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IT IS interesting to note that several of the newspapers of the state comment on the enormous rise in taxes the last few years. Incidents are on record where the tax on property has grown to eight times what it was a few years ago. One explanation for this is given in the multiplicity of county officers. Yet the additional expense caused by dividing the work of the county and placing a portion of it under a department of its own is insignificant. The same work was done less efficiently before by some subordinate or several. Doubling up the work of several departments means more head clerks, and more subordinates.

The effort to locate the blame for high taxes is largely directed away from the real source of the burden—high class, modern, expensive improvements, where the pioneers got along with things within their means.

We were reading a booster story from a prosperous middle west state the other day, contending for road improvement, which was described as averaging \$1000 to \$1500 a mile. That state recently paid the last dollar of its indebtedness. Most of the counties are clear of debt. Taxes are about 9 mills. The fact that the state is out of debt is a guarantee of its prosperity. The state has several times the population and wealth of Oregon. It has proven that prosperity does not depend entirely on paved roads at \$25000 a mile, or macadam roads at \$5000 per. The people hesitate in bonding themselves for road improvements that will be equivalent of \$5.00 per acre on lands effected. We admit they may be unreasonable in their calculations. But they are not in debt up to their eyes. They can pay their taxes. Just now there are thousands in Oregon who cannot. If Oregon people will restrain their childlike impulse to "hug" everything that looks good, expensive roads, expensive bridges, expensive county buildings, expensive school buildings and various other extravagant public utilities they can reduce taxes and pay their debts and leave a little to cover living expenses and allow a small surplus annually, for the individual citizen. The notion that we ought to have all the good things at once is the notion that spoils children and beggars men, and it will bankrupt a county or state. We are precious near it when people can't pay their taxes.

THE car service the past week, by contrast, provokes us to inquire, what has become of the numerous jitneys that infested the streets of this part of Portland the past year. Not only are they gone but they have left an unpleasant remembrance in the minds of many who recall the various unpaid bills that have been forgotten by the jitney men in various sections of the city. If there was necessity of further proof that the jitney was a failure as a public utility it has been proven this week when their utter failure to take care of even a tenth of the traffic has been so noticeable. The jitney has been remarkable for its absence in Mt. Scott for two months. During the storms of the past week it has waited for the street railway company to keep its track clean so it, the jitney, could follow along, or precede the cars and gather up their patrons. The same sort of

nerve and ingratitude has characterized their use in Portland. They use the streets covered by street railway franchises and partially paved by the car company, make the regular stops of the railway their stops; and interfere with the company's traffic at important terminals by getting in the way, and in return to the city pay not a cent of license or special tax. Not only is the duly authorized franchise measurably robbed of its legal income, but the guarantee given by the city to the railway company is being violated every hour of the day.

If the jitneys will give reliable service; if they will select streets for their business not already assigned to other institutions, and, if the jitneys will contribute to the upkeep of the street in the form of a special tax or license, there will be no reason for complaint about their service.

There is nothing so sure as that the demand of the labor unions for ten hours pay for eight hours work from the railroads will come out of the pockets of the farmers.

Another thing for which Col. Roosevelt might reprimand the president is the president's contumacious obstinacy in refusing to bark back.

If the South Americans are to be taken into partnership by the United States they should furnish a little preparedness capital themselves.

A good memory is a great asset. But why does it so often persist on dwelling on the fool things a fellow has done?

President Wilson continues to use a superior quality of English and much horse sense in his messages.

Europe isn't so interested in "how long" Ford will spend there, as "how much."

Sluggers of all descriptions would greatly adorn any practical rockpile.

The hyphen T. R. dislikes most of all is in ex-president.

CHERRYVILLE

1916 and froze to death. Old Oregon is bound to keep up with the procession and give us a taste of real winter.

Ten above zero is the coldest we have had up here in the mountains but the East wind is a cold one all right, coming right down from Mt. Hood.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Richardson occurred at the church here last Friday conducted by Rev. Wm. Runyan. Mrs. Richardson was a war widow and has lived with her cousin, C. W. Harris, for the past 20 years.

"Boob" Penrose says a yellow dog can be elected on the Republican ticket this year. That's the reason "Boob" is running. This precious patriot received a check for \$25,000 from John D. Archbold, Pres. of the Standard Oil Company for services rendered. This poor boob said it was a Republican campaign contribution which Teddy denied and so did his campaign manager Cortelyou. They got him "with the goods" all right and now he is in the U. S. Senate yelling for high protection for American laboring men. Nit!

