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VIEWS OF AUDITOR ATKINSON.

If Prosperity in Other Lines Continues, He Says, Roads Could Properly Be Advanced.

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 22.—That some of the county assessors of the state are considering the question of raising the uniform valuations placed on railroad tracks and readjusting their figures on all classes of property at the next state convention of assessors has become known as a result of the receipt by State Auditor John D. Atkinson of an invitation from Secretary Edward Meath, for the state board of equalization to attend the meeting of the assessors in Spokane next February. The invitation does not express this as the real reason back of the invitation, but there is good authority for stating that such is the case.

All the members of the state board which is composed of Auditor Atkinson, chairman; Secretary of State S. H. Nichols, and Land Commissioner S. A. Callvert, have expressed the opinion that much good will be accomplished by the proposed convention. In speaking of the invitation, Mr. Atkinson said:

"It is my impression that the invitation to the state board is due to the intention of taking up the question of raising valuations on various classes of property, including that of the railroads.

Would Bear Increase.

"There is no hesitation in my mind but that the uniform railroad valuations heretofore adopted by the assessors' convention will bear an increase, provided, of course, the present prosperity continues throughout the state, and other valuations continue their upward tendency. The rate recommended by the assessors was perhaps just to all property holders at the time it was adopted, but conditions have changed and the placing of individual property and corporation property on a more equal basis is needed.

"While, if conditions continue the same, I would favor an increase in the railroad valuations, I am, at this time not able to state to what figure. To arrive at an equitable basis would require an investigation of some length and great care and I have not yet been able to devote the time to it.

"The state board requires co-operation of county assessors before it can raise or lower a particular class, and give equity to all parties. At the last meeting of the state board I expressed the opinion that the railroads could justly be assessed at a higher rate, but to make a change from the figures that had already been adopted by the county assessors, would only have placed a greater burden on those counties having great length of railroad tracks, and the increase would not have been paid so much by the railroads themselves as by the individual taxpayers.

Conditions May Change.

"What the several months to pass before the meeting will bring forth no one can tell, and my opinions now are based solely on present conditions and therefore might change, but in any event I believe much good can be accomplished by this co-operation."

AFTER THE WAR.

We thank the Lord our Johnny's back From living in a tent. We're glad to see him tanned so black. We think the time well spent. He did not fight a battle, for He camped in just one spot. Yet it is well he went to war— Such discipline he got!

We used to have to call him twice To make him rise at eight. But now it seems his only vice Is quite another gait. He's up at six; he builds the fire; He does the chores with joy; No work too hard, no task too dire For this our soldier boy.

And food! He stows away all stuff With equal zest and ease. Except he says: 'I've had enough Of beans and bacon, please.' Once finicky and fussy, too, He now has not a whim. Such wonders have a suit of blue, And hardtack wrought in him.

A wrinkled sheet no longer keeps Him restless through the night. From what he says we guess he sleeps In luxury till light. It tickles us that naught he finds Of which he can complain. And therefore to our humble minds, He's soldiered not in vain.

Read the ads in the Statesman.

TO TAKE GOLD FROM STREETS

A Company Intends to Prosecute the Work in Town of Sumpter, Oregon.

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 22.—Since the days of '49, nine-tenths of the seekers for gold have searched in the beds of rivers and streams and in the gulches for the bright nuggets to swell their bank accounts. Years ago where now stands the flourishing town of Sumpter, near the headwaters of Powder River, hundreds of thousands of dollars were washed out of the gravel beds. It has remained, however, for modern men to placer mine gold in the city limits of a large and well-organized town.

Only a few days ago General Chas. S. Warren, of Montana fame, and the father of the present town of Sumpter; Colonel E. S. Topplink, the locator of the celebrated Le Roi mine, at Roseland, B. C., and A. J. Stinson, organized the Oregon Blue Gravel Mining company with a capital stock of \$200,000. General Warren was elected president, Colonel Toppling, vice-president, and Mr. Stinson, secretary and treasurer. The incorporation was made under the laws of Washington, which do not impose such heavy restrictions upon mining as do the laws of Oregon.

