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FOOLS WINTED.

The McNamara trial in Los Angeles again puts it up to us that the qualifiof an impartial juryman are fool. He must be ill-informed, sence puintelligent, or he must perjure himself, swear to untruths, to get on the jury — and either case makes him an unsafe man to pass judgment on human life.

Any man fit to sit as a juror on the McNamara trial is a man who reads, who forms opinions, who knows as much about the case as he can know. Any man who has followed this case has formed an opinion-or he is a

one is again a fool. of brains, of judgment, men who are thoroughly informed. And if such submit to it, will swear they are unprejudiced and will give a verdict according to the evidence, it doesn't matter if they have opinions a rod long.

The qualification of a jurer today is an oath that he is practically ignorant of the case to be tried, and where the case is of such nation-wide impor-tance as the McNamara trial, such a jaror can only be found among the il-

IS MURDOCK A PROPHET?

talk of local issues? Don't you know start before he had any taxes to he would have opened up on the Alas-

And I don't believe that the midwho tries to stand in all around,

OREGON NEXT?

Another state, California, has given

Not so far in the future every state such barbarians as to deprive her, by right of might.

help the right and the clean to win. e day for corruption has passed in California. A man who isn't clean, and who does not stand for clean things will have no more show for power than would a hoboe in getting a pastor's assignment at a Metho-

dist conference. And following California, Oregon will give this right to women. It is but a question of time. It will come,

Italy and Turkey are killing, Spain has a rebellion on, Mexico is at it again, China has a great uprising on and Germany, France Austria are ready to spring. These are uneasy days for the men who rute

China, great empire of sleeping power, has caught the fever and has a rebellion on, and all things point to the overthrow of the government and that at republic will be established.

BY WHAT RIGHT?

Last week the Portland board of health (that body which doesn't re-cognize personal rights or the country's constitution sometimes) called on the general manager of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company with an order that all street car

mit to the risk of blood poisoning or No board of health has any right to

issue such an order, and no railway company has any right to enforce it This vaccination is an individual theory. There are many who do not believe in it, and the Courier editor

It is up to the individual to determine whether or no a doctor with a hobby shall open his veins and inject a quantity of cow pox to cure him from smallpox. It is up to the individual, and no one else, to say what kind of medicine he shall take.

They say law is founded on reason, but the saying should be changed that law SHOULD BE founded on reason. If it is lawful and necessary to have conductors and motormen vaccinated, why not the doesn't the board of health, while it is taking the supreme court's place. compel every passenger to show a vaccination scar before being allowed

I have seen too many instances of the terrible effects of vaccination to never cleared an acre of ground in care to take chances with having this their lives. All they think is necesblood-poisoning vaccine mixed with sary to clear up a farm is to buy 160 my blood. The effects are more dan-what our morder cases need is men gerous than the disease, and there is erect buildings and clear the whole

A GRADUATED LAND TAX

Oregon City, Route 2,

Oct. 16, 1911. To the Editor of the Courier: your reply to my article in the Conrier of the 6th inst., under the head of juror can only be found among the illiterate, ignorant class—and a man who isn't qualified to try butter, let alone a murder case.

Single Tax Differences," you appear town or market, rivals the strong will no four old pioneers, and he will be old tax in connection with what I would and feeble when he has his farm in term "the graduated land tax." I Victor Mordock, congressman from our own county and state, and on the presperity and welfare of society. In small and he will also and one of our country's deep proceeds of their land sales and not most cases he is an honest man and thread his hand to be a small and he will Kansas, and one of our country's deep proceeds of their land sales and not thinkers (if he is an Insurgent) said have a cent of taxes to pay on it; but thinkers (if he is an insurgent) said in Portland last week that the strongin Portland last week that the strongis strong and in the Republican party is
Theodore Rocsevelt and the strongest man in the Democratic party is William J. Bryan. And he said Roosevelt would get more applause in the rocsets of the success ham J. Bryan. And he said Roose ings to poor nome-seezels and to simply show that if you go out upon velt would get more applause in the need to do business in the county or simply show that if you go out upon Republican national convention than state on the proceeds of the sales farms away back where a man and his family are striving for a livelimore in the Democratic convention to taxation, just as it is now, and in hood you will inva than the nominee. to taxation, just as it is now, and in hood you will inva than the nominee. I am betting odds that Murdock has guessed right.

