

REPLIES TO COUNTY ASSESSOR

Hon. G. W. Griffin of Lane
Sweeps Away Technicalities

Pointed and Vigorous Defense of In-
direct Taxation on the Gross Earn-
ings and Franchises of Corporations

Hon. G. W. Griffin of Eugene replies
in the Eugene Register to some technical
objections made by the assessor
of Lane county to the tax bill sought
to be initiated by the Willamette Valley
Development league, in the following
clear, forcible and vigorous manner:

In Defense of the Initiative Tax Bill.
Editor Register: Saturday morning's
paper contains a long article from H.
P. Keeney, assessor of Lane county,
in opposition to the proposed initiative
tax law.

After carefully reading his article
and that he has but three objections
to the bill.

First: The date of the meeting of
the county board of equalization.
Second: The publishing in the county
papers of the tax roll.

Third: The tax levy for school pur-
poses.

Now, let us consider his objections.
First: The present law for the meet-
ing of the county board of equalization
is the last Monday in August. It has
been a law for years and years. The
writer understands that the law has
not been followed in Lane county for
years, and the board of equalization
meets in December of each year. Had
this inconsistent law been called to
the attention of the committee who
drafted this bill, the date of meeting
could have been changed to the month
of December.

It is a matter that can easily be
remedied at the next session of the
legislature, while it is an utter impos-
sibility to pass a tax law of the na-
ture of this proposed law by the legis-
lature. I am sure that whoever repre-
sents Lane county in the next legis-
lature will be glad to change this law
to the benefit of the assessor of Lane
county and the whole state as well.

Second: In publication of the tax
oil. The committee in drafting this
law followed the plan of the Illinois
law of requiring publication of the
assessment roll before it is acted upon
by the county board of equalization.
The enforcement of this provision in
Illinois has resulted in greatly increas-
ing the total assessments by bringing
to the attention of property, real and
personal, given in by each person to the
attention of his neighbors and the
general public. It is true that this
law would entail a small expense to
the county, but on the other hand it
would be a great revenue producer to
the county on account of the increased
assessments from the tax dodger.

Assuming that the tax roll con-
tains 5000 names, the cost of publi-
cation would not run over 5 cents per
name, which would amount to but \$275
a year, while the county would be
benefited many fold by the increased
assessments.

Illinois is an old established state,
and it occurs to the writer that a law
that has been followed for years with
great benefit to Illinois would also be
of like benefit to Oregon.

It is true that this law would in-
crease the duties of the assessor and
be of some annoyance to him which
may account in part for his objection
to the measure.

Third: The levy for school purposes.
Section 42 of the proposed law reads
as follows: "The county courts of the
several counties of this state are here-
by required to levy at the same time
they levy other taxes, a tax upon all
the taxable property in their counties
for school purposes of at least five
mills on the dollar, which shall be
collected at the same time, in the same
manner, and by the same officers that
other taxes are collected."

Under the present law this tax is
fixed at \$6 per scholar and to raise
this amount on the present basis of
assessment it requires approximately
6 mills.

Mr. Keeney's objection to this mea-
sure is that he contemplates to assess
all property at its full cash value, and
the five mills would raise more money
than would be needed for school pur-
poses. Admitting that he is right in
this matter, I would say that if such
a condition should ever come to pass
that the five mill rate would also be
reduced at any meeting of the legisla-
ture.

Having answered Mr. Keeney's ob-
jections to this bill, I shall now en-
deavor to show some of the good mea-
sures in the bill and tell why it should
become a law.

The main object of this bill is to col-
lect the larger part of the state taxes
from indirect taxation of the intangible
properties and gross earnings of cor-
porations and from inheritance taxes,
etc. In fact, from intangible sources
which the assessor hitherto has not
levied upon. The committee who
drafted this bill are confident that the
effect of this bill will be to reduce
state tax levies more than 50 per cent
the first year under the operation of
this bill if it becomes a law, there will
be increasing revenues until no direct
taxation for state purposes shall be
required.

At present Lane county's state tax
is 6.20 on the thousand. This bill is
supposed to reduce it one-half or
more the first year, and in a very few
years to wipe it out entirely.

The estimated revenues under the
provision of this tax bill follows:
Increase from insurance tax...\$30,000
Increase from railroad assessment
.....\$40,000
Increase from cars not owned by
railroads.....\$10,000
Increase from inheritance tax \$100,000
Increase from publicity of tax rolls
.....\$25,000
Increase from express, telegraph and
telephone companies.....\$50,000

Total increase under bill.....\$255,000
The total revenues to be derived by
increased taxation after the adoption
of this bill during the first year of its
operation will amount to the sum of
\$460,000.

