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And Remember to Get a Stop-Over for Springfield.

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TAXES AND THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

Judgment creditors of a Southern county sued for a writ of mandamus requiring the local authorities to assess property in the county for taxation at its full value, as the state law directs. It had been assessed at only half its value; and, as the tax rate was limited by law, the yield was not sufficient to pay the county's debts. But it was shown in the trial that property in other counties of the state was assessed at only half its value; so, if the writ was granted, property owners in that county would be paying twice as much state tax on the same actual value as property owners in other counties paid. The lower court, therefore, denied the writ; but the higher court reversed the judgment.

This is a common condition, growing naturally enough out of the common desire to lessen taxes, says the Saturday Evening Post. Local assessors undervalue their neighbors' property; but as all of them undervalue it to about the same extent, property owners simply pay three per cent on an assessed valuation of fifty dollars instead of paying one and a half per cent on a true valuation of one hundred dollars. Each of them, however, sees that his assessment is low and fatuously congratulates himself on that, giving the obliging assessor his vote and perhaps a good cigar.

The underassessed community is set down as possessing only half or three-quarters of its true wealth, its credit is correspondingly restricted and nearly everybody finally pays just as much tax as though the assessments were true; but some exceptionally skillful tax dodgers may profit at the expense of their neighbors.

The remedy is to take assessments virtually out of the hands of local authorities, as Wisconsin has done. The assessments, made by the state board that is beyond local influence, are to the benefit of the average taxpayer.

Farmers make up a large part of the membership of the Commercial club of Chester, South Dakota. Out in that part of Uncle Sam's domain the farmers cut something of a figure in town affairs, you see, and why shouldn't they? The towns can't get along without the farmers and the farmers can't get along without the towns. When the folks see it that way there is sure to be some getting together for the good of all concerned—Salem, Capital Journal.

The cost of the last general election was approximately \$300,000. The number of electors voting was 259,869. The cost of each vote was, therefore, somewhat over a dollar. Isn't it about time to arrange for fewer elections? asks the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Uncle Sam is not hankering for a fight with anybody, still we have no fears that the old gentleman will be found slipping down out a back alley.

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An exchange remarks that men may be unreliable in keeping dinner engagements on time, but they sure want the dinner when they do get there.

Thistles! Thistles! Thistles! Cut 'em!

And the grass along the curbs.

Ekklesian Circus to Be a Big Attraction.

The Ekklesian Circus management announce that their plans for the great Jitney Circus next Saturday evening are working fine. It is truly to be a big attraction and preparations are being made to accommodate the entire population of Springfield at the old garage at the foot of Main street.

An interesting feature will be the immense free street parade at 7:30 sharp. "Prof. Sousa" L. Parsons will lead his famous band, and in addition to this he has charge of the orchestra. Rain or shine, the shows will open promptly at 8 o'clock—directly after the parade. Attractions are being worked out that are suited and will be interesting to an audience of young and old.

The whole affair is the result of an effort on the part of the young people's Sunday school class of the local Methodist church to raise funds for their class room extension and its equipment at the church. No objectionable features of course will be allowed.

CO-OPERATION IN FIRE PREVENTION URGED

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been so effective that the public has awakened to its duty and interest in the matter, with the result that where the Forest Service once stood alone in fire prevention work, it now has the co-operation of the states, of private organizations, timber owners and the public generally.

Every camper who enters the woods now knows that he must not throw away a match until he is sure it is out; he will not drop a burning cigarette or cigar butt; he will not knock over his pipe ashes while hot, or where they will fall into dry leaves or other inflammable material; he will not build a camp fire any larger than absolutely necessary nor will he build it against a tree, a log, a stump, or anywhere but on bare soil; he will not leave his fire until he is sure it is out; he will not burn brush or refuse in or near the woods if there is any chance that the fire may spread beyond control or where the wind may carry sparks where they would start a fire; if he discovers a fire in the woods and can't put it out himself, he will notify the nearest forest guard, ranger, or state fire warden.

In fact, he will be just as careful regarding fire in the woods as he is with fire in his own home. He will not only do all of these things himself, but he is so well convinced of the wisdom of fire-prevention measures, he will urge it upon his friends and neighbors and thus help the good work along.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed, by the county court, executrix of the estate of William M. Moore, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified and with the proper vouchers, to the administratrix at the office of Woodcock, Smith & Bryson, in Eugene, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication of this notice is April 26, 1915.
MARGARET MOORE,
Executrix of the estate of William M. Moore, deceased. m M24

Summons.

In the Justice Court for Eugene Justice District, Lane County, Oregon. W. H. Lynch, plaintiff, vs. M. E. Edwards, Defendant.

To M. E. Edwards, the above-named defendant:
In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint in the above entitled cause within six weeks from the date of first publication of the summons herein, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint as hereby required the plaintiff will take judgment against you as prayed for in said complaint now on file in the said court, to-wit:

judgment in the sum of \$77.65 with interest thereon from July 1, 1914, and the further sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars attorney's fees, and for the costs and disbursements in the above entitled action.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable Jesse G. Wells, Judge of the above entitled court, duly made on the 24th day of March, 1915, requiring publication thereof once each week for six successive weeks and requiring that you appear and answer said complaint on or before six weeks from the 15th day of April, the date of the first publication hereof.
JESSE G. WELLS,
E. O. IMMEL, Justice of the Peace,
Attorney for Plaintiff. thM27*

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. 68193, 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 15th day of June 1915.

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

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