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DODGING THE TAX GATHERER.

No one likes to pay taxes. The powder trust is just like an ordinary person. It is going to fight the Federal tax of 12 1-2 per cent on net profits. It will probably plead confiscation of property and get away with it. The Du Pont Powder company only made \$76,000,000 net profits this year. It should pay its taxes; it can afford to. But it is difficult to pass a law taxing net profits of corporations and have it constitutional. Such legislation is usually termed class legislation. It doesn't follow because a concern is making lots of money and is growing richer than Alladin that the government or the people can get a slice.

GENERAL JAMES JACKSON.

The death of General James Jackson, U. S. A. retired in Portland, takes away from the services of the state and nation a distinguished military man and patriotic citizen. General Jackson won distinction in the Modoc war in Oregon when a young man. For many years he was inspector of the Oregon National Guard. The recent excellent showing of the Oregon troops is partly due to General Jackson's devotion. He was a man of sterling character.—An inspiration to the young men of today.

The Portland Beavers are next to the cellar. They are near the ground floor anyway.

Multnomah county is figuring on spending \$450,000 on roads this next year. The metropolis has the money and can afford to spend it.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Greater Danger.

(San Francisco Bulletin) This may be pacifist doctrine or it may not. It has nothing to do with battleships, big guns or compulsory military training. It has nothing to do with arbitration or a world police. It is simply this: war is not the catastrophe of which the nation, if not inviting it, stands in greatest danger. For the United States the danger of war, and from war, might be expressed by the figure one, and the danger of other calamities, more fatal to democracies, by ten.

Let us suppose, for example, that there goes on for a generation or two a silent, peaceful concentration of wealth and power. Little by little the land passes out of the hands of the independent farmer into those of great landlords; little by little the workingmen of the cities lose their independence and become the servants of a more or less benevolent industrial paternalism; little by little the government comes under control of centralized wealth, and the forms of democracy gradually lose their meaning. Let us suppose that immigrants continue to pour into the country in uncounted armies, that we continue to neglect them, and that they degenerate, through no fault of their own, into ignorant, rebellious mass, overcrowded, underfed, overworked, underpaid. This is a disaster that can happen—that will happen, even, if a determined effort is not made to prevent it. The tendencies indicated are tendencies at work in the United States today. They are the result, not of a conspiracy, not of men's wickedness, but of natural qualities in human nature acting on natural conditions in the material and human makeup of the United States.

No invading power can steal away our democratic institutions. That risk—the very greatest that we have to face, if we consider ourselves above the animals—is wholly within our borders. If we escape it nothing else can seriously hurt us. If we become a true democracy we shall not perish from the earth.

A "NEST EGG"

Misfortune is liable to overtake you in money matters. Then it is that a good sized "Nest Egg" in the Bank comes in "powerful handy."

Over and over again have we seen comforting relief come to those who had accumulated a fund in this bank. If you haven't started an account, now is the time to do it.

In seasons of prosperity, place a part of your income in our bank. Some day this fund may carry you over a rough and rocky road.

La Grande National Bank

Capital and Surplus \$ 250,000 Deposits \$1,000,000

HOTEL OREGON

Portland, Oregon.

Now under the management of E. E. Larimore, who has been connected with this same Hotel for the past ten years, and knows the needs of the traveling public.

Ye Oregon Grill (in connection) is famed all over the Business Men's Club and the Portland Realty Board, showing its prominence and popularity.

The Oregon Grill (in connection) is famed all over the country for its excellence of cuisine and service.

This is the place to meet your friends.

Located at Broadway and Stark Streets.

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It Takes the Real Thing in Style, Quality and Value, Particularlyly VALUE, to Make Customers Contented and Happy Buyers

That's why we Confine our Stock Exclusively to Good, Well Known Brands---Brands With a Reputation for VALUE, Quality and Style.

