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The tax levy of Morrow county is among the lowest in the state.

William A. Clark of Montana is said to be the richest man in the world. His wealth is estimated at five billions.

American soldiers in the Philippines must shoot with more accuracy is an order recently issued by General Chaffee. This is good advice.

A Polish anarchist who was a private in the United States army at Fort Canby, threatened Roosevelt and praised Czolgosz, while under the influence of liquor. A court martial was ordered and he was found guilty. He was publicly degraded and sentenced to ten years in prison at Alcatraz. His sentence to prison is about one naught too short.

Jack Wade, the murderer of James B. Morrow has made a full confession admitting that he fired the fatal shot, but claims that it was accidental. Dalton now has hopes for a commutation of sentence but it is not likely that Governor Geer will intercede. After Dalton is really entitled to much sympathy. They started out together on the mission of robbery, and why did they go armed. For no other purpose than to commit murder if it became necessary in carrying out their plans. They were partners equally interested and equally guilty.

PAYING OFF THE DEBT.

A good deal of debt paying by the government is under way, unknown to the country. The treasury had a large surplus throughout 1901, but it was kept down by the process of buying interest-bearing bonds and canceling them, thus extinguishing a corresponding amount of debt. The government's income exceeded its ordinary outgo in the calendar year 1901 to the extent of about \$100,000,000. To store this big sum of extra cash in the treasury in such a period of business activity would send the rates for money up to exorbitant figures and be a serious menace to trade. Secretary Gage avoided this peril by paying out large sums for bonds not yet due, thus reducing the government's obligations.

From the beginning of April, 1901, to the end of December the par value of the bonds bought by Secretary Gage was, in round figures, \$59,000,000, and to purchase these he had to pay out \$72,000,000 on account of the big premium which bonds bear at the present time. The debt was thus cut down \$9,000,000 and the surplus was reduced \$72,000,000. A momentary stringency was averted in this way, and at the same time the people's debt burdens were reduced. The amount of cash in the treasury is kept at a figure which makes the government master of the situation, so far as regards its ability to meet all sorts of demands which can be made upon it at any time, while an abundance of money is left in trade channels to meet the necessities of an active and constantly increasing business all over the country.

Naturally the cash in the hands of the people has increased to a large extent in the past few years. The mints are busy, and in most years the country gets from the outside world more gold than it gives up. The circulation on March 1, 1897, three days before the republican party entered power, was \$1,675,694,353, and this sum was expanded to \$2,250,250,200 at the beginning of December, 1901. This increase was far faster than has been the growth in population. The per capita circulation at the earlier date was \$23.14, while it was \$28.73 at the latter time, six weeks ago. Of course the circulation is even greater than this now, for the treasury disbursements and the activity of the mints amount to several times the loss of money which has been occasioned by the recent gold exportation.—Ex.

REFEEL THE WAR TAXES.

It is stated that President Roosevelt insists that the so-called "war taxes" should be entirely removed, and the statement is consistent with the robust common sense of the president. It is also doubtless in keeping with his political sense, for he probably desires to be re-elected to the presidency. It is almost criminal to compel the people to pay war taxes in time of peace for the purpose of allowing the money to pile up in the treasury or of seeking unnecessary or unusual avenues of expenditure to get rid of it. For the fiscal year ending last July there was a surplus of \$77,717,984. The estimated surplus for the current fiscal year is \$100,000. Against this there are unsettled claims against the government growing out of the Spanish war, some refunds to be made of duties improperly collected, and some uncertainty as to what disposition congress may make of the duties collected on Philippine commerce. The state of Pennsylvania has just established a claim of \$700,000 for expenditures during the civil war, and with the precedent thus established the secretary of the treasury estimates that from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 will be required to satisfy all the states.

All this, however, is in the future. There will doubtless be a river and harbor bill passed at the present session, but with all claims that can possibly be anticipated there is no reason to doubt that the ordinary revenue will be amply sufficient. The surplus already accumulated is more than ample to meet all these possible demands and still leave a large working balance in the treasury. At any rate one thing is certain—had it not been for the Spanish war there would have been no increase of taxation under any pretense whatever. We should have cut our cloak according to the cloth. We should do the same now.—S. F. Chronicle.

W. H. Barr is planting 500 Yellow Newtown apple trees on his suburban orchard tract, says a Medford paper. He has an orchard of about 35 acres in bearing, from which he harvested this year apples to the value of \$7000. He has a quick and economical method of digging holes for tree planting. With an iron bar he makes a hole in the ground to a depth of about three feet, and into this he places plant powder—and it digs the hole. Aside from making an excavation sufficiently large for planting the tree, it loosens the earth for several feet on both sides, and at the bottom, thus making it easy for the growth of the tender tree roots.

