

THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

Several newspapers in Oregon are attempting to influence public opinion in favor of the reenactment of the mortgage tax law and the deductions for indebtedness. In other words they would assess the individual instead of the property. In our opinion it makes no difference who owns property, as far as the equity of assessing it goes. If the state holds property for taxes it can sell the property and collect the taxes, but not so with assessing the individual. If a man owns a farm and owes half the purchase money or all of it or none, should not figure in assessment; there is the land, assess it, enter it on the tax rolls, and then some one must come forward and pay the taxes or it will be sold. That is the simplest and best plan of assessment. It is the best for the state and is in the long run the only just method for the taxpayer. All property in the state should pay taxes. A merchant has \$10,000 worth of goods in his store. Those goods should pay their burdens for maintaining the expenses of state and county government no matter whether owned by the man in possession, or only partly owned or even in his possession on consignment. It is not the duty of the state to settle the question of ownership. The man in possession according to the records is supposed to own the property, whether it be real or personal, and the state need simply to follow the property and not the individual.

The Oregon City Courier talks in a manner that should be interesting to some Oregon school directors: In some school districts of this county the directors engage teachers because they are cheap, not because they are well qualified. They invite bids, as if for chopping wood or building a barn, and the lowest bidder having a certificate gets the job, as though the prime duty were to herd children. These directors are, no doubt, honest in their intentions and mean well. Their idea is to get a cheap teacher in order that the money might last long, but forgetting the important fact that a cheap teacher is often the dearest. It is far better for the children of a district that they be instructed for three months by a capable teacher who loves his work than five months by a drone who does not care whether school keeps or not. Among the teachers of this state are talented men and women, not a few who are conscientious in the discharge of their duties, and in many districts they are recognized as such, but they are unjustly placed in pecuniary competition by directors with teachers with little or no qualification, as though, if a five-dollar pony was branded with a certificate, he would be capable of taking charge of a district school.

Brother Ireland of the Observer tells us that we might as well admit that the result of the election is what sent the price of wheat up. We would cheerfully admit that proposition if it were true. The price of our wheat is fixed in Liverpool and Europe, and will continue to be so fixed as long as we have a surplus to ship. Politics have but little to do with the price of those commodities we export. The time is coming when our increased population will consume all of our bread products, and when this is done the price will be fixed at home on the basis of the cost of wheat laid down here from foreign countries, and then tariff laws may cut some figure in prices.—Chronicle.

"Once in office, always for office," surely is applicable in the cases of Col. Breckinridge of Kentucky, and John L. Wilson of West Virginia. Both were candidates for re-election to the House of Representatives but were defeated, and now are working "teeth and toenail" for election to the senate. An exchange pays Mr. Wilson the following compliment: "John L. Wilson has cunning enough to be a successful sneak thief, but he has not statesmanship enough to be constable, let alone senator. But smaller the man, greater his ambition to put himself in a place in which he will only rattle around like a pea in a dry pod."

After China is taught a lesson in foreign policy, some European power should teach Turkey a lesson in humanity, through the medium of shot and shell. The recent atrocities perpetrated by Turkish Kurds in Armenia should not go unpunished.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

Representative-elect Boothby of Morrow county informs the Gazette that among the measures he intends to introduce in the legislature next month is an amendment to present assessment law. He thinks that township assessments would best subserve the interests of the people, and further that indebtedness on real estate should be allowed in the list of exemptions. Mr. Boothby is also interested in the portage road scheme at the dalles of the Columbia, and will also prepare a memorial to congress on the question of free silver coinage of the American product, asking that such coinage shall be protected by a duty on foreign silver, hoping that our legislature will take cognizance of the great necessity for such national legislation and endorse it by passing it through both houses.

A Washington dispatch to the Oregonian says: "Rumors have reached Washington that quite a determined effort is to be made to defeat Senator Dolph, and it is claimed that the silver men are working up the opposition. Men who are so crazy on the silver question as to believe that this country can go to a silver basis and prosper probably are not sufficiently well balanced to see that the state would lose a very important advantage should Senator Dolph not be returned. This is understood by enough sensible men in the Oregon legislature to insure his election."