If Rocsevelt came to Oregon don't you believe he would have dared to be given a few years' time to get a taxes on all the big manufacturing taxes on all the big manufacturing

he would have opened up on the beautiful forms, and that he would never have hid behind an arbitration speech?

The candidate who will be elected be detected forms, and that he would never have hid behind an arbitration speech?

The candidate who will be elected be detected by the same of horses is a fine anithe very bife out of his existence. Now I do not wish to dwell any longer in this man's behalf, lest our body wants, and the only way he can be detected by the same of horses is a fine anithe very life out of his existence. Now I do not wish to dwell any longer in this man's behalf, lest our dear editor's generosity in opening the columns to the views of his sub-The candidate who will be elected president next year is either the man be who will take you off your feet with enthusiasm, or the man who will get you going and coming with calm, plain confidence.

You will either throw your hat in the air for a man like Roosevelt, and the only way he can get rid of the old heavy horse is to sell the you got your feet with sell the two together, make the good one sell the bad one. And it is just you going and coming with calm, plain confidence.

You will either throw your hat in favor of a law that would break up these large holdings and put the land the sell representation of the arguments. From all indications of the arguments. stampeed with the bunch to a man in the hands of home makers who ments offered by single taxers, it is now? who draws you, or you will sit down, would make use of it. But these men evident that the aim of this law is to think out things under your hair and decide that William J. Bryan had tax want to incorporate this nujust Now I am not a land speculators. Now I am not a land speculators and things figured out about right fifteen and unreasonable exemption clause in years ago, but that he was fifteen along with the rest of it, unquestion-years ahead of the race. ably for nothing but selfish purposes, get it into my head how the poor man to favor the rich and oppress the can be benefited by this law. dle-of-the-road candidate—the man poor. They thought this exemption read and searched all available liter-who tries to stand in all around, and would be impossible under any other who says and does only that which he conditions and they might make it

tax measure.
Yours respectfully,
GEORGE HIGINBOTHAM.

WHAT THE GRANGE WANTS.

Following is the Clackamas county already her right and we will look back and wonder why we were ever been advocating—that improved roads should be paid for by those who use The result in California will be that women will have the balance of power, and when issues arise that depower, and when issues arise that de-

these roads constructed from the market places to the farmers' homes.

'Be it resolved that we are opposed to the program of Governor West's road commission in recommending bonded indebtedness of \$20,-000,000 and recommending a 1.1 mill

tax levy to establish state aid. "We are opposed to the construc-tion of the Pacific highway or other trunk highways with public funds at this time, excepting such funds as may belong to road districts through which these roads run, or special taxes voted in these districts for use upon the roads.

Now that Oregon is sandwiched between two equal suffrage states we are up against it and might as well surrender now as later. This is one time where the Oregon women have the best of us. It is more than likely that Oregon women will land the right of ballot in the next state election .-Eugene Register.

WHERE MEN DIFFER

Oregon City, Oct. 9, 1911. the single tax question through the Conrier and have long resisted the temptation to make a few remarks upon the different arguments, which men must be vaccinated.

Talk about boycotts, this is about of your paper, and wouldn't have even at this time contributed my views upon the matter, were it not for the fact that there occurs a pointer in the reply of the Courier to Mr. George Hicinbotham which proves

the inconsistency between the

and practice of the single tax. Mr. Hicinbotham asks the Courier how we are going to get any more taxes out of the rich man after the single tax has forced him to sell his holdings and the settler has bought his land. To this the Courier replies that "we aren't going to get any more The land he held as dead land has duce and pays twice the taxes the rich man paid and the man who pays the taxes can afford to pay them, worthless land now produces and as the owner has no taxes on improvements, buildings, stock or anything else except land, his taxes are yet lower than the taxes on improved farms today."

