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The Observer recently published an editorial relative to the fact that for years has been perpetrating upon the citizens of this city and county, by traveling alleged occultists who charge enormous prices for inferior ability and cheap glasses. Since the publication of that article it has been impressed upon our minds the magnitude of this graft more than ever from the fact that so many who have been caught by these smooth talkers have mentioned it and complimented us for bringing the public the facts. How few of our readers understand the eye, it provides one of the most inviting fields for scientific grafting abroad, and it is being worked to its finish. The state a few years ago passed a law making necessary for these men to secure a permit. That cut out not a few, but if the people will do their duty and inform the police if any house to home spectacles vender offering his wares, so that the new city ordinance can be enforced, this community will be saved many thousands of dollars annually. There is no excuse whatever for taking any chance with these smooth talking strangers. We have opticians in La Grande who have every appliance for the proper fitting of the eye. They are permanently located here, and if a charge you \$12 to \$16 and \$18 for additional expenses. They do not charge you \$12, \$16 and \$18 for glasses only in extreme cases. Many eyes are fitted for \$4.50, seldom over \$7.50. With the grafter every eye is a special problem and requires great adjusting and within a few minutes you are made to feel that the itinerant with a \$12 case of cheap glasses is a philanthropist and you wonder how he can furnish you glasses for \$15 that our local optician would never think of charging you over \$7.50. Barnum, the show man, once said that the American people delighted in being humbugged, but it must be the work of an artist. There are plenty of spectacle artists abroad in the land.

**LET THE STATES HAVE IT.**

In the third international conference on state and local taxation, the president, Mr. Allen Ripley Foote, has brought forward a resolution, agreed upon, against the Federal corporation tax and the proposed income tax as an injury to the states and to the great interests of which the states are

guardian. In the term states, there are necessarily included the cities and local sub-divisions of the states. It is not generally understood how far the states in recent times have come to depend on the taxation of corporations, which are creatures of the states, which possess valuable privileges essential to their operation, conferred by the states and which influence directly and indirectly the prosperity and thus the taxpaying capacity of all the people. Mr. Foote quoted from a report of the Federal Bureau of Corporations a statement showing that in New England the states draw from the corporations from 27 per cent to 33 per cent of all their revenues, that Ohio draws 73 per cent from that source, and that every state in the entire Union is similarly situated to a greater or less extent.

There are hundreds of unknown, hidden away investors who have done great things and have brought to pass without making any great moral fuss about it, great reforms, made people better with a turning lathe almost, or a cog, or some happy little lever or something. The annual report of the commissioner of patents is presently to illustrate this reflection statistically.

Yet another state department bureau has come into being as the result of the policy of reconstruction and specialization that is now going on, a task begun by Secretary Root on the investigation of the theoretical sides and is now being carried out by Secretary Knox. Hereafter our diplomats and consuls will be kept informed of each other's doings and policies by an information bureau of which a journalist is to be the head. Nothing like team work.

The two arctic explorers show an inclination to retire to the privacy of their homes until such times as they have their statements fully prepared for presentation to scientific authority and to public opinion. That is a good idea and it would be equally commendable for the public to permit them to follow their inclination. A little hi-

atus in the polar discussion which is all chiefly speculation, at this time would be of advantage. It would enable the people of this country to get their bearings and get into a frame of mind in which they can render judgment on the facts.

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