

EDITORIAL.

The tax ordinances are on their reading and will all come up for passage at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night. The public are interested in these four proposed ordinances for squeezing additional revenues out of the people. The policy of the present mayor seems to be to increase taxes, rather than economize. The city is running under a ten mill tax, whereas last year it was eight mills. Now it is proposed to levy a tax on all insurance agents, pawnbrokers, dogs and to license plumbers. These additional taxes are to come out of our citizens, and out of business men already taxed. How far the occupation tax will spread no one can tell, but there are fifty occupations as properly taxable as those named and no doubt others will be included. There is no disposition to reduce expense, when it is well known that the assessment for 1897 will not be nearly what it was for 1896, and the taxes to be received this year will aggregate not nearly what they did for 1896 at the same rate. These are cold facts and not to be blinked by the aldermen who vote Tuesday night. It will be said this is the very reason for imposing these additional taxes. It is agreed that reduced property values make it necessary to put on the extra taxes. But high interest and high taxes already make it almost impossible to carry on business, and the number of places for rent that will stand vacant will not be diminished by those proposed taxes.

What are these new tax bills? The plumbing ordinance will create new offices of a plumbing and drainage board with the offices of inspector attached, and their fees must all be paid by the people. This is probably a good measure but it is too complicated and would not be enforced except to force fees out of the property owners. Many a rich man now evades the plumbing ordinances. Will the new license act be any better enforced? We fear not, as the same men will have it in charge, and it looks like a very complicated scheme to make it possible to exact fees and give possibly no better protection to the health of the city. A simple ordinance requiring standard plumbing, requiring sewer connections, prohibiting earth vaults, open drains or cesspools would be adequate, if fearlessly enforced.

The proposed tax on insurance men is opposed by the insurance firms of this city. These firms are tax payers, and jealously guard the insurance rates to secure the lowest rates possible for Salem. The insurance companies pay a gross premium tax and other taxes. What we want is lower rates of insurance and to tax the resident agents will not secure that. The bill to license the pawnbrokers is too small a matter to talk about. A tax on so small and feeble industry shows the desperate straits to which our reform mayor has fallen in search for game. The one Salem pawnbroker says he would not take out the license, and no doubt loans on chattels and personal property would still be made.

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ing the payrolls and heaping additional burdens upon the business men of Salem. We are sorry to differ with the talented young editor of the Corvallis Gazette. He was one of the leading anti-ring men in the legislative fight of 1895. He was a silver champion a year ago, and battled nobly for Hermann and Mitchell for re-election on their silver records. He was always a warm supporter of Secretary Kincaid, but of late seems to have gone after other gods, and can see nothing good in the man whose sterling qualities of independence are still admired by other people. We are sorry an old pioneer of Republicanism is not conducting himself to suit Johnson.

The editor of the Corvallis Gazette probably means well and thinks he is doing his duty in an editorial attacking Secretary of State Kincaid for employing legal counsel in the present pending suit to force the secretary to issue state script when the legislature has not authorized it. The editor of the Gazette is either sadly behind the times, or is not posted on what he is talking, or willfully tells falsehoods. The secretary is not fighting the railroad commission or any other particular commission. That suit was decided over two years ago. The Gazette says: "Any man with common sense knows that the position assumed by Kincaid in regard to the commissions and various offices is untenable and in a legal contest the state is sure to be beaten."

According to this the supreme court, of Oregon, and the judge of the Third judicial district have not got "common sense," for Kincaid is simply following a decision of the supreme court, and he in turn has been sustained by Judge Hewitt, of the Third judicial district. The Gazette man, in his ignorance, says: "Kincaid has employed two lawyers to represent his peculiar views," etc. Kincaid's views are simply that the law must be obeyed as laid down by the supreme court, the constitution and statutes of Oregon, the decisions of the courts of other states and as interpreted by our best lawyers. It may be that the Gazette man is thinking about the railroad case of two years ago. He is totally ignorant about the present proceedings. Continuing his will for the commissions, he says: "Kincaid has no particle of authority for ignoring the attorney-general, who was chosen by the people to be the legal advisor of the state." This perhaps is all right if the attorney-general did not always decide against the state, and if he was not rendered incompetent to try the pending suit by reason of being more anxious than any one for the secretary to issue the half a million dollars worth of script so that he can get his salary, which he used to draw three months in advance.

