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THE ATTACKS OF FOLLY.

All kinds of foolish attacks are made upon the state board of equalization. But their folly is their own best answer, and the attack being led by the Oregonian will only strengthen this body of men and their work before the people of this state.

One paper squeals because mortgages have all been put up to cash assessed value, as the law requires them to be, and sheep were fixed by the board at only \$1.60 a head. It says "good mutton sheep are worth \$4.00 and the commonest sheep nearly double the assessed figure," etc. The Albany Herald answers this cheap demagoguery in an effective manner by saying:

Take the example of the four dollar sheep quoted above. Suppose a farmer has 100 head of the mutton sheep, of course worth \$400 in coin. He finds the market supplied, and cannot sell just at present, but needs the money, so he goes to the man who has it to loan and presents his case, and asks to borrow \$400 on his sheep as security. Does he get the money? Not much.

The money lender says "I can let you have only \$100, and the security is not very extra even at that. I guess you had better give me personal security, and say nothing about the sheep." "But are not the sheep really worth \$400?" "Oh, yes, but they may get the flu and die, or coyotes may get them. The money is sure, but the sheep are not." Who then but the money lender himself puts the actual value upon both the sheep and the money?

The Oregonian attacks the board because it has assessed mortgage loans at 100 per cent. of their cash value and not done so with lands. Here the same argument is applied by the Albany Herald: "A farmer owns 100 acres of land, worth actually \$30 per acre—that is it would sell for that price. It is assessed at 50 per cent or \$15 per acre. The owner desires to raise as much money as possible for immediate use, and goes to a money lender with an application. On the land actually worth \$3000 the money lender will advance to the extreme limit only \$1000, or 33 1/3 per cent. That is the cash value that the astute business man places upon the land, thus fairly showing that the land is assessed as much to high as the difference between 33 1/3 and 50 per cent and the value to both money and land is again given by the money lender."

The next sequel is from an organ of the corporations which objects to the raise of values of the railroads. See here, did you know that all the railroad mileage of Oregon as returned by the assessors was put in at \$5,221,334, and the same assessors returned the horses and mules of the state at \$5,762,038, or half a million more for these two species of live stock than for the railroad systems of Oregon? Such is the fact.

Who pretends that the railroads would swap their property for all the perishable live stock in the state? No one. When it is further remembered that a severe winter has been known to sweep away half the live stock on the eastern and southern Oregon ranges, the injustice of such an assessment is shown. The evidence before the state board of equalization goes to show that horses and cattle were assessed for as much or more than they will sell for, while the railroad were assessed for less than the Union Pacific values its water line from Portland to Astoria for where it only operates a few boats to float \$5,000,000 watered stock.

BETTER ROADS.

The county court at its session this month should take some step toward adopting a better system of public roads. Road-building need not any longer be an experiment. The science founded by MacAdam has been perfected. It is not so difficult to build a good road as it is to build a well paved street, a railroad or an electric road. It is well known that certain things must be done to ensure a good road. Sub-drainage and surface-drainage must be provided for, if any good roads result in a country where winters are open and wet. A surface of gravel or broken rock is indispensable. A dirt road with a flat top is only an invitation to manufacture mire by every passing vehicle.

The first duty of the county court would seem to be to adopt or approve a system of road construction that is scientifically sound, and then see to it that no public money or taxes are expended except in accordance with the plan agreed upon. Allowing Tum, Dick and Harry to collect and expend taxes, each according to his own notion, whether it be ignorant or otherwise, and plow up the highway according to his own sweet will, is a crime against the prosperity of the people.

Object lessons are the greatest educators. The county court owes it as a duty to educate the people to know how to build good roads with public money. The county court can best do this by building say ten miles of good road each year in some part of the county. Let what is built be permanently and substantially built, and let the people know what good roads are, and they will have none other.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The Coming Century of Portland is to be converted into a monthly.

The Oregon City Enterprise booms the manufacturing city at the head of tide water with a good effort in the shape of a 16-page New Year's number.

H. J. Geer of Union county says he raised 800 gallons Longworth's Prolific strawberries to the acre and he says the Jesse yields 1000 gallons per acre.

Being rallied about his bid for the support of the Jo Simon Democracy Governor Penoyer slyly remarked to his interlocutor that there were a good many of them.

