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TEACHERS SUGGEST CHANGE IN TAXATION.

The teachers of the state, in session in Portland, have announced a plan being worked out by one of their number to readjust school taxes. The plan is for 50 per cent of all school taxes of the state to be borne by the state, 25 per cent of all school taxes in a county to be borne by the county, and the remaining 25 per cent to be borne by the school district.

The theory of this is that taxes will be levied where the wealth is and distributed where the children are. All of which has a ring that might make an initiated measure popular with the voters.

But there are two serious defects which cannot be overcome.

First, there is never the care in expenditure of tax monies when we don't have to pay them as when we do. The fact that property elsewhere paid a large part of our school tax would tend to an increase in school budgets that are now so high that they are becoming the subject of serious criticism.

Secondly, should such a system of school taxation be adopted, each school district would be coaxing to put its tax as high as possible in order to get its share, or a greater share, of state and county money. The district tax would be used merely as match money, with the bait of three dollars for one. And no district would be likely to sit calmly by and see other districts get a bigger grab of state and county monies.

Proceeding the recent session of the teachers the Oregon Voter sounded a note of warning to teachers that their aim must be to reduce taxes, rather than to increase them by additions to, and innovations in, education.

The Voter said:
Present rates of school tax increase cannot go on indefinitely. There is a limit to what taxpayers will yield under compulsion, and the tax burden in general has reached such heights that the limit is in sight.

The teachers may have been stirred to action by this warning, but the Voter meant a genuine curtailment in expenditures, not an attempt to shift the burden to others in no position to keep the load from being shifted onto them. The readjustment plan coming from the teachers' meeting in no way meets the situation.

YES OR NO.

No candidacy for public office has received more discussion than that of Hal E. Hoss for secretary of state, and very little of it has been of a character that a candidate would not solicit. Due to the fact that it was thought that there would be an appointment to the secretary of state's office, the Hoss candidacy got a start early this year and has lagged but little during the entire year. Usually an early candidacy is bad for a candidate, but such seems not to have been true in Hal's case. Can-

dates have come and gone, but Hal's has remained on the job and with the primaries only a few months away there is not another candidate before the people for this position who appears in any way formidable.

The Molalla Pioneer aptly says: "Clackamas county has a political character which is just now attracting more attention than any other man in the state. The peculiar thing about this case is the suddenness with which he has stepped into the political spot light. In fact it has been so much so that old professional political posters, such as J. W. Kelly of the Oregonian and Ralph Watson of the Journal are determined not to see it and are doing their best to divert attention to someone else."

In a recent issue the Oregon Voter said that Hal is no "yes" man and gave about a hundred dollars' worth of space to discussing the Hoss candidacy.

The Voter's estimate of Hoss is correct, but Hal's popularity is due in a large degree to the fact that in one sense he ever has been a "yes" man. Whenever requested, in one of his public or semi-public positions, whether or not he would do this or that for those he represented, his answer usually has been "yes." He has honestly earned the title of "yes-I-can-do-it" man. It has required hard work to keep all the promises he has made to perform service or do a favor, but Hal has proved himself a bear for work, and that's why the old hoss has been so heavily loaded at times.

It is because he is a prodigious worker that he is popular with those who know him best.

The people have spoken by their ballots, and no longer can industries doubt that there is an extremely friendly feeling here toward them.

The man who said there is no connection between poverty and crime must be right. There are many times more bankers in jail than newspaper men.

Regardless of how much we may be opposed to woman's suffrage, there are worse things—for instance, the army of male voters who do not go to the polls.

You, young man, just fresh from college, don't make fun of your old dad's lack of learning. Think of the good judgment he used in picking a mother for you.

The get-together spirit is susceptible of misconception. It is possible to get together in a way that could not in any way be considered cooperation.

We all believe in the single term—until we get into office.

Stock Company to Appear Arcade.

Singer's Capitol stock company will present "Jealousy," a comedy drama with a thousand laughs and a few tears, Thursday night at the Arcade. The play presents Barney Hagan and Delorsy Lowell in the role of a sweet old couple who try to make peace between their quarreling children, played by Connie Glum and Mitzi LaMarr, by a pretended estrangement and in so doing involve themselves in a serious quarrel of their own. Glen (Bozo) Singer will be seen at his best in a novel variation of his well known character, which is being kept a secret for the audience to discover.

Lively music, pretty girls and clever specialties complete the program. A motion picture also will be shown.

Boy Scout Troop Asks Charter.