Still continuing to cry for the dear commissions, the Gazette man says: "No matter how much we desire to repeal the law creating the railroad and other commissions there is but one way to do it, and that is by direct act of the legislature." Perhaps, correct, but not to the point. Kincaid is not now lawing with the railroad commission. That octopus is dead. It died the last of its nine lives when Governor Lord refused to approve its new bonds.

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The way the county court is letting the money fly is causing comment all over the state. The Jefferson Review in fair editorial says it "always favors giving work to the home people, and believes that the county court would be justified in paying more to a home contractor than to an outside man, but we think that all home contractors should have an even chance to secure any work the county may have to let, and it does not look as though such a course has been pursued in the present cases. We do not desire to unjustly criticize any one, but all actions of county officials should be open to the public, and we purpose to give them if possible."

The Riddle Mite asks a poser: "We wish some of our free silver exchanges would give us a reasonable idea of what they think would be the condition of affairs at present had W. J. Bryan been elected president, and free silver senators and representatives instead of Republicans?" The argument used against Bryan's election was that the United States would be flooded with fifty cent dollars and all the silver of the world would be dumped upon us, and that gold would leave the country. Of course, it would be merely speculation to answer the Riddle Mite's question, but we will ask the Mite to tell the people if the condition of affairs is what it was pictured it would be if Bryan was defeated?

The belief that Mr. Cleveland wants to be the Democratic candidate in 1898 is prevalent among Democrats in Congress, and also that his New York speech was his first move in that direction. Speaking on the subject representative Richardson, of Tenn., said: "As soon as he was out of office before a plan of campaign was organized in his behalf. Although his nomination seemed to be the result of a popular wave in his favor the fact is that a sentiment for him was adroitly stimulated by articles in the country press and by literature sent by mail, both emanating from a headquarters in New York. His friends had plenty of money and the same organization is at his disposal today."

All will breathe easier and experience a relief when Durrant is disposed of. The murder of two young ladies in a church, of which they were members of the young people's society, is a horrible stain upon our social life. The freedom of intercourse between young men and women at all church societies is a typical feature of American life, but not yielding the most satisfactory results from a moral standpoint. Let us get through with Durrant and let us learn to apply the lesson to be learned.

In an argument against the civil service merit system the Statesman says: Take the Chemawa Indian training school, near Salem. The superintendent there is not allowed to select even his clerk, keeping his accounts, for the faithful performance of whose duties he is under heavy bonds." The education of Indian boys and girls to be good citizens, good mechanics, good farmers, and good business people, has nothing to do with politics, but the Statesman is too hungry to see it.

Hillsboro Argus: If there are any veteran soldiers who are deserving of pensions it is that surviving body of Indian war veterans which fought the pioneer battles of our western commonwealth. These men are now growing old and some are nearly destitute. Their warfare was of the nature that required constant vigil and ever-present hardship. Our Oregon delegation should press this affair before congress and do all in its power to get a special bill through for the relief of our Indian war veterans.

Hon. H. L. Barkley, of Woodburn, is attending the general conference of the United Brethren church at Toledo, Ia., where, Saturday, a resolution passed in name of 250,000 communicants, demanded recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cubans. It is recalled that the United Brethren church took its stand unqualifiedly against slavery in the 'fifties.

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The Silver Republican state committee of Idaho, met in Pocatello, and issued an address to the Silver Republicans of the state. It concludes thus: "We are convinced that the Republican party is the representative and sponsor for gold monometallism, and therefore of necessity will eventually become the sponsor for the trusts, moneyed corporations and syndicates for the classes against the masses."

Speaking of the Hotel Waldorf, Democratic reform democracy, Representative Carmack, of Tenn., said: "I have heard the gentleman who participated in the Reform Club dinner called the Waldorf democracy, because they met at a hotel of that name, but I call them the walled-off democracy, because they are by themselves, representing nobody, and unable to influence a vote."

President Hawley lectures this evening at the Willamette on the Occupation of Oregon in 1850. The lecture covers an interesting period of Oregon history and is free. It merits a large audience.

The district attorney recently won a suit where Jackson county was sued for \$400 damages due to an accident happening because of a defective bridge. Klamath county has a similar suit on its hands.

The condition of Salem's public health demands a simple strong ordinance requiring sewer connections and abolition of non-sanitary nuisances. Then it should be enforced.

The importers of tea are not waiting for the new tariff of 10 cents a lb on tea to go into effect, but have advanced all teas 3 to 5 cents a lb.

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