FOR WOMEN

- "Seigel" Tailored Suits and Coats "Nemo" Self-Reducing Corsets "Henderson" Front and Back-Laced Corsets "Model" Brassieres "Munsing" Underwear "Queen Quality" Footwear "Pingree" Made Footwear "Dodge" Dancing Pumps "Burlington" Cotton Hosiery "La France" Pure Silk Hosiery "Puritan" Undermuslins "Gage" Millinery

FOR MEN

- "Hart Schaffner & Marx" Clothes "Gordon" Hats "Stetson" Hats "J. E. Tilt" Shoes "Netleton" Shoes "Interwoven" Hosiery "Manhattan" Shirts "Kenosha Klosed Krotch" Union Suits "Keiser" Neckwear "Bergman" Logger Shoes "Malone" Heavy Wool Pants "Gold Seal" Rubber Footwear

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AND EVERY ONE

- "Boys' Best Ever" Suits Boys' "Kaynee Brand" Tapeless Blouses Children's "Romper" Shoes "School Girl" Hair Ribbons "Colonial" Drapery Fabrics "Chief Joseph" Indian Blankets Boys' and Girls' "Black Cat" Hose Trunks, Suit Cases, Bedding, etc.



Text of Adamson Law

The Observer here reprints the text of the bill drawn by Representative William C. Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the house interstate commerce committee, known as the eight-hour law which was passed by congress: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled: "Section 1. That beginning December 1, 1916, eight hours shall in contracts for labor and service be deemed a day's work and the measure or standard of a day's work for the purpose of reckoning compensation for service of all employes who are now or may hereafter be employed by any railroad which is subject to the provisions of the act of February 1, 1887, 'an act to regulate commerce' as amended, and who are now or may hereafter be actually engaged in any capacity in the operation of trains used for the transportation of persons or property on railroads, from any state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, to any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or from one place in a territory to another place in the same territory, or from any place in the United States to an adjacent foreign country, or from any place in the United States through a foreign country to any other place in the United States. "Section 2. That the president shall appoint a commission of three which shall observe the operation and effects of the institution of the eight-hour standard work day as above defined and the facts and conditions affecting the relations between such common carriers and employes during a period of not less than six months, nor more than nine months in the discretion of the commission, and within 30 days thereafter such commission shall report its findings to the president and congress. "That each member of the commission created under the provision of this act shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the president. The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the United States treasury not otherwise appropriated to be immediately available until the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, for the necessary and proper expenses incurred in connection with the work of such commission, including salaries, per diem, traveling expenses of members and employes, and rent, furni-

The Decadence of Virginia City (The Pendleton Tribune) The famous Comstock lode made Nevada and created Virginia City. Nearly \$400,000,000 in gold and silver bullion have been taken from the soil under and about the town and it was once regarded as the liveliest burg in the world. It came into being when the wealth of the surrounding mountains astounded the coast in 1859. In it countless fortunes were made and lost in the wild speculation which characterized that period. With the decline in the value of silver and with the exhaustion of the ore in the historic mines in its neighborhood, the city went into a decline from which it never has recovered. Gradually its population has scattered, and at last the newspapers which Mark Twain made famous, the Enterprise has given up the ghost and there is little left to the community except the memory of a marvelous era of feverish wealth and the undying story of the mining days, embalmed in the racy literature of Twain and Bert Hart.

Have you a sweet tooth? Johnston's or McDonald's fine chocolates will cure it. Silverthorn's Family Drug Store.—Adv. 10-24-16.

WIT AND HUMOR

The Answer

"What is your position on these public questions?"

"My position," replied the confident candidate, "is very simple. I am personally the answer to all of them."—Washington Star.

Too Good

"Strange, Mary doesn't have any offers! She'd make some man a good wife."

"Yes; but the trouble is every one knows she'd make him a good husband too."—Life.

Game

"When you're whipt," said Mr. Dolan, "you ought to say you've had enough."

"If I've the strength left to say I've had enough," replied Mr. Rafferty, "I'm not whipt yet."—Wash. Star.

Unprepared

O'Flaherty—"Misther O'Sullivan, will ye stop and have a friendly discussion on the matter of Home Rule?" O'Sullivan—"It's sorry I am, but it's not convenient just now."

O'Flaherty—"And why not, honey?" O'Sullivan—"Why, to tell ye the truth, O'Flaherty, I haven't got me shtick handy."—Tit-Bits.

BUY--- FLOUR and POTATOES

Although the price on these two commodities is higher than ever before at this time of the year all indications point to still higher prices and our advice is to buy now.

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