From this we may safely assume it to be evidence that the worthy editor and his lawyer champion of the cause will leave it to the farmers of Clackamas county if it is not so that in the majority of cases it takes nearly a lifetime to clear off a farm of average size and make it produce. most cases a farmer clears his land writer makes. just as he is able to, say from one or did not intend that. Under the single palance of his life in the easy chair loyal citizen, for if he were not he turned his hand over.

start before he had any taxes to pay. and big mercantile establishments, This single tax law puts me in mind and throwing it on this man's im-

hood you will invariably find him to

From all indications of the argu-I have ature in favor of single tax, among which was a pamphlet issued by the who says and does only that which he conditions and the single single taxers at the last election. I supplied to by force of sentiment, work in connection with the single single taxers at the last election. I have mislaid this pamphlet, and hence am unable to quote exact fig-ures laid down in it. But anyway, it gives figures of how much taxes the paper mills at Oregon City pay at pres ut and then gives figures of what they would pay under the single tax, which is over one-half less. It also shows how much the woolen mills pay, how much a number of stores of Oregon City pay, also numerous factories and big department stores such as Meier & Frank Co., Olds. Wortman & King, atc. And in awary instance. pay, how much a number of stores of them and those whose property is ben-efited. And you cant' get away from the traiting of it. taxes that would be under the single

> Now it takes just a certain amount of money to run the government, and if all those above mentioned concerns, which are only quoted out of the thousands of others just like them, have so much taxes to pay, then tell me who has to pay so much more to make up for this decrease if not the farmers principally? It is acknowl-edged that the rich land speculator will also have to shoulder quite a share of this increase, and reference is made by the single taxers to the Southern Pacific. I am quite positive however, that the little land the Southern Pacific still holds in Clackamas county and the morease in taxes on it would not more than balance the decrease of taxes on its personal property. And let us suppose it did. What of it? Would that alleviate the suffering of the farmers any to see that some individual concern has to slightly suffer with them? champions of single tax take the bother to determine the percentage of land held in Clackamas county by monied interests they will find that they hold not over ten per cent of the total land in this county and that of the 99 per cent of land held by farmers not more than 35 per cent is nuder cultivation. Then who pays the taxes, if not the farmer who has over one-half of it still in an uncultivated

condition? And can he afford it? It is claimed by the single taxers that to cut out taxes on the improvements of the farm would be an incentive for him to clear more land, as then he would not be required to pay

more taxes than before. Who will believe such trash? What fool farmer would refrain from clearing an acre of ground, it he has the time and means at hand to do it, just to prevent the assessor increasing his taxes upon it? If editors and lawyers judge the standard of the farmer's business intelligence to such a low point as this, I will pardon their effort to improve conditions on the ground that they don't know any bet-

The reasons for the vast amount of uncultivated land in Clacksmas county is principally, first on account of physical condition of some lands, making it impossible to ever clear them, regardless of any system of taxation; second, it takes time and money to improve land and it must processive be undertaken only as money to improve land and it must necessarily be undertaken only as time permits, and no kind of taxation worth, whether it grows firs or apwould give a man more time to clear more than he can do, and especially is this true if we had the single tax system, as in that case the increase in taxes of his greater part of unim-

proved land would cheek him con- IS THERE NOTHING TO SAY? siderably in the purchase of powder

There is only one class of farmers Editor Courier: I have with great interest followed the dicussions on the single tax question through the Courier and have long resisted the course of his land under cultivation. His prediction of the second men sayors. taxes would be less, as he would have to pay more taxes on his imthis just? Cannot a farmer who can raise 2000 bushels of grain and has a big orchard and already most of the comforts of life, pay a bigger share than his struggling neighbor who has perhaps a big lump of interest annually on the fourth of July) but it seems that by to pay for money that is also expectation of July but it seems that the court of July b ly to pay for money that is also exempt from taxes? Give this latter right in the course of time. Lo not the accused napper choke him at the very start and he will develop into a very useful mem-

