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PENALTIES ARE DUE

YESTERDAY WAS LIMIT FOR
SECOND PAYMENT OF TAX.

Most of the Unpaid Tax Is Due From
Those Who Have Not Paid Any
Tax for This Year.

Yesterday was the last day on which those who had already paid one half their taxes could make the second payment. Those who did not make the second payment by the evening of that day will therefore become delinquent and subject to the penalty imposed in such case. Under the present law there is a ten per cent penalty imposed as soon as taxes become delinquent, and also interest is charged at the rate of one per cent per month.

Inquiry at the sheriff's office by the E. O. shows that while there are quite a number who have not yet made the second payment, the bulk of the unpaid tax is owed by people who have paid no taxes at all. However, there is very little even of this, for the taxes have been remarkably well paid up, and were it not for the railroad tax there would be but about \$20,000 unpaid on this year's roll.

The total amount of taxes for this year as shown by the tax roll is \$222,171.76. Of this amount \$158,987 has already been paid, and of that which is unpaid the sum of \$42,534.82 is owed by the O. R. & N. Co. for this year's tax. Consequently, there would be but a delinquency of \$22,000, were it not for the railroad taxes. However, according to Deputy Funk, all of the tax that is now unpaid will not become delinquent, for much of it will be paid before the time is up, and many will pay with the penalty added after the time is up.

In the payments that have been made so far this year there has been \$1000 paid as penalties for delinquency while rebates to the amount of \$4500 have been given.

Snow in Camas Prairie

Henry Laska, the well known stockman from Camas Prairie, tells a Pendleton paper that the first snow of the year fell in the prairie Thursday night, reaching down into the valley and settlements. On the higher mountains it fell to a depth of three or four inches and drove all the sheep from the summer ranges into the foothills. Some sheep were lost in the high mountains because of the severe storm. On the lower hills the snow did not lay on long but in the mountains it is still in sight.

COUNCIL MEETING

A New Liquor Ordinance—Mrs. W. H. Pruet is After Recompensation.

In addition to allowing the regular gist of monthly bills last night, the city council considered a new ordinance that is drawn to regulate the licensing of saloons in Athena. The draft of the ordinance did not meet with the entire approval of the councilmen, and it was referred to the committee on ordinances. The marshal was instructed to dispense with the services of the engineer at the pumping station, it being the opinion of the fire and water committee that the new system now furnishes a sufficient supply of water.

A communication from Mrs. Pruet, stating in effect that the city had taken water from a spring on her land, and asking for recompensation, was read. The recorder was instructed to notify Mrs. Pruet that the city did not consider that it was under any obligations to her inasmuch as the pipe line does not extend further than the Gallaher property which was acquired by the city by purchase. In addition to this it may be stated that the city has appropriated water rights in the entire vicinity contiguous to the source of supply for the new system as required by law.

FRAUD FOR FOUR

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Graves, Wakefield, Parker and Foster.

The federal grand jury has returned an indictment against Charles A. Graves, Erwin N. Wakefield, Ora L. Parker and Robert B. Foster, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the government of public land.

The four men are accused of having conspired with Williamson and Gesner to defraud the government. It is alleged in the indictment that each filed on claims and also induced Sara F. Parker, Laura A. Foster and Monia Graves to do the same. It is further alleged they swore falsely regarding the character of the land, their intentions, value, timber and the intended disposition of the claims. At the request of Heney, bench warrants were issued for the indicted men and their bail fixed at \$4,000.

Killed Near Milton

Oscar Svordstrom, a Swede laborer, was struck by the morning train from Walla Walla yesterday just north of Milton, and died at 1 o'clock from his injuries. According to the testimony given by the trainmen and by the Swede himself, who was conscious until 11 o'clock, he was setting half asleep on the side of the track, when the train came along. It is at a curve and the man was evidently not seen until the train was near him and it was too late to stop. Svordstrom was in the act of rising when the pilot struck him and hurled him a distance of 20 feet.