Boy scout troop No. 18, organized by the Methodist church with G. B. Arnest as scoutmaster, expects to receive its charter soon. Ten boys passed their tenderfoot scout test Friday night. They are Tom and Elmer Allen, Howard Arnest, Sanford Goff, George Groat, Sidney and Roy Jenkins, Forest Lemley, Wayne Marring and Elbert Smith Jr.

Popularizing the Reaper.

Complaints are being made of the cost of dying in Russia. Declaring coffins are "articles of first necessity to every citizen," the Workman's Gazette says: "One of the first duties of municipal authorities is to place the price of coffins within the reach of every dead man."—New York American.

Box Letter Files, Sentinel.

German Planes So Few Aces Had to Double Up

So scantily equipped were the German war forces at the beginning of the World War that even such notable aces as Baron Manfred von Richthofen was forced to take turns at flying the few available one-seater planes, points out Floyd Gibbons, the noted war correspondent, in an article in Liberty.

After much preliminary flying in two-seaters, which the author explains, Von Richthofen thoroughly disliked, he was finally assigned to a single-seater Fokker.

"But air equipment was not plentiful," the writer continues, "and he had to share the new machine with a fellow pilot, who was equally ambitious to get away from the two-seaters and cruise as an individual flying unit. The joint ownership of the new plane was unsatisfactory to both Richthofen and his comrade. Each feared that the other would smash the plane. One flew it in the morning and the other flew it in the afternoon."

"Richthofen made his first trip without encountering an enemy plane. His comrade flew it that afternoon and that was the last Richthofen ever saw of it. But he became the sole owner of the next single-seater issued to the squadron."

Feeling Was Mutual Between These Men

The hall resounded to the gentle and regular shuffle of dancing shoes upon the polished floor.

Seated in a shaded corner were two men.

"See that tall woman with the sharp nose?" asked the first man. His companion nodded.

"Well," continued the other, "I've been looking at her for some time, and she's a cut. The very last woman I'd marry."

The other gazed at him in admiration.

"Shake," he said at length. "We are in perfect sympathy with each other. That woman is actually the last woman I married."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Call It Wash Bear

What animal washes its food? The raccoon, which is popularly called simply coon, washes or soaks its food before eating. It holds the food in its fore paws and shakes it in water. These animals usually live near a stream and much of their food consists of frogs, crawfish, stranded fish and similar creatures captured in shallow water. No doubt the coon acquired the habit of washing its food from the necessity of rinsing the mud and sand from its aquatic prey. This instinct is so strong that the animal will usually go through the motions of washing its food even when no water is accessible. Because of this habit the Germans call the coon "waschbär," which means "wash bear."

Bad News

Jenkins married, and in due course his wife presented him with a son and heir. His friends flocked round to tender their congratulations and, incidentally, smoke Bill's cigars.

Jones was on his way to the house when he met Brown returning.

"Where are you going?" asked the latter.

"Oh, I'm just going round to see Bill and wish him luck with that youngster of his."

"Then you're too late."

"What? Surely it hasn't died?"

"No, the youngster's all right, but the cigar box is empty."

Tchekov's Comfort

Tchekov, the famous Russian writer, has been called "the most generous of admirers and the most helpful of critics." In the fact that not all men of talent can hope to be geniuses he saw nothing to discourage the man of lesser power. His close friend Brunin quotes Tchekov as saying:

"There are big dogs and little dogs, but the little dogs should not be discouraged by the existence of the big dogs. All must bark—and bark with the voice God gave them."

Bacteria's Good Work

Science is coming to the aid of farmers by doing a job for them formerly done by a kind of bacteria. The job is to take the nitrogen out of the air and turn it into a nitrogen compound which can be used as fertilizer. The bacteria do a better job than that. They put it right on the roots of the plants and don't charge a cent, says Capper's Weekly.

An Oversight

Sandy bought two tickets for a ball and won a \$1,500 car. His friends rushed up to his house to congratulate him, but found him looking miserable as ever.

"Why, mon, what's the matter with you?" they asked.

"It's that second ticket. Why I ever bought it I cannot imagine."—Laughter.

Immortal Words

Thomas Paine, who professed to believe men had no souls, was the author of the expression, "These are times that try men's souls," during the Revolution, soon after he British capture of Philadelphia and when the cause of independence was shrouded in gloom, he wrote the line in "The Americanist."

Riches in Small Space

Manhattan Island, which contains the chief offices of New York City, its greatest banks, business houses, museums, tenements and places, is 13½ miles long with a greatest width of 2¼ miles and a fourteenth street.

