

## RAILROADS TO PAY

Corporations Assessed on a Seventy-five Per Cent Valuation—Railroad Taxes Increased.

Besides more than doubling the assessment of the railroads in Multnomah county, Assessor E. D. Sigler has assessed these corporations on a 75 per cent valuation for all bills receivable. This is the first time in the history of the country that this asset has been considered taxable, and means that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company will contribute taxes to the county on an item of \$16,180,000 that has heretofore escaped taxation. All other corporations have been assessed on the same plan, by which has been added several millions of dollars of valuation to the county assessment roll.

In 1905 the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company was assessed \$17,000 a mile for its roadbed and \$3000 a mile for its rolling stock, on the main line, or a total assessment of \$20,000 per mile. This year the company has been assessed \$47,000 a mile for its roadbed and rolling stock. This estimate for assessing this corporation was based on its earnings of the corporation in Multnomah county for the last five years was computed and considered 10 per cent of the capitalization of the company. The capital stock of the corporation having been estimated the value of \$47,000 a mile was determined by the number of miles of railway in operation.

By the last report filed by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company with the state tax commission it was reported to have cash on hand to the amount of \$425,000 and bills receivable aggregating \$21,013,000. Assessor Sigler contended that this asset should be assessed as other accounts are assessed, and listed these evidences of wealth at three fourths the sum total or \$16,180,000.

The assessment of the roadbed and rolling stock of the Northern Pacific Railway company was also increased this year to \$47,000 a mile. For its main line the Southern Pacific will pay taxes this year on a valuation of \$30,000 a mile for rolling stock. For its branch lines, the Fourth-street and

Jefferson-street divisions, the company has been assessed \$20,000 a mile for roadbed and \$3000 a mile for rolling stock.

The items referred to herein include only roadbed, rolling stock and bills receivable of the different companies, and in addition to which the railroads are also assessed for all other property they own in the county. All other transportation corporations operating in the county have been listed at proportionately high valuations, with the result that the aggregate of this year's assessment roll for Multnomah county will exceed \$200,000,000 as has been announced.

Estimating the income in taxes from the item of \$16,180,000 of bills receivable, with which the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company has been assessed this year on the same tax levy that was made in 1905 and amounting to 16 mills, the county will receive from this one item the sum of \$256,000.

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## Church of Christ

V. E. Hoven, Minister.

### CONVERSION OF THE EUNUCH.

Acts 8:26-28.

We have in these days two classes of examples of conversions, and we are to choose which of these shall guide us. One class is written down in the book of Acts, the other is recited by modern evangelists about modern conversions. The account of the one is inspired, that of the other not. We now propose to study the inspired account of a case of conversion as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts.

I. The Eunuch's condition before conversion.

1. He was treasurer of Queen Candace, and very likely a proselyte to the Jewish faith. He had worked up to the chief treasurer of the Ethiopian kingdom, so he was a trusted man.

2. He was a good moral man, yet unconverted. He had been to Jerusalem to worship—a journey of more than a thousand miles—and was returning home when Phillip, the evangelist, found him.

3. He was reading the Bible. In this he differed from most of people, even our so-called church members. They will rather read newspapers and paper-covered books. When a man wants to become a Christian and stay a Christian, it is always a good symptom to see him read and study the Bible.

4. He was ignorant of the Gospel plan of salvation. He was reading from Isaiah 53rd chapter and did not understand it—"Of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other?" Having lived so far from Jerusalem, he had not learned of the Christ who had come and had already fulfilled this prophecy in person, hence could not understand this passage.

II. How he was converted.

1. The work of the angel, v. 26. The angel came to Sarararia and told the preacher where to go; that was all he did; never said what he wanted done. This shows us that man has a part in the salvation of man.

2. The work of the Holy Spirit, v. 29. He does not go to work in the heart of the sinner. He does not say a word to him, but speaks to Phillip, saying: "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." That was all. The angel showed the preacher which way to take; the Holy Spirit told him what person he should speak to. If the actions of the angel and the Holy Spirit are to have any effect upon the sinner, it will be through the words of the preacher.

3. The greeting, vv. 30, 31. "Understandest thou what thou readest? This amounted to the same as our "How do you do," and gave him a chance to approach the Eunuch at once on what he must do to be saved, for he responded "How can I except some one guide me?"

4. Phillip "preached unto him Jesus," v. 35. The results of preaching Jesus, in this case, were the following: First, "they both went down into the water," water was not brought; second, "he baptized him," and he did not take the Eunuch into the church by this ceremony but it was unto salvation; third, the Eunuch "went on his way rejoicing." He has now had religious experience by obeying the Savior, and he feels happy. He feels happy because he knows he is a Christian, not because he feels he is a Christian; he has God's Word for every step he has taken. It is a mutilated Gospel that leaves out baptism in a sermon to sinners. Baptism is mentioned early in the Story of Jesus, for He was baptized by John in Jordan; and at the end of the Story, for He commanded His Disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mk. 16:15, 16.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Ann Kirk, deceased.

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The first publication hereof will be made in the Athena Press on Friday the 18th day of October, 1907, and successively thereafter each week for six weeks, the last publication appearing on Friday, 29th day of Nov. 1907. Marion Jack, Executor; Peterson, Peterson & Wilson, Atty's.

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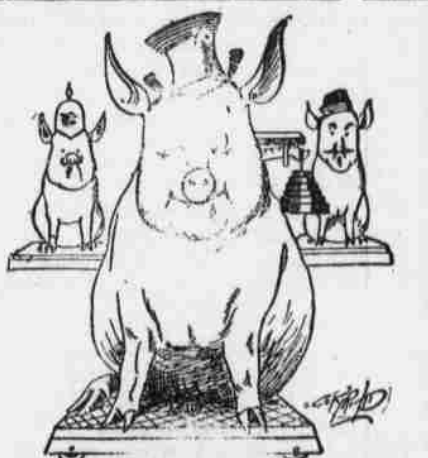
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