

# The Democrat.

## THE COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

For the first time in the memory of man, property in Clatsop county has been assessed at figures approximating its real value. No county in the state will show such proportionate increase as that displayed by assessor Parker's figures; the list aggregating for the current year, about \$6,000,000 as compared with \$2,250,000, last year. He appears to have assessed real estate at about 75 per cent, of its value, and has presumably required a little more precision in the matter of statements regarding indebtedness. He has had the nerve to make an assessment that is not a farce, and it depends on public sentiment if he be upheld or overborne.

He is the only county assessor in the commonwealth of Oregon that has so far made an assessment that is not manifestly reeled on a 25 per cent valuation. Custom makes usage and it has so long been common custom to make the assessment bear heavy on the poor and light on the rich, or those possessed of property, that the custom has crystallized into ordinary usage, and such an assessment as that of assessor Parker's attracts unusual attention, so scarce are men in that office who do what they have taken a solemn oath to do. Should this assessment that he has made, stand, Clatsop county will have the envious distinction of being the only county in the commonwealth, that pays just and equitable taxes. Perhaps, by doing so Clatsop county may shame her rich sister counties out of the customary lie into the practice of truth, and the law thus be honored instead of being vilified.

The one sole argument that will be brought before the board of equalization to now will be this.

"If this assessment of assessor Parker's is allowed to stand, Clatsop county tax payers, will, proportionately, pay three times more taxes than any other set of county residents in the state. Every other county tries to see how long they can get their valuation so as to have to pay as little as possible of the state tax; but if this assessment is confirmed, we in Clatsop county will be trying to see how high we can get our values, and thus pay three times more than we would if the usual scale were adopted."

Boiled down, this argument is, that because the other counties swindle, we ought to swindle too. If other counties robbed or murdered with impunity, we would be justified to seize upon the same plea to make life and property insecure, also.

This is rather shaky logic, but it is the best at the command of those who argue against fair and equitable taxation in this country.

The county now has a chance to make a record for itself worthy of imitation, or to fall back deeper in the mud than it ever was in the mire in this regard.

The assessor has, to the best of his ability, filled the law, and kept his oath of office. It is for public opinion to defeat or sanction his action.—*Astorian*.

As to his inventions, there is no creature more dependent than man. In every single thing we attempt there is a certain degree of imperfection which hinders its accomplishment. Our powers are not sufficient to attain the perfection we desire. "Man is ever falling," it has been said, and God is ever raising him up again. Man is always on the point of being overcome, and God is always succoring and defending him. Man tills the land, sows the grain; but he cannot give the sun the next day, nor the rain; he cannot regulate the number of insects which may be useful or injurious to cultivation. You may pursue the most efficacious and most able methods, either in commerce, industry, politics. When you have done everything, there will always remain something else to be done; there will still be some element lacking over which you have no power, without which the circle cannot be closed, or a perfect result obtained. Unbelief acknowledges this, and calls it chance. Religion acknowledges it and calls it providence.

The ties of consanguinity are stronger with President Harrison than even the ties of partisanship—and ordinarily the latter hold him like a three-inch cable. After a careful search the President has found another relative and promptly appointed him to office. The favored man—and a very good man he is—is Ex-Congressman Findlay, of Maryland, a second cousin of Mr. Harrison, who has appointed him a member of the Venezuelan Commission in spite of the fact that he was formerly a Democratic member of Congress—Benjamin Harrison is no heathen—he looks after his kin.

Indianapolis has 2,800 colored votes. It is said they went Democratic at the recent city election, because the negroes appointed in the local postoffice by a Democratic postmaster were turned out and not replaced by their own color when his Republican successor came in.

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Democratic exchanges which are already nominating Sylvester Penoyer for Governor are wasting time and space, for he will not accept the honor of again becoming their standard bearer for that office even if thrust upon him. He is rigidly opposed to "second terms."  
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