

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation Says Something About the New Bill.

Accompanying the assessment and taxation bill prepared by the senate committee is the following report:

The undersigned members of the special senate committee, to whom was referred the subject of assessment and taxation, with instructions to report thereon, have the honor to submit herein our conclusions in the form of a bill which will be duly presented at the next session of the legislature for its consideration.

In placing the present measure before the public at this early date, we do so in the hope that a free and full discussion of the merits and demerits of the bill may commend it to the legislative assembly soon to convene, or at least that the timely discussion of this bill may enable that body to agree upon and speedily pass some measure whereby the gross inequality of the present assessment laws may be remedied.

Some changes herein suggested are radical and a wide departure from our present system, and are not fully concurred in by all members of this committee. Such differences of opinion, together with the reasons therefor, will appear in our more extended special report to the senate. We have been greatly aided in our work by the report of the tax commission of 1885, the report of the joint committee on assessment and taxation, and the suggestions of persons of wide experience in the execution of existing laws; and while this bill as suggested may, and doubtless does, contain errors and omissions, we believe the subject deserves earnest and prompt consideration. In this connection, believing the question of assessment and taxation to be paramount to all others, we would recommend that both houses of the legislature amend their rules that motions appertaining thereto shall be privileged and shall take precedence over any other measures, excepting only the general appropriation bill.

J. H. RALEY, Chairman.

J. K. WAIT, CHARLES HILTON, C. A. COGSWELL.

The bill as prepared by the committee contains many excellent features that meet my entire approval. There are, however, some of its provisions that in my judgment should be omitted; while others, essential to an equal and efficient system of taxation, have been omitted. While concurring, in the main, with the bill as presented, at the proper time I shall endeavor to point out its errors and imperfections and suggest such alterations as will, in my judgment, more nearly secure a uniform assessment of all the property in the state.

THOS. H. TONGUE.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The proposed assessment law is in many respects just what Oregon wants. When it is passed more enterprise will be seen in this state. West Side.

W. G. Parker, a pioneer of 1843, and a brother-in-law of the late Uncle Jesse Applegate, died Sunday at his home on the summit of the Cascades, between Ashland and Linkville. Mr. Parker was with the Applegates in laying out and opening the southern emigrant road to Oregon, and was well known and highly respected among the pioneers of the state.—East Oregonian.

Portland Examiner, (Dem.). There can be no further doubt, taking into consideration the latest election returns, that the west is a factor in this union of states, and one of the greatest factors in shaping the policy of the government on the men who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. It is not necessary to comment at length on this subject. With Penney as a running mate with Hill on the presidential ticket, the Pacific coast will be swept as a whirlwind next Presidential election.

The United States express company has set Wells, Fargo & Co., and the N. P. express company of this coast, a good example by issuing peremptory order to its agents not to receive money, ticket or list of drawing from the Louisiana lottery company or in any way to assist in the transaction of lottery business. This is a very encouraging recognition of the spirit of the anti-lottery law, as well as its letter, and it is to be hoped that all other public carriers will follow the example of the United States express company.—Baker City Revue.

East Oregonian (Dem.): 'Tis not so much the virtues of the democratic party that has brought about this victory, but the vices of their opponents has had much to do with it. The victory means, if it means anything, that the people are desirous of honest government and wish to return to it and are only taking a step in that direction.

Oregonian: The West voted on other than the tariff issue this year. There was a different local issue in almost every state; the schools in Wisconsin and Illinois, the Farmers' Alliance in Minnesota and Kansas, prohibition in Iowa and Nebraska, the republicans lost by all these divisions, because they are more apt to struggle than the democrats. This is proved, even in Pennsylvania, where the republicans elect the general ticket, but lose their candidate for governor because he was a Quaker. At least a dozen seats in the house were lost by the republicans in Ohio, Indiana, Maryland and

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other states. There are some evidences in the returns from California that the tariff question begins to be understood on the Pacific coast.

The Oregon Review, of Prineville, says that all the farmers throughout the country claim to be supplied as they never have been with an abundance of feed for winter emergency. An unusually large crop of hay has been raised, and a feeling of security prevails generally among stockmen, no matter what the coming winter may prove to be.

Three heads of cabbage raised in Morrow county weighed 97 pounds.—Heppner Record.

Mr. Geo. Elbert comes out with a potato this week that breaks the beam at 3 and 1/2 pounds. So far he takes the primum. Who comes next?—Mounmouth Democrat.

Honest Government is What's Wanted. East Oregonian (Dem.): The Philadelphia Times is one of the ablest, purest and best papers in the United States. It is always independent in its utterances and opinions. For many years it was a republican paper and has leanings that way at present. In a recent editorial it presents this excellent and gratifying language under the head, "Cheer up, Honest Government." No ruler would could be gotten in smaller space:

"When the name of Abraham Lincoln was mentioned in the republican mass meetings recently held in the Academy of Music and Artistic Hall, it was greeted with round after round of applause.

"When the name of Grover Cleveland was mentioned in the Lincoln republican mass meetings that crowded the Academy of Music on Monday evening last, it was greeted with repeated rounds of heartiest applause.

"The name of the demagogue who cheerfully called the people into action here will be hearty cheers for both not for the parties they represent, but for the public integrity personified in the records they have written."

Honest government is what the people want, irrespective of party. Lincoln and Cleveland stand as the leading representatives of their parties in this respect. Our admiration for one is as great as it is for the other. Men battle for truth; pugilists and fools for self. Lincoln was a man and Cleveland is one—developed under different conditions, but a man for all that. The republican party had the spirit and greatness of Lincoln at one time, but it has it no longer; it has been succeeded by the democratic party, into which a similar spirit was breathed by Grover Cleveland. Take this Cleveland spirit from it and nothing remains but the selfish, corrupting greed which is fast eating up the republican party and making it useless as an implement of the people. Let us cheer honest government! no matter who is the author of it, and by it we will enjoy greater prosperity and happiness. Honest government is a crown of progress, while partisan government is a road that leads to nothing. Partisans are but quacks which are attracted by the false lights of self corruption and fly lightly to their own destruction.

The Horse and Stable has this account of how Belle Hamlin and Justin lowered the record on the famous Kite track at Independence, Iowa, Oct. 24th:

It was three o'clock this afternoon when the veteran breeder, C. J. Hamlin, aged three score years and twelve, stepped into the skeleton wagon and to look up the reins behind Belle Hamlin and Justin for an effort to break their champion team record of 2:15.

Not one condition was favorable to fast time, and few who stood silencing on the lawn were of the opinion that the record would be broken. The day was cold and raw, and a stiff wind blew up the same stretch and occasional showers from the lowering sky on the left, turn of the kites track, where the sprinkling wagon had been at work the night before. The going was heavy and bad.

At the first attempt the great mares were given the word, and they were off at terrific speed, Belle Hamlin, with head up, fully turning away on a trot. Within the quarter flag she falls the timer mark 2:25, and the shivering crowd, now worm.

Around the far-away turn they speed with perfect stride, and when Hon. Charles M. Smith shouts "Up" as they pass the half, a 2:00 goal, now they strike the heaving fountains, and their clip is perceptibly lessened. The veteran driver draws his whip, and, as it whistles about their ears, the great mares rally again and come on with increasing speed.

The three-quarter flag is passed in 1:35, and again they falter in the teeth of the raw north wind. The monitor urges them on with voice and rein, and finally the whip descends, and Justin goes to a break, they swerve, and Belle is on her tiptoes. A groan from the crowd, and then a shout as Justin is neatly settled by a bit of master reinman-hip; and, straightening out for the finish, they dash past the wire steady and true in the marvelous time of 2:13.

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