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THE SQUEALER.

The great project of the Portland Journal to show that all the newspapers of Oregon are grafters has found partial response in the action of the State Senate in passing the bill which suspends newspaper publication of delinquent taxes in Multnomah County and substitutes post-cards.

The Journal may enjoy its own despicable role of informer, for it has been a beneficiary of the so-called graft in Multnomah County since 1911, when the practice of employing four daily newspapers was, as we recall, inaugurated. But the public will estimate at its own value the professions of the individual or the newspaper which turns state's evidence. The squealer usually "peaches" merely to save himself; in this case the Journal has acted chiefly out of spitefulness for others.

The question should be considered on its merits. The law requires the tax list in Multnomah to be printed in "newspapers" having greater than 10,000 circulation. The county commissioners, under official legal advice, construed the law to include all eligible newspapers. Thus four daily papers were necessarily named. Certainly no one of them was responsible for the selection of the three others. Each of them (with possibly one exception) at all times charged its regular commercial rate. The statement that there was graft by such papers is a falsehood.

But unquestionably the plan to advertise in four papers is needless waste. The law should be changed. The policy of newspaper publication should by all means be returned. It is the right method. Publicity of taxlist delinquencies is desirable from the public's standpoint and is a protection to the owner. It aids greatly in tax collections and it prevents loss in a large number of instances to the individual. The post-card in hundreds of cases is no notice at all, for obvious reasons.

It is a mistake, and we believe it is unconstitutional, to provide one method of tax collection for delinquencies in Multnomah and another in the state at large. The law should be uniform. It must be uniform, if the strict requirement of the state constitution is to be observed.

Meanwhile, it may be assumed that the next idiotic stunt of the Portland Journal, in its rapid descent from partial to complete lunacy, will be to advise the advertising public that the columns of a newspaper are a poor medium to reach the general ear, but that the only true way is by circulars and post-cards through the mails.—The Oregonian.

GERMANY DEFILES THE ALLIES AND NEUTRALS AS WELL.

Germany in removing the last restriction upon submarine warfare and in decreeing a forbidden zone in which the neutral nations may not send their ships and citizens has taken the last, bold stroke necessary to end this war. The situation is fraught with peril for the United States. The logical outcome of this action is war with the United States, if we persist in our contention that this blockade of the Allies' territory is illegal, that submarine warfare is illegal, and that we will not permit illegal interruptions of our commerce with the Allies, or the destruction of the lives of our citizens. Germany does not fear war with the United States. The chances are that she wants it. For that would throw us actively into the Allies camp and remove the last barrier upon submarine warfare. What Germany will do when desperate and fighting for her national existence we do not know. Whether it

The man that says advertising doesn't pay is like the man who burnt one match under a ten gallon kettle of water and said that fire would not heat water.

Some advertising doesn't pay, but that doesn't signify that it cannot be made to pay.

The OBSERVER with its superior circulation is the paper you need to reach the most buyers in Union and Wallowa Counties at the least cost.

is prudent for us to accept Germany's new sea law we do not know. Others may. We hesitate to advise a course of action which would plunge the United States into a costly war.

STUDY OF LINCOLN'S LIFE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

George Horace Lorimer, editor of the Saturday Evening Post, has started a national crusade for the study of the life of Lincoln in the public schools. There is nothing particularly new about this idea, since it has been advocated for many years by the press of the country, and the life of Lincoln is actually studied in many schools as in La Grande. There is much in the life of Lincoln that we can all study with benefit—his common sense, his plain, homely humor, his habit of studying closely human nature, his custom of not compromising with wrong, his love for children, his ability to bear great burdens and ingratitude without whimpering. The reason why Lincoln is loved, honored and revered as a typical American is that he never did a small, mean petty thing; that he loved the common people and helped them instead of despoiling them of millions and loading them up with terrible burdens of debt. Calm, serene, brave, Lincoln faced all the daily struggles of life, all the responsibilities of a great ruler, all the sufferings and hardships of war with a steady and unswerving purpose to do the right—to shun the wrong. Lincoln had what few men can acquire from books, shrewd, hard common horse sense, which added to the wisdom that comes from God, and the moral grandeur of a great intellect made him a wonderful man. And it is as a man that we pay him respect. Would that we had today more real men like Lincoln, whose hearts beat in sympathy for the common people.

THE SPIRIT THAT MAKES A CITY.

That La Grande is to have a beautiful new theater is good news. La Grande has long needed such an addition to its civic institutions, and the men of the Grande Ronde Meat Company deserve commendation for their enterprise in making the big investment necessary to give the city this institution. It shows their faith and confidence in their home city. Such spirit will drive La Grande to the front.

THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

Dachunds.

The dachund is a long, narrow dog that spends all its time growing in one direction.

Its face is so far from its stomach it has to hire a guide so its meals won't get lost. And it has to start eating at 3 in the afternoon to get its food to its appetite by dinner time.

The dachund is the only dog known that can stand on the front porch and sit down in the kitchen.

One half of a dachund can be coming home while the other half is still going up town.

The dachund sags badly in the middle because it has only a few legs. The only thing that makes a dachund jealous is a centipede.

The rural legislator may not trim his whiskers with the regularity and style of his city colleague but he does oftentimes astonish them by reading over a bill before voting for it. —Pendleton Tribune.

