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Fifty indictments have been found by the Federal grand jury at Indianapolis, against men said to be mixed up with the McNamara's dynamiting villainies. It is a big list of fool-villains, or of Detective perjury—the latter being as W. J. Burns is reported to have said, "The biggest scoundrel in the country, unwhipped of justice."

Folk has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic Presidential Nomination in favor of Champ Clark. But this does not prevent his appearing before the Baltimore Convention as a "Dark Horse," and probably increases his chances of being nominated. The fight between Clark and Wilson will be intensified from now on, as neither will be apt to have the requisite two thirds of the Delegates, and as neither will go to the other, a "Dark Horse" will be chosen, with Bryan first, and Folk for second choice for the nomination. So the Tribune now believes. Why does not some Caricaturist show Wilson as a Jumping Jack, with Morgan in the shadow pulling the string, and Waterson singing "Don't kick my hound around!"

It Should Be Done.

The Tribune is in receipt of several letters commending our stand in favor of having the County books expeted. Undoubtedly a large majority of the taxpayers in the county believe that the work should be done without further delay. They realize that business principles that everywhere apply to private business should also apply to public business, and that an occasional overhauling of the records of the business done by the county throws a safeguard around the public purse to which they are entitled by every rule of equity and justice. Government keeps tab on all her official servants—the postoffice inspector drops in at the most unexpected moment, and so on through all her dealings; our state follows up the same line of policy—the expenditures at her public institutions are watched, and the bank examiner drops around periodically, etc., other counties have their books expeted, and the business man takes inventory of his stock and balances up his books at different intervals. They are doing business on "business principles"—all but poor old Curry, wallowing along in the same old rut, leaving behind her a record—she knows not what—books with errors of questionable number and some with leaves torn out at least. In the face of this it seems incredible that any taxpayer should take a strong stand in opposition to the expeting of the books of Curry county. And again, it is placing a temptation in front of our officers, that we, as good citizens, have no moral right to do, that is, to elect a man to an office where he handles a considerable amount of money with the knowledge that his books will not be examined, which assurance he gets from years of precedent.

We were surprised when the Gold Beach Globe came out in an editorial lately in opposition to the expeting of the county books and also attempting to ridicule the Tribune for using the word "expeting"—not that the Globe opposed looking into the county records, although it comes in somewhat bad grace from one who has been an official himself—but surprised that the use of "expeting" should evoke criticism from a paper that habitually handles the English language in the manner the Globe does. "Expeting" like "Varnish," may not be found in the dictionary, but both words fit in nicely and are clear and to the point.

The Tribune would like to hear from other taxpayers on the expeting question, and if the movement grows any stronger we believe that a public request should be made to each candidate that he state his views in regard to the same.

Editor TRIBUNE:

Since the decision to the effect that it has been illegal for sheriffs to demand or take fees or mileage in civil cases, several such officers have been called upon to refund. Not alone is such sheriff liable to prosecution for official misfeasance but recovery can be enforced against his sureties. I myself as a member in 1893 took a lively hand in favor of the bill putting Clerks and Sheriffs on salary. The law is plain. Fees in certain criminal cases are collectible by Sheriff, but all sums so collected must be paid in to the County Treasury.

The astounding sum of our State taxes (this year is directly chargeable to the criminal prodigality and wastefulness of our last Legislature. Even the Oregonian, which paper has, the last three years, devoted so much space to the defense of "Representative" Legislation, puts the blame where it belongs.

And the Salem Capital Journal, in a late issue, lays on and spares not, and shows that, through log rolling, trading methods our Solons last session criminally squandered over a million and a half dollars by increasing salaries and creating new offices and commissions, etc. That paper concludes an editorial thus: "The absolute necessities of the state can be secured without giving away a million to a million and a half. The dose will probably be repeated, and all this will contribute to what many people believe will have to be done—abolish the grafting, logrolling, disreputable aggregation for plunder called the Oregon Legislature."

Cook county has a population of above 18,000 souls, and her assessed values for 1911 amount to within a fraction of Twenty Million Dollars. The salary of her Assessor is only \$300 more than that of Curry's. But, then, it had not occurred to Jeff Thrift to agree to "regulate and estimate" timber lands up there. And I am told that Mr. Tolman insists that he ought to be allowed a Deputy!

