

The Coast Mail.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1880.

Republican State Central Committee.

A meeting of the Republican State Central Committee will be held in the City of Salem, on Wednesday, February 18, 1880, at 2 o'clock p.m. A full attendance is requested.

DAVID FRUMAN, Chairman.

JOSEPH SIMON, Secretary.

The members of said Committee for the several counties, are as follows:

Baker.....	Milton White
Benton.....	E. B. McElroy
Clackamas.....	P. Paquet
Columbia.....	F. J. Taylor
Coos.....	Geo. W. McBride
Cook.....	G. W. Tower
Douglas.....	M. Biley
Grant.....	E. G. Harsch
Jackson.....	J. W. Clark
J. H. Chittwood	
Josephine.....	Theo. Floyd
Lake.....	C. B. Watson
Linn.....	D. Fruman
Lane.....	J. B. McLean
Marion.....	R. C. Geor
Multnomah.....	Joseph Simon
Polk.....	A. W. Lowe
Umatilla.....	E. L. Isom
Union.....	Vacant
Wasco.....	W. J. Smith
Washington.....	J. G. ...
Yamhill.....	J. W. ...

The Assessment of Taxes.

The leading newspapers of the State are discussing the question of such amendments to our law of assessment as will prevent the inequalities in the valuation of property, which now exists in the various counties, and also prevent the fraudulent concealment of property that is now practiced to so great an extent. The *Bees* advances the following plan for reaching notes and other evidences of debt:

The only way to prevent the possibility of depriving the State, county and city of their taxes is the plan recommended by Mr. Wm. Reid, to affix a stamp tax on every note or evidence of debt, at the rate of one per cent. per year; if for three months, a quarter cent, just as the United States Internal Revenue department does with bankers' taxes; they assess bankers in the United States with a tax of one twenty-fourth of one per cent, per month or a half per cent. per year on the capital and deposits employed by such bankers in their business. Let us try that plan on all the notes and mortgages, at the next Legislature; one half per cent. per year, on which would yield the State, county and city, in Portland alone, \$200,000. Just think of it, how little the poor man's taxes in Multnomah would be then. If one banking institution recommends a tax of one per cent. per year, surely the other banking institutions in Portland can readily acquire in a tax of one half that amount—half per cent. yearly on the face value of the note—which would yield our county and city a splendid revenue, and which tax could not be evaded because it would be declared illegal to make or issue any note without such stamp being previously affixed thereto.

The *Standard* admits the inequality and inefficiency of our present system as carried out and says:

Pass a law allowing no indebtedness except such as will cover the household effects of a poor man, as is now provided, and assess property at its full valuation, wherever it is. There should also be a Board of Equalization appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, whose duty it should be to equalize the value of all property. There is no justice in a man in Baker county, whose beef is worth two and three cents a pound, paying taxes on stock valued higher than it is in some counties in this valley where it is worth twice that amount, nor is it just for land to be taxed where wheat is worth fifty cents per bushel as high as where it is worth twice that sum. There is a great injustice practiced and the next Legislature should reconstruct the present defective law, and the people should see that the assessors discharge their duty.

All will admit that the assessment law as carried out is open to many objections, but we are not prepared to accept either of the theories advanced here. A stamp tax would be a great nuisance in business and would reach only one class of property, that of notes and credits. The far greater proportion of the assessable property of the State would still be subject to the evils now existing. To allow no indebtedness to be deducted, would be to perpetrate an injustice compared to which the inequalities now complained of are as nothing. A man who buys a farm for five thousand dollars and pays one thousand dollars down and mortgages the place to secure the balance, is worth but one thousand dollars; and to make him pay tax on five thousand dollars, would be as unjust and indolent in principle as ruinous in practice. It would not reach the rich man; it would oppress the poor, struggling debtor whose lot is hard enough without being compelled to pay the taxes that justly belong to his more wealthy neighbors. All that is wanted is some means to compel assessors to do their duty under the existing laws. A state Board of Equalization, properly organized and

with wholesome restraints, might be productive of good results, but the whole remedy is in requiring assessors to do their duty and assess all property at its true cash value.

Ten Culture in the United States.

