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## A Lower State Tax

The tax levy for state purposes for the coming year is 7.15 mills. It means that the property owners of Oregon will pay \$1,375,000 less than they paid in state taxes last year, remarks the Portland Journal. This cut in the tax on property results from adoption of the income tax law.

It is a desirable change. It is a step toward taking a part of the tax load off property and putting some of it on persons perfectly able to pay taxes, but of whom many pay no taxes at all. Property in Oregon needs this relief. The Day investigating commission after a two years' study of tax conditions, so declared. It further declared that a tax on incomes ought to be inaugurated as one means of shifting the burden.

It is not right for any person with a good income to pay no taxes. Even the individual so situated must feel that he ought to pay something toward support of government. For him not to pay taxes while his neighbor with a smaller income but subjected to a property tax does pay, must make him feel perilously like a tax-slacker.

The founders of the American system never intended that of two citizens of equal ability to pay taxes, one should pay and the other not. They never intended that a man with a \$10,000 a year income should pay no taxes while another with \$10,000 worth of property should be loaded down with taxes.

There is a matter of personal honor in this tax business. There is also a matter of good or bad citizenship. It is only because the system has gone on so long with one paying and another not that many have fallen into the thought that it is all right to get out of paying if you can and let a neighbor whose property is in sight and can't escape do the paying. It is the miserable system of all property tax and no tax on incomes that has caused many good people to think wrongly on these things.

It may be that there will be numerous men who will swear when they are called upon for their state income tax, but after all, when it is paid, will their respect for themselves as citizens not be increased?

Is there any man in Oregon who honestly thinks that everybody else in the state should pay taxes but that he should not?

## Pity a Poor Pugilist

Poor Jack Dempsey! His income taxes are so great that they are driving him to the stage. Not because he is "crazy" to go on the stage nor because he thinks the public is "crazy" to see him there, but because he craves money the champion is preparing for appearance behind the footlights.

It is really heartbreaking, this plight in which Dempsey finds himself. He has received so many hundreds of thousands of dollars for a total of a few minutes' work that his taxes run to a high figure. It would be cruel if he would have to part with any of it. Apparently he calculates that as his wealth came from the public, via "gate receipts," it should contribute enough more, via the box office, to take care of the taxes on its former contributions.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### WILD AND WOOLLY EAST

Salt Lake City, Dec. 14.—For more than fifty years it has been a favorite playground of the great cosmopolitan papers of the East to refer to the West as the "wild and woolly West." This epithet has been applied largely because of the peculiar and so-called romantic character of the West. West by desolation. Sometimes the sobriquet is used as a jest in which people of the East have designated in a spirit of mirth the inhabitants of the West. Recent newspapers of New York told one of the great railroad stations there and shot down two bank employees who were carrying \$12,000 in money. The robbers escaped. The next day other youthful bandits took ash cans and broke the windows of a silk house and carried off \$10,000 in bolts of silk. Later on the same day desperadoes entered a store in New York and after beating the custodian nearly to death took a horse and landed off several boxes of silk.

Such a record would have been extraordinary in any Western City. The New York Times news and would claim that the tables are now turned and the designation applied to them which they have long applied to the Western states. Even in pioneer days the Californians were not guilty of more extraordinary crimes than those common to New York almost every day. It is judgment that the New York papers have called down upon their own heads. In that homely phrase of Westerners, "Their chickens have come home to roost."

### THE UNYIELDING SOFT COLLAR

New York Herald: It is easy to understand the quality of desperation displayed in the struggle to restore the starched collar to its former dominant place in the dress of man. Manufacturers of men's clothing, laundries, shoe makers, shirtmakers and hatmakers are joined in the determination to remove that popular usurper, the undarched collar, from the pedestal of popularity which its comfort has secured for it. Certain enterprising young men of the generation of college boys attempted to make the soft collar and the dinner jacket. However, they may be the dawn in which a well dressed man holds a dress coat without tails, few would treat it with such contempt for its feeble character as to complete such a starry at without a starched collar. Only to the younger generation it is possible to complete garments that have been hitherto accounted impossible to harmonize. To that generation, however, it is uncomfortable in the mere violation of the laws of correct dress.

With the collar deciding what the rest of man's costume shall be, it is not difficult to understand why so many industries are united in their effort to restore the starched collar to its once undisputed supremacy.