That billion dollar banquet in New York City attended by Teddy and other mighty magnates, boded no good to the great mass of struggling humanity in this country. When once the love of gold gets control of a person all elements of mercy are driven out and all other God-like attributes.

The writer returns thanks to Senator Lane for the Congressional Record which is an official account of all speeches made and all work done in congress. Old Cyclone Davis turned himself loose last week and the "old standpatters" haven't recovered from the terrible shaking up they got.

Lindberg, the chain lightning Swede from Minn., in congress from the Little Falls District sends to this office his

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed,
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear.
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;
I will try and find contentment in the paths that I must tread,
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.—S. E. Kiser.

great spell on the Money Trust and his magazine, "Real Needs" Lindbergh is a very useful man and his efforts in behalf of the American people will not soon be forgotten.

The question for discussion at the Lyceum this week is, Resolved, That the Government should adopt Rural Credits. Of course all parties and all politicians are now ostensibly in favor of Rural Credits but several of the bills proposed contain a joker which materially effects the real worth of this much needed legislation. If the Government can advance money at 2 1/2 percent to the banks under the Federal Reserve system on the banks commercial paper why can't they loan to farmers on the best of security without issuing bonds for the banks to handle and get a rake-off. Every sinister move and every crooked method will be used by the bankers and their aiders and abettors in Congress to either cripple or destroy this beneficent legislation, which has accomplished such wonderful and good results in New Zealand, Australia, Germany and France before the war.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. Hazel Lodge of Washburn, Illinois, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Campbell for a few weeks.

T. R. Berry and G. N. Sager attended the Tom Dobson musical recital at the Heilig theater last Monday evening. Mr. Dobson is a nephew of Mr. Berry. E. L. Anderson and Geo. Taylor were Gresham visitors one day recently.

John Schacht transacted business in Lents Monday.

T. P. Campbell was a city visitor one day during the fore part of the week.

Pleasant Valley school has closed until weather conditions are more favorable. Many pupils are unable to get to the school on account of the deep drifts of snow in the roads.

A. D. Kenworthy of Lents was a valley visitor one day this week.

Pleasant Valley Grange will hold its regular monthly session next Saturday, January 23rd. The newly elected officers will be installed at this meeting. J. D. Chitwood of Damascus Grange will act as installing officer.

The mail carrier on route three out of Gresham has not been able to deliver mail to all of the patrons on this route since last Tuesday, on account of the snow drifts.

Dry-Salt Cured Hams

Dry-salted hams and picnics should be closely trimmed, and then sprinkled with a solution of sugar and saltpeter before being treated to the salt, explained Wm. Constantine during his interesting meat-cutting demonstration at O. A. C. The salt should be thoroughly rubbed on and the meat stacked in a suitable receptacle, where it should remain for two or three days—less time in warm, murky weather—and then be taken out, new salt well rubbed on, and repacked in a different position. This process should be renewed for a period of about sixty days, gradually lengthening the intervals of three days to five or six, and so on to the end of the period. The pieces are then taken from the salt and well-smoked. If well prepared the meat will keep well and also have a tendency to retain its best flavor and to brown nicely in frying.

His Own Den Too.
Husband—A man is coming to see me on business. Can I have him come into my den?
Wife—And interrupt my dressmaker? Never!—Life.

To Her Taste.
Jess—Why did Mae marry Harold?
He's a perfect blockhead.
Boss—Well, you know she always liked hard wood trimmings in a house.—Judge.

What men want is not talent, it is purpose; not the powers to achieve, but the will to labor.—Bulwer Lytton.

NEW STATE LEADER OF FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

Paul V. Maris, the newly appointed State Leader of Farm Demonstration Work in Oregon, has arrived at the Agricultural College and taken up the duties of his position. He comes here from Missouri, where he was agricultural agent for one of the leading agricultural counties, and hence is quite familiar with the duties of the county agents in Oregon, whose activities it is his work to supervise. He has the further advantage of having been born and reared on an Oregon farm, and educated in Oregon institutions, being a graduate of the McMinnville College. Mr. Maris reached Corvallis in time to join in the conference of county agricultural agents from the thirteen counties now maintaining these aids to progressive agriculture, and also the superintendents of several of the seven branch Experiment Stations. In this way he was able to initiate measures for a still closer relation between the work of the stations and that of the farm demonstrators—the sources and applications of scientific agriculture—and also to form an intimate knowledge of the personnel of these forces.

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