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EXPLAINS TAX LAWS

Chairman of House Committee Defines the Measure.

Coquille, January 10.—To the Editor of The Sentinel: In the issue of your valuable paper of the ninth instant appeared an editorial severely criticizing the tax law as amended by the Legislative Assembly of 1913. As a member of the House Committee on Assessment and Taxation, from which committee the amendments chanced to originate, I desire to take exception to the editorial in question, and shall try to elucidate some of its provisions.

In the first instance, there are but a few minor changes in the method of collection. The principal objection seems to arise from the fact the three per cent rebate given for cash payment under the old law has been done away with. A proper understanding of what this three per cent rebate really meant is quite necessary before you can appreciate the benefits of the amended law. Under the old law the levy was made by the Board based on estimating the entire amount that would be needed to pay the running expenses of the county government for the current year, and to cover the rebate on taxes an additional three per cent of the entire amount was then added; in other words you were taxed \$100.00, which was a legitimate tax, and an extra \$3 was then added, which would be refunded to you if you were fortunate enough to be able to pay all of your taxes before the first day of April. It certainly is not a hard guess to determine who was principally benefited by the rebate system. In the majority of instances the small tax payer, unlike his more prosperous neighbor, could not take advantage of the rebate and what happened to him was enough. If he could pay but one half of his taxes he lost advantage of the rebate entirely, which represented to him an overcharge of three per cent on all of his taxes, or six per cent on the remaining one half of his taxes.

The following table of comparison of the old and new law will better explain the advantages in dollars and cents of the new order of things. Keep thoroughly in mind that what would have been your tax under the old law will be three per cent less under the new law. In case full payment is made before the first day of April, Mr. Taxpayer would pay \$103.00 (padded \$3 for rebate purpose) less three per cent or \$100.00 net; under the new law he would pay \$100.00 (no padding) or \$100.00 net.

In case he desired to pay one half of his taxes under the old law his first payment would be \$51.50, the balance \$51.50 would run until October first (without interest) making a total payment of \$103.00; under the new law, his first payment would be \$50.00, the balance, \$50, would run until September first (with interest at one per cent per month) making a total payment of \$102.50.

But suppose he has paid the first half of his taxes and makes default in the payment of his second half. Under the old law, he would \$51.50 before April first, and the balance of \$51.50, he having failed to pay before October first, drew interest from

the first day of April, say until November first, which amount to \$3.60; he would also pay a penalty of ten per cent or \$5.15, making a total tax paid of \$11.75. Under the new law he would have paid \$50 before April first, and the balance of \$50 he having failed to pay until November first would, after the first day of September, be penalized ten per cent or \$5, and would then draw interest at the rate of one per cent per month or \$1 interest, making a total payment of \$106.

But suppose he was unable to pay any part of his taxes before the first day of April, his total tax would then figure as follows, if paid in the month of

Old Law.	New Law.
May \$114.33	\$101.00
June 115.33	102.00
July 116.33	106.00
Aug. 117.33	104.00
Sept. 118.33	111.00

After October first, certificate of delinquency may issue which will draw interest on the entire amount at the rate of 15 per cent per annum. In this respect the law has not been changed.

A careful study of the law will unquestionably impress the tax payer with the fact that the law is not only a good one, but one which makes a direct savings to the small tax payer and does exactly what the originators of the measure mean it to do, relieve the small home owner and tax payer from the burden of excessive penalties.—J. S. Barton, in Coquille Sentinel.

BAROMETER AT LOW POINT

Chris Rasmussen informed a representative of The Recorder Saturday morning that the barometer was the lowest he had ever seen it, being down to 28.79, and the record up to that time was 28.9. There has certainly been something doing of late as the storms have been heavy and the wind has blown a gale, but with all that we have been in paradise as compared with the east according to reports.

Farmers' Gathering is Unusually Large.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' County Union, held at W. O. W. hall in this city last Saturday, was probably the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Coos county, something over two hundred persons being present. At noon a splendid basket dinner was served following which the regular business of the session was transacted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Geo. E. Henninger, Fishtrap, president; Geo. Ross, Marshfield, vice president; E. A. Howey, Coquille, secretary-treasurer; E. W. Ferris, Coquille, chaplain; Nick Johnson, Coquille, conductor; H. L. Masters, Marshfield, door-keeper; executive committee, B. H. Burns, Coquille, O. Aasen, Fishtrap, Neal Watson, Marshfield, W. L. Kistner, Coquille, J. Finley Schroeder, Norway.—Coquille Sentinel.

Library News.

