## OREGON CITY COURIER

Published Thursdays from the Courier Building, Eighth and Main streets, from the Mt. Angel Times. At this and entered in the Postoffice at Oregon City, Ore., as 2d class mail matter

#### OREGON CITY COURIER PUBLISHING COMPANY, PUBLISHER M. J. BROWN, A. E. FROST, OWNERS.

Subscription Price \$1.50.

Telephones, Pacific 51; Home A 51.

Official Paper for the Farmers Society of Equity of Oregon M. J BROWN,

Most everybody likes a bright gem workers and farmers, will not get to condemn, to set up or to tear down, of verse. Few of us agree as to any of that rake-off. It will be a what is 18 karet. Here's one the bunch of lawless train robbers. A editor ran onto that he thinks is real old-time Oklahoma train robber really poetry. I don't know who was a gentleman, a humanitarian, Charles Keeler, the author, is, but he and all kinds of a chump compared to knows how to harmonize meter and the sugar trust! sentiment and to write a trio of verses a lover of good stuff will read

O my rosy laughing Jennie, will you hie away with me?

I've a station in the gum-bush where the grass will touch your knee; I've a thousand sheep a-bleating, I've a cosy hut for you;

It is lonely in the gum-bush and there's room enough for two; O the lyre-birds are singing 'neath the wattle's golden boughs.

And the distant doves are cooing in the glen their plaintive vows; How the gaudy parrots chatter, while the magpies sound their tune, O I'm loney here, my Jennie, but you'll make me happy soon!

And your voice, my merry Jennie, shall not exceed \$3,000,000. like the Leura's silver fall, I shall hear about the paddocks ans-

there's room enough for two!

The way the state legislature razate and now the house, will leave us of employees, printing, heating, just where all two-house law making lighting and any and all other ex-

for lower taxes look slim. The promised cutting and slashing at the case for more than \$10,000. beginning of the session haven't ma-

restricted from passing any law repealing an initiative measure, or any part of it. If the people made a mistake, let them grin and bear it awhile and they will be more careful next time.

The more perfect wording of such to you have a measure can easily be obtained; on their circulation, and that tax was that this superstition is being eaten that this superstition is being eaten away, and that one of these fine days idea? Why not cut taxes down by hibition. This principle is recognized the control of the series of the control of the con

The Hague bunch framed up

given a quarter of a billion to philan- not take the power to do without To give him credit is rot. them? The law which allowed him to accumulate this vast sum is a crime against humanity. He robbed nature as well as the people to secure his make wrong right. Had he divided mits one to have 24 bottles of beer his profits among his laborers as and 2 quarts of whiskey within 28 Henry Ford is doing there would be days.

State—and without any mother hublish the school laws of the state was adopted by the but there would be peace, content-probabilities. ment and plenty. He has hundreds of millions left and it is not yet too who will never import a gill, and late for it to be used in bettering there are thousands of others who when he understands the true basis own. labor conditions. Rockefeller is an may desire the liquor but will not old man who must soon die. What go through the red tape and possible kind of a story is he to tell to his publicity to get it. Maker ?- Mt. Angel Times.

them!-have "drawn the teeth" of loons are simply annihilated. the liability law passed by the people No doubt the liquor interests will cal economists call land; the second their superstitious reverence for terests and unquestionably will fill the by a majority in every county of the hold the law up on a referendum, and attaches to the products of human things as they are, that one man halls of legislation with lobbyists. State in 1910. Workingmen are de- the probabilities are the legislature labor. Both of these values exist re- out of six necessary to enable us to manding that these "teeth" be re- will call a special referendum elecstored. If the Legislature refuses to tion for this fall, to prevent the ref- their distribution and enjoyment will four to 40 years yet. Such is the the people at the last election which do so, then they may be restored by erendum, if it should carry, from depend very much upon the form of peculiar reluctance with which men sharper, longer and better rooted, about a year. The way the supreme court has care- And if such an election is called from what it does when laid upon the use it. fully extracted those teeth would be we will have this rather laughable other. Without a recognition of this a disgrace to a shyster court in a situation: southern state trying a colored gentle man for stealing watermelons, when prohibition law. prisoners are badly needed to work said shyster court. Put the teeth it on. back! We may have to recall one or more of our honorable and entirely determine if what they voted for in opposite effect from what it does world, the daylight robbery of the too numerous supreme judges before 1914 was what they really wanted when laid upon the other. Without they fully realize what they wear in 1915. their mother hubbards for.

EDITOR Sugar going up. What for? War! Rats! The sugar growers, field

keeping inside of it?

#### HOW WOULD THIS DO?

The constitution of the State of regon is hereby amended, etc. Section 1. The total appropriations made by any legislature for the maintainance of the State governent during a period of two years

Appropriations exceeding sum by less than \$1,000 shall be decoming after you,

For I'm lonely in the gum-bush and in excess of \$1,000 shall be appor-

all the appropriations. The total contingent expenses, inzies and dazzies us with now the sen- cluding salaries and per diem, hire and applied the law. exceed \$20,000.

