficient levy for building good, permanent roads if funds thus raised are honestly and economically administered.

Therefore, "Resolved that the Washington County Pomona Grange oppose any system of bonding for road improvement and demand of our representatives the repeal of the Tuttle road

law at the next session of the Legislature."

At the evening session a resolution of condolence in memoriam of Mrs. Josie Robison, of Butte Grange, was reported by the committee and adopted.

A resolution opposing the passage of the ship subsidy bill was enthusiastically adopted.

A class of 14 was given the initiatory ceremony of the fifth degree. These were: Rachel Wescott, Noah Hingley, Anna Bornette, Hazel Wood, Frank Bornette, Edith Deitz, Zealous Fletcher, Hattie Smith, Clara Morin, B. K. Denny, Clara Benke, Francis Davis and F. Langue.

A well-rendered programme of songs, recitations and addresses closed the work of the day.

The Pomona meets again on the fourth Wednesday of October, with Leedy Grange, at Cedar Mills, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Another Oregon Lad to the Front

Many residents of this city as well as the friends of a former Forest Grove boy will be pleased to learn of his whereabouts and achievements. Forest Grove, with its educational facilities, has once more proven that it can turn out good material and that eastern cities are eager to secure it. This time the person is A. M. North, who came to our city from Vernonia, over in the Nehalem country. Mr. North studied in our public schools after which he entered Tualatin Academy, finally graduating from Pacific University with the class of 1901, making history and political economy his major studies with a view of preparing himself for that professorship.

For two years he held the position of principal of the North Yamhill schools, after which he resigned to take up his work in the University of Chicago where he studied for several years.

Word has been received that he has just been accepted as a teacher of history in the High School at Terre Haute, Ind. The school has an attendance of over 800 pupils with a corps of 29 teachers and Mr. North's position will be a responsible one. His salary for the first year will be \$1100.

Mrs. R. A. Magoon, Dead.

Mrs. R. A. Magoon, aged 78 years and 6 months, who died at Portland last Sunday, was buried in the Almorán Hill cemetery near Gaston, Tuesday. Deceased came to Washington County thirty years ago from Plainfield, Iowa, and has resided in Gaston since with the exception of a short time ago, when she went to Portland. She leaves four sons and four daughters: Fred, Plainfield, Iowa; Edward, University Park; Lowell and Byron, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. T. B. Lott, St. Helens; Mrs. Ellen Mills, Vernonia; Mrs. Ida Potter, Astoria; Mrs. Fannie Smith, Plainfield, Iowa.

Rails Laid to Buxton.

The rails of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company are now laid as far as Buxton, making a track 20 miles in length. The gang has begun grading beyond Buxton and the work will be pushed forward into the timber belt as far as the weather will permit.

The road is proving a great benefit to the people of that section and much lumber will be shipped from there in a short time, which before was practically out of reach.

Banks, located on this road, has been on a boom since the road was begun. W. S. Atlee of this city, is now building a general merchandise store as well as a residence there.

Leg Broken in Three Places

While riding on a wagon last Saturday, Lee Martin of Dilley, aged 73 years, had his left leg broken in three places. Mr. Martin was watching a chain dragging when his leg was forced against the end of a piling, breaking it below the knee. Dr. Via, who was summoned, says the injury is a grave one on account of his advanced age.

DAIRYING DISCUSSED

Prof. McKay the Principal Speaker—Subject, Dairying and the Care of Milk.

State Well Adapted to Dairying—Give Cows Care—Profitable Business.

The dairy interests of this vicinity which has grown in a few years to such immense proportions, was the subject discussed by prominent men here last Saturday. The visitors who were here as the guests of the Board of Trade were: Prof. G. L. McKay, head of the dairying department of the Iowa State Agricultural College; J. W. Bailey, State Food and Dairy Commissioner and H. A. Hinshaw, Assistant Freight Agent of the Southern Pacific. These persons were met by a representative body of the Board of Trade, shown the plant of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co. and then driven to the Hotel Laughlin where a dinner was given in their honor by Mr. Harry Stewart of P. C. C. M. Co. Other guests around the table were: Senator Haines, Judge Hollis and Walter Hoge.

In the afternoon a meeting was held and many important phases of the dairy business were discussed, but Prof. G. L. McKay, who is an authority on this question, was the main speaker, discussing "Dairying and the Care of Milk." Among some of his remarks here and other places in this county he gave the following details:

"Oregon," he said, "is a state well adapted to dairying. It has the disadvantage of being far removed from the big trade centers, but butter is something that can be shipped. The freight rate from Oregon to New York is but two cents per pound, and to Liverpool but half a cent more.

