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COUNTY ASSESSOR DAVIS HAS VIEWS OF HIS OWN TOWARD HIS JOB

That County Assessor Jas. A. Davis has decided views of his own regarding the proper method of assessing Wasco county property will be apparent to any one who will take the trouble to read his recent statement as to his position in the matter or who will, when at the county seat at any time, interview him on the subject. Mr. Davis' ideas are certainly logical, do not conflict with the instructions from the state board of equalization, and if studied carefully it will be seen that they are founded on an equitable basis of taxation.

In conversation with Mr. Davis some time ago, he expressed a desire to meet the citizens of Mosier and explain to them his ideas on the subject of taxation.

It has not been possible for him to do so as yet, but it is still his intention. As the question of assessments is an interesting and important one, we submit that it would be a good idea for the tax payers of this district to invite Mr. Davis to come to Mosier at a specified time in the near future and explain to them his ideas on the taxation proposition. In case, however, Mr. Davis cannot come to Mosier, and feeling that, in justice to the tax payers they should be enlightened on the subject, and in justice to the assessor himself, who wishes to be understood clearly in the matter, we give a somewhat lengthy, though none the less interesting, statement made by Mr. Davis in 'The Dalles Optimist'. In stating his position Mr. Davis said, in answer to a question as to whether any changes were contemplated in the method of property valuation:

"Primarily, I am here to carry out the tax laws of the state and obey instructions from headquarters. When the law says that all property must be assessed at a reasonable cash valuation, I take it that it means just what it says.

"I believe in absolute equalization of values for all classes of property, and that all property should be assessed on a uniform basis, no discrimination being shown in any case.

"I have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish in administering the duties of my position, and all people look alike to me. I am willing to assume entire responsibility for all acts of the assessor's office and my deputies will not be called upon to stand for any fault-finding that may arise."

Mr. Davis said that he did not wish to cast the slightest reflection on any previous incumbent of the office; each has done the best he could according to his views and interpretation of instructions and law, but he has his own point of view, which he states as follows:

"To obtain a uniform basis of valuation I deem three points essential. First and paramount, the producing value of the property should be considered. Second in importance I would consider the location, or nearness to market, and in the third place the desirability of each piece of property compared with a well recognized instance as a standard.

"I intend in the near future to request the attendance of certain representative taxpayers to discuss property values as they now appear, and the methods I propose to follow in the future. I do this in order that taxpayers generally may be informed as to instructions I shall give to deputies. Then I will cause to be published in various county papers the exact instructions given to my deputies, who will act on those written and published instructions. This will leave them beyond criticism if they follow the rules. I shall devote all the time I can to personally assist them until I see that they are

thoroughly alive to the importance of following my methods closely.

"There is no disposition to exceed the plain letter of the law, and any taxpayer who will take time to make an intelligent comparison will realize that he is on a perfect equality with his neighbor--that all are treated exactly alike."

In illustrating the condition that confronts the assessor in 1913, Mr. Davis pointed out the fact (taken from the sworn statement of the secretary of state) that we are paying 1.2 mills state tax on a valuation of \$15,636,264, whereas the assessed valuation of Wasco property was equalized by the assessor's office and county court last year at \$9,531,590, and the corporation property was valued for tax purposes at \$3,384,267, a total of \$12,915,857. The basis of assessing was 54 per cent of the "reasonable cash value" in both classes. Yet the state compels the county to pay on its own valuation of corporation property, which is nearly double the figures given above.

In other words, because of a low valuation the state increases Wasco county's figures by \$2,720,407 for state tax purposes.

In both Hood River and Sherman counties the state actually reduced the total valuation for state tax purposes because their property values are assessed on a more uniform basis. In those counties the corporations pay their full proportion of the tax. In Wasco the taxpayers pay on a basis of \$3,384,267, where the new system would bring the values up to practically \$4,500,000.

County Assessor Davis has appointed C. J. Littlepage as deputy assessor for Mosier district.

WILL HAVE BOAT LANDING

Pursuant to a call by E. A. Race for a meeting to be held last Tuesday afternoon to discuss further action in regard to the boat landing, a number of citizens gathered and listened to a report by Mr. Race, who stated that nearly enough money had been subscribed but only about half the amount had been collected. He put the question squarely up to the citizens as to whether or not they wanted the boat landing—it never has been a question as to its need—and called for an expression of opinion. The sentiment was unanimously voiced that the project be carried to completion. A number were present who had not paid their subscriptions, but they "came thru" at once and when the meeting adjourned there was enough money in sight to justify Mr. Race in ordering the dock boat and calling on the boat company to make good their offer to drive the piles as soon as weather conditions permitted.

There will be sufficient funds available to build a warehouse on the boat for the storage of freight and there is every reason to believe that the different companies plying on the river will give us satisfactory service, and Mosier's dream of a boat landing will be at last realized.

