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DELIVERANCE.—For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.—Psalm 124:1.

Now It Is Up To Pierce

Oregon at the polls voted the state income tax against the most terrific fighting opposition that has confronted any measure since the days of direct legislation became a fact.

The majority is small, but the opponents to the law announce they are through and will fight no longer—except to test it out in the courts for leaks and weak places, a thing which is essential with any law.

With the passage of this measure by the people comes a terrific responsibility to Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon. He must see that this law operates in the way that it was intended.

He must see that the income tax collection department is organized without waste and that the present tax collecting machinery be used in every county and in the state where at all possible.

He must make the success of this law which many of us believe is possible, else the whole principle of income tax will fall in Oregon, and rightfully so.

Probably the outstanding duty of the governor, if any one duty along taxation lines can be greater than another, is to apply the funds raised from the income tax toward lowering the general tax.

If there is failure in this one point an insensed and justly indignant state will arise in its wrath as it never has arisen before.

The governor's work has just begun. He now has the tools to work with. He now has the mandate of the people behind him. Let him show the results.

Why "Isms" Flourishes

A humorist, writing of a family given to frequent change of habitation, tells how the chickens of the moving owner, on noting signs of a coming change of habitation, lie on their backs and hold up their legs to be tied. So the "ism" faddists seem to have become so resigned to seeming change of metaphysical or psychical position by so-called thought leaders that, on the offer of a new "ism" they promptly make themselves ready to be tied.

Hence the increasing number of new-thought schools that are rising on every hand. The long-headed exponents of "isms," with an eye to the main chance and with ear to the ground for "tips" as to the direction of fad sentiment, are reaping enormous profits out of the gullible, as witness the packed audiences in attendance on their lectures and the thronged classrooms of certain teachers endorsed by the "fashionables."

Much of their "stuff," though labeled new, is really old. Much of their teaching listed as wisdom is exploded sophistry. The novelty of their idea is chiefly in the dressing. But this gemming is of no interest to the followers of frequently changing "isms." They do not stop to count the cost of indulgence in the "ism" mad and hold up their feet to be tied and their purses to be untied. So the "isms" flourish.

The Yearning For Silk

It is noted that the greatest single item of American imports is silk. This country has been buying silk to the value of around \$400,000,000. The disaster which has befallen Japan is likely to cause a big boost in prices, for not only were vast quantities of silk destroyed but the production will be diminished for a time at least and marketing dislocated. Until Japan settles down and approaches normal conditions silk is likely to be a real luxury.

Silk is not for the wealthy alone. All classes insist on it. It may have a wide range in quality but so long as it is silk one is properly dressed and possessed of self-respect. Silk is the emblem of our democracy where one is as good as any of the others, if one has the proper amount of silk on the person. That wool or cotton would be just as good for the purpose, even better, perhaps, is not a reason for wearing them. They're not silk, therefore not to be tolerated except by those who look to comfort and warmth regardless of the material.

In former times to most women, a silk dress was the purchase of a lifetime and not unlikely it was both wedding gown and shroud, while the man confined himself to a necktie, if we except the "silk hat." But we have progressed far since those times and silk is commonly used now for articles which would not have been mentioned then in society. We insist on elegance and we get it in silk.

Perhaps the shooting of one member by another and a fist fight between two other members are merely incidents in a busy day in the Mexican-capital congress.

Buffalo man who talked with the surgeon while the latter took out the former's stomach and repaired it probably said to hurry to get through before dinner time.

Many persons are willing to undertake a job if it does not require any preparation.

Revolutionists who fall are rebels. If they win they are patriots.

Germany is fertile in change of cabinets, but that has not been effective in producing the change that France wants.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

SPEED LIMITS.
 New York Times: It is fairly evident that if present airplane speeds are to be exceeded, or even maintained, it will have to be over sources approximately straight.

GIBBON BUSY WITH POTATOES
 Farmers on Western Mountain and Gibbon Hills Are Harvesting Crop of Spuds.

A WIFE'S INFLUENCE.
 Dayton News: In an age when the average wife is not suspected of being entirely innocent in her husband's personal activities and successes, it is very interesting to observe that Dame Margaret Lloyd George not only affects a concern in the affairs of the former British prime minister, but has informed herself in a great way on matters pertaining to enterprises in which Lloyd George has more than ordinary interest.

BROWN DERBY AND BROWN PEDDOLA.
 Albany Knickerbocker Press: Only recently forwarded is a brown derby commended. That same popular evening glory of the well-dressed man has been slanted into a niche in the sartorial museum and has become a tradition. It seems only yesterday but it blossomed in popularity with the young men of the city and village in their sportive effluence, but now it can hardly get a place at a costume sale.

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