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THE SIX PER CENT LIMITATION.

Certain people, among them State Treasurer Kay, seem to be worrying about the six per cent tax limitation amendment, and some of them go so far as to suggest that the legislature ignore it and go ahead and appropriate as much as they please, and then let the various institutions fight out the battle in the courts.

There is no doubt that the people knew what they were doing when they passed the law. Their intent is plain. They intended to force economy and retrenchment on state of-

ficials. The only thing for the legislature to do is, since they are furnished the cloth, is to cut the state's garments accordingly. This is what the people want, and the legislature should comply with their wishes. Meritorious projects may be lost in the shuffle, but there are some things we can't have since we do not want to pay for them, and we are paying for some things that the people do not want. These should be discovered and weeded out.

THE BIG CONVENTION.

La Grande is going to do its best to entertain the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon when the big convention is held here on April 24 and 25.

In this La Grande is grateful for the aid and co-operation that is being so willingly given by the livestock men of Union and Wallawa counties.

The exhibit of fine livestock of Union and Wallawa counties that is planned for the entertainment and inspection of the visitors is a fine contribution to the program. There is nothing that will please the visiting stockmen more than the opportunity to see some of the fine livestock that is owned in these counties.

The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association is a big organization, it will bring over five hundred visitors to La Grande, and the executive committee in charge of their entertainment will receive the help and co-operation of all of our citizens.

THE AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

The automobile dealers of La Grande are considering giving an automobile show. If the project is adopted this will be an interesting event, and will show the people of Union and Wallawa counties, and the surrounding country that La Grande is quite an automobile center. The cars will be the very latest made, and the grouping of them together, with an incidental exhibit of automobile accessories, will show what rapid strides the industry is making and how well it is represented in this vicinity.

With the automobile show and the cattle and horse raisers' convention looming up on the horizon, La Grande will be a busy place.

It's a great sight in the morning to see the youngsters trudging off to school through the snow. The little fellows do not seem to mind it.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and

Hughes and is published for the sake of reference:

State	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	97,778	28,662
Arizona	33,170	20,521
Arkansas	112,186	49,827
California	466,289	462,516
Colorado	178,816	102,303
Connecticut	99,786	106,514
Delaware	24,521	25,794
Florida	56,108	14,611
Georgia	125,831	11,225
Idaho	70,021	56,368
Illinois	950,081	1,152,316
Indiana	324,063	341,005
Iowa	221,699	280,449
Kansas	314,588	277,653
Kentucky	269,900	241,854
Louisiana	78,875	6,664
Maine	64,118	69,506
Maryland	138,359	117,347
Massachusetts	247,885	268,812
Michigan	286,775	339,097
Minnesota	179,544	179,544
Mississippi	80,383	4,253
Missouri	398,032	369,329
Montana	101,063	66,750
Nebraska	158,827	117,771
Nevada	17,776	12,127
New Hampshire	43,779	43,722
New Jersey	211,018	268,982
New Mexico	33,553	31,161
New York	765,880	875,519
North Carolina	168,383	120,890
North Dakota	55,271	52,651
Ohio	604,946	514,856
Oklahoma	148,123	97,233
Oregon	120,087	126,813
Pennsylvania	521,784	703,734
Rhode Island	40,394	44,858
South Carolina	61,846	1,809
South Dakota	59,191	64,261
Tennessee	153,334	116,114
Texas	285,909	64,943
Utah	84,025	54,133
Vermont	22,708	40,250
Virginia	102,824	49,359
Washington	183,388	167,244
West Virginia	140,463	143,124
Wisconsin	193,042	221,323
Wyoming	28,316	21,698
Totals	9,116,296	8,547,474

Shifting the Blame

A world that has turned away from God, defying his fixed laws, scornful of his love, to hate and kill and devastate, may no more justly or sanely accuse him of purpose in the dread results than may he who wilfully thrusts his hand into a flame cry out that it is God's purpose that his hand be seared. God creates both good and evil—yes, as a glowing lamp creates both light and the shadow that lies in the path of him who turns his back upon the light. God's purpose in evil is not that it shall persist, but that its hatefulness shall turn us to him for wisdom and safety.

When will the world heed the lesson,

if not now? Has there not been killing enough to teach us its horror? Has there not been devastation enough to teach us its futility? Has there not been hate enough to teach us its hatred? Must the world be further drenched in blood, still further yet by the artillery of hell and to learn the simple lesson that His love means peace, and that his statutes are the only test of right?—The Christian Herald.

How to Interest The Traveler.