been sold for farm land, made to produce and pays twice the taxes the rich man paid and the man who pays the analyze, the principle of why we are him with suspicion all through the wholesaler, any more than we need taxed, the object and principle there. of, and why personal property has no ited. Now I contend that in these right whatever to be exempt from two great cases wherein the reputapaying taxes, etc., but as this letter tion, aye the very life, of labor or-is already obtaining undue proportion, I will be satisfied to close for this time and appreciate your kindness to give this room in your interesting course we are too far away from the give this room in your interesting course we are too far away from paper. I am sure that if your method of opening the columns of your paper write understandingly of local conditions, but we are not too far away to to discussions of political arguments tions, but we are not too far away to would be pursued by all the papers, there would be a better understanding between the city and rural inhoabi tance of the county.

Yours truly, A. J. KELNHOFER.

In answer some of the points the above In Houston, Tex., in 1903 a single

In eight years they have increased in value to \$3,500 In a few years did not intend that. Under the single tax law, these rich land holders could sell their land to poor home-seekers and go right ahead doing business in man who is the foundation of the our own county and state, and on the our own county and state, and on the output of the output of

And what is true of a condition in

contrary it is an argument for the system-all the more reason why the big speculators who are waiting, as the Houston man waits, should be forced to sell the dead laud at a price where settlers can afford to put in the long years of labor Yet there are in this state thousands and thousands of acres of burned over land, logged-off land and land on which there was never any timber which lies idle year after year, which is not for sale, but which is being held until surrounding im roads and railroads shall make it val uable and make fortunes for the holders-fortunes at the expense of the

buyers. The writer takes up for illustration the big factories in Oregon City and wants to know who will pay the taxes they now pay. Who pays them

The people pay them, the consumers pay them, you and I pay them, as we always have and always will.

Every house builder helps to pay the taxes of the lumber mills, every wearer contirbutes his part to the By the way, Bryan missed the taxes of the woolen mills and every printing office pays its share of the paper milis' tax. It has always been by thus and always will be, under the helping to expose their high-handed present system. It is but another way methods; but the peerless one reof skinning the same old cat, but the mained silent until AFTER the trial of skinning the same old cat, but the

consumers pay the taxes just as they and THEN denounced the "kidnap-But just for argument, suppose we As to the present case, we need not did not. Even then wouldn't Ore-contend that the McNamaras are ingon City or any other city gladly ex-empt from taxation a manufacturing empt from twould employ 500 men? all rascals, but we can condemn any Wouldn't Clackamas county farmers high-handed, secret, medieval methods gladly exempt from taxation a con-The writer asks who is to make up the decrease in revenue to run this

state when the mills and the farmers improvements are exempt? There is a streak of country along the Coumbia river to the north and a streak along the Willamette to the west that pays a great part of Oregon's taxes. The single tax idea is to gon's taxes. The single tax idea is to make the WHOLE STATE pay the taxes, to spread on the thousands of the taxes that will be exempt from personal property—to make those who are waiting for development. make them rich, pay taxes in proportion to the development values, or

turn the property over to those who will develop it. As to the point that single tax will benefit the farmer who has an improved farm, but would work a hardship on the one purchasing and improving new land, there is hardly an instance but where there would be more or less improvements and perhas to sonal property that would be exempt. If the But the point the writer of the above article has overlooked is that single tax would force the speculator to sell this new land to the poor man at at a price that he can afford to pay the taxes and make the improvements-at a price so much lower than it is now held for that it would be much cheaper under single tax than it is

now And later on I will have more to say regarding this point, with some facts and figures. Here's a little illustration, a

item taken from the Oregon City Enterprise this week, This illustration,

in a small way, shows what the trou-

ble with Oregon is: An illustration of how land valnes have increased in Clackamas county is the sale by George A. Harding of forty acres of timber land near Highland, which he paid \$50 for forty years ago, for \$1,800 The purchase price was \$1,25 an acre and the selling price \$45 an acre. The land was bought by Eugene Cumins. The taxes and other expenses on the land

up for a long time the investment was a fine one. The justice of the single tax system in its proposition to levy taxes on land that should pay it, to make land that is yearly increasing in value, be ples, underbrush or hops.

have been small, and although Mr. Harding had his money tied

The Courier may not alwas

Editor Courier:-Concerning the tradition of the accused men savors too much of the Colorado-Idaho kidproved land than his neighbor who is struggling for an existence on h s as struggling for an existence on h s as yet mostly unimproved farm would be compelled to pay. But tell me, is gallows. The good old principle of this just? Cannot a farmer who can English law which holds that a man man a chance and ie will come out all processes waved and red tape cut if the accused happens to be a member ultimate consumer.

