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HOW DELAYED ASSESSMENTS OPERATED IN MARION CO.

Why is there universal delay in completing the Marion county assessment? Why is it that when the other counties have their property for 1899 all assessed long ago, the Marion county assessor has only called the county board of equalization to meet Nov. 13? This is a long standing abuse.

Many counties have completed their rolls, made the abstracts and sent them to the state officials. Marion county, as usual, will be one of the last counties in if it gets in at all. Often in the past only the footings have been taken to the state house from this county and generally the county gets the worst of it.

The law of assessment is in a terrible muddle and it is pretty hard to locate the blame for delay in assessment. Assessment rolls according to law as we gather the facts, go to the clerk after board of equalization goes over them. He makes an abstract for the state officials. After state officials equalize assessment the clerk extends the amount of taxes on the assessment roll. This cannot be commenced until February first—all counties alike. The clerk has 15 days to do this work—it took 40 days last year. Sheriff then has one month in which to collect. Taxes then become delinquent. The county court extends time.

Under the law the assessr has until the last Monday in August to complete his work. Under the session law of 1893 the county court may extend his time until the first Monday in October following. Possibly this law has been repealed. It has not been observed in Marion county.

In the past if any amounts have had to be added on the final equalization they have generally been added so as to increase the Marion county valuation. The practice in the different counties has been widely different. But all assessors in Marion county in the past have delayed the work more than the rest of the state. The county court in Marion county has worked hard to reduce the expense of assessment and to expedite the work of the assessor's office, and have to some extent succeeded. The Marion county assessor seems to have got more of a move on than his predecessors.

But here is another case. County Assessor B. A. Stafford, of Linn county, is a Republican serving his second term. He has reduced the work of assessing to a pretty good system. He describes all property from the deed record. Linn county has paid as high as $3800 for assessing. The past year Mr. Stafford has employed ten men to do the field work at $2.50 a day, working late and early, from eight to ten hours. It took about 400 days besides his own time, or about $1200 in all. The office work was done by Mr. Stafford and his two daughters and his rolls for 1899 were completed in August and September. The whole expense of assessing the county for 1899 was $2400, including his salary. The clerk will be through copying this week in Linn county.

It is easy to see, on comparing the work done in Linn and Marion, both by Republican assessors, that there is a screw loose somewhere. But where is it? Both are Republicans. Both operate under the same law. Linn is a a larger county in area than Marion, but smaller in population and wealth. But there is not enough difference to account for the difference in results. This is no invidious comparison between a Populist, Democrat or Unionist, but between two assessors of the same party. The comparison is not made for the sake of making it odious but to get at the facts.

Now what is the practical effect of delaying the assessment? If it results in in delaying the collection of taxes, as it always has in Marion county, it is easy to see that it delays getting in the year's taxes, it delays paying the state tax promptly, it delays getting the taxes due the city and school district into its proper channels, and what is the result? The county pays the state interest, the county warrants draw interest, the city pays interest, the school district pays interest, interest is paid in three or four different ways that would not be the case if the assessment were made promptly and the taxes collected according to law. The difference is that Linn county is out of debt and pays no interest and Marion county just the opposite.

Under the policy of delayed assessments the sheriff has not time to collect the taxes before they are by law declared delinquent. Then the time for for payment is extended. The man of ready means, who figures close on lending his money, the big taxpayers and wealthy corporations, that could pay just as well as not on March 15, when taxes by law become due, wait nine month or a year—under the old regime they often waited 15 to 20 months before paying—when the assessment is not completed on time. A corporation owing $1000 to $5000 taxes has the use of the money it owes the county for that time, and the taxpayer is paying the interest on warrants.

The present sheriff of Marion county is for the first time in many years printing his delinquent tax list in October and will close the year's work within the year. Now if taxes had been declared delinquent according to law, which could not be done because of delay in completing the rolls, what would have been the result? Marion county would be out of debt. The county would have had the use of at least $50,000 that it has not had. Instead of a big interest burden the county would pay no interest, and like Linn county would have ready money to carry on its business and could in course of time reduce the county taxes.

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The poor benighted heathen now no Christian peace enjoys. We'll edjercate 'em like they do at Virden, Ills., or down in Caroliny, where we hang 'em, men and boys, just ter elevate the standard of the race. The Malays of the Philerpeens haint got no sense at all. They wantter rule their place themselves—I shudder at their gall. We've gotter kill 'em off in droves to make the rest sing small, and to elevate the standard of their race. They're so besotted in their pride that ef the truth were known, they'd likely ask our government to leave 'em all alone. The heathen in their blindness now bow down to stock and stone; but we'll elevate the standard of their race. They've gotter learn their lessons in a mighty bitter school. They've gotter crawl and grovel under white man's noble rule. We've gotter tread 'em in the mud, ter keep our tempers cool and ter elevate the standard of the race.

