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Portland, Ore., March 6.—While the entire state of Oregon is in the throes of high taxes and there is a constant complaint all along the line it may be interesting to know that Jonathan Bourne, reported to be a millionaire, pays into this state the great sum of \$2.44.

He is also senator from Oregon, holding the highest office within the gift of the people. He does not even own a home in the state, but his residence is given at the Portland hotel. His wealth is in the east—a country so different from Oregon in its needs that there is little wonder when the tariff bill was up before the senate the Oregon senator voted for a high tax on cotton good. His interests lie in a cotton goods manufacturing plant hence his vote to protect his own interests. He is probably the only man in the state who is interested in a cotton good plant. The remainder of us are consumers and we pay the tar

iff imposed upon us by the vote of our own senator.

Common reasoning teaches this is an injustice, a miscarriage of the people's wishes. This campaign one which will test the loyalty of every man in Oregon, for no one thoroughly loyal to the state can vote for Bourne with his \$2.44 tax against Ben Selling who is a business man and everything he has in the world lies in Oregon helping to defray the state's expenses. Selling was for popular government when Bourne was committing the "crime of the age" in holding up an Oregon legislature. Selling was advocating direct primary when Bourne was a strong machine man. Selling was fighting against machine rule when Bourne was holding the throttle of the machine and guiding it. The case is so apparent in favor of Selling, the evidence so preponderous that he should be chosen over Bourne that it is no wonder word comes from all over the state that Selling is gaining and former Bourne men are flocking to the Selling crowd.

Apparently reports from the new congressional district the fight has reached a point where many are playing Cochran and Sinnott as the two principal factors. Some thought when Roosevelt came out Jerry Rusk's boom would receive direct benefit, but the cool manner in which the colonel has been received in Oregon is causing the belief that Rusk's craft is still floundering without anchor. Mr Rusk will probably find "rising above party" was a little previous to spring before the primaries. It was a case where a premature explosion occurred and it promises to react in a very unsatisfactory manner to the candidate. We admit that Governor West has been very successful with Rusks' utterance but West never had to fight for a nomination as Jerry is having to do. West was certain of his own party and all that was necessary was to catch the other fellows. But Jerry is not sure of his own party by any means.

We have often wondered what Eastern Oregon man had the largest acquaintance over the state and we have decided from several days in Portland and vicinity that Ed Wright, the county clerk of Union county, is the best known in Oregon east of the mountains. The name Wright has been identified with this state in a public way for many years, including the time when W. T. Wright of Union was in his younger days and when Union was manfully fighting for the retention of the county seat. That fight of long duration may have had some bad effects but it served to advertise the county and put the name of several prominent men in the mouth of almost every person in Oregon. Now the younger generation is doing things and Ed Wright is known up and down the line.

It is really hard to understand the changing attitude in Oregon about woman suffrage. Men who have fought the movement throughout their lives have quit.

This means that the movement will likely carry in the state at the coming election. We are not prepared to

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say it is the proper thing. In the language of an old southern senator when he was making a speech against woman suffrage and was interrupted by a splendid lady who said, "But, senator, don't you think women are good enough to vote," and he replied, "Yes, my dear lady, they are far too good." This seems to express the feeling of a large number of men, but the fact that no effort will be made against the measure it is likely to be with us to stay after the present year.

Digressing a little from the usual run of an editorial at this time let us whisper in the ear of every reader that the Grande Ronde valley is not the only locality on God's footstool where the winds blow and the snow falls. Here in Portland where the placid Columbia flows and the Japan current warms the sands only a few miles distant, there has been blowing a gale that would make Hot Lake lake to the woods. This gale was accompanied by fine snow, a little rain and several degrees of cold. We give this little paragraph so that Grande Ronde valley will not get a reputation for having all of the wind in the wide-wide world.

*Oliver Brown*

**THE MAIL CARRIER'S EXPERIENCE.**

Ten degrees below zero! Seems we'd frozen hard as rocks. Is the experience of the carrier picking pennies from the box.

As an employee of the government, Its laws we must fulfill While traveling through the country Down dale and over hill.

The good Lord with his furries Does sometimes block the way.

But Gen. Hitchcock up and says: "Make it boys, or I'll cut the pay."

In winter when snow is deep And your feet are cold and wet A patron comes and says: "It seems that you're upset."

Through mud that is sticky as putty At times to the horse's breast, It takes from 8:30 to 7 p. m. Though we whip, yell and do our best.

They expect a card from mother; If they don't get it they shout: "That's the most provoking carrier, He don't make half his route."

"I'll just call up the postmaster; It will sound well to the neighbors," And o'er the telephone they cry: "Where's my last week's paper?"

But we fellows must not kick For a thousand plunks a year We should overlook these things And feel we're glad we're here.

In winter it is cold, In summer hot and sunny, After all, it's such a snap Seems a shame to take the money.

In sleet and rainy weather And in darkness we may roam We cheerfully sit upon our seats Singing "Home, Sweet Home."

As we end our daily journey, Near the place of our abode, We thank the stars and stripes We're over that long and tiresome road

When we report at the office, Happy, I must confess, It's then we are rudely shocked, By a note upon our desk

From the postmaster, "Dear Carrier: As you are hardened to the knocks, Why did you leave the toy guns at Waller's Instead of at Bainbridge's box?" —R. F. D. CARRIER.

**Seventh Day Adventists.**  
Calgary, Alta., March 6.—During the two weeks beginning with today Calgary is to be the host of the annual convention of the Western Canadian Union conference of Seventh Day Adventists. The attendance at the gathering includes many leaders of the denomination in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

**Unkind.**  
Gerald—The doctor said that I was threatened with brain fever. Geraldine—How much did he charge you for flattery in his bill?—New York Press.

He who defrauds makes holes in his own pockets by which he loses more than he steals.

Amount the ingenious and vacillating physician may be mentioned a well-constructed on the "stop" principle whereby the number of pulse beats per minute may be indicated. A push button is pressed at the beginning of the count and again at the twentieth pulsation, when the number of beats per minute is shown on a dial without the necessity for calculation. Still another push on the button brings the counter back to the starting point. In the ordinary method of taking the pulse the observer is obliged to do two things at the same time—count the beats and keep his eye on the second hand of his watch. With the pulse watch only one operation is necessary, the counting of the pulsation up to twenty, when the push button is pressed.—New York Press.

**English Earthquakes.**  
English earthquakes are not uncommon, but we can rejoice that they have decreased in severity, for the damage done nowadays is as nothing compared with the ravages wrought by early English earthquakes. In 1580, for instance, part of St. Paul's cathedral was wrecked by an earthquake shock, and at an earlier date Glastonbury abbey had been completely destroyed. Staffordshire, where the latest shock was felt, would appear to be the earthquake area of England, for shocks were also felt there in 1003. Even as recently as 1884, however, an English earthquake was severe enough to require a mansion house fund to repair its ravages in the eastern counties.—London Chronicle.

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