When interviewed yesterday, in regard to the plans of the company, Secretary Stinson said:

"The Blue Gravel Mining company has secured 30 blocks from the Superior Townsite Company, which cover the course of the gravel body along and through the townsite. Sometime ago I exposed this gravel bed, and sunk a shaft on it to bedrock, and then drifted across the gravel, not finding either rim. From this hole was taken out \$200, some of the gold being quite coarse, one piece weighing over six pennyweights. Several wells have been sunk along the course of the channel through the townsite of Sumpter, and pay values have been found in each case. About three years ago Mrs. Fisher, who conducted the Rimbo restaurant, found in the crop of a chicken which she killed \$450 in coarse gold. Near her place in a vacant lot the Howard boys, at children's play of digging the ground, found three nuggets aggregating \$650. In fact, the townsite of Sumpter overlays great values, as witness the Rimbo and Downie placers adjoining the town, from which in days gone by over \$2,000,000 was extracted and our company proposes to exploit and work the ground within the city to the utmost extent. I believe this will be of the greatest benefit to Sumpter, as we have fully 1 1/2 miles of channel, which has been fully examined and tested.

"There will be another season the unique feature of placer mining within the city. We propose to get out of the ground all there is in it, and operate our holdings in the John Day country.

BY A PREMATURE BLAST.

George Turner Is Instantly Killed at Sprague.

Sprague—George Turner, a native of Nova Scotia, aged 23 years, was killed by a premature explosion of dynamite. He was employed in digging a canal on the Honeyfinger place about 15 miles southwest of here and was tamping some dynamite in a hole he had just drilled, when in some way the explosive was discharged. His head was with in two feet and directly above the hole at the time of the explosion, and a hold the size of an egg was blown in his forehead just above his nose. His skull was fractured in several places.

The accident occurred at 3 p. m., and in spite of his horrible injuries he lived until 9:30, and during that time talked rationally with the attending physician and his fellow laborers.

This is the second explosion in a week at the same place. The other accident resulted in the death of one man and the serious injury of another.

Will Take Another Vote.

Spokane, Oct. 22.—The school board of this city has decided to call another special election for the purpose of voting a bond issue of \$200,000. A short time ago an election was held at which the proposition was defeated to issue \$400,000 in bonds for the purpose of increasing the school facilities of the city. The board then decided it would be necessary to make a tax levy of 9-12 mills to meet the present demands of the city. The taxpayers were frightened at this and a meeting was held at which it was decided to ask the board to call another election to vote on a proposition to issue \$200,000 bonds. This the board has decided to do. The election will be held on November 7th. The tax levy, if the issue carries, will be 7 mills.

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CLERK ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

William Royce Taken Into Custody While at Work in a Store On Second Avenue.

Seattle.—William Royce, clerk in a store on Second avenue, has been arrested by Detectives Tennant and Barbee and is held in the city jail for the arrival of officers from Spokane, where, it is said, he is wanted for burglary. Royce has been in Seattle several weeks.

It is said that last July, while residing in Spokane, Royce entered a house while the family was out of the city and stole a cash register, which he sold to a second-hand dealer for a small sum. After disposing of the register, it is claimed, he learned that the occupants of the house would not return to Spokane for several weeks and at once proceeded to take possession of the place. About the first act, after going through the house, was to make an inventory of the furniture and with this list he went to a money lender, where he bartered to mortgage the goods. The dealer, after examining the furniture, agreed to advance the money and an agreement was drawn up and signed by Royce.

However, before he could get around to get the money Royce was arrested by the Spokane police on a charge of vagrancy. He was convicted and sentenced to a short time on the chain gang.

The day Royce was turned out of the Spokane jail the owner of the house who had returned to find the money-lender ready to take away his household goods, called at the police station, where he made a statement of the case. From the description the police recognized Royce, whom they had just liberated. A search of the city was made but he was nowhere to be found and a description was sent to all parts of the state.

Detectives Tennant and Barbee several days ago located Royce but they wished to make sure they had the man wanted before effecting an arrest.

MOTHER PLEADS FOR HER BOY.

Mrs. Hogue Asks That Sentence of Son Be Reduced.

Everett, Wash., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Nellie Hogue of Los Angeles is in Everett to make an attempt to have Judge Denny reduce the sentence of her son, William Hogue, who was recently convicted here and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary for assaulting and robbing Henry Veth near Arlington.

Young Hogue is still in jail here. Mrs. Hogue is heart-broken over the affair. She says her boy's relatives include a number of influential men, among whom are a former member of congress, Major Jennings, stationed at Denver, and an uncle of Mrs. Hogue, who is prominent in Illinois politics.

