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ELGIN FAMILY WORRIES.

City and County Officials Take Hand in Distressing Case.

At the recent meeting of the city council a resolution was passed asking that the county court declare the members of the P. B. Brown family county charges, according to the Elgin Recorder. In explanation members of the council state that it was not intended to present the court with unnecessary trouble, but that conditions existing in that family demanded attention from proper authorities and that some decisive action ought to be taken.

What consideration the County court will give the matter remains to be seen, however, it is an assured fact that the county judge and commissioners are ready to take any necessary step to place the members of the family where they belong.

The conditions existent there are familiar to most readers of The Recorder and would not be mentioned in these columns were it not for the fact that duty demands that facts be given.

In the first place both the father and mother are incapable of taking care of the children, three in number, much less be allowed to cohabit and bring other children into a world of suffering and poverty. For months conditions in the home have been such that the attention of various officials, city, county and state, has been demanded. Most of the time the family has been in destitute circumstances and the hand of charity has been extended. But despite the fact that assistance has been rendered many times, irrespective of the truth that Brown is able to labor, the call for help has been a regular occurrence. In fact the frequency of the request is such that officials realize that it is time to take official action.

A few days ago Brown made an appeal to C. A. Galloway, county commissioner, stating that the family was out of provisions and in destitute circumstances. Galloway requested a woman of good judgment to go to the home and investigate conditions. The woman did as requested and not only reported conditions of poverty but of filth and irresponsibilities in all its phases, and in her recommendations of needed articles she included plenty of soap and lye. In short, the family is temporarily cared for. But, this fact remains: The parents are not capable of rearing a family so official action must be instituted to place the children where they belong. A representative of the Children's Home has had the matter under advisement for some time but has met with opposition from Brown, who will willingly give up the two older children but refuses to part with the youngest, a little girl of more than

average intelligence and a pretty child.

The case is one which calls for pity, yet conditions are such that extreme action should be taken to place the children where they belong and secure labor for Brown and see to it that he provides reasonable funds for their maintenance.

It is thought that the action of the council will start a procedure whereby the right thing will be done and a justice rendered humanity.

INCOME TAX DEBATED.

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vidents to the stock and bond holders. This is the "collection at the source" feature. There was an immediate wail when the tax first took effect, and several taxpayers took their cases into court. These have sifted down to the five now before the Supreme court. In these five almost every provision of the law is attacked and upon the decision of the court rests the constitutionality of all of these provisions. A decision is expected at any time, but it is possible the court will wait until Justice Lamar, now ill, returns to the bench, before making a decision. Congress is expected to go ahead with its amendments, if the court decision is not returned soon.

May Pay Way To Tax Law.
Washington, D. C. Dec. 24.—What is a tax? Here is a little essay on taxation by Justice Charles Hughes of the United States Supreme court. He delivered it recently from the bench in a small case from Missouri-Houck vs Little River Drainage district. It appears to open the way for the enactment of more drastic state taxation laws by states than have hitherto been held constitutional.

"A tax is an enforced contribution for the payment of public expenses. It is laid by some rule of apportionment according to which the persons or property taxed share the public burden, and whether taxation operates upon all within the state, or upon those of a given class or locality, its essential nature is the same. The power of segregation for taxing purposes has everyday illustration in the experiences of local communities, the members of which, by reason of their membership, or the owners of property within the bounds of their political subdivision, are compelled to bear the burdens of the successes and of the failures of local administration. When local improvement may be deemed to result in special benefits, a further classification may be made and special assessments imposed accordingly, but even in such cases there is no requirement of the Federal constitution that for every payment there must be an equal benefit. The state in its discretion may lay such assessments in proportion to position, frontage area, market value or to benefits estimated by commissioners. And as we have said, unless the exaction is a flagrant abuse, and by reason of its arbitrary character is mere con-

fiscation of property, it cannot be maintained that the state has exceeded its taxation power."

"Peeved" at War Office.
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London, Nov. 23.—(By Mail)—Private James Bartaby, 7th East Surrey Regiment, is peeved at the British War Office today. Private Bartaby has just celebrated his fourteenth birthday in a London hospital recovering from wounds received in Northern France. The War Office has discovered him through a complaint made by his mother and won't let him go back. That's why he's peeved. This juvenile veteran explains that he "put it over" a recruiting sergeant at Balham, his home, and was sent to France with his regiment May 29th.

"The East Surreys did some heavy fighting over there," said James. "The Germans tried to take our trench and we followed them back to their line. I was just going to jump in after a big German with my bayonet when, Zip, a bullet hit me in the leg. When I woke up I was back behind our line and what d'ya think of my bally luck? I'd been discovered. The Colonel came around and asked me my age. I told him I was nineteen. He said he knew better and that I'd have to go home. 'It seems that my mother had been worrying a lot and when she heard that I was in France she told the War Office all about it. Rotten luck wasn't it?'"

SOME INDIAN HISTORY.

Incident of the Trouble of 1878 Is Recalled.

The mystery of the new Umatilla county postoffice of Umapine has been solved, says the East Oregonian. Umapine is the new name of the recently incorporated town of Vincent in the Hudson Bay country.