**THE WEIGHT OF A SMILE**  
Always News: Science has now weighed the frown and the smile. The frown is light, the smile is heavy on man's health, mental and physical. Your facial expression isn't so much the mirror of your thoughts as it is the mirror of your soul. If your face smiles your soul will smile. If your face sneers or frowns, so your soul will sneer or frown. This is substance is the finding by

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Chester W. Harrow, psychologist of Chicago, after a series of tests on the emotions and mental status of humanity.

Mr. Harrow says your face may be your physician and your mind and mental guide. The facial expression does not reveal you much from depression within as it does depression or elation within. In other words if you smile you will feel better for it and your brain will work better. If you sneer or frown your face down your emotions will follow the expression of your face.

Moreover, if you want your own thoughts will be happier, if you drop or slouch your thoughts will not only be less efficient, but they will be unhappy.

Simple, isn't it? You had thought if the other way? Straighten up, smile. There isn't a difference. Well, keep on smiling, throat, shoulders, back, stand erect and grin. It's a nice day, after all, isn't it? And life is good.

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

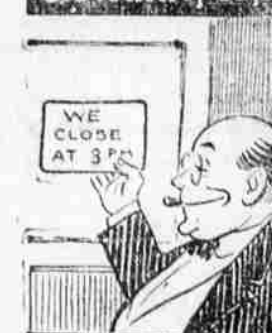
A MAN IS KNOWN BY THE PHOTOGRAPHS HE KEEPS

An exchange says: "Miss Edna Cox became the bride of Alfred Hunt, whose sister, Miss Lillian Hunt, married Walter Cox, brother of the apt who married Lillian Hunt's mother. All live in Butte, Montana. Everybody there are trying to untangle the relationship."

### Well-Known Sayings (By Junius)

The Dandified (Junius): "Well, even if my beauty is fading, I will never use paint and rouge."  
The Newly-Married Lady: "I don't wear 'em because I understand they aren't healthy."  
The Bachelor: "All women are beautiful, adorable and no good in general."  
The Old Maid: "A man, a man, a husband for a man."

### U.B. Thrifty says



"It takes sixty-five muscles to make a frown and only thirteen to smile. Why waste energy?"

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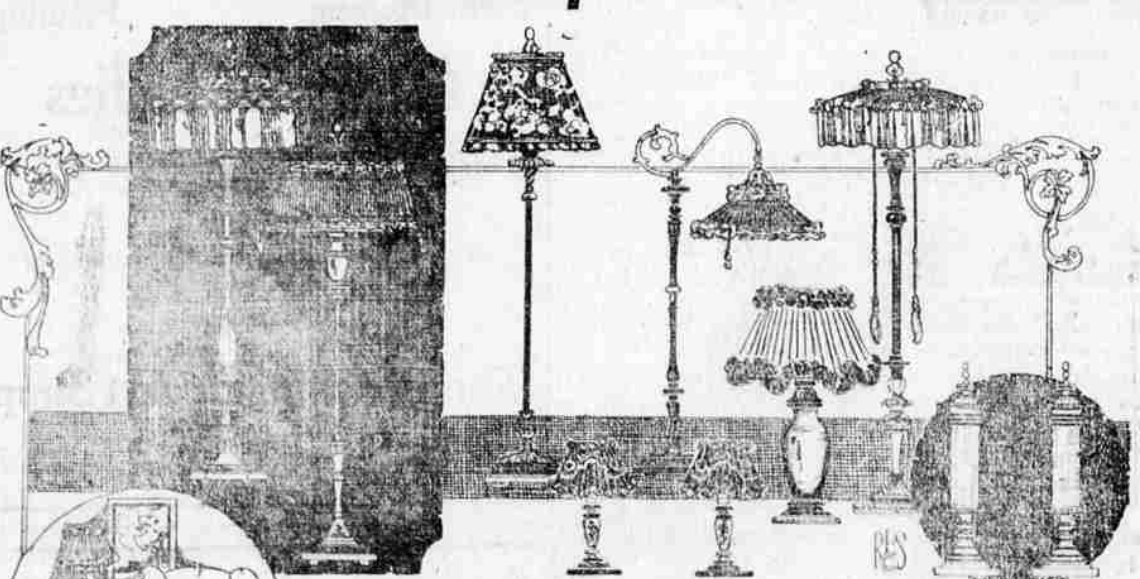
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