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THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Undoubtedly there exists an emergency in the affairs of the state of Oregon at this time resulting from the failure on the part of the regular session of the legislature to provide for the levy and collection, taxes for the year 1903. Revenue is indispensable—indispensable for all public concerns—schools, counties, municipal corporations, and for affairs of state, and it would seem to the Sentinel that if there has been a failure on the part of the legislature to provide for the levy and collection of taxes for the year 1903, there exists on emergency that demands the attention of the legislative assembly.

The governor of Oregon in his efforts to clear his skirts of the miscarriage of the new tax law is now endeavoring to restrict the legislative assembly to the passage of a new tax law only or the repeal of the one passed at the regular session, and it seems to the Sentinel that this is clearly a usurpation of authority on the part of the governor. The members of the legislative assembly are exercising their prerogatives as members of that assembly in not bowing to the wishes of the governor and this is merely asserting their manhood as American citizens.

There is clearly but one question involved in the difficulty which through oversight has arisen—Does an emergency exist? If there is an emergency existing it is clearly the duty of the governor to call the legislative session irrespective of any other legislation into which they may wish to enter. If there is no emergency there is no further need for any discussion of the matter. It is up to the governor to do his duty under the constitution. Either call a special session if there is an emergency, and if there is not, cease playing politics in his endeavor to ride rough shod over what is clearly the privilege of the members of the legislature. If the members of the legislature constitute merely a lot of school boys and must be under the discipline of and toe any scratch drawn by the governor, we should better have a constitutional convention called and dispense with the legislative assembly and make the Governor of Oregon the whole thing. But for the governor to prescribe just exactly the treatment that the state needs seems unusually presumptuous on his part and clearly indicates that he knows more about the needs of the state of Oregon than the assembled intelligence of the legislature issuing from all quarters of the state. It has been suggested that the members of the legislature would, under the circumstances, be violating no rules of propriety if they would adopt the language of the distinguished former governor, Sylvester Pennoyer, in his answer to Grover Cleveland, "You tend to your business and I'll tend to mine."

The Iowa Lumber & Box Company have decided to remove their planing mill and box factory to Medford but Jacksonville will retain the sawmill. Medford by way of an added inducement to the company gave them a bonus of \$3000 cash. Jacksonville would have given a like or more bonus to the company but bonuses are not what the company was after, for they had determined to move their box factory to the main line of the railroad to gain better transportation advantages. Both President Hafer and Treasurer Hart expressed their regrets at having to take a part of their plant from Jacksonville but business necessities override sentiment. They fully appreciate the many evidences of good will that the citizens of Jacksonville have displayed toward their company and they intend in so far as opportunity presents to do all they can to advance the interests of this town. In the readjustment of the Company's plant Jacksonville will retain two-thirds of the payroll for the sawmill crew, the loggers and the teamsters will all make their headquarters in Jacksonville. Twenty-five men will be about the size of the planing mill and box factory crew providing they double the capacity of the plant, which would be all that there is talk or likelihood of their doing, while the crew at Jacksonville would number fully 50 or more men, so Jacksonville will not be so hard hit as might be supposed.

There is every likelihood that losing the box factory will be more to the gain than to the loss of Jacksonville, for it will arouse the citizens to renewed effort to build up their town. The town that has the stamina of success in its makeup is not killed off by a big fire, a flood, nor a loss of an industrial establishment. Jacksonville has all the advantages that are required to give a foundation to a town's permanent growth and with the proper energy and spirit on the part of its citizens the town can continue to grow and to prosper and be a place that will have standing with the most progressive towns of the state.

A meeting of the Jacksonville Board of Trade will be held Monday evening at which time several matters of importance to the upbuilding of Jacksonville will be up for consideration. It is expected that all having property and business interests in Jacksonville will be present and do their full share toward giving the prosperity and growth to the town that its natural advantages warrant.

The delinquent tax list for Jackson county is being published in the Ashland Record and by a goodly amount of "fattening" on the part of the printer it occupies eight columns of space in that paper though the list is short for so large a tax roll as that of Jackson county. Sheriff Rader has been very successful in collecting taxes and when the sale takes place on Friday, December 18 there will probably be but a small amount then standing out as payments are being made by delinquents.

Robert McClannahan has bought the fine mule team with which James Fielder has been hauling lumber this summer. Thursday Mr. McClannahan in company with Clyde Applegate left for Elk creek to haul out a load of hydraulic piping that was formerly used by Peter Applegate and sons on a placer mine they operated on that stream.

Mrs. Mattie Thompson has removed her restaurant from the Britt block to her residence building adjoining the City Hall, where she is now furnishing both meals and lodgings to her patrons.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Brillard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by City Drug Store.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Lake county, respondent, vs A. J. Neilson, et al appellants, appeal from Jackson county; Hanna, judge; reversed; Opinion by Wolverton.

This was a suit on Former Sheriff Neilson's bond as sheriff. It was shown that some part of the money was embezzled before the bond was given, and on this showing the case was reversed, and a new trial ordered.

Another case decided was: Mary H. Hanley, responded, vs Ellen J. Kubli, et al., appellants; from Jackson county; H. K. Hanna, judge; affirmed. Opinion by Justice Bean.

This suit was brought by Mrs. Mary H. Hanley, through her attorney, A. E. Reames, against Mrs. E. J. Kubli, who, through a sale on execution, became the owner of a parcel of land formerly a part of the Hanley estate, which fell to the share of the plaintiff's husband, the late John A. Hanley. As she was not a party to the transaction through which deceased lost the property, Mrs. Hanley sought to recover a dower interest in the same, amounting to one-half under a late law of the Legislature. Judge Hanna decided in Mrs. Hanley's favor and on appeal to the Supreme Court affirmed his decision.

Mrs. Kubli's attorneys, Judge E. B. Watson and Judge Chas. Prim, contended that the old law, which provided for a dower right of one-third, should prevail, inasmuch as it was in force at the time when the judgment against Hanley was obtained and the land in question sold.

Postmaster Geo. F. Merriman of Medford, whose term of office expires next March, has declined to become an applicant for reappointment and the Oregon congressional delegation has recommended W. T. York for the position. Mr. Merriman has made an efficient postmaster but office confinement does not agree with his health and he prefers to be in his blacksmith shop where his extensive business requires his attention. Mr. York is a real estate dealer and is a member of the firm of Palm & York and he is a thorough business man who will be quite likely to discharge the duties of the office in a manner satisfactory to the patrons and to the postoffice department.

George McCune has been laid off from his work in the postoffice since Wednesday by a severe cold accompanied by some fever which has made it necessary for him to remain at his home. Mr. McCune expects to be able to resume his work by Monday.

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The board of trade is in receipt of a communication from Dr. James Withcomb of the State Agricultural College that he and three other of the leading professors of the college will be in attendance at the farmers institute to be held in Jacksonville on Saturday, Dec. 19. Mr. W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon has given the assurance that he and his company will do all they can to make the institute, the first ever to be held in Rogue River valley a splendid success. The full details for the institute will be attended to at the meeting of the board of trade next Monday and it will also be decided as to whether a good roads convention will be held in conjunction with the institute or not.

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