Some of the woolen and cotton mills where the strikes and lock-outs are now in Massachusetts, paid to stockholders last year extra dividends of from 20 per cent to 33 per cent, in addition to regular dividends of 12 per cent on water and all.

And let it be remembered that these textile mills are protected by an almost prohibitory tariff according to the late report of Mr. Taft's tariff Board. Humpseed seems to grow upon what it feeds. And these mills have been allowed to import Syrians by the thousands within the last few years, these being compelled to work out passage money after their arrival. Now listen for the howl these mill owners will set up for protection for American labor when Congress begins consideration of textile schedules now shortly.

Since Mr. Roosevelt so valiantly came to the defense of Morgan's Steel Trust, Wall Street has discovered several reasons why Mr. Taft should not be renominated. Wall Street has settled upon Harmon for the Democratic and T. R. for the Republican, and will make the fight along that line to a finish. As to Champ Clark, he is simply regarded as old Mr. E. Z. Mark, while the mention of the names of La Follette or Folk set the bosses all trembling with rage—sometimes with despair.

I was surprised when that young Fromm was having trouble over his homestead on Brush Creek, for well do I remember my admiration on passing along the road, of the industry and enterprise of Will Charno in the showing he was making in opening up the wilderness on 30-14, then unsurveyed, his clearing lapping onto the school land lying to the westward which he had bought from Mr. Nordburg. And I was led to wonder why a mere homesteader had built so large a house and barn. Of course the public land laws specifically permit the purchase of improvements of a settler on either surveyed or unsurveyed land, and provide that such improvements shall inure to the credit of his successor who shall offer final proof on the premises.

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(COOS BAY NEWS)

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News from Bandon last week to the effect that some oil had been struck in the Bandon Creek well, and it is anticipated that a big flow of oil will be struck.

News was received here Thursday that Jack Yale, the pioneer fisherman of the coast section of Oregon had died at his home in San Francisco. It is needless to say that the news was received with regret. Jack Yale was known by most of the residents of the bay towns, and had numerous old time friends in the Coquille. He was a wholehearted, jolly, good hearted fellow who made warm friends wherever he came acquainted. He was also one of the best fishermen that ever traveled off the Pacific coast.

Grays Harbor is the center of the greatest lumber industry on the coast, according to H. N. Delaney of Aberdeen, Wash. Mr. Delaney handles the stevedoring business at Grays Harbor for Brown & McCabe.

He says that in 1911 the lumber shipments from Grays Harbor by the water route totaled 451,808,000 feet and the product was moved by 607 vessels, of which 504 went eastwise and 103 to foreign markets. He declares that the outlook for the traffic will be considerably greater this year. If the lumber shipments each month from there do not run in excess of 40,000,000 feet he says that the shippers think things are dull. The shipments of the present year are expected to total more than 500,000,000 feet.

Government by the Minority.

La Follette's (Pro. Rep.) Feb. 3.—Here is one man's view of self government. Addressing the New York lawyers, this man said with great earnestness: "We don't believe that all people are fitted for popular government. Some of us don't dare say so, but I do; and the question whether a people is fit for popular self government depends upon the restraint that the majority can place upon the majority to see that justice is done. That is explicit, is it not? The minority must restrain the majority; that is, the minority must rule the majority. We are all familiar with this. When the minority is made up of the nobles in purple and fine linen; we call it an aristocracy. When it is composed of the rich and powerful, we call it a plutocracy. And when judges, selected from the aristocratic and plutocratic minority, reflect in their decisions the economic views of the minority class, from which they come, then we have what has come to be called a judicial oligarchy. In each case a minority restrains and rules the majority. Who is the man that thus champions a ruling minority? It is the President of the United States."

The Toronto Star, Jan. 27.—The jokers of the press, says the Ottawa Citizen, are making no end of fun of Montreal's tax on bath tubs. Yet, funny as this bath tub tax is, it is not half so funny as half the people who laugh at it. For this tax, though it looks like a freak, is the

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