Allow me to use a nomely illustra- the price of stuff between the two, ber and pride of the whole commun. tion: If Smith and Jones sit down to and puts it in his pocket. Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to the very initial moves Jones is detectscene of the Los Angeles tragedy to form an opinion as to the irregularity of methods pursued, and when so staid and conservative a body as the

United States senate takes up the question of the alleged "kidnaping" ot the McNamaras and Borsh of Idaho-himself too closely connected with the Moyer-Haywood-Petribone Here's a little illustration that will kidnaping — would volunteer that answer some of the points the above "Whatever might be said of the moral we were within the law, while this willing to work and buys an unimproved piece of land far back from town or market, rivals the strong will proved piece of land far back from when the indestry of my neighbors Ethiopian in the Otis woodpile. A his veins, but town or market, rivals the strong will makes them worth \$5,000 I will sell just cause does not need to be upheld who love it. by trickery. Now, mind you, these alleged irregularities were not excused by any resistance to legal thority nor danger of labor uprising. nor were they the mistakes of raw or ignorant officers, who through ex-citement exceeded their authority, but, on the contrary, were the care-fully matured plans of experienced officers and in one case (Moyer-Haywood) the participation of two state executives was so active that Su-

were arrested on warrants based on The down and out men who have perjured affidavits declaring that tried everything else and failed, the limelight with the result of a reason- a United States senate. ably fair trial and instant acquirtal. Incidentally it may be mentioned that it murder, but then he was only a

instance, some of our so-called states-men would have been fairly slobbering over with sympathy and grief. portunity to prove in this case his love of fair play and justice for all, condemning the

nocent; workingmen are not saints, any more than capitalists are all rascals, but we can condemn any ods of official proceeding and draw the inference that the cause is weak that employs such tactics.

that "The evidence of a witness found false in one part of his testinony is to be questioned in all."

by a parallel of reasoning parties em-ploying "shady" methods of proceed-ore, when the regular and legal methods are open to them, should not com-plain if their motives are questioned and every move regarded erpretation of law.
GEORGE OGLE

SWAT HIM.

The middleman is the carry fellow between the original producer and the

We don't need the middleman and there is no possible use of his being in

We need goods at the lowest ble price and through the least possi-ble hands from the producer to the

The middlemen have got to go.

IN THE NATIONAL DIALECT.

Who but a genuine American fan could translate this:

After Rodgers had arched to short. Tommy took third when Rapps bounded one to Tozer, and then leisurely made his way home. Boddy died on third when Krueger popped to Metzger.

But to eight out of ten men this is easy, and any kid past six years can lf he chose to blov read it easier than he can American ness but his own?" Here's another from an eastern

paper : "Larsen, given a life at first, strayed off when Britt burned one over, and he went to the morgue, while the geeks jeered.'

NEXT WILL BE THE DRAFT.

Unless hard times and high prices preme Court Justice McKenna in his dissenting opinion, said that "It is to resort to the conscription before simply kidnaping. The governors of long to get men for the standing army. The pay is \$13 a month, board and to that which he cannot properly use. Colorado and Idaho are the real criminals." It will be remembered in clothes, and what quality of soldiers Long was squand ring what was not connection with this historic case can a country like the United States that the three federations of officials expect to get for this pay?

they were present in Idaho at the drunkards who can't stand alone, the time of the murder of Stennenberg, the prosecution admitting all this and Every day they desert, very few defiantly retorting "What are you ever re-enlist, and the time is not far going to do about it?" The answer off when it will take something more

methods of the prosecution under the standing army any more than we need was in Pittsburg this man got his

poor George Pttibone, not so robust Only two necessities, so far noted, as the other two, died—according to have taken a jump this week—25 cent Only two necessities, so far noted, his physicians—as a direct result of coffee has gone up five ceuts and eggs his year of prison life. Some called have jumped to 40 cents.

miner. Had he been a United States senator, a convicted land-frander for than now for a bright, young Progressive to jump in as a candidate for congress in opposition to C. W. Hawley. Mr Hawley, his record in congress. and his old guard, stand-pat connections, don't look good to progressive Oregon.

