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BUT THE POOR CANNOT MOVE.

Illinois, according to tax experts, has antiquated tax laws. They remain in force largely because they have not been enforced.

Now a rich man has an ever-ready escape from extra high taxation. He can move. Dozens of Chicago's capitalists have already taken their undignified escape in that fashion.

Before scorning these men overmuch for their lax loyalty to the city and state where their fortunes were made, it is well to consider their provocation from the practical standpoint.

The simplest and most comprehensive tax reform yet advanced appears to be the single tax upon land, which cannot be hidden nor moved from one jurisdiction to another.

present state of political opinion could not be accomplished. The alternative is progress toward simpler processes more easily enforced through local reforms.

The bird census shows that there are 120 English sparrows to the square mile and it seems as though there are more than that number of persons to the mile writing letters about them for the Public Pulse.

This will be a splendid year for seeing America first, many handsome new billboards having been erected along the right-of-way.

At the University of Michigan they are going to teach aviation. But there are plenty of high flyers around Ann Arbor now.

Not until we can pack away the cough syrup, the lung pad and the ash sifter, has spring really come.

Making a New Automobile. Al Andrews recently had a fire in his garage which burned his old Chalmers so that it appeared to be a discard. After the fire was extinguished and the iron cooled, Al, still having confidence in his old machine, made his way through the ashes and twisted rods and gave the crank a turn.

Standing Room Only. Sunday night standing room was the only thing left to sell at Sherry's theatre. The attraction was "The Spoilers," Rex Beach's big story.

Health Promotes Happiness. Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have health.

Wilson Declines Invite. Washington, March 8.—President Wilson today formally declined the invitation to visit the Panama-Pacific exposition, "at present."

Keep Your Bowels Open. As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move once each day.

FOR SALE—Mountain ranch, some timber, some cleared; all year living water. Terms or trade. E. W. Kammerer, 2004 Adams avenue, city. 3-8, 6t, pd.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Telephone Black 22. 3-8-tf.

The Best Place To Buy Shoes Is Where You Can Get Fitted. Most everybody have trouble with their feet and 9 times out of 10 it is caused by shoes improperly fitted.

Sole Agents for Men—"Nettleton" & J.E. Tilt Shoes. Every kind of leather is here—kid, kangaroo, velour, gun metal, patent leather and tan leathers.

Spring Styles Just Received. Tilt Shoes \$3.50 to \$5.50. Nettleton Shoes \$7.00.

New Waisting Silks Just Rec'd. Sat. Extremely new weaves in black and white checks and stripes which are going to be so popular this Spring. Priced 75c to \$1.25 yd.

Sole Agents for Women—Utz & Dunn and Pingree Make. Shoes for women and misses of the quality kind—a little better leather—style a little more distinctive.

Newest Spring Styles Here. Priced \$3.00 to \$5.00.

N.K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. Always ask for Fidelity Blue Trading Stamps.

MOTHER-IN-LAW BLAMED

Divorce Proceedings Results From Continual Fault Finding.

Pendleton, March 5.—His mother-in-law is responsible for the present divorce suit of which he is defendant, according to Alton Bostwick, of Milton, today.

Cleveland Sells Bonds.

Cleveland, O., March 8.—Four million dollars worth of municipal bonds for lighting waterworks and street improvements were offered for sale by the city today.

No Evidence.

A well-known Judge dined at a West End hotel recently, where the man who takes care of the hats is celebrated for his memory about the ownership of headgear.

Eli W. Hickson, of Pleasant Valley, submitted final proof this morning at the local land office.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Tacoma, Wash., March 8.—One drink will cost Thomas Cannally \$4,000—that is, if he takes it. Six weeks ago Cannally was sentenced to six months in jail for stealing \$4 while intoxicated.



Why Take Chances on Having Your Watches Destroyed?

by placing them in the hands of incompetent workmen this is sure to happen. We can refer you to watches we have kept in repair for over twenty years and they are as good today as when they left the factory.

J. H. Peare & Son. La Grande's leading Optometrists and Jewelers.

Are You Going To Build?

Two great questions to the prospective home-builders are "How much is your home going to cost," and "what will be the cost for repairs in the future."

White Sox in Action.

San Diego, Cal., March 8.—The first of nine games, between the Chicago White Sox and the Vernon Coast league team was played here this afternoon.

Empire Builder On Tour.

St. Paul, Minn., March 8.—James J. Hill, empire builder, today started on a trip with several live stock experts through the northwest.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally overrules all others.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated.

To Prove River Navigable.

Bismark, N. D., March 8.—Plans were being made today whereby the newspapermen who are members of the North Dakota Press association in their annual meeting here in June, will prove that the Missouri river is navigable.

Proper Treatment for Billiousness.

For a long time Miss Lula Skelton, Churchville, N. Y., was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells.

To Investors and Builders Just a Word

I have some very choice city lots, acre tracts and five-acre tracts for sale on the most reasonable terms. It will be to your interest to call on me.

J. A. RUSSELL

HORSES WANTED

IMBLER, FRIDAY, MARCH 12

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, WILL BE IN LA GRANDE SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH, MCARTHY'S BARN. I want horses from five to ten years old that are sound and well broke to work.

I AM COMING HERE TO BUY HORSES. I BOUGHT \$120,000 WORTH OF HORSES IN THE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY, IDAHO, IN 25 DAYS.

I Represent Wolcott, Beers & Grant of KANSAS CITY

S. T. PEPPARD, Kansas City, Mo.

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