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A SIGNIFICANT DECISION.

The Supreme Court has held that Snowden Marshall, once district attorney of New York, is not guilty of contempt because he publicly criticised the action of a committee of the House of Representatives. Mr. Marshall's offense, such as it was, was deliberate—for it was contained in a letter which he wrote at a time when a subcommittee of the House was investigating charges of impeachment which had been laid against him by Representative Buchanan of Illinois. The litigation which resulted has been pending since December, 1915; and the Court's decision is as deliberate as the House felt Mr. Marshall's offense to be.

The opinion of the judges, delivered by Chief Justice White, holds that to sustain the contention against Mr. Marshall would be to "strike a knife at the very root of the whole system of representative government" on the ground that to hold that the House may punish an individual for mere criticism of its members might endanger important constitutional privileges of the public.

And, if so, why is not the pending espionage bill equally unconstitutional? The decision of the Court in the Marshall case comes opportunely; and it is as significant as it is opportune. The espionage bill has not yet become a law. There is time to reframe it so that it will coincide with the principles which Chief Justice White has laid down in the Marshall case. If that is done, much future litigation will be obviated—for it is not possible that the newspapers of the country will be less jealous of their rights than Snowden Marshall was; and it is hardly to be expected that the Supreme Court will draw distinctions between criticisms of Congress and criticisms of officials.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A New York banker, Mr. J. S. Bache, advances a practical and productive suggestion for the raising of revenue necessary for war purposes. He points out that many if not most of the great industrial concerns of the country have accumulated large surplus earnings which have not been distributed to stockholders, which remain in the companies' treasuries, and which are subject to practically no form of taxation whatever at present. A law which, as Mr. Bache points out, would compel the distribution of these surplus earnings to stockholders would at once bring this money under levy for the income tax. This would entail a wide distribution of the burden of taxation among thousands of individuals, to whom would

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PLANT.

(By Paul H. Spillman, County Agriculturist.)
As so many lots and back yards around La Grande

For Women's Convenience

Some women are just a trifle timid about going to a bank to transact business. Why? Simply because they are not familiar with the rules of banking.

This bank is calculated to be of special convenience to women; a place where they can come and feel at home. We aim to make every transaction so clear and so plain, that dealing with our bank soon becomes to them an easy habit.

We appreciate the patronage of women. Their business with us is already large and steadily increasing.

If you are not already a patron, then please consider this an invitation to become one.

La Grande National Bank

More Enterprise Youths Enlist.

Proudly carrying their banner with these words upon it "Spirit of '76," eighteen more Enterprise boys passed through La Grande last evening with Recruiting Officer P. Swartz bound for Portland. They are entering in the naval service.

Some of the boys are: Johnny Lester Graham; Robert Blevins; Maro Smallwood; Duly Dale; Earnest Mitchell; William Earnest Meager; Wilmar Franklin Scott; Lawrence Richards Shaver; William Peter Cole; Rudolph Seitz; Alvin Young; John Lou Coleman; Sam Thomas Good; Archie Dumas and John/Edwin Dumas.

New Clue.

A schoolboy composition on Patrick Henry contained the following gem: "Patrick was not a very bright boy. He had blue eyes and light hair. He got married and then said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

Restraint of Trade.

The Dentist—I'll have to charge you \$2.50 for pulling that tooth.

The Patient—I thought you charged 50 cents.

The Dentist—Yes; but you yelled so loud you scared four other patients out of the place.

come, however, a corresponding benefit through an advance in the market value of their stocks. The amount of money which this form of taxation would produce would be very large, and the fairness of this method of producing revenue cannot be questioned.

are going to be used for garden purposes, the question naturally arises, what are you going to plant? I believe this question should be given very careful consideration, as we must consider the problem of disposing of any surplus which we might have. For the average party around town that contemplates having a surplus from their garden I believe it would be well to have that surplus in the form of some crop that is not highly perishable. If you wish to grow a variety of vegetables only grow enough for your own use and let your surplus ground be planted to such crops as potatoes, beans, onions, and cabbage. The beans to be used as dry beans and not for canning purposes.

While there is much interest and enthusiasm at the present time as regards the canning of surplus products, still we must take conditions as they exist into consideration. All indications point, at the present time, to a shortage of tin cans for this purpose. I understand that some larger factories are having trouble getting cans enough to hold the crops for this year. So it would be well for those contemplating using tin cans to inform themselves as to this situation before planting too extensively along this line. Beans, potatoes and onions are three necessities which will be used to a great extent, particularly if our grain crops will be as short as present conditions of the crop would indicate. The situation in the East, particularly as relates to winter wheat, is very short, and spring grain is not what it might be. Along with the shortage it seems quite evident the government will set a minimum price for all crops, which will consequently protect the producer to a considerable extent.

Plant Soy beans—they are as good as gold in the bank; and better, because they are both food for man and provender for beast.

A MODERN JUGGERNAUT.

