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## PUBLICITY THE SAFEST METHOD

(From the Daily Marshfield Times.)

The purpose of the publication of the delinquent tax list is two fold:

First—To give notice to property owners that their taxes are delinquent.

Second—To enforce the payment of those taxes and thus secure the needed revenue for the conduct of the county and state governments.

The Times contends that the publication of the delinquent tax list accomplishes both results at a minimum of expense to the taxpayer.

That newspaper publicity is the most prompt and effective method of disseminating information and giving general notice to the public is so generally acknowledged that argument seems unnecessary. The newspaper publication gives notice not only to its subscribers and readers but spreads the notice, by discussion for when Brown read the notice he promptly talks about it with Robinson and also with Jones and thus it spreads. This is proved by the fact that other states having a law similar to the Oregon statute have reduced the delinquent tax list from six to eight newspaper pages at first to less than three or four columns in length, a result that the personal notice could never accomplish.

Another evil which the personal notice fosters and permits is that if at any time a tax collector was promoted by a desire to profit by not sending a notice to the owner of some valuable property he could easily hold out the notice, have a friend purchase the property for the taxes and get possession by tax title. It is true such emergencies may be rare but they do occur and newspaper publication gives notice to all the world that cannot be escaped, evaded or denied. Everywhere there are men who are willing to profit by another's carelessness or pressing necessity. Such men watch the tax titles which often return them excessive profits. Newspaper publication prevents this nefarious business by the universal scope of the notice, which it makes public.

Everywhere that it has been tried newspaper publication has proven effective and while the law has not been in effect in Oregon sufficient time to accomplish the same results it is none the less needed for anything in which the people and taxpayers are interested is benefitted by newspaper publicity.

## TOUCHING THE VERY MARROW OF IT

Where is your boy or girl?"

That is a very pertinent question, indeed, as it is asked by a contributor to The Telegram's "Free Lance" column.

The occasion of its propounding was the joy-ride story published a few days ago in this paper, wherein a couple of boys and a couple of young girls were involved. The girls were sent home, the boys sent to jail. The question is, Why is there not such public interest as would institute official investigation concerning the responsibility of the parents of those girls? Included in the contribution are many more questions which add emphasis to those already designated; and every one of them is a center shot touching the matter of parental responsibility and the public interest in that.

Upon many occasions The Telegram has maintained that society will never do its full duty toward the boys and the girls until it has found some effectual means for the enforcement of responsibility on the part of fathers and mothers. It is curious, to say the least, that we should seem to have no more interest in the conditions that give us the stray boy and the stray girl than in those that give us the stray dog. We hale the boy and the girl into court and send the dog to the city pound.

We have talked about holding a sterner hand over delinquent parents, thereby bringing them to some manner of accountability for their delinquent children; but seemingly we are at a loss how to inaugurate such a policy in any practical fashion. There does not appear to be any reason why we should not be a law unto ourselves in this matter; provided, of course, that public appreciation of parental delinquency and the thought and activities of those who have to look after delinquent children could be brought to bear on the problem with some measure of earnest determination.

## WHAT THE RAILROADS HAVE DONE FOR US

(Morris H. Crockett in the Inter-Mountain Journal)

It has become a popular belief that a railroad company is organized for the sole purpose of robbing the public. This belief has not grown up and flourished in our midst without a vantage of facts for rooting. Still, while they have been, in certain instances, taking away from us with one hand, they have been returning to us in the way of taxes, increased land values, wages, service, et cetera, with the other. In short, while they have grabbed a considerable number of our hard earned dollars, they have given us in return a great, splendid country in which to live. But for the railroads we would still be wearing coon skin caps, depending on our trusty (?) flintlocks for the next meal, and chasing or being chased by Indians between while. You and I must not forget these things when we have a little dab of freight to be hauled.

Some young people whose training has been good, have become a little careless about respecting the rights of others when it comes to flowers. The citizen who takes pride in caring for his

home and plants beds of blossoms, should not be troubled by petty pilfering. Probably the ones who took the flowers didn't suppose they would be missed. The loss of a few blossoms is not so material, but the unauthorized taking of them is the beginning of a course that may lead to difficulty.

The United States pays its president \$75,000 a year in order that he may be free and independent in his actions. And senatorial courtesy sews him up with red tape until he hasn't half the freedom of a kid playing marbles in a neighbor's back yard.

An inviolated British soldier has just reached this country. He is seven feet tall—and reports the weather quite severe up among the birdmen.

The modern version of capital punishment consists of holding congress in session during the hot months of summer.

## UNITED STATES IS AMONG POOR POTATO RAISERS

Only Italy and Australasia Fell Below the 113.4 Bushels Per Acre of This Country 1912

Of the potato growing countries of the world, the United States stands third from the bottom in yield per acre, says the newly issued bulletin of the University of Oregon entitled "Markets for Potatoes."