Capitalists in New York and London are elbowing each other in the rush to buy the United States bonds. They will undoubtedly bring a high premium, which will reduce the actual interest paid to not more than 3 per cent, but 3 per cent on \$100,000,000 (the amount of the two issues) for ten years is \$30,000,000, to be raised by taxation. What manner of business is it for a nation to expend more than its receipts? Will not the same rule apply as to the individual who lives beyond his income?

We believe that the amount of indebtedness, whether mortgage or otherwise, should be assessed against and collected of the party claiming to be so indebted, and then the amount of taxes collected on such indebtedness be a bar to so much of the debt to be collected. In such an event the false statements of dishonest men could not relieve them from paying their just proportion of taxes.—Sun.

The construction of the Nicaragua canal would reduce the distance between Pacific coast ports and Liverpool over 7000 miles and to New York about 10,000 miles. It would bring all our surplus products that much nearer these markets. The benefit it would confer on the Pacific coast can thus be seen to be enormous, but is not capable of exact computation.

The question of taxation will be an important one in the next legislature. The Roseburg Review is authority for the statement that a petition containing 3000 names will be presented from Douglas county alone, asking for the re-enactment of the mortgage-tax law and the clause allowing exemption from taxation for indebtedness.

Shall there be a change of school text books in Oregon? Certainly not. Life will be a burden to such county superintendents as shall vote for such change.—Baker City Epigram. This may be putting it a little strong, but the Epigram expresses the opinion of the people when it declares against a change of school books this year.

Biting their noses off to spite their faces, certainly seems applicable to the New Jersey potter, who, by striking for a 10 per cent increase in wages, drove a \$90,000 contract to France.

In Kansas, woman suffrage, submitted to the electors, has been defeated by a majority of 31,171. Kansas is steadily purifying itself of its "isms."

A boy swallowed a revolver cartridge one day last week and his mother doesn't dare to whip him for fear he'll go off.—Life.

For pity's sake, don't growl and grumble because you are troubled with indigestion. No good was ever effected by snarling and fretting. Be a man (unless you happen to be a woman), and take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which will relieve you, whether man or woman.

For every variety and phase of the many diseases which attack the air passages of the head, throat, and lungs, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will be found a specific. This preparation allays inflammation, controls the disposition to cough, and prevents consumption.

Word comes from all quarters that the neatest and most satisfactory dye for coloring the beard a brown or black is Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Sutton County. Concerning the Journal's joke in suggesting that the Mitchell people come as far as Thirtymile to be included in their proposed new county, the Mitchell Monitor sensibly says: "Well, the reason we do not come farther north is because we do not want to fight one half of Gilham county in order to include the other half. It is hard enough to get a county, where every one is willing without having to fight our neighbors for it. As the proposed lines now run, every one included will be satisfied and no ill feeling raised."

The promoters of the new county (Sutton) are now going into the matter in a business like manner and will probably succeed. They have concluded to not ask for any territory from Gilliam or Wasco counties, the southern line coming only to the John Day river. All the territory for the new county will be taken from the counties of Grant and Crook and will be 52 miles long by 48 miles wide, with an area of 1098 square miles, with Mitchell in the center.

There is not a county in Oregon with less need for division than Gilliam. Its seat of government is exactly in the center and could not be more convenient for all of its people, all of the best and main roads of the county leading into Condon. Were Gilliam to be divided it would necessitate also the division of Morrow, Umatilla, Sherman and Wasco counties, and any sane man knows this would be impossible.

A Brutal Game. Times-Mountaineer: A few years ago the national game of Americana was baseball, which gives good exercise to the muscles, and was harmless in its effects. But lately our colleges have changed baseball for football, a game that requires little skill and frequently results in physical injuries. Brute force is usually successful in football, and a good player will usually succeed in the prize ring or in a wrestling match. The change, we believe, was not an advancement in athletic sports, and college students would have better limbs and sounder bodies if they would return to the old game of baseball.

