A Oregon supreme bench, delivered this week, is worthy
of attention. It was rendered in a suit brought against thi
county conmissioners of Clatsop county, involving paycounty conmissioners of Clatsop county, mvolving pay
ment for timber land cruising. The suit was brought
restrain the commissioners from allowing claims for cruis ment for timber land cruising. The suit was brought to
restrain the commissioners from allowing claims for cruis
ing the land, alleging that the constitution prohibits th ing the land, alleging that the constitution prohibits th
incurring of a warrant iudehtedness of more than \$5000 b The supreme court held that the commissioners, as bus
incess agents of the count, were compeclled under thic con
stitution to provide a fair and equal distribution of taxe stitution to provide a far and equal distribution of taxes
and that, under the circumstances the debt incurred fo
cruising the timber was not within the provision of the con crusing the timber was not within the provision of the con-
stitution profibiting counties from contracting warrant
indebtedness of more than $\$ 5000$. The decision calls attention to the fact that it is impos-
sible to provide a fair and equal distribution of taxes, with sibe to provie a fimber land. A flat valuation is unjust as
out cruising the
some acreage is likely to contain several times the amount of timber that another acre does, and hence is worth much
more. The forfeiture of the railroad land grant brings Jack-
son and other counties face to face with a serious financial condition. Taxes amounting to $\$ 72,000$ are unpuid as a
result of the federal court's decision. Not only this, but result of the federal court's decision. Not only this, bu
the proportion of the $\$ 72,000$ due the state, as state taxe
over $\$ 19.000$, the proportion of the
over $\$ 19,000$, has that be paid the state. The Jackson
county budget is therefore $\$ 89,000$ shy of estimatescounty budget is therefore
through no fault of anyone's.
This amount of taxation for future years must be made up some way-either by higher rate of taxation or by
reassessment that will provide a more equitable basis o reassessment that will provide a more equitabent, and th
assessment, and hence an inerased assessment,

The timber lands lare affords the correct solution
The timber lands are held almost entirely by non-resi dent speculators, who will neither develop nor sell thei
holdings at a price that will permit others to develop. The holdings at a price that will permit others to develop. The
are holding for the unearned increment. A cruise of th property so held would show
Cruising of timber lands is a subject worthy the atten tion of the county court.

## 'I DONE IT'-AGAIN

T are again in evidence, as witness the following in the are again
Medford Sun:


## land. Geo. Hoftman, Applegate.

 James Barrett, Barron.Geo. Nell, North Central Thos, Nicthols, Eagle Polnt.

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& \text { H. D. Reed, Gold Hill. } \\
& \text { Chris VIrich, Jacksonville }
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Mr. Hawley says: "I have $\$ 75,000$ for C. Hawler.
voads; in the sundry civil bill-that "I done it." roads" in the sundry civil bill-that "I done
The truth of the matter is that Senator secured favorable action in the senate for $\$ 100,000$ for Crater Lake. The bill went to the house, where the appropriations committee has $j$.
the amount to $\$ 75,000$.
Instead of getting $\$ 100,000$ from the house as Chamber lain got from the senate, Hawley gets only $\$ 75,000$. How ever, as Chamberlain is on the senate appropriations com-
mittee and likely to be one of the senate conferees, he may mittee and likely to be one of the senate conferees, he may
be able to put through the original $\$ 100,000$ asked. Mr Hawley can then claim that "I have $\$ 100,000$,
Two years ago the senate twice passed the Crater Lake Two years ago the senate twice passed the Crater Lake
appropriation, which was twice killed in the house. Sen ator Bourne, as a senate conferce, forced the house con-
ferees to pass the bill, upon threat of deadlock. This, however, did not prevent Mr. Hawley from grabbing credit and claiming "I done it."
Mr. Hawley is entitled to credit for what he does dobut he claims everything in sight and greedily hogs to himself the work of the entire Oregon delegation.
The parrot-like "I done it" reiterations of Congress man Hawley are false and discordant notes in the sounding
brass of a congressman who deliberately filches the fame of others

## THERE'S A REASON

THE Chicago Record-Herald recently announced that As a result of this announcement, the Anti-Saloon league has undertaken a nation-wide campaign to secure circula cular:
The effect on the Record-Herald will be elonely watched, not only by "urre if the move proves proftiable. If it proves unprofitable our caus
will be mmeasurably set hack for many years, for we need the help of al
yrept newniapera.


## Therefore, to send ua your subser oor friends to do the same in oinetgg approval of their atand.

If the nation-wide crusade for Record-Herald subscribers brings in expected results, the Anti-Saloon leagne will be able to force the Record-Herald to champion the dry cause, regardless of convictions, under penalty of losing it

subseription list. Indeed, with dry readers, the paper catering to its constituency, will naturally fill the field of the great metropolitan prohibition daily of the nation. | Not to be behind in reform, Hearst's Chicago Examiner |
| :--- | has also seen the errors of its way. No longer will it print

whisky and strong drink ads-nothing stronger than beer Whisky and strong drink ads-nothing stronger than beer
and wine. This reform is being followed up ley a national and wine. This reform is being followed up by a national
campaign to make the Examiner the favorite advertising campaign to make the Examiner the favorite advertising
organ of the wineries and breweries of the country, Sup
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These "reforms" are shrewdly caleulated businens moves planned to bring in increased revenue,
"There's a reason."


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