Died of Typhoid

Art Ried, a well known young man of Adams, died Sunday evening after several weeks' illness from typhoid fever, and was buried in the Athena cemetery yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ried was on the eve of going to Alberta where he was to be employed by Louis Audette, when he was taken sick. His wife had gone with the Audette family and returned shortly before her husband's death. His father is in Idaho and does not know of the loss of his son. He leaves wife, a little daughter, relatives and friends.

Weston Saloonmen Fined

Roy Stewart and C. H. Walters, two Weston saloonmen, pleaded guilty Saturday morning to having kept their places open on Sunday, and were each fined the sum of \$15 by Judge Ellis, says the E. O. The cases against the above men are of long standing, the indictments having been made by John McCourt while acting as district attorney over a month ago. However, the two men were not arraigned until Saturday morning.

Killed by a Train

J. Dolan, a tramp who was held in the Pendleton city jail on the charge of robbing a laborer, and discharged the other day for want of evidence, was killed at Weatherly station Friday morning while stealing a ride on a passenger train. Dolan and Clark, his partner, were riding the rods together when Dolan asked for a cigarette and in reaching for it as Clark handed it to him, lost his grip and fell under the wheels, being literally ground to pieces.

Are You Engaged?

Engaged people should remember that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in good order with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." McBride, druggist, sells and guarantees them, at 50c a bottle.

RAINS IN PALOUSE.

Records for September Broken With Three Inches of Water.

Another heavy rain fell throughout the Palouse country Friday night. This makes almost three inches of rainfall for the month of September, which is the greatest rainfall for that month in many years. The ground, which was unusually dry when the first rain came, is now well soaked to a depth of several inches, and is in fine condition for fall plowing and seeding. Farmers have almost finished hauling their grain to the warehouses and a rush to complete the fall seeding will now begin. Much grain has already been planted, and the heavy rains if followed by warm weather, will insure the coming up promptly and making a heavy growth this fall.

There is a small amount of grain standing in the shock in isolated localities, and this has probably been slightly damaged by the heavy rains. The owners of this grain are getting uneasy. Should this grain be lost, it would not affect the total yield of the county to any perceptible extent, although a few individuals might be heavy losers. It is estimated by threshing machine men that from 95 to 97 per cent of the crop has been threshed.

SETTLE BY COMPROMISE.

Stated on Good Authority That the Tax Case Will Be Settled.

On good authority the Pendleton Tribune is able to announce that the long continued litigation between the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and Umatilla county over the assessment differences is about to be settled by a compromise. The county court which is now in session will, this week, hear a proposition to be made by the railroad company concerning the assessment, it being understood that the company is willing to accept an assessment of \$10,000 a mile upon its property in this county.

Two years ago the property was assessed at the rate of \$12,000 a mile in this county and the same valuation was placed on the property last year. The matter was taken into court, a decision being rendered in favor of the county. The company appealed the case but the decision of the lower court was sustained, and then efforts were made to secure a reduction. The case has been pending two years, and in the meantime the assessment of last year was levied and like the first assessment, it remained unpaid.

Sees Handwriting

Mr. Ives, an old gentleman who lives alone in the south part of town, is laboring under the hallucination of seeing writing all over his house, both inside and out. So great has this imagination got hold of him that he called at the Barrett hardware store and wanted to purchase a revolver. Mr. Barrett went to the old man's place of abode and could find no writing. The gun was not sold to him. The only marks to be found on the windows or building are merely dust stains, but the old fellow maintains that pencil writing abounds in profusion. Indications would point that he is slightly demented and his queer actions have been attracting attention for some time.

Rumor of Shortage

The Pendleton East Oregonian says that it is persistently rumored that there is a shortage in the county clerk's office and from what information that could be secured yesterday there is apparently some ground for the reports. However the amount is not thought to be large and it is said that the shortage is of such a nature as to indicate clearly that there was no criminal action intended on the part of any one. The work of the experts began with the term of Ben Burroughs in 1896. Following him W. D. Chamberlain served two terms, while the present incumbent, Frank Saling, has been in office one year.