"Oregon is fertile. At the Oregon State farm he saw land which a few years ago would not produce more than 15 bushels of wheat to the acre, and this year it will run 50, due to scientific farming, and the keeping of cows. The best land is none too good for dairying. In the Elgin district cows are kept on land, up to \$140 an acre.

NECESSITIES FOR SUCCESS.
"The bulk of the dairying of the country is done in seven states, and states that can raise alfalfa and clover can make a success of dairying. So in order to have success in dairying the dairyman must, First, have good cows; Secondly, Feed them right.

"The best dairy cows are not necessarily blooded stock, but rather the normal stock that is well cared for. Just as horses have been bred to make the mile in 2:10 so cows can be bred to give heavy returns of milk.

"Environment has much to do with stock. Even full blooded stock if kept in cold barns will degenerate into scrubs.

TEST SYSTEMS.

"The Danes have a way of keeping track of what each cow is doing. They form associations and hire an expert to test the milk from their cows every three weeks, so that they are able to know which are boarders and which are milk producers. The same system is being used in England and Germany and is being pushed in Canada. A ton of wheat, worth \$25, will take from the soil plant foods worth \$7.50, while a ton of butter worth \$450, will draw from the soil but 50 cents. The cow, not the steer, is the animal to keep on the high priced land. The cow is the cheapest producer of human food. A silo is a necessity to the up-to-date dairyman.

FEEDING.

"Give the cow plenty of salt. Keep where the cow can get at it, and give her plenty of water. Milk is 87 per cent water, and if you would have a large milk yield give the cow plenty

Accident Causes Bad Injury.

Miss Lyda Thompson through accident received a bad injury on her hand, Monday. She was driving a horse on the hay fork at her father's barn in town, when the tug broke causing the single tree to fly by striking the back of her hand. The bones of the hand were broken and some of the fingers badly bruised. Bishop soon had the injured member attended to and though the accident has caused much pain, Miss Thompson is now resting much better and her hand will not be disfigured.

Elected Principal of Sherwood School.

Frank Fletcher received word last Saturday that he had been accepted for the position of principal in public school of Sherwood, Oregon.

Mr. Fletcher is well known in Forest Grove, having attended school here for many years. He comes from a family of teachers and has already a wide reputation as one of the teachers of Washington County.

Last year Mr. Fletcher taught Scoggin Valley school. He is to be congratulated upon his rapid advancement in the profession he has chosen. The Sherwood school has a good enrollment and employs two teachers, the principal having charge of the upper grades.

Prof. Robertson to Take Leave of Absence.

Professor Robertson asks leave of absence for one year to accept a fellowship for research work in history at the University of California. His letter the president will explain more the details, and that he has not left the institution as was rumored during the last few days but will return with us again the following year.

Berkeley, Cal., July 25, 1906.
My dear President Ferrin:

I have been somewhat perplexed in regard to the best course to pursue, but have decided to accept an offer which has been made to me by the University here for the coming year. They offered me a fellowship which is somewhat more than fellowships usually do, with the bulk of my time to be spent in research work and the possibility of a doctor's degree at the close of the year. I have conferred with Professor Wheeler, the History men here, with Professor Twiner of Wisconsin, under whom I am taking lectures, and it seems to me that the opportunity I cannot afford to let pass. I do not know what the future may bring me, but I would like, if you feel you can do so consistently with the best interests of Pacific, to have my way open to return next year in should seem best for the institution.

I am rather tired on account of heavy work at Pacific and sick of my family, and think the year will be good for us all. I like the climate here very much, and I think it will be a benefit to my family as myself.

With best wishes and kind regards,
I am,

Very truly yours,
JAMES R. ROBERTSON

WATCH WRONGS RIGHTED

If your watch has gone wrong, lost its accuracy or suffered from more serious injury—we'll right it once more if it lies in a watchmaker's skill. The same with Clocks.

Of course there are Watches or Clocks injured beyond repair, and in that case we'll tell you should know we can give you a good line of watches and to select from.

ABBOTT & SON
Jewelers

Are You Going?

Hunting Season Opens Wednesday
August 15th 1906

It is Time You were getting your Things Ready

The following are Our Prices on

WINCHESTER AND SAVAGE GUNS

Winchester Model 1894, 30-30 Nickel Steel Bbl	\$14.75
“ “ “ 25-35 “ “ “	14.75
“ “ “ 1892, 25-20 “ “ “	12.50
“ “ “ 22 Cal “ “ “	10.26
“ Take Down 12 and 16 Gauge Shot Gun	19.44
Savage Model 30-30 or 303, Rd Bbl	18.00
“ “ “ Oct. “ “ “	19.50

Get Portland Prices and compare them with the above.

GOFF BROS.,
FOREST GROVE, OREGON