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STATE FINANCES.

The board to determine state taxes have made an estimate of the probable expenses of the state for the year 1887. They figure that \$279,139.71 will be required. Receipts and balances on hand aggregate \$124,850, leaving \$154,289.81 to be raised by taxation. How taxation is apportioned among the several counties is shown in the following table of the assessed valuation of each county and the amount of expense chargeable to each:

Counties.	Valuation	Amt chgd.
Baker	\$2,349,256	\$4,581 95
Benton	3,210,750	6,260 97
Clatsop	2,515,020	4,904 26
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Columbia	720,188	1,404 38
Cook	1,288,613	2,512 79
Crook	1,347,722	2,628 06
Curry	414,667	808 60
Douglas	2,304,454	4,468 74
Grant	1,179,722	2,300 46
Gilliam	2,760,220	5,382 43
Jackson	2,214,316	4,317 32
Josephine	618,924	1,206 90
Llamath	709,236	1,383 10
Lake	1,635,062	3,188 37
Lane	3,969,695	7,779 91
Linn	5,235,898	10,210 00
Marion	4,967,396	9,663 93
Morrow	840,354	1,638 69
Multnomah	18,761,610	36,585 14
Polk	2,931,034	5,715 55
Tillamook	285,089	555 92
Umatilla	4,300,662	8,386 29
Union	2,795,407	5,451 04
Wasco	2,518,146	4,910 39
Washington	2,601,680	5,073 28
Yamhill	4,038,697	7,875 46
Total	\$79,122,973	\$154,289 71

Among the items included in the \$279,139.71, are \$5,000 for the expenses of the state board of immigration, \$5,000 for the state board of agriculture, \$11,620.86 for conveying insane to the asylum, including \$4,420.86 now owing, \$17,300 for printing and binding, including a deficiency of \$8,300, \$7,000 for the support of the deaf mute school, \$6,700 for carrying convicts to the penitentiary, \$4,000 for the blind school, \$2,500 to buy books for the state library for state library, \$600 for pilot commissioners, \$600 for the clerk, \$35,000 for salaries of supreme court judges, etc., \$68,500 for the insane asylum, \$26,710 for the penitentiary, \$35,000 for the legislature, and \$5,000 for the electric light at the state public buildings. These are among the principal items in the list.

THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY.

The Evening Telegram thus editorially endorses Uncle Ezra: The history of the last fifty years of business in the United States teems with the same lessons. There is no royal road to prosperity. The heights of permanent success can be attained only by steady climbing, step by step, over toilsome and often very rugged paths. There are very few strong business concerns in this country that began on a large scale. Nearly all started with but little capital, and earned their present dimensions and power by thrift, industry and perseverance. In the day of their weakness the found-

ders of these houses were taught by experience how to overcome the difficulties they encountered. Even the few enterprises that started in a large way that have proved successful have been founded and managed by men who gained their wisdom and skill by long service in building up similar undertakings from very small beginnings. As a rule men of this kind succeed in what they undertake, because they combine prudence with enterprise, and never venture beyond their depth.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Call no man happy till he dies," said the ancient Greek sage. Mr. Arthur, when vice-presidential candidate, was the target for all manner of course innuenda and vile abuse. Dead, he is eulogized by every newspaper. Is it well to reserve all compliment, all good words for the cold ear of death, and piling invective on the sensitive ear of life refuse the just due of humanity till he who is the subject of remark is alike indifferent to praise or blame?

Col. Ingersoll, in a recent address, declares that "no man has a right to own more land than he can use, and no man who wants land to use ought to be deprived of it." The Boston Advertiser replies: "But when the mutual rights of men are arraigned on such a basis there will still remain to vex his philosophy the fact that a great many men will want to use the same corner lot." This is not a good answer. Air, earth, and water belong in some sense, to mankind. There is enough for all. It is against public policy for individuals to own immense tracts of land. One need not be a communist in order to recognize the injustice of such a distribution of land. One need not be a communist in order to recognize the injustice of such a distribution of land as exists, for instance, in Great Britain. The tendency in this country is in the same direction, but the absence of entail makes our future less menacing than it would otherwise be. Still it would be good policy to limit the ownership of land, especially by aliens.

A delightful bit of cable news is the statement that Emperor William and Empress Augusta have decided to confer medals on exemplary persons who celebrate their golden and diamond weddings. The inscription to be placed on the medals is taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, and reads thus: "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfast in prayer." To get even with the Germans the French government may possibly decide to have a lot of divorce medals struck off.

John S. Phelps, an ex-governor of Missouri and a noted man in his day, died last week. He was military governor of Arkansas during the civil war and for eighteen years a member of congress from the Springfield district of Missouri. He was nearly 72 years old and was generally beloved by the people of his state. Mrs. J. B. Montgomery of Portland was a daughter of Gov. Phelps.

It has been suggested that the Choral Union could do a good thing by securing the O. P. church for its rehearsals.

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