In the January Woman's Home Companion, a writer says:

"One of the best means of quickly catching the interest of the passing traveler is shown in a beautiful flower garden on a main highway not fifty miles from New York. It is a well-kept, artistic garden of old-fashioned flowers, a riot of color the season through. One long bed runs quite a distance by the road on each side of the house, planted with taste and craft to give a maximum of beauty in successive crops of flowers. Only two harmoniously colored flowers bloom at a time for the whole distance, and the effect is striking. It is hard to decide which is the more artistic, the purple and yellow iris in early spring, or the gorgeous poppies that follow after, but all through the flower season this bed is sure to catch the eye of the autoist in time to cause him to slow up to enjoy the garden about the quaint little house. And having slowed down, he next notices an artistic swinging sign-board reading 'Flower-garden Tea Room, and inviting the passerby to luncheon or afternoon tea. All is so alluring that there is almost too much patronage. He enjoys so entirely the surroundings, the luncheon of good home cooking, the flowers, that he almost resents the entrance into this Eden of a lot of hungry mortals."

The Movies Are Getting Better.

The moving picture department of the Woman's Home Companion says in the December issue:

"There has been a distinctly new tone to the feature films produced in the last few months, a perceptible effort to make the stories more like glimpses of life as it is lived by flesh and blood people, not by puppets in the hands of a director who has never been a student of humanity. The time has passed when a successful picture can be made up of certain conventional motion picture ingredients hastily thrown together—a leering villain, a curly-haired doll heroine, a handsome lover, a struggle in a locked room, a

sensational rescue, and a close embrace.

"So long as features were what the name implied they held hopes of developing the new art into something substantial. They were a step beyond the one, two, three, reel program of mediocre stuff mechanically developed in plot acting and settings. But when they become program features they too frequently lose their right to be called features and become 'programs,' like their predecessors.

"For a time a noted dramatic star could carry a picture to financial success because of the cumulative publicity back of her. But publicity cannot popularize a face that does not screen well, or a story with no real intent, or mechanical workmanship. Even favorite heroines like Mary Pickford or Marguerite Clark cannot always carry to success a spineless story. The public is weary of the 'sixteen-year-old curly-haired heroine who marries in the last reel; besides, it has a bad effect upon the real sixteen-year-olds. Not the hair, but the ability to stir the emotions has helped these successful screen actresses to attract the public many a mediocre story. And that is the only reason such productions have been listed as Better Films.

"It is not the newness of the plot which makes a good story. There are few new plots. Most of the stories have been told countless times in literature, the drama, and now the motion picture. It is the way the plot is dressed by the author and director which makes its freshness, its human appeal, and its final success."

ALASKAN DOGS BRING IN FRENCH WOUNDED

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direction of the first line trenches for the purpose of picking up the wounded.

In these Alpine regions, however, there are hundreds of places which even the light American cars with their absolutely fearless collegian drivers cannot reach, and it is in these districts that the Alaskan dog teams and the Norwegian Red Cross Ski corps come in for the bulk of the work. The Norwegian Ski corps, fully equipped for field ambulance work, volunteered its services to France, the same as the American ambulance, and has already done valiant service.

The Alaskan dog service, however, was thought out and organized by the French army itself, which sent experts to Alaska, Labrador and Canada to purchase the dogs. Owing to the fact that the Alaska dogs are nearly white they are practically invisible against

the snow and can therefore approach within a comparatively short distance of the German lines for the purpose of picking up the wounded without being fired on. Seven dogs with one of the long Alaskan sleds and a single driver can pick up a wounded man, lay him at length on the sled, and bring him back to a dressing station with remarkable speed.

Ambulance work, however, is only a small portion of the duties assigned the dogs, and they are a considerable portion of the transport service of the French army in the Vosges. They carry munitions, food and water to all parts of the line with the utmost ease.

The usefulness of the dogs does not cease with the snow in the spring. The French engineers are famous for their construction of tiny, narrow gauge railways and all the mountain peaks and ridges of the Vosges, now occupied by the French are lined with these. Over them a car runs with the greatest ease, and eleven dogs hitched to one of the narrow-gauge trucks carrying a ton of material dash along with all the same rollicking boisterousness with which they draw sleds.

On the sheltered sides of the Vosges immense kennels have been built for the dogs, each capable of housing 100. Fifty stalls line each side of the kennel and fifty on the other side with a food and water trough running in front of each side and a narrow passage down the center.

Walking down this narrow aisle a visitor can see in the faces of the dogs almost every type of human character. Only a few are surly or cross; the majority are uproariously happy; some are modest and retiring; some a little mad; a few niggardly and miserly with their food; some proud and supercilious, especially the lead dogs; while other sedate ones offer with great dignity to shake their paw with the chance passer-by.

All of them, however, have one trait in common and that is a wild jealousy and an uncontrollable rage when any one of their number happens to get loose. If a dog manages to slip his collar and starts trotting triumphantly down the narrow passage way in the center of the kennel towards the door, he is at once greeted on both sides with a wild chorus of yelps that makes the welkin ring and that never fails to tell the keeper although the latter may be a mile away, that a dog has gotten loose.

This pandemonium is only equalled when the keeper, having caught the culprit, leads him shamefacedly back between the two rows of dogs whose vociferous joy at the spectacle must occasionally alarm to the Germans only a mile or two away.