Mr. Wm. Saunders, Superintendent of the garden and grounds of the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, has made a special report to the Department on the subject of "Ten culture as a probable American industry." From the information compiled by him as the result of experiments made in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, there is very little doubt that this plant can be successfully cultivated throughout the Southern States. One gentleman in Georgia is said to have obtained 441 pounds of tea from one acre of land, which, at fifty cents per pound, would amount to \$220.50. To prepare tea for market according to the Chinese custom, involves a great amount of labor, but it is probable that some less expensive mode will be devised which will answer the same purpose. The report contains a communication from Dr. A. W. Thornton, of Portland, in this State, from which we take the following:

"Some years ago a capitalist, Mr. Samuel Brannan, started the cultivation of tea at Calistoga, in Napa county, California, but through some mismanagement at the outset the crop did not succeed. As at that time capitalists could make 3 per cent. a month in other enterprises, Mr. Brannan saw no money in it and abandoned the enterprise. But to this day solitary plants can be seen in that locality, exhibiting vigorous growth, proving the suitability of both soil and climate. Since that time a gentleman (name forgotten) started a plantation of tea at Modesta, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Stanislaus county, California, in which plants have done so well that from last accounts he was so far encouraged as to extend his plantation; but as yet I have not heard of it as coming into the market as a finished article of commerce.

With regard to Oregon and Washington Territory, I am not aware that the experiment has been tried yet, although there are localities in Southern Oregon, about Jackson county and the Rogue river country, and perhaps east of the Cascade range, where the summers are warmer and the winters are colder and drier, in which the plant would flourish, though subject to a ground freeze in winter. In the Willamette valley the "Wistaria sinensis" does well in the open air, but "Fuchsias" and "Salvia splendens" require to be taken into shelter in winter.

That the tea-plant is admirably suited to Northern California and Southern Oregon, I have no question; more especially as the light on this coast is so abundantly charged with actinic rays, as shown by the richness of the foliage and gorgeous tints of the fruits and autumnal foliage, supports the view that any plant, the active principle of which is located in the leaves, would prima facie yield a richer product where actinic rays are abundant (which are known to have an important influence upon chlorophyl and leaf development) than in less favored climates.

That the moisture of Northern Oregon and Washington Territory might give rankness to the leaf development inimical to the plant as a commercial product can only be proved by experiment, and if so, might be sufficiently modified by a system of pinching back in summer and not pruning in winter or fall."

Robbery in Marion County.

The *Bees* gives the following account of a recent robbery near Wheatland: Mr. Northcutt was on his way home from the city, having sold his wheat to Messrs. Allen & Lewis, receiving \$3,800.75 and started home on the steamer A. A. McCully, which landed him on the east side of the river, opposite Wheatland, from whence he had a mile and a half to walk home. Soon after leaving the river, which was about noon, he met some Chinamen going towards the river, and soon after passing them, a masked man raised up from behind a fallen tree and covered him with a double barrelled shotgun, and demanded his money. Mr. Northcutt, seeing there was no chance of escape, dropped his money and passed on. The robber gathered up the sack and disappeared in the woods. It is not known who the robber is, but steps are being taken to capture him.

The Senate has confirmed Henry W. Leonard, of New Jersey, U. S. consul at Campuchia; F. G. Gade, of Bergen, U. S. attorney for Wyoming; G. A. Stone, of Ohio, agent for the Indians of the Lemhi Agency, Idaho.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., Jan. 8, 1880.
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 secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz.: James McNaughton, Homestead Application No. 2329, for the E&S of SW_{1/4}, SW_{1/4} of SE_{1/4}, Sec. 6, T29 S. R. 12 W. and SE_{1/4} of SE_{1/4}, Sec. 1, T29 S. R. 13 W. and names the following as his witnesses, viz.: Wm. Rubin, of Myrtle Point, Coos county, and Daniel Sibley, of Norway, Coos county, Or. e-3 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the administration of the estate of N. M. Lowe, deceased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of N. M. Lowe, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my residence on Istamus Slough, in Coos county, Oregon, with proper vouchers within six months from this date. I. N. Low, Administrator. Dated this 24th day of January, 1880.

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