Magazines for circulation.—Do you wish to read The White Liner Nurse, The Trail to Yesterday, and Saturday's Child? Or to see the fine colored plates in the article on Panama in Scribner's? Are you interested in Roosevelt's Life Histories of African Animals or in Prison Reform? These, and many more good things are now ready to go out on borrower's cards.

BIG FIND IN PLATINUM

R. Smith Bassett Displayed \$500 Worth of Precious Metal.

R. Smith Bassett has severed his connection as manager of the Oregon Coast Gold Platinum Dredge Co. and has gone into the mining business independently. He displayed \$512 worth of platinum, in this office yesterday which he had saved in six weeks recently with only a rough cedar board for a sluice box. This platinum was taken from a mine which Mr. Bassett has near this city and indicates that there is certainly something doing in the platinum business in this section. Mr. Bassett is very sanguine over the prospects.

He also states that the Oregon Coast Gold Platinum Dredge Co. will continue to operate this summer and they will undoubtedly make good as there are the best of prospects.

WILL BUILD BIG MILL

Report Wisconsin Company will Develop Holdings South of Brookings

Gold Beach, Or., Jan. 13.—According to an apparently authentic, but unofficial report received here from Brookings and Crescent City an immense lumber mill is to be put below Brookings probably this year. The projectors are said to be the company from Eau Claire, Wis., which owns the largest single body of redwood in the world in Del Norte county, California, and who are said to be planning a mill with 600,000 daily capacity and a pulp mill in connection, the latter to be operated like the C. A. Smith Company's pulp mill in Marshfield to utilize the waste from the mill.

BANDON LOST BASKET BALL

The Bandon High School basketball team went to Myrtle Point Friday night where they played the Myrtle Point High School team.

The game was a fast one from start to finish and in the first half Bandon showed up well, scoring 11 points while Myrtle Point was "goose egg-ed," but in the second half the tables were turned and just as time was called the Myrtle Pointers succeeded in tying the score, the tie was then played off and Myrtle Point scored the first basket making the score 13 to 11 in their favor.

Several of the Bandon boys were considerably knocked out before the game started, consequently they were not able to continue the fast pace they set in the first half, but they will get revenge when they again meet Myrtle Point.

Marshfield comes here next Friday night for a game and Bandon will leave nothing undone to come out victors.

MARSHFIELD WON DEBATE

Coos Bayites Carry off the County Championship.

The Marshfield High School debating team won from Bandon in the debate Friday night by a 2 to 1 decision and thus become the champions of Coos county.

The question was: "Resolved that the President of the United States should be elected to a single term of six years." Marshfield had the negative and Bandon the affirmative, which under existing circumstances gave the Marshfield team considerable advantage, but even at that the debate was close as is shown by the fact that Marshfield did not get the unanimous decision.

The Marshfield team was composed of Leslie Isaacson and Cecil Robertson. The Bandon team was Jack Kronenberg and Pearl Craine.

HOLSTEINS TO BE BOUGHT

R. M. Pressy and Others of Two Mile Section Will Have Them.

R. M. Pressy of Twomile is in the city today and in a conversation with a representative of The Recorder, said that things were moving along nicely in his section. Mr. Pressy is one of the enthusiasts who are preparing to import a bunch of Holstein cattle into this section, and says that a number of dairymen in his section have already put in orders for a bunch, and though there had been little or no canvassing among the up river dairymen, yet some of them were sure to take a bunch of these cattle, so that it is now a practical certainty that the project, which was suggested by J. L. Kronenberg of this city, will be carried out.

The Holsteins are considered the very best cattle for this country and a good start of them will insure the future prosperity of the dairy industry here.

Encampment Installs.

Bandon Encampment No. 72 installed officers Saturday night January 10th as follows: The following officers were installed, L. I. Wheeler, chief patriarch; A. J. Macy, senior warden; Logan Kay, junior warden; A. Knopp, high priest; and D. C. Kay, scribe.

After installation a degree work was put on and a sumptuous banquet was served. The evening was a very pleasant and profitable one.

There are somewhat more than 500 recognized tree species in the United States, of which about 100 are commercially important for timber. Of the 500 recognized species 300 are represented in the government's newly acquired Appalachian forests. All American species, except a very few subtropical ones on the Florida keys and in extreme southern Texas, are to be found in one or another of the national forests.

"Brennan of the Moor."

"He stole from the rich to give to the poor." This masterful production featuring Barney Gilmore, who attained fame in "Kelley from the Emerald Isle, is a story of adventure, romance and realism, fights in the dark, stage coach holdups, secret passages, flooded cells, duels and narrow escapes such as crossing a human bridge over a deep chasm, all scenes full of thrills and excitement. A picture that will entertain throughout its entire three reels. Shown at the Grand, Wednesday night, Jan. 21st Admission 15-10c. This picture is produced in America.