In his endorsement of Hon. Joseph Simon for a federal judgeship Governor Penoyer has disclosed a kind of back door or Sunday entrance to the Democratic party.

THE JOURNAL cannot go into personal controversy with the Northwest Reform Journal of Portland. The people want all the practical reforms in reach, and care nothing about blackguard talk.

The Union, Or., Republican for New Year's comes out in a 16-page edition. It makes a complete showing of the agriculture, fruit growing, stock raising and mining interests of Union county. L. J. Davis is the editor.

The farmers are not paying much attention to their critics, but go right along taking a hand in the politics of the country from their own standpoint of view. And who shall deny them the right? The reform elements of the nation have nothing to fear from the farmer's activity in politics. He has not time to degenerate into a professional.

Mr. Herdman coming to the rescue of the Willamette valley with the promise of a special bill to open the river will receive about as much attention at the hands of the Democratic congress as a beggar upon reaching the infernal region would get from the satanic majesty. But the introduction of such a bill at this time is a deathbed confession that he has not done his duty by this valley.

The Eugene Guard, referring to certain papers that are early in denouncing the Australian ballot law a failure and humbug, says: "The new system has not yet been tried in Oregon and therefore we have no reason to complain. In other states where the system of voting is in vogue it is pronounced excellent. Our sister state of Washington commends it highly. Of course it is an expense, but that amounts to nothing when a free and fair vote is obtained. In small precincts the law will probably not be productive of better results, but in towns of 1000 inhabitants and over vote buying will be minimized. It is noticeable that no state that has adopted the system has repealed the law."

FROM CAPITOL FRUIT FARMS.

The sound of the ax and saw is heard on all sides.

Our "ten acre tracts" are being rapidly made ready for fruit trees and berry bushes of which there will be a large amount put out here in the spring.

This was a little more than three years ago, a wilderness where now stands thirty-one dwelling houses, not very spacious all of them, but all occupied, and a good tasty school house, with a record of over seventy-five children educated by public money in our district.

Mud is of a good color and depth, but this does not deter the average "fruit farmer" from attending the Lyceum meetings which are held in our school house every Thursday evening, and no matter how the rain comes down, there is always a crowded house. Next Thursday evening the woman's suffrage question will be dealt with. Some of the chief debaters are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen, Mrs. Bellinger, A. H. Runner, Mr. Hare and Dan Early.

The health of the settlers is generally good. Mrs. Thos. La Land has been quite sick but is now on the gain. Eva Nichols is also on the sick list.

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MILL CITY.

A man named Fred Hill is reported lost in the mountains. He started for Quartzville on snow shoes.

Mr. Kelly and Miss Minnie Nicolson were united in marriage a few days ago at Albany. They have both been residents of Mill City for some time past.

Jas. Turnidge has sold several tons of hay to Joshua Drury at ten dollars per ton.

Frank Herron is about to sell his farm near here. He talks of going to California.

An exhibition was given Thursday evening at this place, the proceeds to be used in fixing the school house.

A violent wind storm passed through here last Wednesday night, scaring us nearly out of our wits, but doing little damage. A tree was blown across the Christian church, smashing in the roof and damaging the building considerably. Another tree fell across Ben Butler's barn in which were two cows and one calf. One cow and the calf were killed, and the other cow badly crippled. It is quite a severe loss to Mr. Butler. There were a great many trees uprooted and many fences blown down.

Wishing THE JOURNAL a happy New Year, I will close for this time. Jan. 2, 1892.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Arlington is to have a new paper soon.

Should the Odd Fellows perfect the organization of a lodge in Florence, a new \$3000 hall will immediately follow.

Mail carriers in Eastern Oregon are having much trouble in getting the mail through on account of the snow.

During the past season at Ashland a dozen dwellings have been erected costing from \$400 to \$25,000. The city hall, costing \$5000, was also built.

The government inspectors have gone to Tillamook to inspect the lately made surveys and report on the condition of the works, the land and timber.

The Ashland roller mills are again in full operation. The mill has been completely remodeled and new machinery put in. The capacity of the mill is now fifty barrels per day.

The railroad meeting which was to have been held at Eugene, December 17, was, owing to the absence of three directors, postponed until January 7, when a full board of officers will be elected.