It is quite apparent from the forego-
ing summary, showing the estimated
increase of revenues and the source of
the same, that an organized opposition
to the bill may be expected from the
railroad companies, the express, tele-
graph and telephone companies. Such
objections to the proposed law as are
made by Mr. Keeney are trivial when
compared to the benefits to be derived
by the people of the state, and it is
greatly to be hoped that such criti-
cisms as have been made will not de-
feat the chief object sought to be at-
tained, which is to compel the great
corporations to bear their just pro-
portion of taxation.

G. W. GRIFFIN.

Election Next Wednesday.
Paris, January 12.—It is announced
today that January 17th has been se-
lected as the date for the election of
president to succeed Loubet.

COD LIVER OIL.
It almost makes you
sick to think of it, but it
isn't nearly as bad as it
is said to be. The improved
method of refining it
makes it much easier to
take, and when made into
Scott's Emulsion almost
every one can take it.
Lost children like it and
children that are not
robust are benefited by it.
When the doctor says
"Take cod liver oil," he
generally means Scott's
emulsion; ask him if he
doesn't. They know it is
easily digested and
better than the plain oil.

Scott's Emulsion, 405 Pearl Street, New York.

INTERESTING FACTS.
For Nearly Every Man, Woman and
Child.

A short time ago we published an
article recommending to our readers
the new discovery for the cure of
Dyspepsia, called Stuart's Dyspepsia
Tablets, and the claim then made re-
garding the wonderful curative prop-
erties of the remedy have been abun-
dantly sustained by the facts. People
who were cautious about trying new
remedies advertised in the newspapers
and were finally induced to give
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets a trial were
surprised and delighted at the results.
In many cases a single package cost-
ing but 50 cent at any drug store
made a complete cure, and in every
instance the most beneficial results
were reported. From a hundred or
more received we have space to pub-
lish only a few of the latest, but assure
our readers we receive so many com-
mendatory letters that we shall pub-
lish each week a fresh list of genu-
ine, unsolicited testimonials and never
publish the same one twice.

From James Yemmelier, La Crosse,
Wis.: Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are
doing me more good than anything I
ever tried, and I was so pleased at
results that I gave away several boxes
to my friends, who have also had the
same benefits.

From Jacob Anthony, Pontmurray,
New Jersey: I have taken Stuart's
Dyspepsia Tablets with the best re-
sults. I had dyspepsia for six years,
and had taken a great deal of medi-
cine, but the tablets seem to take right
a hold and I feel good. I am a farmer
and lime burner, and I heartily recom-
mend to everyone who has any trou-
ble with his stomach to use these
tablets.

From Mrs. M. K. West, Preston,
Minn.: I have received surprisingly
good effects from using Stuart's Dy-
spepsia Tablets. I gave one-half of
my last box to a friend who also suf-
fered from indigestion, and she had
the same good results.

From Mrs. Agnes K. Ralston, Cadil-
lac, Mich.: I have been taking Stuart's
Dyspepsia Tablets and I am very much
better, and feel very grateful for the
great benefit I have received in so
short a time.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a cer-
tain cure for all forms of indigestion.
They are not claimed to be a cure-all,
but are prepared for stomach troubles
only, and physicians and druggists
everywhere recommend them to all
persons suffering from nervous dys-
pepsia, sour or acid stomach, heart-
burn, bloating or wind on stomach
and similar disorders.

Died at Gervais.
Samuel Goulet, aged 90 years, died
at his home in Gervais Monday, after
an illness of seven days. He was born
in Montreal, Canada, went to Michi-
gan when 18 years old, and came to
Oregon in 1852. He settled on French
Prairie, where he has resided ever
since. He was married in Michigan 63
years ago, and leaves a family of two
boys and three girls.

Mr. Goulet was one of the best
known men in the Gervais neighbor-
hood. He was a member of the Catho-
lic church. The funeral was held
Wednesday, Rev. Daum, of the Ger-
vais Catholic church officiating.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured
By local applications, as they cannot
reach the diseased portion of the ear.
There is only one way to cure deafness,
and that is by constitutional remedies.
Deafness is caused by an inflamed con-
dition of the mucous lining of the
Eustachian tube. When the tube is in-
flamed you have a trembling sound or
imperfect hearing, and when it is en-
tirely closed, deafness is the result,
and unless the inflammation can be
taken out and this tube restored to its
normal condition, hearing will be destroyed
forever; nine cases out of ten are caused
by catarrh, which is nothing but an
inflamed condition of the mucous sur-
faces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars
for any case of deafness (caused by cat-
arrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's
Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.
P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for consti-
pation.