Governor Geer was asked whether Jack Wade's confession would make any difference in his attitude towards Dalton. The governor replied that he failed to see any reason why he should change his recently announced intention to let the murderers hang. "The law holds an accomplice equally guilty with the principal," he continued.

Literary Notes

The gradual reconstruction of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet lends a direct and timely interest to an article which the Hon. Charles Emery Smith has just written for The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia. Cabinet and cabinet-making tells how presidents choose their political advisers, how nice political considerations influence their choice and reduce to lowest terms the number of available candidates. One of the most important conclusions reached by Mr. Smith is that most presidents have followed one of two methods in forming their official families: that of Mr. Lincoln and his predecessors, who surrounded themselves with party leaders and former presidential candidates, and that of Mr. McKinley, who appointed strong, broad-gauged men, regardless of previous political allegiance. This article will appear in an early issue of The Saturday Evening Post.

No state in the Union has made better provision for the care of the insane than has Oregon. The Oregon state hospital is the most expensive of the state institutions, but no attempt has ever been made by the legislature to reduce the appropriations below what is needed for the proper care of those unfortunate who are incapable, because of mental disease, of caring for themselves. That the annual appropriation of \$144,000 for the support of this institution has been productive of satisfactory results is shown by the proportion of insane patients cured. The general average of patients cured in the United States is 20 per cent of the number admitted. In Oregon 32 per cent of the patients admitted to the asylum are cured. The inmates of the asylum now number slightly more than 1200, and the institution has capacity for about 150 more, so that the state will not be at any considerable expense for improvements in the near future. Aside from the usual repairs of ordinary wear, the expense will be chiefly for maintenance. The cost of maintenance is about \$10 per patient per month, which is considered a reasonable rate, in view of the fact that most of the inmates are in a measure helpless and must receive individual attention.

The Oregon Irrigation Company has abandoned its claim to the tract of land in the Des Chutes country, over which a contest has been pending. This company filed an application for some 200,000 acres of arid land to be reclaimed under the provisions of the Carey act. The Pilot Butte Development Company thereafter filed an application for some 80,000 acres, nearly all of which was covered by the Oregon Irrigation Company's application. As there was a conflict, the state land board notified the parties that they could have a hearing as to their respective rights. C. C. Hutchinson, president of the Oregon Irrigation Company, has withdrawn the claims of his company to the land in question because "the maps filed by us are defective in some minor particular." The contest over this tract of land was of considerable interest to people owning property in the Des Chutes country, as both these companies propose to construct extensive irrigation ditches for the reclamation of arid land. The tracts applied for are in the territory to be traversed by the extension of the Columbia Southern railway. A. M. Drake is the president and moving spirit of the Pilot Butte Development Company.

MANY MILLIONS FOR WAR.

The United States, although regarded as one of the most peaceful nations of the world, spent more millions for war expenses during the past century. It spent throughout the century are also spending large sums of money in a vain search for a medicine that will absolutely cure indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, flatulency and nervousness. There is only one such medicine, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is a household remedy, backed by thousands of testimonials. If you have wasted your money on useless remedies, and if you have lost hope of getting well again, we would urge you to try this medicine. It brings health to every sufferer. For sale by all Druggists. Apply to any one of them for a copy of Hostetter's "A" case for 1902.

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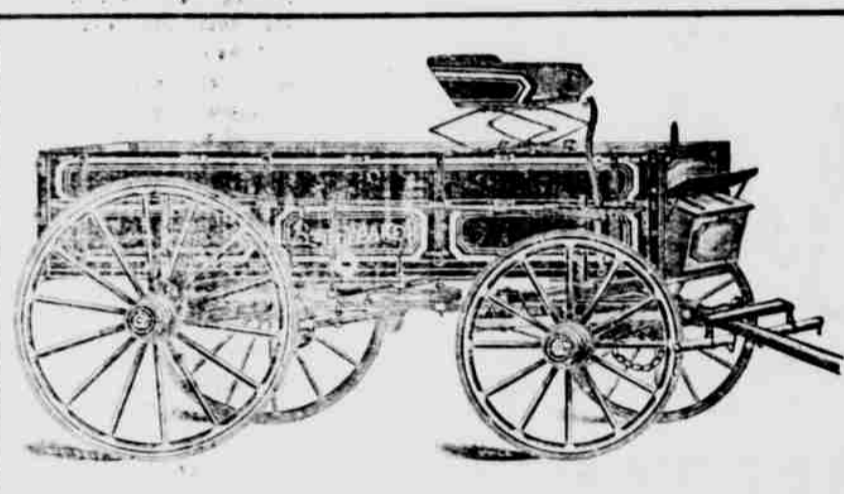
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