Senator Mitchell Hurt

Senator Mitchell is in the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland with a broken rib. He received the injury last Wednesday while attending the launching ceremonies of a vessel. He was not aware of the extent of the injury until Saturday, when inflammation set in.

Walla Walla Woodmen

The Walla Walla council of the Woodmen of the World is making elaborate preparations for its logrolling contest, to be given on October 26, at which time Head Councillman Boak will pay his first visit to the northwest.

Meets at Pendleton

The next meeting of the grand commandery of Oregon, Knights Templar, will be held in Pendleton. This was decided upon at the meeting which has just been held in Portland. The next session will be held in October, 1906.

Local Wheat Market

Athena, Oct. 3.—Wheat today is quoted at 60 cents.

RUSH TO WALLOWA

TWO RAILROAD COMPANIES ARE
RACING FOR TERRITORY.

Both O. R. & N. and Wallowa Valley
Lines Hurrying Work at and
Near Elgin.

Both new railroad lines are pushing their work as rapidly as possible at and near Elgin.

The O. R. & N. has men working in the cement rock on their right of way within the city limits and another camp nine miles down the Grand Ronde between Elgin and Cabin creek. The surveyors are in the Looking-Glass country some distance in advance of the grading party. It was reported the first of the week that there are more than 225 men at work. The latest subcontract is that given to S. A. Gardiner and Hayes of La Grande. The mile taken is said to be the most difficult between Elgin and the Wallowa river. It is claimed that they will receive \$20,000 for the grading alone. They are advancing work with all possible speed. The O. R. & N. people state that they will complete the first nine miles of their line this fall. The Wallowa Valley company has two gangs at work just beyond the city of Elgin and has made a large cut and a fill of considerable length.

It is reported that the citizens of Wallowa have raised a subsidy of \$200,000, and placed it in the bank to be transferred to the Wallowa Valley railroad or to the first railroad to connect Walla Walla with the Wallowa valley. The surveying party of the Wallowa Valley railroad is at Victor's place, seven miles from the head of the Wallowa canyon, and expect to pitch their tents at the head of the canyon the first of next week. The O. R. & N. company has filed condemnation suits against P. H. Gray and others, George B. Clark and others, J. E. Wallace and others, Maggie Clark and others and John Fisher and wife, over whose property the proposed right of way passed.

The property in question lies next to the Wallowa river. The owners had given right of way to the Wallowa Valley railroad company on the side opposite that asked by the Harriman company. The bonds given for right of way by the property owners to William J. Cook covered their entire holdings. This prevented any other railroad company from securing right of way over their premises so long as a bond was valid.

As soon as Cook heard that the property owners desired to sell right of way to the O. R. N. company he immediately released all lands bonded by him on the opposite side of the river. When he took bonds for right of way he did not know which side of the river he would use but his engineer chose the bank opposite that originally surveyed by the O. R. & N. company.

Hill Is Pessimistic

J. J. Hill, in an interview with a Seattle paper, said: "People who are banking on the oriental trade are bound to be disappointed. The United States cannot compete with foreign countries in manufactures produced by the latter at lower cost which means cheaper labor. We have outgrown our present tariff laws. They stand in the way of commercial progress and must be changed. The Chinese boycott has been the greatest commercial disaster America ever suffered. If all the other nations of the earth closed their doors to American goods it would not be as bad as Chinese exclusion alone. The American people are fools, vainly gloriously patting themselves on the back over the so-called American invasion of European and oriental markets, while other countries that say nothing have practically monopolized the trade. As long as the people want politicians to make laws detrimental to commercial and industrial enterprises, the United States must expect to get small share in the foreign trade."

The main object of Hill's visit to the coast is to strengthen the backbone of the Northern Securities capitalists in the anti-Harriman fight, by showing the wonderful possibilities of the country tapped by the Hill lines.

For Sale

O. G. Chamberlain, the real estate dealer, offers for sale:
One dwelling and three lots, \$1100.
One house, barn and three lots, \$800.
A good cottage, outbuildings and one lot, \$1000.
One dwelling, barn and three lots and other choice city and farm property.

Eliberate Gene Bowler from Cascares. Casy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. Mc. No. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.