Having reached the estate of townhood and desiring a postoffice, Vincent sent in its application. However, the postal authorities discovered that there is already one town of Vincent in the state of Oregon and requested the citizens to select a new name preferably one of historical significance. Umapine was the name selected, after the famous Umatilla Indian who was instrumental in bringing the Bannock war to an end and saving Pendleton from an attack in 1878.

The Umapine in question was the father of the present Chief Umapine, who is known to almost everyone in Pendleton. The elder Umapine was a sub-chief and had been more or less friendly with the warring Bannocks. However, in order to get himself in favor with the whites, he volunteered to Captain Miles, who was stationed with troops on the Umatilla reservation, to deliver, Chief Egan, head of the Bannocks, to the whites. He asked Miles to bring soldiers to a certain point to capture Egan. Miles, fearing treachery, refused, whereupon Umapine planned to deliver the chief of the warriors to the whites.

He sent for Chief Homli of the Umatillas who appeared at Egan's camp with a number of other Indians under the guise of friends. They succeeded in trapping Egan, bound him to a horse and were on their way to Miles' post when Egan, releasing one hand, seized a knife and was about to do some executing when Five Crows, one of Homli's band, shot him. The body of the dead chief was decapitated and, with the bloody head mounted on a pole, the Umatillas rode to the agency and offered the head to Captain Miles as an evidence of their good faith. While recognizing their good faith, the captain refused the token. This incident brought an end to the war.

There has been some dispute as to who actually killed Egan, but, according to Major Moorhouse, who has looked the matter up thoroughly, Five Crows was the man. However, chief credit for the capture of the chief has always been given to Umapine.

TWO SPREES ANNUALLY.

New York Would Limit Number of "Drunks"

New York Dec. 22.—Two sprees a year is to be the limit for the New Yorker, and three a year will mean that he cannot take another drink for the rest of his life, if a bill which is to be introduced during the coming session of the state legislature becomes a law. According to the "No Drunkard Bill," if one desires to take a drink he must procure a card at the City Hall which will be issued upon the payment of one dollar. For those who are too bashful to apply personally, these cards will be issued by mail. The possessor of this license will then be at liberty to procure what he may wish to drink so long as he does not show any signs of intoxication. When he reaches that condition his card is of no more value, for if the bartender should sell a drink he would forfeit a large deposit. The first time one is arrested for intoxication or treated by a physician, he receives a warning; the second time one's license is forfeited for the year; while the third time, one loses his license forever and can never have another drink, according to the bill. It will be impossible to borrow a card from a friend for there is a provision in the law imposing a fine of \$100 and thirty days imprisonment in city jail for this offense, and if one be caught buying a drink without a card, both the buyer and seller go to jail. Women drinkers, too, will be compelled to carry cards and in addition must certify that they are over twenty-one years of age.

Social Center Moved.

New York Dec. 22.—Fifth Avenue, between Sixty-Sixth and Sixty-seventh Streets, is the center of population of the socially prominent families of New York, according to statistics which have been recently com-



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piled. Two years ago the center was at Madison Avenue and Sixty-fourth Street showing a northerly trend of 300 feet a year. In 1891 the center was at Thirty-seventh Street and Fifth Avenue. Park Avenue has more prominent families than any other thoroughfare, 702 making their residences on that Avenue. Fifth Avenue has 438 families and Madison Avenue has 330. Of the 702 families living in Park Avenue, 606 are housed in fifty apartment houses. In one apartment house alone there are forty-nine families. Below Central Park there are 3,942 families on the east side above Fifty-ninth Street 2,277 families, and on the west side above Fifty-ninth street 1,156 families, a total of 7,375 families. The 7,375 families mentioned as living in Manhattan are only 60 per cent of the total number of prominent New York families. The other 40 per cent is divided between those living in the country, 3,097 families, abroad 713 families and at miscellaneous places 1,200 families. These are 110 prominent New York families wintering in Washington, 89 in Cali-

fornia, 204 in Paris, and 169 in London.

RICH IN A NIGHT.

Wall Street Has Remarkable Instance of Gambling.

New York, Dec. 22.—While there are plenty of stories to be heard in Wall Street of fortunes made in the Stock Market during the present year one of the most romantic is brought to light by the recent purchase for \$75,000 of a stock Exchange seat by a young man who is only thirty-one years of age. His career is considered to be one of the most remarkable in the history of Wall Street, and it is said that within the past few months he has accumulated a fortune of over two hundred thousand dollars. Ten years ago the proposed new member of the Stock Exchange had a job paying him six dollars a week with a correspondent of an out-of-town newspaper. After a few months he left that position and secured another as stock runner for a Wall Street brokerage house. Americans.

The experience which he gained in that capacity enabled him to secure another position as curb representative for a firm of Wall Street brokers, which he held for several years. He then decided to strike out for himself, and until his recent successful speculations in two of the "war brides" gave him the money and opportunity to seek membership in the Stock Exchange, he had been in business on the curb for himself.

COMMENT ON LAST NOTE.

Berlin Attributes Principal Trouble to English Interference.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(By wireless to Sayville)—"The last American note on the Ancona affair doesn't make a diplomatic rupture between the United States and Austria inevitable, as the English have forecasted, but it has a friendly tone," the Cologne Gazette said.

The Gazette says that English agencies are deliberately causing trouble between the Teutons and the Americans.

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