Every day comes more insight into the German plot to conquer the world. What a dream it was: Revolutions in India, Egypt and Ireland; turmoil and strife in the United States; revolution in Brazil; the invasion of Belgium, France, and even England; the corruption of Russian officials; in secret treaty with Chile. What ramifications the world plot had! It will take time and historians to tell just where the cog slipped in the gigantic juggernaut so patiently and so ingeniously built.

LET HOOVER DO IT.

It is proposed to spend \$20,000,000 to employ 40,000 instructors to teach children how to grow vegetables in vacant lots and \$25,000,000 to solve the food scarcity problem. The best plan we have heard is to turn the problem over to Herbert Hoover and let him solve it. He has a way of doing things, and he doesn't throw millions away. He gets something for the money. The way he handled the Belgian Relief Fund is a monument to American efficiency.

A WORD OF WELCOME.

The Cove Sentinel comes to The Observer and The Observer is glad to welcome a new newspaper into the fold. Calvin Goss is editor and publisher and C. C. Pratt is associate editor and business manager. The new paper is well printed, well edited, is bright and newsy and presents a prosperous appearance that reflects credit upon Cove. Cove is an enterprising and prosperous community, that can and will support a newspaper and we predict that the Sentinel will travel serenely along very pleasant roads doing its full duty by the community and receiving liberal and loyal support. Newspaper work is interesting and absorbing; people come and go but the newspaper goes on forever. Editing a newspaper is a busy life; there is, just as in other professions and vocations the chance to do good and do harm. We think the newspapers as a whole live up to their duties and responsibilities.

BABY WEEK

April 30 to May 5

A complete line of infants' coats for spring and summer prices \$2.75 to \$6.50.

Infants' saques in plain, pretty patterns and style, 50c to 60c

Infants' dresses made up with dainty yokes and tucks. A great many styles, 65c to \$2.50

Booties, knitted in pink and white and blue and white 35c to 60c

Better Clothes for Better Babies

April 30th to May 5th will be "National Baby Week" throughout the entire country. We have a splendid variety of infants' wear for this occasion a few of which are noted here.

Infants' Shoes

Infants' soft soles in plain dull and patent leather. Also with colored tops. Prices 50c to 75c
Baby walks in dull and patent leathers \$1.00 to \$1.25

Infants' stockings—

Fibre silk	25c
Pure silk	50c
Silk and wool	50c
Woolens in blue, pink and tan and red	25c
Cashmere	35c
Lisle	15c and 25c
Infants' wool squares	90c
Infants' vests	50c and \$1.35
Infants' stork pants	25c
Infants' tub bands	25c, 50c

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bilities. We believe that the standards of newspaper work are rising every day. In twenty years we have seen the personnel of the profession gradually climbing higher and higher, we have seen the entry of college men in journalism, and we have seen the recognition of journalism as a profession by the colleges and universities. During that time also advertising has become to be a science; the psychology of advertising has become a subject of scientific study. With the elevation of the newspaper business has also come the rise of the printing trade. Printers are no longer poorly paid; printing, always an art, has become a well paid vocation. The men in it are recognized as engaged in one of the most important industries in the country. And so the upward trend goes on in this publishing business as in all others; to survive one must not drift or swim with the tide.

North Powder News.

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school and is now taking her vacation.

It is reported that Mrs. Cool and Mrs. Blevins are to be taken to a hospital in Portland as they are both very ill. Their friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Anna Taylor, who has a homestead a few miles out of town, is sick and is planning to go to a Portland hospital for some months of rest.

Carl Forsstrom and family moved here on Monday and will make this their future home. They rented the Jim Wilson property. Mr. Forsstrom will open up the Forsstrom-Pilcher store which he purchased a short time since.

The revival meetings are being held in the high school auditorium and have awakened quite an interest. They will continue for some days yet.

Mrs. Strouse arrived a few days ago from Washington to make her home for the summer with her son Phil Westover. Mr. Westover has taken up a homestead and will soon move out on it and become one of the ranchers.

Mrs. Yates of Baker is visiting with

said that a thousand persons were given by Mr. Smith of Baker. It is relatives in town for a few days. Mrs. Yates is one of the pioneer settlers of this section.

The North Powder News is becoming a newsy little sheet under the new management. Mrs. Ross, the editor, is ably assisted in her duties by Alton Barnes and they are planning on filling the paper with locals and doing away with the patent sheet. North Powder will do all she can to help on the good work.

Lon Davis sold 35 head of thoroughbred yearling Herefords to a man from Crane, Ore. They were shipped to that place for pasture as soon as sold. Mr. Davis is building up a good trade in fine stock.

The patriotic parade in town on April 29th was well attended and in keeping with the spirit of the times. The parade formed at the depot as soon as the train arrived and marched to the new school building. The G. A. R., Spanish war veterans and the different lodges marched together followed by the citizens. A good program was given and a good address present. North Powder proves that she is not to be outdone by her sister towns in patriotism.

THE OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE.