The mother hopes to bring influence to bear that will show previous good conduct and thereby induce the court to reduce the sentence.

IS GIVEN A VERDICT.

Mrs. Loomis Awarded \$500 Against Great Northern.

Whatcom—Mrs. A. Loomis has been awarded \$500 by the jury in her suit against the Great Northern railway. She sued for \$200, alleged to be due on a contract made with a detective for the company, whereby she agreed to and did furnish information which would lead to the apprehension of a gang engaged in robbing freight cars. Defendant entered a plea that such a contract was against public policy and that the detective exceeded his authority.

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SAYS BACTERIA ARE HEALTHFUL

The Chicago Record-Herald Comments Editorially Upon Gov. Van Sant's Theory.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22.—Governor Van Sant's discovery that river germs are fattening means much to Chicago and is revolutionizing in its effects. The Record-Herald says:

"No need of trying all the new 'breakfast foods' that are dumped on the market each week in order to get healthy and strong. No need of taking mud baths or going through a 'liver laundry' to get well and hearty. Just eat a dish of river bacteria every morning before breakfast and get husky and fat. This is the advice of Governor Van Sant of Minnesota. The state board of control is considering the proposal to construct an expensive septic tank at Anoka to kill the germs in the water supply. The governor was astounded at the idea of spending money to destroy river bacteria. Said the doughty executive:

"You won't find a stronger (hardier) class of men in the world than boatmen. They drink river water. They grow fat on these bacteria. Talk about bacteria. Look at the Chicago river. It never killed any one. Maybe the sewers did, but I'll warrant the people who travel on it day in and day out in tugboats and work on wharves alongside get strong and healthy and husky."

"But isn't it rather unkind in Governor Van Sant to come along and tell us that river bacteria make men strong after we have spent \$34,000,000 in an effort to drive them out of our river and to purify the St. Louis water supply? Science is all against the governor, but science may be all wrong. It is remembered that one fisherman 'kicked to death' the theories of Agassiz regarding the size of brook trout. It is well known that some of Chicago's oldest citizens never drank anything but lake water—into which the river emptied—and even now they defy the bacteriologists by drinking daily large quantities of it as it flows from the city hydrants. They have always looked with contempt upon filters and sterilizers. They are husky and well preserved.

"But, of course, a man who has been fighting railway mergers and other octopi would not be afraid of a river microbe. We are not all built on the sturdy plan of Governor Van Sant or of river boatmen."

EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE.

A mission is liable to swamp a magazine. So much zeal is developed that the real function of the publication, which is to entertain, is forgotten. Into this excess Everybody's Magazine, which has recently undertaken a crusade against the idolatry of riches habit in America, is obviously not to be led. The November contents-table makes a most inviting showing, presenting as it does stories and sketches by such amusing writers as Alfred Henry Lewis, O. Henry and Eugene Wood. There is no intrusion of a policy at all, and the reader is likely to find himself in the midst of Francis Bellamy's article about "Successful Men Who Are Not Rich" without dreaming that there is a serious moral to it. Mr. Bellamy avers that the nation is losing its ideals and that today success only means wealth. The millionaire is the modern hero. The newest creed is, he says: "Brains may be more important than money, but nowadays the best way to convince the world that you have brains, is to make money." The smart set of New York is frank in its exclusion of people who are not rich and has no place for statesmen, authors or scientists unless they have money. On the other hand, he instances important men in this country whose position is a splendid protest against the prevailing craze. Their careers, as stated here, are certainly inspiring. The article will set people thinking about certain significant tendencies in modern life.

Alfred Hodder, who collaborated with Josiah Flynt, in his series of studies of "Graft in American Cities," describes in "Reform that Reforms" what has been accomplished for decency in New York by an honest administration. There is also an authoritative summing-up by a man the analytic capacity for the task—I. Friedman, the distinguished Chicago novelist.

Two candidates obliged us by plowing six acres for us yesterday. Our school children have been patted on the head so often of late that every 10-year old boy in the town is bald-headed. Some of the candidates for local offices in this settlement are running so fast that the sheriff can't get close enough to levy on them.

"See here!" cried the man, losing all patience, "you'd better take in that sign 'Hats cleaned while you wait.' " "What's the matter with it? We're cleaning hats while you wait." "Yes but to be exact, your sign should read 'Other people's hats cleaned while you wait.' "

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