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THE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

Articles and By-Laws of Organization Recently Formed.

The following articles and by-laws, were adopted by the newly formed taxpayers league of Jordan Valley:

ARTICLES

Whereas, It appears that there is not an equitable assessed property valuation in the different parts of this county, and that the resultant taxes might be more efficiently applied to public improvements:

Now, therefore, We, the undersigned taxpayers of Malheur county, Oregon, hereby enter into an association to be called "The Taxpayers' League," for the purposes named below:

1. Investigating the method of valuation of properties in this county for tax assessment.

2. The amounts of taxes assessed and collected.

3. The funds available for our several districts for public purposes.

4. Methods of applying road funds in a systematic way, so as to permanently improve our highways.

BY-LAWS.

1. Any taxpayer of Malheur county may become a member of this league by signing these articles and paying an initiation fee of \$1.

2. The officers of this league shall consist of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who must be members of the league, and shall be elected by the members thereof. They shall receive no salary, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected.

3. This league shall be governed by a board composed of the chairman, secretary, treasurer and a committee of five representative taxpayers to be chosen by the chairman, secretary and treasurer from the members of the league.

4. The chairman may call a meeting of the members of this league when he deems it necessary; and it shall be his duty to call a meeting at any time upon a written

request signed by ten or more members of the league.

5. The members hereof hereby pledge themselves to aid and support this league and its officers in their efforts to bring about an improvement in the administration of our county affairs and public works. And we hereby recommend the board of the Taxpayers' League to the county commissioners and board of equalization, empowering this board to act in our stead in matters of taxation and distribution of funds raised by taxation and to be spent in our respective districts, so far as they affect our districts as a whole.

A Curious Fact.

Men are taller in the morning than in the evening, medical examiners for the United States marine corps declare, and the applicant for enlistment who is of medium or small stature has a better chance just after breakfast to meet the height requirements than at any other time during the day.

The discs of cartilage between the vertebrae of the backbone yield considerably to the pressure due to the weight of the body, when it is erect, and expand themselves while the body is in a recumbent position.

This effect may amount to as much as half an inch in the case of a heavy man, or say five feet ten inches in height, according to the marine corps medical examiners.

RANCH BRINGS \$185,000.

Robert N. Stanfield Buys Sheep and Land Near Caldwell.

Pendleton, Or., April 26.—Robert N. Stanfield, prominent Umatilla county sheepman, has closed a deal at Caldwell, Idaho, for the purchase of the McLeod & Hodgson holdings.

Included in the deal, which represents a purchase price of \$185,000, are 30,000 sheep, 1260 acres of patented land and 3000 acres of leasehold. The ranch and leasehold is about 20 by 60 miles in area.

THE VALUE OF A HEN.

How the Poultry Experts Figure Out Her True Worth.

From the commercial point of view the good egg laying hen is a very valuable business investment. The poultry experts in charge of the Missouri egg laying contest having made some interesting deductions concerning the real commercial worth of a hen. Figuring under Missouri conditions that a hen costs \$1.00 to feed for a year and that eggs average 20 cents a dozen, the hen that lays 60 eggs in a year just pays for her feed. Estimating that it costs half as much again for housing and labor, the 90 egg hen just pays her total keeping.

Then the 100 egg hen makes a profit of 10 eggs, the 120 egg hen 30 eggs and the 200 egg hen 110 eggs profit. In the latter instance the profit is \$2.20 1-3. If this were considered as 8 per cent interest on an investment the hen would be worth \$22.91. Of course this is for the 200 egg hen, but the 200 egg hen is the hen of today with all due apologies to those who have recently placed the 300 egg hen in the immediate limelight.

The figures above place the hen in line with other business projects, where it really belongs. Considering the year in and year out profitability of the poultry industry, properly conducted, the insatiable demand for chickens and eggs, the proverbial shortage in the big consuming states and the stability of the industry as a whole, the hen is a logical true business proposition.—Orange Judd Farmer.

There is a lot of difference between the Canadian border and the Mexican border. Maybe it is due to the climate.

Between the chatters of his teeth the bold early swimmer is beginning to tell how fit he feels.

Suspicion seems to be growing in Washington that current armor prices are a sort of Bethlehem steal.

The Specter of Pauperism.

Do you know that in the United States sixty-six out of every hundred people that die leave no estate whatever? Do you know that out of the remaining thirty-four only nine leave estates larger than \$5,000 and that the average of the balance of twenty-five is a little less than \$1,300? Do you know that at the age of sixty-five ninety-seven out of every hundred in America are partly or wholly dependent upon relatives, friends or the public for their daily bread, for their clothing and a roof under which to sleep? We all know that the one safeguard against pauperism by the countries of Europe has been thrift. France, Germany, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have been the leaders in thrift. Do you realize that according to government statistics 98 per cent of the American people are living from day to day on their wages and that a loss of employment would mean pauperism for all but 2 per cent of us?—S. W. Straus in Leslie's.

Curious Shadow Casting.

"Did you ever see a waterfall cast a shadow?" asked Stephen T. Mather of the group around the club table. Mr. Mather, who is assistant to Secretary Lane in charge of the new development work which the department of the interior is doing in the national parks, had just returned from a strenuous summer among the mountain tops.

"Well, Yosemite falls cast my shadow very distinctly one night last August. I was half a mile or more away, gazing, beauty bound, at the effect of the full moon upon these giant falls, which are, by the way, as high as sixteen Nipagars piled one on top of the other.

"The moon was behind me, of course. The double falls, shining like silver, lit brilliantly by reflected light the dense shadows of the trees which hid me from the moon. Turning, I saw my shadow outlined vividly upon the grass."—Our National Parks.

Ring Life Preservers.

"The worst trouble about a life preserver," said an old sailor, "is that few people know what to do with one when it's thrown to them. Many a man would drown in trying to get a life preserver over his head. The average person struggling about in the water would try to lift up the big life ring and put it over his head. That only causes the man to sink deeper and take more water into his lungs.

"The proper way to approach a life preserver in the water is to take hold of the side nearest you and press upon it with all your weight. That causes the other side to fly up in the air and down over your head, 'ringing' you as neatly as a man ringing a cune at a country fair. After that the drowning man can be rescued."

Fulton's Demologas.

On March 14, 1814, the congress of the United States appropriated the sum of \$320,000 for the construction of a war vessel in the shape of a "floating battery," designed by Robert Fulton. This battery was intended to be a deadly affair. For it was planned to shoot scalding water and redhot cannon balls at the enemy. This was the first steam war vessel built by the American government. She was christened the Demologas, but after the designer's death her name was changed to the Fulton in his honor. She was launched Oct. 29, 1814, but her engine was not put in until the following May. By that time the war of 1812 was over, and the terrible battleship never got a chance to squirt hot water at the British navy.—Argonaut.

Sherlock.

The great detective, laying aside professional cares for the evening, is attending a dance. Introduced to a beautiful woman, he asks her to dance with him, and she graciously consents.

"You have been married several years," he murmurs after a couple rounds of the floor.

"How could you guess that?" she asks. "I am not wearing my wedding ring. Do I look like a married woman?"

"Not at all," he replies gallantly. "But I knew you were married the moment we started to dance. You at once began doing the leading."—Judge.

Somewhat Different.

"This question whether a word should have its adverbial or its adjective form seems to me to have little to do with the sense. Now, what is the difference between talking loud and talking loudly?"

"No difference," replied the pedagogical friend. "But look here. For a large fee you give legal advice freely, but you don't give it free. I think that will retain you for a while."

A smile is cooler in summer and warmer in winter than a frown.

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