Attorney Hedges' statement to the Live Wires that in his judgment if the canal locks are not built on the east side they will not be built at all, is an opinion shared generally with the poeple. If it could be definitly shown that work could and would be started on the west side as soon as the esat side route was abandoned, the people would not care as to route

Mr. and Mrs Leon Des Larzes, Music A judge's instruction to a jury is High St. Telephone Main 3171.

HAVE YOU AN OPINION?

The Courier is glad to see its columns used by subscribers, for through such exchange of ideas men think and enlarge. We invitefany man who has ideas on any topic to express them in the Courier. It doesn't matter olcion, and whatever the outcome of whether every word is spelled correctthis trial may be, an awakened public ly or every comma just where it conscience should d mand hereafter should be. The ideas are what we one standard of justice and one intor will dot the "i's" and cross the
"t's." And if you are modest, sign
an X. Y. Z., and let it go at that.
There are many problems facing Oregon and there are many men to help solve them. These matters are of great in terest to readers, and no matter what the subject, or how you may look at it, the Courier will be glad to

> Wonder if President Taft converted anybody on the coast?

get your views.

Indianapolis. - Arthur Long of Pittsburg stood in the Hotel English bar drying I face with a fifty dollar bill. He threw the bill to the floor and then produced from and lifties. Throwing them on the bar, he said, "Bartender, give me a drink, quick, or I will buy this hotel and have you fired."

What a picture in a few lines! Visualize it. The spender, leaning on the bar of the high toned saloon, the subservient tender, whose eyes glisten at the sight of the currency; the crowd-some agape, some applauding and all more or less athirstthese are the settings of the stage as the brief curtain goes down on the drama of "A Fool and His Money."

"Well," you say-"The money belonged to the man. If he chose to 'blow it,' whose busi-

But was the money his? Legally, yes. Some mysterious dispensation of providence gave over into his temporary keeping more money than he needed or could use to advantage and allowed him, for some wise purpose of its own, to show how easily a fool and his money are parted

But-In rightful view Long did not own that bundle of bills!

That money was part of the accumulated assets of a world of labor. It cost somebody's sweat and ache and blood. It represented deprivation and slow savings and short dinners. Ethically a man has no right

And did you note where the money

came from? Pittsburg-Pittsburg-where naked bodies toll in front of the fires of molten hells, where men sell their shortened lives behind from closed doors, where half the slaves toll to to this brutal frankness was the re-newed activity of the labor and inde-pendent press, which brought the But don't worry. We don't need a other half groon in sweaty sleep. It

bills Think of the hungry children that bundle of fives and fifties would feed. of the cheer it would bring, of the homes it would furnish!

And the man behind the bills? Him? Why, the bills he flung away will, soon or late, come into decent hands and fill their purpose in the world, some five, some fifty fold. But as for him-Him!

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No. 2. (Watch for No. 3) OCCASIONAL STORE TALKS By Holmes. We have been receiving new goods in various departments during the past weeks and we wish to call your attention to the continuous bargains that exist here, in every department. Having concluded to remain in our present location for a few months longer we have sought out hundreds of the very best buys that could be found and we are giving you the benifit of them. This week we are setting out necessities in each department and putting a price on them that will make a great saving to you. This is merely a continuation of the Holmes' Bargain Store plan, as you well know, and we are confident that our efforts in giving genuine "Square Deals," have been appreciated. It will pay you in dollars and cents, to inspect the real savings here. The Holmes Bargain Store

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