Beef Offered For Nine Cents

The Marshfield Record says: G. W. King of the Enterprise Meat Market was in receipt of a telegram today from San Francisco in which he was offered prime Australian beef f. o. b. San Francisco for nine cents a pound. Mr. King stated he did not intend purchasing any, although the offer was at a price three cents lower than the prevailing quotations on native beef in San Francisco at the present time. The reason Mr. King did not desire to buy the imported beef was a fear entertained by him that upon being taken from cold storage rooms on the importing vessel and transhipped here without ice the beef would turn black. Although meat has dropped considerably Mr. King believes, as the tariff begins to operate it will go still lower.

SAYS HIGGINS TOLD LIE

A dispatch from Spokane has the following to say about the testimony of J. H. Higgins in the preliminary hearing of A. R. Cooley at Gold Beach for the murder of Thomas Van Pelt:

Alfred Coolidge, Spokane banker and millionaire, accused in the preliminary hearing of A. R. Cooley at Gold Beach, Ore., yesterday of having offered money to have Thomas Van Pelt killed, today branded the story as false. J. H. Higgins, formerly a cashier in Coolidge's bank was the witness who testified as to Coolidge.

"Higgins is a personal enemy of mine, but I did not imagine that he would attempt to involve me in Van Pelt's death," said Mr. Coolidge. "My brother was killed 16 years ago near Gold Beach, Ore., after what was then called a feud. Old man Van Pelt and his sons were cleared of the charge of killing my brother. Subsequently Thomas Van Pelt was killed. The story that I hired Coolidge to do the killing is false."

Forest Notes.

The American forestry association has members in every state in the union, in every province in Canada, and in every civilized and semi-civilized country in the world.

Makers of phonographs are aiming to use wood instead of metal in all parts of the instrument where it is possible in order to increase the mellowness of the tone.

On the Pocatello forest, Idaho, 230,000 trees were planted during the past year, and almost half a million in the past three years, fully three fourths of which are alive and doing well.

Experiments in the use of aspen for shingles show that the shingles do not check in seasoning, and that they turn water satisfactorily, but that they are too easily broken in handling.

GREAT GAIN IN COMMERCE

Shipping Over Coquille River Bar Twenty Times that of 1900.

During the thirteen years since 1900 the shipping over the Coquille River bar has grown nearly twenty fold and has been a gradual but constant increase as the following figures will show. The passenger business has also been one of phenomenal growth, rising from none in 1900 to 4523 in 1913.

Following are the figures:

	PASSENGERS	TONS FREIGHT
1900	---	11,266
1906	407	57,546
1910	1990	110,152
1911	3040	147,042
1912	3112	172,028
1913	5623	217,616

Past Matrons Meet.

Mrs. R. W. Boyle entertained the members of the Past Matrons Association at the residence of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Buck on Edison Ave last Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were: Mesdames R. H. Rosa, E. M. Gallier, Steve Gallier, Fred Mehl, Matt Smith, W. E. Craine, R. W. Boyle, Rosa Bingaman, and J. G. Slagle, and Misses Mary D. Ritchie and Kate Rosa. Mrs. Jas. Cox of Langlois and Mrs. Chas. Kime of Coquille were unable to be present on account of the bad weather.

A course luncheon was served, the place cards being small gavel, tied with purple ribbon, the color of the association.

All present enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent.

Mrs. Steve Gallier will entertain the association at the next meeting, which will be February 11, 1914.

Dr. Hodge on Flies.

According to Dr. Hodge there is no reason for the people of any community shutting themselves behind screened doors and windows all summers, with the flies left to sport as they will in freedom. Oregon, Dr. Hodge declares, can be entirely freed of flies, and he plans to show the people of the state, through the school children as well as their parents, how this can be done. Dr. Hodge knows what he is talking about. He has cleaned up the flies of Worcester, Mass., and in Baltimore, Md. where he worked one summer on this campaign, he had the flies so completely exterminated, there were none left for laboratory work. He directed a class in the summer school of the University of Oregon this summer in Eugene. The members of the class made the necessary surveys for determining the breeding places of the flies through the city. The City Council took action in cleaning these places up. The result was, when the State Health Inspector made his usual tour this fall examining into the sanitary conditions of the various towns of the state, Eugene stood first as the cleanest from a sanitary point of view. Dr. Hodge will put the children to work, each community to work cleaning out the breeding place of flies. Watch for results a year from now.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 27th, the great California Round Up or Rodeo will be shown in motion pictures. It is alive with action, thrills and fun. Don't fail to see this big special production in three reels. Remember it at the Grand.