Chronicle: It is to be hoped the brutal game of football will be done away with at once and forever. There is scarcely a day passes but that the life is crushed out of some misguided youth in this beastly game. We turn with horror and disgust from the prize fighter, to throw up our hats and applaud the football player, and yet prize-fighting is not half so brutal as football. One is a scientific thumping between two brutes; the other the cowardly injuring of one opponent by another, with twenty-two persons engaged in the wickedness. Prize-fighting is demoralizing; football beastly and degrading.

Salem Post: Football is a coarse, brutal and unscientific game, and ought to be discarded everywhere. And it soon will be. It has but few merits over prize-fighting, and entirely lacks the scientific features of pugilism. It will not live long, however, as it is entirely unsuited to the civilization of the day.

Union Republican: The next legislature should pass a law prohibiting the playing of the cruel, inhuman and outlandish game of football. There is no sense or science in it.

Horse Taken Up. I have taken up and hold at my place in Ferry Canyon one stray light sorrel horse about 6 years old, branded with half circle 6 on left shoulder; has small white stripe in forehead and white right hind foot. Owner can have the horse by proving property and paying charges on same. WM. LOONEY.

Portland Universal Exhibition. The O. R. & N. Co. will sell tickets for the Portland Universal Exhibition, to be held in Portland between the dates of December 1, '94, and January 15, '95, at \$7.20 for the round trip, including two admission tickets to the Exhibition. These tickets are on sale only for train No. 1, leaving Arlington Monday and Thursday nights of each week until Jan. 15, 1895, and are limited to five days from date of sale for return passage. F. C. HINDLE, Agent, Arlington, Or.

Calico Ball at Fossil. I will give a grand Calico ball at Fossil on Christmas night, Dec. 25th. My object is to "see" that this will be the most enjoyable affair of the kind ever held at Fossil. A beautiful prize will be awarded to the prettiest dressed lady. Supper at Fossil hotel. Tickets, including supper, \$2. Everybody invited. JOHN KEENEY.

New Confectionery Store. I have a full line of confectionery, stationery, cigars, etc. Am also agent for all newspapers and books. My prices are the lowest in town, and I respectfully ask for a share of the public patronage. Store one door north of Barker's store. E. W. MOORE.

Treasurer's Notice. All county warrants registered prior to May 8, 1893, will be paid on presentation at my office. Interest ceases on and after this date. S. B. BARKER, Treasurer of Gilliam County, Or. Dated at Condon, Or., Oct. 8, 1894.

Settle Up Notice. Those indebted to me for blacksmith work are hereby requested to settle their accounts at once, as I need all that is due me, and can not wait any longer. Prompt payment will save costs. G. S. CLARK.

Flour! Flour!! For the cheapest and best flour on earth apply to Smith & Royal of the Fossil Mills. To Fruit Growers. We would like to hear from the fruit growers who have apples to market. The O. R. & N. can offer special inducements this fall in this line. F. C. HINDLE, Agt. O. R. & N., Arlington, Or.

To Whom It May Concern. My wife, Lucy A. Robinson, having left my bed and board without cause or provocation, I hereby warn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting within three months from date hereof. LOSE ROCK, Or., Oct. 17, 1894.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.



"When I was a Boy," Writes Postmaster J. C. WOODSON, Forest Hill, W. Va., "I had a bronchial trouble of such a persistent and stubborn character, that the doctor pronounced it incurable with ordinary medicines, and advised me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I did so, and one bottle cured me. For the last fifteen years, I have used this preparation with good effect whenever I take

A Bad Cold, and I know of numbers of people who keep it in the house all the time, not considering it safe to be without it."

"I have been using Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for 30 years, with the most satisfactory results, and can cheerfully recommend it as being especially adapted to all pulmonary complaints. I have, for many years, made pulmonary and other medicines a special study, and I have come to the conclusion that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral occupies a position pre-eminent over other medicines of the class."—Chas. Davenport, Dover, N. J.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Prompt to act, sure to cure

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H. B. Hendricks devotes special attention to the matter of advertising and selling real estate. He offers for sale several fine farms and stock ranches at a bargain.

Any one who has children will rejoice with L. B. Malford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup. For two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says: "I thought sure I would lose him. I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and am happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and that is the last of it." Fifty cent bottles for sale by all druggists.

Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate agent of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as occasion required, and always with perfect success. He says, "I find it a perfect cure for our baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home." For sale by all druggists.

For rheumatism I have found nothing equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It relieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. Young, West Liberty, W. Va. The prompt relief it affords is alone worth many times the cost, 50 cents. Its continued use will effect a permanent cure. For sale by all druggists.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., Nov. 3, 1894. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. P. Lucas, county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Or., on December 19, 1894, viz: FREDERICK H. DOUGLASS, Hd. 2959, for the sec 24 tp 1 s of r. 22 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. W. Phillips, J. A. Ward, J. L. Paul and B. F. Tennis, all of Olex, Oregon. JAS. F. MOORE, Register, 026-37

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., Oct. 18, 1894. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. P. Lucas, county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Oregon, on Dec. 9, 1894, viz: JAMES MULCARE, Hd. 3940, for the sec 24 tp 1 s of r. 22 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Dunn, Ralph Froman, Chas. Winfield and Thos. G. Johnson, all of Condon, Oregon. JAS. F. MOORE, Register, 026-37

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., Oct. 26, 1894. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. P. Lucas, county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Or., on December 14, 1894, viz: ALBERT T. WILKINSON, Hd. 2976, for the sec 24 tp 1 s of r. 22 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: T. H. Morris, R. L. Kibbourn, T. J. Davidson and L. P. Davidson, all of Davidson, Oregon. JAS. F. MOORE, Register, 026-37

Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Geoffrey Schilling, insolvent debtor, the undersigned has been duly appointed assignee of the estate of the above named insolvent debtor, under and by virtue of chapter 25, B.P.'s Annotated Laws of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my office in Condon, Oregon, duly verified within three months from date hereof. Dated Condon, Oregon, Nov. 15, 1894. L. W. DARLING, Assignee, 026-37

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Gilliam, administrator of the estate of Noble G. Myers, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same to me, with proper vouchers, at Olex, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated this 12th day of November, 1894. B. F. TENNIS, Administrator of the estate of Noble G. Myers, deceased. 026-37

R. G. ROBINSON & SONS NEW STORE NEW GOODS

STRICTLY CASH STORE.

We have just opened a new store in our brick building and carry a complete stock of choice MERCHANDISE AND FRESH GROCERIES, Tobaccos, Confectionery, Etc. We have decided to sell for cash only, and in order to encourage a cash trade we have marked prices down to the very lowest notch. We cordially invite everybody to call and examine our stock, get our prices, and you will find that you can save many a dollar by giving us your trade.

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GO TO J. H. MILLER & DUNN BRO'S. CASH STORE AT CONDON. DEALERS IN—

GEN'L MERCHANDISE, GROCERIES and everything needed by the farmer, stockman and mechanic.

Lone Rock Sawmill, J. S. MCKINNEY, Proprietor.

Situated 22 miles southeast of Condon, on the ridge road. I am now prepared to furnish, on short notice, any kind of lumber at prices to suit the times, and on terms that will satisfy any honest man. My prices are as follows:

ROUGH, \$9; DRESSED, \$16.50 TO \$22.50

With a Liberal Discount for all Over Two Inches Thick.

I have also established a lumber yard at Condon with Mr. Al Henshaw in charge, who will be pleased to wait on you or take your order.

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Notice—Last Call.

All those indebted to the old firm of Smith & Perrin and also to E. E. Smith at Condon are requested to settle immediately with me, as I must have money to pay off the old debts. If not paid promptly I will be compelled to force collection. E. E. SMITH.

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G. S. CLARK, Prop'r. General Blacksmithing and WOODWORK. The only first-class blacksmith and horse-shoer in the county. Main Street, Condon, Oregon.

Fruit Trees for Sale. Anyone desiring fruit trees, any kind, will find it to their advantage to see me at Geo. Hansen's ranch or write to me at Condon. I am agent for the well known Oakville (Lin county) Nurseries. These are first-class trees and the prices are the lowest in the state. Will trade trees for young cattle. R. H. FARRAR.