

THE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

VICIOUS ASSESSMENTS.

No more conclusive proof of our miserable mode of assessment could be adduced than the one fact brought out at the assessor's convention, namely, that mortgages are assessed at one half their value in Multnomah, Columbia, and Wasco counties; at two-thirds their value in Baker, Clackamas and Morrow; at three-fourths their value in Union and Washington, and at their full value in Grant, Umatilla, Yamhill, Sherman and Linn. The great injustice done by this vicious mode of executing our assessment laws may be shown by a familiar example: Suppose a man in Columbia county loans \$25,000 taking a real estate mortgage as security. If the tax levy be 20 mills and his mortgage is assessed at one half its value the amount of his taxes would be \$250. A man in Yamhill loans \$25,000 on real estate and takes a mortgage. If the tax levy be 20 mills and his mortgage is assessed at its face value his tax would be \$500. Here A with a capital of \$25,000 pays \$250 more than B who has the same capital and the tax rate is the same against each. The whole trouble and injustice arises from the fact that many assessors do not do their sworn duty. The law provides that mortgages shall be assessed to the full amount of the debt unless in the judgment of the assessor the land or real property by which such debt is secured is not worth as many dollars as still appears unpaid of such debt. If all property were assessed in accordance with law there would be no trouble about the matter.

HANGED FOR WITCHCRAFT.

At Salem Mass., are the official records of Essex county as early as 1630. The testimony of the witchcraft trials is complete in its original form, but there is the record of only one execution, that of Bridget Bishop, whereas nineteen lives in all were sacrificed at that time in response to a popular fallacy and public delusion.

There were half a dozen witnesses in Bridget Bishop's case, mostly young girls 14 and 16 years old, and they swore that they had been sorely afflicted since they had in some way incurred Bridget's dislike. One of them had been awakened in the dead of night to find Bridget's specter sitting heavily on her chest. She attempted to clap her hands at her, but the ghostly visitor hopped out of the window.

Another young woman was similarly awakened one night and discerned the form of a devil, which she described as a cross between a bat and a monkey. From his perch on the footboard the devil said to the maiden: "Ye have been afflicted of mind of late, and troubled sore. Do my bidding and ye shall want for nothing." With this, according to the maid's story, the spirit held out a book and asked her to sign. She refused, and the hideous form disappeared. She felt positive that the spirit was that of Bridget Bishop, because on the morning she found her alleged disturber in the orchard, and then and there accused her of being possessed. The girl dared her to deny the charge, and Bridget did deny it. This seemed to be evidence conclusive, and Bridget was duly put to death on Gallows Hill. Attached to her death warrant is the certificate of Sheriff George Corbin, evident of the fact that he had conveyed "ye body of sd Bridgett Bishop out of His Majesty's Goal in Salem and caused ye sd Bridgett to be hanged by the neck until she was dead."

The Times-Mountaineer is expanding itself to the realms of imagination and misrepresentation in order to make it appear that the late flood had a disastrous effect in the Willamette Valley, and this it does because from its narrow, jealous standpoint it is envious of the rapid progress and growth of the valley. Widen out brother and get yourself on the broad gauge.

An oil portrait of Ex-President Grover Cleveland, mounted in a gilt frame, is to be hung up in the White House. An estimate of \$5,000 for the procuring of it is contained in the Treasury estimates. This is the first time that such an item has ever been embodied in the official estimates to Congress.

The Oregonian evidently believes the tariff is a local question. It favors putting "raw" sugar on the free list because it is a southern production, but would leave the duty on refined sugar because nearly all the refineries are in the north.

Action by congress upon the silver coinage question will largely affect the political status in several Western states, and possibly place some of the republican states in the democratic column.

BUY ALBANY PROPERTY first and last and all the time, yet if men must and will buy Astoria lots and acre property always buy the best and nearest to water front and O R N docks, and that addition is Kinney's addition to Astoria, the nearest by one mile. While we have lots and acre property in nearly all the additions and acre tracts near Astoria, will be pleased to quote prices and terms on all and each of them.

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The best 5 cent cigar in town at C E Brownell's.

"If a republican like myself," said Mr. Wanamaker the other day, "should go down to Georgia he would be killed." Mr. Wanamaker is just as caseless now as he was when he told the whopper that made Wade Hampton so angry. It is to be feared that Mr. Wanamaker is not the proper person to be at the head of a Sunday-school.

The dead-lock in Iowa still hangs on with dim chance of its being broken. The important issue behind all this struggle is the redistribution of the state, which with the republicans in an actual minority is so apportioned that they have the majority of members of congress and of the legislature.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Street Railway Company will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the office of the secretary of said company, the same being at the real estate office of Burkhardt & Keeney on First street, in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the term of one year next ensuing from said meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified, and to transact such other business as may legally come before said meeting. Dated February 19th, 1889. C G BURKHART, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building Association will be held at the Opera House in Albany on Monday, March 17th, 1889, at 7:30 p. m., for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting. Dated Feb. 15th, 1889. W F READ, Secretary.

W C TWEEDALE, President.

FOUND.—A gold glove buttoner, with lock appendage. Call at S E Young's for property.

SCHOOL ELECTION.—Notice is hereby given that the regular annual school election in School District No 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the Central school building in said school district, on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1889, for the purpose of electing one director to serve three years and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 2 o'clock p. m. and continue until 6 o'clock p. m. of said day. By order of the Board of Directors. Dated February 14th, 1889. C G BURKHART, Dist. Clerk.

JOHN FOSHAY, Char. Board Directors.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Court House, in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk of said school district, and to levy a tax for the support of the schools for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. Dated February 14th, 1889. C G BURKHART, Dist. Clerk.

JOHN FOSHAY, Char. Board Directors.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Old Fellows Hall Building Association, held at their office in Albany, Oregon, on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve the ensuing year and for any other business that may come before said meeting. This the 5th day of February, 1889. W C TWEEDALE, President.

E A PARKER, Secretary.

PROF. H. C. PALMER'S Conservatory of Music, Two-story block, First street, Albany, Oregon, opened January 20th, 1889. The course of instruction will consist of classes for piano, organ, harmony and voice culture. There will be a normal class and diplomas furnished to teachers, specifying capacity and experience. Students participate in monthly recitals, and are graded to insure equality in rendition. This conservatory will be conducted on the same basis as those in Boston, New York, etc. This is the only recognized successful system known for a thorough musical education. Send for circulars and references. Office hours from 1 to 3.

STRAY NOTICE.—Taken up by the undersigned, living six and a half miles south-west of Halsey, on the 10th day of December, 1889, one bright bay horse, about 10 or 12 years old, with some saddle marks on side and back, black mane and tail, a very dim brand on the right shoulder, which can not be distinguished. Appraised by W. J. Steers, art. Justices of the peace, at the sum of \$30. L. N. WARMOTH.

FRESH FISH.—Having opened a fish market in the Saltmarsh Block, we are prepared to supply the trade with fresh fish of all kinds at reasonable prices. WILSON & BOSQUET.

WANTED.—A first-class girl to work at Depot Hotel. None but first-class need apply. Call early.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the name of Deyos & Robson has been dissolved. Mr. L. W. Deyos retiring. The business will be continued by Price & Robson. All accounts should be settled with the old firm, by whom all debts will be paid. Please call and pay up.

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