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WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

Our contemporary, The Examiner, occasionally informs the tax-payers that Lake county is getting out of debt. We hope such is the fact; but as yet—we have heard of no tax-payer admitting that his or her taxes are being decreased; but on the contrary we hear, almost daily, the people complaining of the burden of their increasing taxes. One glance at the many extra bills and increasing expense incurred by the last county Court, is enough to convince us that it will be several years yet before Lake county is out of debt.—Lakeview Rustler.

One glance at the last semi-annual report of the county officers will convince any intelligent man or woman who pays taxes that the county indebtedness has been materially reduced in the last two years. The local Republican administration is gradually reducing the indebtedness put upon the county years ago by a Democratic county administration. A new system has been inaugurated in the affairs of Lake county by which nearly all the taxes are now being collected promptly. This system has been established by a Republican county court. The affairs of Lake county are in a better shape now than for years. Another system has been established by the local Republican administration which will prevent any further loss of funds to the county—the expediting of the books of the county officers semi-annually. It is true, there were many extra bills, and increasing expense incurred at the last session of the county court. Witness fees, jury fees, expediting of an ex-democratic official's books, the bills of Drs. Daly and Smith for an autopsy upon the suicide Ruby Clark at \$250, ordered paid by the Coroner, and which is commanded by law to be paid upon the authority of the said Coroner—though the county has an appointed physician who is supposed to be called in to attend to such cases without cost—etc., did run the amounts up to an alarming figure, but the Republican administration of Lake county was not responsible for this. The law, and the Coroner demanded it. The trial of Andrew J. Neilson, ex-democratic sheriff of Lake county, was very expensive, and one glance at the many extra bills and increasing expense incurred by the last county Court will show clearly how and why this "increasing expense" occurred. Without any further expensive trials it would appear that under the present administration, or a like one, Lake county should be able to throw off the yoke of bondage within the next four years, and be clear of debt. The present Republican County Court has placed the affairs of Lake county upon a business basis and the county officers are conducting their respective offices in accordance with the business rules laid down by the law and the order of the County Court. During the past two years Lake county has experienced an unusual amount of expensive litigation in water suits, trials for cattle stealing, etc., and the local Republican administration should be congratulated in keeping down the county indebtedness instead of allowing it to augment. The Examiner still maintains that the indebtedness of Lake county is gradually reducing, and the records of the clerk's office will bear out the assertion.

Today Lake county warrants are selling at par. This is an innovation that is highly pleasing to the public. The Examiner does not believe there are very many tax-payers finding fault with the condition of Lake county at the present time. Of course there are always a few calamity howlers who continually kick because it is a chronic disease with them—not because they have any reason to complain.

The indications are favorable for a reduction in taxation within the next two years.

THE WARNER CASES.

Assistant Attorney-General Vandevender, of the Interior Department, on the 13th inst., heard arguments in the case of Morrow against the Warner Valley Livestock Company. The case involves the title to from 5000 to 10,000 acres of land in Warner Valley, Oregon, which is claimed by the state, under the swamp land act of 1860. The claim is made on behalf of the state that the land in question was swamp land overflowed at the time the act was passed, and on behalf of the citizens who desire to settle upon the lands that they were at one time the bottom of a lake, which has receded, leaving dry surfaces. The Warner Valley Livestock Company be-

comes a party to the case by reason of the fact that it leases the lands in controversy from the state. The case is one of 50 or 60, and is regarded as the test case.—Washington dispatch.

There is at least one statement in the above that the Washington correspondent does not understand. There are no "citizens who desire to settle upon the lands." Settlement was made years ago upon these lands, and the "settlers" have built their homes upon said lands and reared their families there. It is a part of their existence. They live there, thrive there, and have all their interests there. To turn them from their homes now, the homes that they have improved and made comfortable—where they are happy and contented and live in hopes that justice and equity will be on their side—would be an injustice to humanity. Laws of government may be twisted and turned to the discomfiture of these settlers, but should such a calamity befall them, there is still an unwritten law of God and equity that says these lands and homes belong to them.

WHERE SHALL OREGON TRADE?
The Oregonian.

Oregon railroad development is in the hands of Mr. E. H. Harriman and his associates. They control the Union Pacific system, which now comprises the Southern Pacific, and they hold such interest in the Northern Pacific as will protect them from encroachments from that quarter. They can open and develop Oregon or they can leave it as it stands today, so far as railroad transportation is concerned.

Since the influence of Mr. Harriman became dominant in certain transcontinental railroads the inclination here has been to regard him as friendly to Oregon interests. It is feared that the news printed in our railroad column yesterday will tend to shake the confidence Oregonians repose in him. If the railroad policy is to be to draw Oregon business to San Francisco, it may be set down as distinctly unfriendly to Oregon as a state, and to Portland, the chief seat of its commerce and capital. Oregon needs independent development, development that shall give it autonomy and knit together its social, business and political interests.

The matter of opening Eastern Oregon by railroads is clearly in the hands of the Harriman people. If they are exercising this power against Portland, the fact should be made known. If they are pushing the Nevada-California Oregon road up from Reno and checking the progress of the Columbia Southern southward across the state, it is a matter of serious concern for Oregon. It means that San Francisco is to be favored at the expense of Portland in a field that legitimately belongs to Portland.

Portland cannot rest passive in this condition of affairs. The management of the Columbia Southern must move forward. That road should lose no time in getting entirely across the state to the California line. If necessary, Portland capital must support the road, that it may go forward independent of the New York investors. It is a profitable enterprise thus far as an independent business venture. Portland cannot afford to let the territory through which it is projected be drained to San Francisco. It lies much nearer Portland, it is in the same state, and there is every reason why its business affiliations should be with Portland rather than with San Francisco. Here is a matter to which the business interests of Portland should give serious consideration.

Habeas Corpus for "Aggie."

A Washington dispatch of the 13th inst. says that while the War Department has not been advised of the reported step to secure the release of Aginaldo from captivity through a writ of habeas corpus, they were prepared for a move in that direction.

A few weeks ago the first application of this kind was made in the case of a military prisoner, and as there were some indications of a disposition on the part of the Philippine Commission to uphold the right of habeas corpus in that case, the Department was obliged to cable some instructions, both to the Commission and to General Chaffee, the result of which was a practical denial of the writ.

The War Department officials have deprecated the making of an issue of this important point, pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the "Fourteen Diamond Rings" case, involving a question as to whether the Constitution follows the Flag.

Ladies' Aid.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the M. E. Church next Saturday evening, Nov. 23, at 7 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will come before the meeting.

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