It is in the method of culture rather than from poor soil conditions that the United States falls behind other countries. The average yield in Germany in 1912, for example, was 223 bushels; in the United States it was 113.4 bushels. Longer rotation, more fertilizing and more cultivation, and more and better seed, are necessary to enable this country to compete in quantity and quality with such potato raisers as the Germans, says the bulletin.

Means of bettering the general industry in Oregon and elsewhere are suggested as follows: 1. Use of better seed; 2. rotation of crops; 3. improvement of pack; 4. establishing a system of co-operative marketing.

The Belgian average yield per acre in 1912 was 313 bushels, that of Holland 286, that of Germany, 223, of the United Kingdom 177, of Canada 175, of Sweden 173, of Japan 148, of Argentina 136. Other countries surpassing the United States were France, Chile, Switzerland, European Russia, Austria-Hungary and Spain. The only countries falling below were Italy with 79 bushels per acre and Australasia with 104.

## Oregon Eastern is Completed, Turned Over to Short Line

With the completion of the Oregon Eastern line westward from Juntura to Riverton the 20 mile stretch was turned over to the Oregon Short line May 1 for operation. The road was built by the O. W. R. & N., but for convenience in operating it is to be considered a part of the Short Line system, which has been operating the line from Ontario to Juntura. No more work on this line will be done this year because of the lack of assurance that large land holders in central Oregon will divide their tracts for the encouragement of settlers.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Salem, May 3.—Oregon City—Work rebuilding locks and canal to begin at once.

Riverside and Juntura are rapidly growing towns on the extension of the O. W. R. & N. into Harney county.

St. Johns drydock is to be equipped with wings.

Pendleton will issue \$40,000 more bonds on its water system.

May 10, Moon-Williams sawmill, Grants Pass, starts cutting 35,000 per day.

Cottage Grove creamery paid out \$15,000 last year.

Dorenbecher Manufacturing Co., Portland, adds \$50,000 building. This firm estimates production for 1915 at \$1,000,000.

Garden Home fight for a 5-cent fare to Portland is still going on. Fare now is 20 cents, except to commuters.

Klamath Manufacturing Co. gets 12,000,000 feet of lumber and box shoo order.

Oregon City finally adopts bitulithic type of paving for Front street.

Building code and Sommers assessment system condemned by Portland business men.

Albers Bros., Portland, will add two stories to dock.

Willamette locks and canal at Oregon City transferred to U. S. Government April 26, and check for \$375,000 paid over to President Griffith of Portland, Railway, Light & Power Co.

Interstate Commerce Commission authorizes S. P. Co. to operate Pacific Mail steamers.

Owing to unlicensed jitney

competition Salem street car service must be reduced or one-man car service put on.

Flavel—Pacific Light & Power Co. has established electric substation to operate docks and light city with 25,000 volt service.

Public ownership is a beautiful theory but the fact remains that in the Oregon town that has pushed it farthest taxes have increased 420 per cent in 8 years and are the highest of any city in the state.

Canby—31 houses built during the winter and five under construction.

The new townsite of Powers, Coos County, 14 blocks, has reserved 30 acres for industries.

Judge Skipworth decides that employer, contractor or subcontractor cannot recover damages for injuries under Workmen's Compensation act.

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, May 5, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Ike P. Whiteley, of Leaburg, Oregon, who, on June 7, 1912, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 08103, for the SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 16 S, Range 1 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before I. P. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Eugene, Oregon, on the 18th day of June 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Shoning, of Leaburg, Oregon. Albert Graves, of Vida, Oregon. Albert J. Ward, of Leaburg, Oregon. C. W. Southwick, of Leaburg, Oregon. J. M. UPTON, Register.

## Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

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LOST—On Fifth street, purse and sum of money. Finder please leave at News office.

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9-ROOM rooming-house for rent furniture for sale. Fifth and A. Phone 122-M. 21

SINGLE MAN (Scandinavian) with agricultural education and able to do land-clearing, ditching, plowing, tree-planting and milking, wishes appointment. Can take small contract. Send reflection marked Box 73, Matsqui, B. C. Canada. 24-25

WANTED—A reliable and active man or woman in Springfield to organize neighborhood magazine clubs. Members receive their favorite magazines at 1-3 less than the regular price and pay monthly. New plan. Work of organizing pleasant and highly profitable and can be done in spare time. Regular monthly income. In replying give qualifications and reference. Magazine Company, Box 155, Times Square Station, New York City.

Office in City Hall, Springfield, Ore.

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For Farm and City Property Exchanges a Specialty Springfield Oregon Phone 30

# THE 96-223 First National Bank of Springfield, Oregon

Report of the condition of the First National Bank of Springfield, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business May 1, 1915, condensed from report to the Comptroller of the Currency:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 92,695.99
U. S. and other Bonds and Warrants	27,366.08
Banking house, real estate, furniture and fixtures	18,693.60
Cash and due from banks	37,791.82
	\$176,547.49
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	4,176.36
Circulation	6,250.00
Deposits	141,121.13
	\$176,547.49

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