Rev. Carlisle B. F. Martin, L. L. D.
Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a
morning, when first arising, I often find
a troublesome collection of phlegm
which produces a phlegm and is very
hard to dislodge; but a small quantity
of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at
once dislodge it, and the trouble is over.
I know of no medicine that is equal
to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I
can most cordially recommend it to
all persons needing a medicine for
throat and lung trouble." Sold by
D. J. Fry.

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Beware of Imitations
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Yards Near Depot

W. A. MOORE,
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DRAIN IN
NORTH SALEM.**
Notice is hereby given that the com-
mon council of the city of Salem, Ore-
gon, by a resolution duly made at an
adjourned regular meeting thereof held
on the 29th day of December, 1905,
deems it expedient and proposes to lay
and construct a drain in North Salem,
as follows:
One ten inch tile from the east end
of Division street in North Salem, west-
erly along said Division street to Sixth
thence westerly along said Division
street with two ten inch tile to Com-
mercial street; thence with two ten
inch tile northerly along Commercial
street to North street; also, commencing
in said North Salem at the inter-
section of Capital and North streets,
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This notice is published ten days by
order of the common council, the date
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provement may be filed with the under-
signed within ten days after the final
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Stands Flat-Footed and Talks
Just What He
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State for Oregon, and to the
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Clackamas, Coos, Curry, Doug-
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Lane, Linn, Lane, Lin-
coln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook,
Washington, and Yamhill,
comprising the First
Congressional District, in the
State of Oregon:—
I, Walter L. Tooze, reside at
Woodburn, in Marion county,
Oregon, and my postoffice ad-
dress is Woodburn, Marion
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registered member of the Repub-
lican party. If I am nominat-
ed for the office of Representa-
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W. A. MOORE,
City Recorder.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DRAIN IN
NORTH SALEM.**
Notice is hereby given that the com-
mon council of the city of Salem, Ore-
gon, by a resolution duly made at an
adjourned regular meeting thereof held
on the 29th day of December, 1905,
deems it expedient and proposes to lay
and construct a drain in North Salem,
as follows:
One ten inch tile from the east end
of Division street in North Salem, west-
erly along said Division street to Sixth
thence westerly along said Division
street with two ten inch tile to Com-
mercial street; thence with two ten
inch tile northerly along Commercial
street to North street; also, commencing
in said North Salem at the inter-
section of Capital and North streets,
and running thence westerly along said
North street with two ten inch tile to
Commercial street and joining said four
ten inch tile drains at said intersection
of Commercial and North streets into
two twelve inch tile drains and con-
tinuing said two twelve inch drains
westerly along said North street to the
Willamette river. Said drains to be
so laid and constructed at the expense
of the property owners benefited there-
by and the cost thereof assessed upon
the property directly benefited thereby
as prescribed by the charter and the
ordinances of said city.
This notice is published ten days by
order of the common council, the date
of the first publication being the 1st
day of January, 1906, and remon-
strances against the above named im-
provement may be filed with the under-
signed within ten days after the final
publication of this notice.
W. A. MOORE,
City Recorder.
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**TOOZE
FORCES
ISSUES**
Stands Flat-Footed and Talks
Just What He
Thinks
To F. I. Dunbar, Secretary of
State for Oregon, and to the
Republican party and electors
of the counties of Benton,
Clackamas, Coos, Curry, Doug-
las, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath,
Lane, Linn, Lane, Lin-
coln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook,
Washington, and Yamhill,
comprising the First
Congressional District, in the
State of Oregon:—
I, Walter L. Tooze, reside at
Woodburn, in Marion county,
Oregon, and my postoffice ad-
dress is Woodburn, Marion
county, Oregon. I am a duly
registered member of the Repub-
lican party. If I am nominat-
ed for the office of Representa-
tive in Congress at the primary
nominating election to be held
in the First Congressional Dis-
trict in the State of Oregon, the
20th day of April, 1906, I will
accept the nomination and will
not withdraw, and if I am
elected I will qualify as such
officer.
If I am nominated and elect-
ed I will, during my term of
office advocate protective tariff,
forty foot channel at Coos Bay
and thirty-five feet to Marsh-
field; improvement of Yaquina
Bay and other western harbors;
deepening Columbia river chan-
nel; completion of Celilo canal;
and government ownership of
Oregon City locks, giving Inter-
state Commerce Commission
power to remedy freight re-
bates and discrimination; great-
er compensation for rural letter
carriers; election of United
States Senators by the people;
completion of Panama canal;
liberal aid for wagon roads and
irrigation projects; abolition of
free transportation, and exclu-
sion of Chinese and Japanese
laborers.
WALTER L. TOOZE.

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