Celebrate Anniversary

Last Saturday night a number of friends gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Masten, near town, to help them celebrate the tenth anniversary of their wedding, bringing presents suitable to the occasion. It was a surprise to the Mastens, but none the less pleasant, and the evening was passed most pleasantly, the guests returning to their homes at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Masten many returns of the day.

A large party of Mosierites will take a straw ride tonight in a four-horse sleigh, driving to The Dalles and taking in the Maud Powell concert.

AN INSOLENT WRITER.

He Found He Couldn't Dictate to a Typical John Bull.

"That sprouting Scotch peer, the Earl of Levon, who retaken a ship news reporter who approached him by declaring that 'no gentleman ever speaks to another without an introduction; it simply isn't done.' Is an old friend of James Francis Dwyer, the Australian novelist that is. Dwyer doesn't actually know the Earl of Levon, but he knows his sweetly British sort.

"I ought to," said Dwyer. "I was broke in London and I learned to know the true Briton. Once I answered an advertisement for a literary secretary. To make certain that my letter would be read I wired the advertiser as follows:

"Do not engage a literary secretary until you have read my letter of application."

"That letter was a gem. I thought I would find the place with it sure. I was certain of it when a large, square letter directed me to appear at a named address at a given hour. It was a four penny bus ride, but I didn't care. My fortune was opening out before me I squandered the fourpence without a misgiving. A pompous butler ushered me into a black oak library, where the original stuffed model of John Bull sat at a table. I sat down meekly and waited to be spoken to.

"Bum! He hit the desk with his clenched hand.

"You cannot dictate to an Englishman," said this old image.

"No, sir, I said.

"I tell you, he shouted, 'you cannot dictate to an Englishman!'

"Certainly not, I said.

"But you tried to," he said. "You sent me this impertinent telegram. No Englishman would have done that. It was an American trick."

"I tried to soothe him, for I wanted that job. But he got hotter and hotter. Finally he told me outright that he had hired a young man who once had worked for a lord.

"I have sent for you, said he, and you should be grateful to me in order to teach you a proper respect for the traditions of England and for the British flag."

"You old fossil," said I. "If I had a British flag here I'd tear it in two and choke you to death with it."—Chicago News.

"COOKING A PILL."

That is What Opium Smokers Call "Hitting the Pipe."

The opium smoker in the act of smoking is said to be "cooking a pill." Smokers of tobacco in seeking opium pipes have been misled into the belief that the large bowl of the pipe is filled with opium when really the "pill" is simply pasted over a tiny opening in the cover of the bowl. Heating of the bowl produces dense fumes, which are drawn through the bowl and the stem of the pipe into the smoker's mouth.

Neither does one pipe of opium produce stupor. A "pill" dazes only even an inexperienced smoker as a large drink would effect a person unused to alcohol. The opium users who have been pictured stretched on banks of opium dens in utter stupor have been saturated with the drug.

Resting on a bed, the smoker places the mouth within easy reach and lights the lamp. Peanut oil, burning slowly and without evil odors or fumes, is used exclusively. The smoker is then ready to prepare his "pill."

The yen-lok, or dipper, a long, needle shaped instrument, is put into the opium receptacle and turned slowly in the black and sticky substance until a small quantity of opium adheres to the point. It is then placed over the flame of the lamp, and, turning the dipper, the smoker rolls and cooks the "pill" until it is ready for the pipe.

The tiny speck is then thrust into the opening of the bowl, which, held above the lamp, slowly begins to produce opium fumes, which are drawn in by the smoker through the stem of his pipe. The "pill" lasts only from thirty to forty seconds, and to enjoy another smoke the same preparations have to be repeated.—New York Tribune.

Humiliated Hubby.

A newly married couple had had a little disagreement about some cakes which the wife had made. The husband complained that those his mother used to produce were far superior. On the next day the girl set before him a plate of hot cakes.

"Now you have achieved something!" he exclaimed enthusiastically. "These are exactly like what mother used to make. How did you do it?"

"I will give you the recipe," replied the wife coolly. "I used margarine instead of butter, eggs a year old, I put alum in the flour and added plenty of water to the milk."—London Tit-Bits.

He Didn't Know Art.

"Where did you get that marble statuette, my dear?"

"Why, at Martino's. Isn't it lovely? And such a bargain! It was marked half off. Didn't you see the tag?"

"Yes, but I thought the tag referred to the clothing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Unconspicuous.

"Darling," said the fond youth, producing a ring, "which is the right finger?"

"For goodness' sake, Algy!" responded the maiden. "Don't you know? Nineteen years old and never been engaged to a girl before!"—Chicago Tribune.

Easy.

Lucy—How can I bring the count to his knees at my feet? Nooty—Drop a dime on the floor.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

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