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Official County Paper.

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Editors and Proprietors.

To The Taxpayers Of Beaver County.

Believing that there is a very general misapprehension among the people about the cause of our taxes being so high for the year 1895 as compared with former years, we have concluded to write this article:

The subject of the raise in our assessment by the Territorial Board of Equalization seems to be the most discussed and we address ourselves first to that subject.

Article 7, Chapter 70 of the statutes reads as follows:

"The Governor, Territorial Auditor and Secretary shall constitute the Territorial Board of Equalization and said Board of Equalization shall hold a session at the capital of the Territory commencing on the third Monday of July each year (amended by session laws of 1895 to read third Monday in June) and it shall be the duty of said Board to examine the various county assessments and to equalize the same and to decide upon the rate of Territorial tax to be levied for the current year together with any other general or special Territorial taxes required by law to be levied and to equalize the levy of such taxes throughout the Territory. And shall find therefrom the percentage that must be added to or deducted from the assessed value of each county and shall then order the percentage so found to be added to or subtracted from the assessed value of each of the various counties of the Territory and shall notify the various county clerks of the percentage so ordered to be added to or subtracted from the valuation of property in their respective counties.

It shall then be the duty of the various county clerks to add to or deduct from the total value of the property assessed to each party the percentage so ordered and collect the taxes accordingly. Said board shall assess the rolling stock of railroads and all other property not otherwise provided for."

This is all there is in our statutes about the Territorial Board of Equalization and the law upon which they acted. It will be readily seen that the law gives them ample authority to equalize the assessments of the various counties in the Territory but no authority to raise one county above the rest—that is to say that while one county could be raised a larger per cent than another, when so raised its assessment should only equal the assessment in all the other counties in proportion to the value of its property. The 75 per cent raise on Beaver county is responsible in some degree for our taxes being higher than usual but is not the principal cause. At last winter's session of the Territorial legislature an act was passed entitled "Territorial and County Taxes" which provides that at the regular July meeting the Board of County Commissioners shall make an itemized estimate of the necessary expenses of the county during the ensuing year, including the amount necessary to meet outstanding indebtedness, and to those items of estimate must be added 25 per cent as an allowance for delinquent taxes. This law was intended to put the various counties on a cash basis and prohibits the Board of County Commissioners from issuing warrants and allowing bills in excess of their estimates and thus makes it impossible for a county to go further in debt. This law is mostly the cause of our high taxes, but is hoped that it will result in good to our county in the end in keeping us out of debt and enabling us to pay cash for what we have to buy thus getting supplies of all kinds at the lowest possible price. Heretofore the county has been going in debt constantly. Each year the amount of county warrants issued far exceeded the amount of taxes received for the general county fund.

We have said that the Territorial raise is the cause of high taxes only in a small degree, and we will now attempt to prove this statement. The law referred to provides as follows:

"The levies for county purposes shall be a separate specific and sufficient levy for the payment of salaries. A levy for court expenses not exceeding 3 mills; for support of poor, including insane, not exceeding 2 mills; for roads and bridges not exceeding 2 mills; for county supplies not exceeding 3 mills, for contingent fund not exceeding 3 mills, and for a sinking fund such rate as in the estimation of the Board will pay one year's interest on all outstanding bonded debt of the county together with such part of the principal as shall be by law required."

It will be seen by the above quotations from the law that the

Levy for salary fund is unlimited.

" sinking " "
" court expenses limited to 3 mills
" support of poor & insane to 2 "
" roads and bridges to 2 "
" for county supplies to 3 "
" for contingent fund 3 "
" for county school tax to 10 "

The levies made by the Board of County Commissioners were as follows:

Salary fund	4 3-5 mills.
Sinking fund	6 "
Court expenses	3 "
Poor and insane	1-2 "
Road and bridge	1-5 "
County supplies	1 "
Contingent fund	1 1-2 "
County school tax	2 1-2 "

It will thus be seen that the levies made for each fund is far below the limit allowed by law except the levy for court expenses which is the full limit allowed by law. It follows in a fair course of reasoning then that if our assessment had not been raised the levies would have been higher for each fund (except court expense fund) and the amount of money required from the tax payer have been just the same.

In this calculation we have left out the Territorial tax and school district levies and it must be admitted that if this raise makes us pay more than our just share of the Territorial tax it is wrong and cannot be justified in any way. The school district levies were made by a vote of the people of the various school districts and the number of mills voted were estimated on the assessments made by the township assessors before the Territorial Board raised the assessments, and are consequently 75 per cent too high; and while it is taken from the people before it is needed it will not be lost as it will serve to decrease the levy for the next year. The same may be said with regard to the county taxes.

Now in conclusion we will say that the total tax of the county for the year is $32,900. Of this amount $7,700 is district school tax; $1,200 municipal township; $2,400 general school, and $500 old township school tax to pay old indebtedness, making in total about $12,000 of the total tax that is imposed by levies from the people of school districts and the municipal township boards of the county, excepting the $2,400 general school fund which is made by the County Commissioners for the support of the several district schools of the county in proportion to the number of children.

As an illustration we take the taxes of a party in Harrison township Dist. No. 3 where taxes seem to be very high. For use in this illustration we will call this party B, otherwise the items used here are exactly the same as they appear against this party on the tax roll. B's valuation after 75 per cent raise by the Territorial Board amounts to $2,692 and the items of his taxes are as follows: Salary fund, $12 38; territorial, $12 38; court, $8 48; poor and insane, $1 34; road and bridge fund, .54; supply fund, $2 70; contingent, $4 04; sinking fund, $16 16; co. school, $6 74; Dist. school, $53 84; mun. township, $4 04, total, $122 24.