The onward march of destiny no nigger crowd can stay. The Anglo-Saxon race must git its three square meals a day. We'll work their lands and make them work and then we'll shout "Hooray," an' thus we'll spread the gospel far an' wide. We'll raise 100,000 men to fight 'em in their swamps, to lie at night in jungles with their fever-ridden damps, and tho' we'll lose 10,000 there, from wounds of cholera or cramps, we'll spread the blessed gospel far an' wide. Altho' I haven't been to church for nigh on 20 year, it makes me feel real pious just to think of the idear (I saw one firm will send out there 10,000 quarts of beer) of how we'll spread the gospel far an' wide. I'd write more, but I have got a little "date" at three. We're goin' to hang a nigger politician to a tree. So I will close this letter on the march of destiny, and the way to spread the gospel far an' wide.

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A Cold Blooded Crime.—A Large Posse is Scouring the Country for the Two Villians—If Captured, They May be Lynched.

Roseburg Review Special:

A special from Comstock Saturday told of the robbery and shooting of Hiram Shook near Alexander's wood camp, early that morning. Owing to the fact that the hold-up occurred some three miles from the telegraph office at Comstock particulars were meagre. Yesterday morning Deputy District Attorney Riddle, Coroner Hoover and Attorney C. L. Hamilton went to the scene of the crime, and visited the wounded man, who is at the house of an uncle near the big wood camp.

Regarding the affair, it seems that after being shot, Shook narrated the full particulars to Mr. Alexander, the wood contractor. Shook had started to walk to Saginaw that morning and had not proceeded far when he fell in with a couple of men. Both were dirty and unkempt in appearance, having the general appearance of hobos. One had light whiskers and moustache, was about five feet ten inches tall, wore dark, shabby clothes; the other was shorter, had a dark moustache and complexion, and also wore shabby clothes. They exhibited a silver or white metal case Elgin watch, which they offered to sell very cheap, and after some dickering, Shook consented to buy it and took out his purse in order to pay for it. In the meantime the larger of the two men had slipped around behind him and seized him around the body, pinning his arms to his side. They then relieved him of the purse and its contents, about $29, but he struggled free and drew a British bulldog pistol and fired at the larger man, who jumped aside out of range and seized Shook by the wrist.

Both higwaymen then grappled with their victim, the pistol was fired without effect again, and when the robbers finally secured it, the smaller man of the two pushed the muzzle close to Shook's breast and fired, the powder burning his clothes, and the bullet passing through his body just above the heart. Leaving their victim lying where he fell they hastily decamped taking purse, money, watch and pistol. These articles will prove excellent means of identifying the robbers if they retain possession of them when caught. Shook was lying close to the road when a couple of men passed in a wagon but for some reason they did not go to his assistance. Meeting some Italian woodchoppers shortly afterward they told them about the wounded man and they in turn informed the Southern Pacific section men, who at once went to Shook's assistance.

He was removed to the home of a relative not far away, and Dr. Wade came from Drain on the first train to attend him, doing all that he could to relieve him although it was plain to see that the wound was mortal.

The entire country is up in arms and it seems improbable that the outlaws will escape, in fact all road and trails are patrolled and it is thought they are hemmed in this side of the Divide.

Shook was able to give an excellent description of the men, and if captured it is the general opinion that their trial will be a brief one, followed by a swift execution of the sentence.

Hiram Shook was 23 years old the day he was shot. He is unmarried, and bears a good reputation for sobriety, honesty and industry. His father, Jasper Shook, resides a few miles west of Oakland, where the young man made his home until recently.

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From Wallowa County.

F. F. McCulley, a Wallowa county merchant, is among visitors to Portland and a partner in the general merchandising firm of Connell & McCulley, of Joseph, says: Wallowa county cattlemen and sheepraisers are all well fixed this year, he says, as good prices have ruled for stock and wool, while grass was never so green or abundant on the Wallowa hills at this season of the year. Cattle and sheepbuyers have been among the ranchers this fall to purchase stock, but the stockmen were not inclined to sell. Yearling calves have been bringing as high as $21 each, and beef cattle commanded 3½ cents a pound, on foot, but still cattlemen have decided to hang on. No sheep have been offered for sale at all in Wallowa county this fall, though the ranges are full of them.

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