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ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

According to law Missouri property should be assessed at its actual cash value. The custom for years in this state has been to assess property at not more than 40 per cent of its actual valuation, and from that amount down. Sometimes 15 per cent of valuation has been reported. And, of course, some property escaped altogether.

The new laws creating the State Tax Commission, and stating its powers and duties, provide that it shall supervise the work of the assessors of the state, and take such measures as to enforce all revenue laws of the state, so that assessments shall be made according to the law—in other words, so that property shall be assessed at its actual valuation, not at 40 per cent, nor at 20 per cent.

The obligation rests not alone with the assessors, however. Missouri statutes provide that every man shall make a true and correct return of all his property to assessors at its actual cash valuation. The statutes also provide that a man who fails to do this shall pay treble the amount of taxes he otherwise would have to pay. And the offender can be prosecuted for perjury.

Among the duties of the State Board of Equalization, according to the law, is found the provision that they shall add such a per cent to the reported value of any property as shall bring it up to its real value.

Nobody should fear this new enforcement of laws that have always been on our statute books. Bringing the assessment up to its proper amount will enable the county court to lower the rate of taxation next year, when the new assessment first applies. Nobody will have to pay taxes out of proportion to what he has been paying—unless he has been withholding some of his property in past returns to the assessor. The tax rate will conform to the new assessment.

The result of this new order should be a fair valuation of all property, so that each man shall pay a just amount of taxes. Also, it will bring out much property for taxation that has hitherto been unlisted, and will start the revenue works of the state government on a new basis—where they should have been for many years heretofore. It promises to lift Missouri out of a rut.

There is no more reason for saying it than at any other time, but persons who wish to know democracy will be helped to that knowledge by reading the Public, which justly calls itself "an international journal of fundamental democracy." It is published weekly in New York at a dollar a year and is a thought-compelling journal.

General Pershing has astonished Marshal Joffre by the simplicity of his diet. Perhaps the hero of the Marne will again be surprised when the "Sammies" show what they can do in the trenches.

A training camp might be started for the people who are continually telling the government how to do things that they can't do themselves.

The farmer will fail who does not cultivate his "patch" and the city will fail that does not cultivate its trade territory.

When in doubt as to what to say, the wise thing is not to say it.

THE OPEN COLUMN

Wants Best Fair.
Editor The Missouriian: The farmers of Boone County this year have the

best opportunity ever offered them to make the Boone County Fair the most successful ever held. Placing the date in October not only makes it possible to secure better exhibits, but also insures better attendance, with the hot weather eliminated. The cancellation of many nearby county fairs should also make the Boone County event more important and of wider interest than in former years.

The decision of the Fair Board not to cancel the fair was very commendable. This, above all years, is the time to encourage greater production both of crops and stock, with the United States facing the grave alternative of supplying the Allies with food or submitting to Prussian militarism and arrogance. Every farmer in the county should attend the fair and do everything possible to make it a success by exhibiting his products and giving suggestions to his neighbors.

The women will also have an opportunity to get valuable information on the cold pack canning method and other household problems through demonstrations. Missouri's women have volunteered to help in the war by registering for service. It is now their duty to put forth every effort towards this end. Even the children can help, and have been given a place on the fair program for this purpose. Let us all get together and make this the best county fair in the history of Boone County.

A BOOSTER.

Sayings of the Day

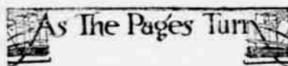
You drew my number first and, although I am not an American citizen, but a Spaniard, and never have applied for naturalization papers, to be the first one drawn I consider such an honor that I beg to offer my services to fight in the war for freedom and democracy thrust on this great nation.—Samuel Sanjines.

The peace that the German Chancellor talks about is the peace that would be an absolute defeat. If we should accept such a peace as that it would be nothing short of murder to send our soldiers to the front. If we are not in this war to secure our safety in the future and to try and secure the liberty and democracy of the world by guarantees that are unmistakable, then we ought never to have entered into it at all.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Germans said that we would not fight, and if we did we could not. They said we had no army, and that we could not raise one. I think that they have discovered their mistake about us, and that they are now just going through the same process with America.—British Prime Minister David Lloyd George.

No American who at this time defends the kaiser and Germany is a good American.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Within six months I think that the people of the United States will realize how they are being attacked inside their own boundaries as well as on the seas. Then, I am sure, the men who are getting German pay for inciting their followers to violence will be punished as they deserve.—Howard E. Coffin.



"The Basis of Durable Peace."
"The Basis of Durable Peace" is a series of sixteen articles, which were originally printed in the New York Times last November and December. They are written under the pen name of "Cosmos." The author believes that the principles and policies for which the Allies are contending must prevail, if the war is to be followed by a durable peace.

Among the things which must come up and be disposed of, says the writer, in the peace terms are guarantee of security to the rights of small nations, open door policy in international trade, freedom of the seas, Prussian militarism, colonial possessions that were held by Germany at the outbreak of the war, the Far East, disarmament or limitation of armament and the attitude toward races and religions in nations, for instance, the Armenians in Turkey or the Jews in Russia.

(Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City, 1917; cloth, 144 pages.)

War in French.