The above shows clearly that the school district and township levies amount to one half of the entire tax of this party, as is also the case in other portions of the county, and the total figures show clearly that over one-third of the entire taxation of the county is caused by district school and other local levies.

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NOTICE.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Territory of Oklahoma, } ss:
Beaver County.

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of Nov. A. D. 1895, Achilles W. Easley, filed in the Probate Court of the County of Beaver and Territory of Oklahoma, a petition praying for Letters of Administration to be issued to said petitioner Achilles W. Easley upon the estate of James H. Burgess, deceased late of the County of Beaver and Territory of Oklahoma.

And pursuant to an order of said Probate Court, that the 30th day of November, A D 1895 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, that being a day of the regular November term, A. D. 1895, of said Probate Court, has been appointed as the time for hearing said application, when and where any person interested may contest said petition by filing written opposition thereto on the ground of incompetency of the applicant, or may assert their own rights to the administration and pray that Letters be issued to themselves.

Witness Carter Tracy, Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Beaver, and the Seal of the Court affixed, the 5th day of November A. D. 1895.

[Seal] CARTER TRACY, Probate Judge.
47—49

NOTICE.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Territory of Oklahoma, } ss:
Beaver County.

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November A. D. 1895, Fulvendi F. Drew filed in the Probate Court of the County of Beaver and Territory of Oklahoma, a petition praying for Letters of Administration to be issued to said petitioner Fulvendi B. Drew upon the estate of Mary B. Austin, deceased, late of the County of Beaver and Territory of Oklahoma.

And pursuant to an order of said Probate Court, Saturday the 30th day of November, A. D. 1895, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, that being a day of the regular November term A. D. 1895, of said Probate Court, has been appointed as the time for hearing said application, when and where any person interested may contest said petition by filing written opposition thereto on the ground of incompetency of the applicant, or may assert their own rights to the administration and pray that Letters be issued to themselves.

Witness Carter Tracy, Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Beaver, and the Seal of the Court affixed, the 5th day of November A. D. 1895.

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NOTICE.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Territory of Oklahoma, } ss:
Beaver County.

In the matter of the Estate of Wm. H. Jay deceased, notice is hereby given that James I. Henson the duly appointed and qualified Administrator of Wm. H. Jay, deceased has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said Court his annual and final account and report of his administration as such administrator, and asking for distribution and discharge and that the 7th day of December A. D. 1895 being a day of a regular term of said Court to wit, of the November term A. D. 1895 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Probate Court room in Beaver in said County of Beaver, has been duly appointed by the Court for the settlement of said account and for final distribution and discharge. At which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to the account and contest the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 6th day of Nov. 1895.

(Seal) CARTER TRACY, Probate Judge.
48—45.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Woodward, O. T., Oct. 26, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Carter Tracy, Probate Judge of Beaver county, and in his absence before F. C. Tracy, Clerk of said court, at Beaver, O. T., on December 14, 1895, viz: Nancie M. Rhoads widow of Frank M. Rhoads deceased. H. E. No. 11, for the S W ¼ Sec 21, Tp 1 N, R 27 E C M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Arthur N. Howe, James A. Doty, Ernest Howe, Charles Robb, of Custer, O. T.

45—47. ROBT. J. RAY, Register.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Woodward, O. T. Oct. 12, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Carter Tracy Judge of the Probate Court in and for Beaver Co. O. T. and in case of his absence then before F. C. Tracy Clerk of said Court at Beaver O. T. on the 7th day of Dec. 1895, viz:

James I. Henson Administrator of William H. Jay deceased for the heirs of said William H. Jay deceased. H E No 770 for the N W ¼ of Sec 23, Tp 1 n Range 19 E C M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

James C. Williamson, Herbert E Craig of Beaver O T, Marion W E dridge, Lincoln Ewing of Grandvalley O T.

40—45 ROBT. J. RAY, Register.

NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Woodward O. T. October 12, 1895.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by Kate Harn y against William H Johnson for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 719, dated March 28 1893, upon the S E ¼ Section 9, Township 6 n, Range 28 E, in Beaver County, Oklahoma, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Woodward, O. T., on the 9th day of December 1895, at 10 o'clock A M. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. And that testimony may be taken before Carter Tracy Probate Judge in and for Beaver county O T, at Beaver O T, on the 2nd day of December, 1895, at 10 o'clock a m.

ROBT. J. RAY, Register
40—43 D. H. PATTON, Receiver.

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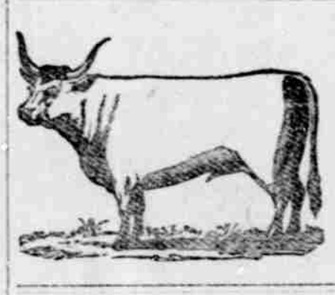

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U. S. LAND OFFICE,
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August 26th, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before S. B. Weir Deputy Clerk at Beaver O. T., on Oct. 19, 1895, viz: James Crawford Tyler S W ¼ of Sec 12, Twp 4 n of R 25 E C M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

William Woolery of Beaver, O. T., John J. Fulkerson, Joseph Hanlon, George Sanderson of Rothwell O. T.

33—38 W. H. HAMMOCK, Register.

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