The prospects are that Kittitas county will experience the greatest depth of snow in several years. At Fish lake, twenty miles above Cle Elum, the snow is eleven feet deep on a level. At Lake Cle Elum it is eight feet, at Easton seven feet, and at Cle Elum about two and a half feet. Snow was still falling and slightly drifting on the 28th ult.

M. A. Walker came into Ashland from Dead Indian on snow shoes Tuesday, and reports the snow between four and five feet deep on the prairie and drifted to a depth of eight to ten feet on the eastern slope near the summit. There is plenty of hay out there for the stock, he says, and no loss of consequence is anticipated.

Dr. H. A. Davis of Harrisburg has completed a contract for the lumber and building of a hop kiln, which will take 50,000 feet of lumber. He thinks this, in addition to the two he has already, will furnish ample drying capacity to take care of the seventy-five acres of hops that he will have the coming season.

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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

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MISCELLANY.

GOULD IS THREATENED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—For some time past threatening letters have been received by the Gould family, evidently written by a well educated German. The writer is undoubtedly well acquainted with Jay Gould's career. The letters, which are dated as far back as 1870, related incidents connected with the partnership between Gould and Jim Fisk, and their government of the Erie railway. They spoke of an accident on the road, in which the writer's father and mother were injured, for which he demanded \$10,000. The writer stated that if the \$10,000 was not given up forthwith, Mr. Gould was liable to be blown up in his office, or while walking on the street or riding in his carriage. The request was made that the money be forwarded to a certain address in Canada. Inspector Byrnes dispatched two detectives to Canada. They visited the place in question and learned instructions had been left to forward the letters to a certain town in New Jersey. Instructions were subsequently left to have them redressed to some place in this city, but just where the police refuse to divulge. The authorities refuse to give further particulars. George and Edwin Gould were seen but say nothing for publication.

IMPOSING CEREMONIES.

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—The funeral ceremonies of Colonel J. C. Haines today will be as imposing as the devotion of his thousands of friends can make them. From 3500 to 4000 members of the First regiment, 150 Knights of Pythias, 150 members of the King County Bar Association, many leading citizens from all parts of the state, all the local officers of the Oregon Improvement Company, and numerous citizens not connected with any of these bodies will compose the procession. Services will be held at the late residence at the corner of Seventh and Union streets at 11 o'clock this morning by Rev. D. C. Garrett, rector of St. Mark's. This ceremony will be private and will only be attended by members of the family and their immediate friends. Meanwhile the funeral procession will form on Seventh street, its right resting on Union street, in readiness to escort the remains to the armory, where the public ceremonies will be held, and thence to the Masonic cemetery. The procession will be headed by the First regiment band, and then will come the military escort commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Green, and composed of companies, "B," "D," and "E," of Seattle; "C" and "G," of Tacoma; "H," of Vancouver; "F," of Whatcom; "I," of Port Townsend, and "K," of Aberdeen, and Cavalry troop "B," of Tacoma. Company "A," of Olympia, wired that it is not yet informed, but will have a delegation present. Then will come the clergy and civilians; then the remains in a casket draped with the American flag with the colonel's sword and helmet resting upon it and pall-bearers walking beside it. So far the following gentlemen have agreed to serve: Colonel E. L. Smith, Colonel S. W. Colt, Colonel L. D. McIntyre, and Colonel E. M. Carr, of Seattle; Colonel H. F. Garrettson, Colonel Marshall K. Snell, Colonel Albert Ways and Colonel Charles E. Claypool, of Tacoma, and Colonel Henry Landis, of Port Townsend. Then will come the family in carriages, followed by distinguished citizens also in carriages. The uniformed rank Knights of Pythias, 150 men, will follow, headed by the Queen City band. The members of the Bar Association will come next and other citizens will close the column. After the ceremony at the residence the procession will move to the armory, where the public services will be held by Rev. L. H. Wells, chaplain of the first regiment of Tacoma. He will be assisted by Rev. D. C. Garrett. The vested choir of St. Mark's church, composed of forty voices, will sing a burial anthem taking from the thirty-ninth and sixtieth psalms and the hymns "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide with Me." After this service the procession will