Camel's Endurance Due to Structure of Stomach

There are several reasons, according to scientists, why camels can go longer without water than most other animals. As a rule a camel will not begin to suffer from thirst until about the fifth day. This power to endure thirst is partly due to the peculiar structure of the camel's stomach. Water is stored up in small pouches attached to the walls. Camel drivers often tie up the heads of their animals and force water down their throats before starting on a long journey over the desert. The camel's capacity for traveling long distances without food or water is also partly due to the flesh and fat which are stored up in the humps. This stored-up fat is reabsorbed when the camel is overtaken by famine. The humps materially increase or diminish in size according to the physical condition of the animals. They become small and flaccid after hard work and poor diet.—Pathfinder.

Secretary Bird Noted as Killer of Snakes

The secretary bird of South Africa is rated one of the most famous snake-killing creatures extant. The fighting and killing ability of the bird is all in the long, muscular legs. When it finds a snake it cautiously approaches it with outstretched wings, ready to fly if occasion requires. The bird circles around the reptile like a prize-fighter about his opponent. Suddenly it darts one of its powerful feet, armed with great talons, at the snake and strikes the serpent a fearful blow on the head, stunning it. Other crushing blows follow and the snake soon dies. This remarkable bird is four feet high and most of its body is made up of neck and legs. Its name is derived from a crest of long, dark plumes rising from the back of its head. This strongly resembles a clerk with a bunch of quill feather pens behind his ear. The bird is considered of great economic value as it kills many poisonous reptiles.

Music Grows Hair

Investigating scientists have reached the conclusion that soft and delicate music is a hair invigorator for the musician, while loud and obtrusive music is a promoter of baldness.

Their investigations show the violinist grows abundant hair, the delicate vibrations of the instrument amounting to about the same as a likely massage of the scalp, while the performer on a tuba, saxophone or trombone begins losing hair quickly after close and continued association with that instrument, their work amounting to blowing the hair off their heads as it were.

The bass viol has the same effect as the trombone, and the piano the same as the violin. These men who have delved in the science of music are not more chance that violinists boast abundant hair, while tuba players have shining noses. There's a reason, they point out.

"Dust Devils"

Travelers in Death Valley of California have described the wonderful contortions of the sandblasts that whirlwinds sometimes send spinning across the hot plains. Even more remarkable are the "dust devils" frequently seen in the valley of the White Nile, says the Washington Star. Sometimes two of these whirling columns, gyrating in opposite directions, meet, and, it is said, if they be well matched, the collision stops them and a struggle ensues as to which way they shall twist. Gradually one gains the mastery and the two combined begin to gyrate alike and then rush on together. Some of these whirls will, it is declared, strip the clothes from an Arab's back or twist a goat round and round like a top.

Playfulness

Playfulness is a more important consideration than play. The former is an attitude of mind; the latter is a passing outward manifestation of this attitude. When things are treated simply as vehicles of suggestion, what is suggested overrides the thing. Hence the playful attitude is one of freedom. The person is not bound to the physical traits of things, nor does he care whether a thing really means what he takes it to represent. When the child plays horse with a broom, and cars with the chairs, is of no account. Playfulness will not terminate in an imaginary world if we but gradually pass the play attitude into the work attitude.—John Dewey.

Just in Time

A negro preacher was describing to his congregation the miseries and the penitence of the prodigal son. "Dis young man," he said "got to thinkin' bout his meanness an' his misery an' he tuk off his hat an' frowned it away. Den he tuk off his coat an' frowned dat away. Den he tuk off his vest an' frowned dat away. Den he tuk off his shirt and frowned dat away too. An' den at las' he come to hisself!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Proposal

Him—I wish I dared to ask you a very important question.
Her—Why don't you?
Him—I see negative in your eyes.
Her—In both of them?
Him—Yes.
Her—Don't you know that two negatives make an—why Chelle, how dare you?—Montreal Star.

Dangerous When Aroused

The bipedontamus is naturally timid, though subject to fits of rage. When wounded or enraged this animal is regarded by portsmen as perhaps the most dangerous beast to be encountered.

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1927—1928

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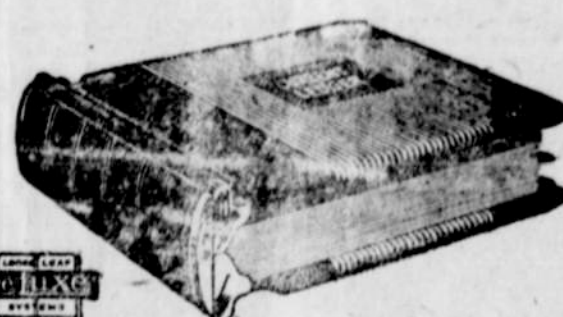
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