Beautiful Wash Dress Fabrics

Every day brings exclusive novelties to this department and the collections now of dainty wash goods for Spring is far larger and more varied in assortment than we have ever before presented to our customers.

- 36-in. Blazer Silks, plain and striped, rd 25c
- 40-in. Printed Voile, a big selection, ya 30c
- 32-in. Superb Printed Pongee, yard 25c
- 30-in. Golden Cross Organdies, sport st 40c
- 40-in. Illuminated Voile, yard 30c
- 38-in. Printed Poplins, yard 30c
- 36-in. Skirting, white with colored striyard 60c

Buy your wash goods at this store—where you will get quality, lowest price and fast colors.



Baby Lost in The Snow Knew Its Own Name

J. L. Kline Finds Little Grant May Wandering About Lost About Dark Tuesday Night.

It was just about dark Tuesday night when Grant started from home. It was cold, too, and the wind was blowing. Grant's dresses were wet with the melted flakes of snow; his hair was matted where the snow and wind played havoc with his uncovered head.

Grant only knew that his name was "Grant." But he said, in answer to J. L. Kline's question, that his father's name was May.

Grant didn't know where he was going. He didn't know where his home was. Somehow the cold and the snow didn't frighten him. He was just starting out at dark.

A half hour, an hour—and his feeble whimperings as the kind numbness of the cold enveloped him might have been lost in the acres of snow solitude at the end of U avenue.

But the Mr. Kline and his assistant brought the lad near the fire with which they were thawing frozen water pipes and telephoned Mrs. May. She took an inventory of her little folk

and found that one was missing. Pretty soon the boy's sister came and took him home.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Carload Elk Arrive In La Grande Today

Animals Are Consigned to Crater Lake National Park From Enterprise.

Eighteen head of elk, en route from Enterprise to Chiloquin, Crater Lake national park, will arrive here this afternoon in a 70 foot car. The American Express company will forward the carload tonight. Of these elk five are 2 years old and 13 are yearlings raised from the original herd of 24, brought to the Dilly Meadows elk pasture five years ago from the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming. There remain 48 in pasture, 26 calves having been born during the year 1916. There are 20 or more native elk in the immediate vicinity of the Dilly Meadows pasture and an attempt will be made to get them in the pasture during the coming summer.

The elk and pasture are under the control of the state game department and the handling of the elk is directed by G. W. Mitchell, superintendent of district No. 2, who has immediate charge of the pasture.

Cased Coyote Skins Bring Record Price

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Cased coyote skin brought the record price of \$6.50 each at the auction sale held in Washington, D. C., on January 17, by the biological survey, according to a letter received by Inspector Averill today. Flat skins did not bring any higher than \$4.75.

The biological survey has already instructed all government hunters to case their skins which means taking them from the carcass without ripping them open.

The sales held on Dec. 6 and January 17 brought a total of \$10,275.71. At these sales skins receive between July 1 and July 31 were sold. The survey still has on hand 1524 skins taken since October and these will probably be better than the others.

At the prices being paid by furriers Mr. Averill figures that the hunters under him have during the past year killed enough animals to pay almost the entire cost of operation.

Cream Express Rate Is Now Much Less

Intra-State American Express Company Rates on Milk, Cream and Buttermilks, Sealed in Cans, Under the Tariff Put into Effect Today Are Much Less Than Formerly.

Whereas the previous rate on this commodity was 33 cents on a ten gallon can from La Grande to Vincent, 40 miles, it is now 26 cents. From Union to La Grande, 14 miles, the rate, per ten gallon can, is 15 cents but was 29 cents. Other rates are similarly reduced.

New Periodicals at Library.

The following periodicals have been added to the list already subscribed to by the public library: American City, Current Opinion, National Geographic Magazine, Review of Reviews, Oregon Teachers Monthly. A recent donation completes the files of the National Geographic for the years 1912 through 1915.

National Thrift Day



Among the many other National Holidays, February 3d has been set aside as a special day, devoted to thrift, throughout the United States. This day being set aside to give you an incentive to save your earnings.

Saving little by little is the only way by which large sums of money can be accumulated. Don't wait for larger sums to start saving; show your ability to save from small savings.

You are invited and well-welcomed here.

La Grande National Bank

RICHEY PIANO HOUSE TAXPAYER IN LA GRANDE 30 YEARS HOME INSTITUTION SPECIALTY IN HIGH GRADE PIANOS

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- POOLE
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- SCHULZ
- MAYNARD
- WERNER
- BENNETT
- HADDORFF
- HALLETT & DAVIS
- EMERSON
- KNABE



- SOHMER
- POOLE
- BUSH & GERTS
- SCHULZ
- HADDORFF
- BENNETT
- STERLING
- HUNTINGTON
- EMERSON

FINEST LINE REPRESENTED BY ANY ONE HOUSE

A real selection to choose from, fresh from factories. We do not confine ourselves to a few pianos shipped in from North Powder. We do not hawk our goods from town to town.

Why buy pianos culled over several times before reaching La Grande. We do not sell worked over second pianos for new.

Prices and qualities count. We invite a comparison. Call and examine and convince yourself regarding qualities.

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