A new and revised edition of Pluon's Vade-Mecum, for the use of officers and interpreters in the present campaign, has been published. It contains in handy form French and English technical and military terms. The book is specially written for the use of interpreters.

(Brentano's, New York.)
Y. M. C. A. Secretary Here Sept. 1.
Dean Kirkenslager will return to Columbia September 1 to begin his work as secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Society

Miss Virginia Jamison of Fulton is the guest of Miss Mary Anna Hubbel.

Mrs. S. O. Pancoast gave an informal porch party last night at her home, 1117 University, in honor of the students who stayed there this summer.

Miss Elizabeth Spencer entertained at luncheon yesterday for Miss Mary Frances Reid of St. Louis, who is the guest of Mrs. Emmet Smith. Others present were: Misses Jean Bright, Elizabeth Niedermeyer, Dorothy Henley, Florence Henley, and Marjorie Smith who is the guest of Miss Spencer.

Fred Wolfson, a student in the University last year, is a guest at the Zeta Beta Tau house.

Miss Helen Dunn, who has been visiting at her home in Bolckow, has returned to take up her work in the extension office.

There will be an informal dance at the Delta Tau Delta house tomorrow night. Mrs. M. A. Bright, Mrs. W. T. Stephenson and Mrs. F. W. Niedermeyer will chaperon.

Mrs. Wayne Allen left this morning for Denver, Colo., where she will spend the rest of the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Bragg will leave Saturday morning for a motor trip to Chicago and the lakes.

Miss Mary Evans gave an all-day party for Miss Mary Virginia Jamison, who is visiting Miss Mary Anna Hubbel. The guests were Miss Mary Anna Hubbel and Miss Lillian Hart.

Eugene Hall, a former student in the University, motored from Ottumwa, Ia., to spend the week-end at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sanford motored over today from Mexico to spend the week-end with their son, Kenneth, at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Mrs. C. L. Brewer and daughter left this afternoon for Kansas City. They will be guests at the home of Walton Holmes. After August 11, C. L. Brewer will join them for a two weeks' trip to Lauderdale Lake at Elkhorn, Wis.

CITY AND CAMPUS

Miss Lola Finney, agricultural librarian, will leave Saturday for her home at Springfield.

L. Haseman of the horticulture department, and family, are spending their vacation in Ithaca, N. Y.

H. F. Major, superintendent of the University grounds, has been visiting his parents at Ithaca, N. Y., and is now at Ocean Grove, N. J.

F. W. Faurot of the horticultural department will spend tomorrow in St. Charles in co-operative work with the county agent.

W. H. Lawrence of the horticulture department will leave tomorrow for the Northwest. In this section he will visit the large fruit interests, apple, peach, cherry and berry farms and study horticultural problems. He will return by the way of San Francisco and study the preparation of by-products, the drying of fruits.

The Rev. J. H. George left yesterday for St. Louis where he will be during August.

The Rev. T. J. Lloyd will hold "Holy Hour" tonight at the Sacred Heart Church.

Mrs. M. J. Bryan went to Centralia this morning on business.

Mrs. J. M. Woods, Jr., of Wichita, Kan., who has been visiting her sis-

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ter, Mrs. Kelly Wright, went to Fulton this morning to visit friends.

Gilbert Shotte and Charles W. Sehart left this morning for a pleasure trip to Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park. They will be gone one month.

Vincent and Marjorie Brundage left this morning to spend a month at Montgomery City with their aunt, Mrs. H. Hupe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cook and son, Charles, went to Kansas City this morning to visit their son, Ulrich Cook.

Miss Lillian Brasher, who has been attending the Summer Session of the University, returned to her home at Orrick this morning.

Mrs. Wayne Allen and daughters, Franceswayne and Maxine, left this morning for Colorado Springs and Manitou. They will be gone a month.

Mrs. Eddie Ellis left this morning for Pueblo, N. M., and Arizona and Colorado. She will be gone several months.

Miss Mary Thrash, who has been attending the Summer Session of the University, returned to her home at Keytesville this morning.

C. B. Green left this morning for a pleasure trip to Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Austin Bradford went to St. Louis this morning to spend a few days with friends.

Miss Rena and Miss Jessie Kemper, who have been attending the Summer Session at the University, returned to their home at Hallsville this morning.

Mrs. E. E. Kivett and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, who have been visiting Mrs. Charles Lane, returned to Moberly this morning.

W. R. Valvel went to Centralia this morning to work.

J. M. Mauden, who has been here on business, returned to St. Louis this morning.

O. E. Jones of Albany, who has been here attending the Summer Ses-

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sion of the University, returned home this morning.
Victor Victor went to Centralia on business this morning.
Sebastian Kashella went to Moberly on business this morning.
C. L. Oliver went to Mexico on business this morning.
John T. Painter, who has been attending the Summer Session of the University, returned to his home at Summer this morning.
Misses Natalie and Inez Dowden of Blackburn, who have been attending Summer Session, returned home this morning.
Mrs. Wells Burnett went to Browns this morning to visit relatives.
Mrs. Edward Abbott, who has been attending the Summer Session, returned to her home at Waverly this morning.
Mrs. E. J. Shaeffer and Misses Bettie and Mary Flood went to Pittsburgh,

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