No special session shall be allowregular or special session, and in no

The people of any county by the

Why not have framed rules that expenses amount to more than state that there may be more of them.

### A LONG, LONG ROAD

no poverty among the poor today But the possibilities will not be the

There are thousands of families

But out of it all the saloons of Oregon are abolished-and in them The courts of Oregon-shame upon was the greatest danger. The sa-

people through the initiative, holding up the prohibition law for the tax; for a tax laid upon one of use what they think is their reason,

First, the people voting a state impossible.

Then the legislature guessing at

"It's a long, long road."

# A Mistake That Might

"I made a bad mistake today," said Blank to his e. "I went to pay that subscription to the daily, which was \$5.00. I found out afterward that I had handed the agent a \$10 bill and didn't notice it until he was gone—guess he didn't either. I suppose the fellow is honest and I'll get my money back, but it'll be some trouble," "I've been telling you" said his wife "that you should deposit your money in the bank and then pay by check. Then you won't be making such mistakes and having so much trouble."

Happen to You

Was she right? She was. We invite one and all to open a checking account at our bank.

The Bank of Oregon City

Oldest Bank in Cleckamas County

#### SANE TAXATION

(The following article is copied time when everybody is talking of taxation remedies, the article will certainly be interesting, and it will

make the one who reads it think.) The confusion worse confounded of our tax laws illustrates anew the inestimable value of popular government. What of all our institutions gives greater scope to the human Where else can be found such tragedy, such melodrams and such

comedy? And its greatest charm is that it is our government—ours to laud or enact a set of laws and then turn about and make another set that contradicts and nullifies the first. And the men we select to administer as they think should be enforced.

Having in mind the universality, When the legislature does not as well as the inevitability, of death want to do anything for the people it and taxes it is not to be wondered at falls back on its pledges to economy. that the more vexatious of the dread-When it wants to do the people and ed twain should have arisen in the do them plenty pledges become mere state attorney's office. Nor should it scraps of paper and puffs of hot air. be surprising that an able and ener-Twas ever thus. Why not limit the getic official should have added to legislature to a total sum of appro- the gayety of politics by undertaking priations and let the members worry to enforce the personal property tax first secured the power to do it. law. That a grand jury at the instigation of a state's attorney should

have sought to pillory a conspicuous rich man for defying a law that both the grand jury and the attorney had bilities of popular government. But now that we have had our

ever remain ridiculous and unenforce- first time it is put before them. able? Is there no science of governwering whene'er I call.

When the waratah's in blossom I am from the salary of the members of tion Is there order in all things the legislature making the same; all else, material and immaterial, physi- sense will be persuaded to do so, and cal and spiritual and no law govern- the third of the people who never take tioned and subtracted pro rata from ing social relations? Reason an- a step forward will be forced to ad-all the appropriations. And order and harmony mit that a single housed legislature will come when we have discovered is an institution come to stay.

The people throughout this counbodies leave us-in doubt who to penses connected with any regular ation. It is the chief topic in Wash- noble, thief, forger, tax dodger, alien blame, but holding the sack in the session of the Legislature shall not ington, in every state capital, in every city council and in every county, body use it, nor use it himself. township and village. Everywhere The big appropriation bills \*are ed any expenses whatever unless call- the question is raised: Tow shall we ed as one of the greatest and most now having their inning at Salem. ed by the governor more than six obtain revenue, and everywhere the evil superstitions ever controlling the Ex-Governor West says the chances months after the adjournment of any admission is made that the system in mind of man. vogue is unsatisfactory.

initiative, may limit the total amount of these is that a tax is a burden, and burdens of government, but we bitterof appropriations for county purpos- tends to drive away the thing it is ly oppose any relief of this condition, It is high time the legislature was es, and may reduce or increase the laid upon. When congress wished to and cheerfully pay fines upon every salaries of any officer, official or stop state banks from issuing money useful and commendable action in The more perfect wording of such ity by laying a tax of 10 per cent up- idlers of nine-tenths of Oregon. cutting away the power to make appropriations? Why not limit the attract new industries by exempting afraid to step forward and assert 1871 she crossed the plains to Idaho. a legislature to a reasonable expense? them from taxation for a term of that God Almighty did not make the In 1876 she was married to William list of rules that should be PERMIS- Why not? Those in favor of cut- years. It is understood by those who land to be held idle by idlers, will S. Powers. SABLE in war—an arrangement of ting down state expenses will come place heavy taxes on saloons to keep take his stand by the two men out killing by rule. And one day the forward; those opposed will stay down the number and exempt hospiquestion jumped into my dome: where they are. County and local tals, schools and churches in order stition, and the people of Oregon will Mrs. Lucy Edwards Bruce, of Port-

to limit them? Officers wished by mental pricriple, however, this all-The press dispatches of today an- any need or appreciation of them are it general application. While we do all values, however, is not as popular propriations. as it once was. The impracticability Under the prohibition bill it is pos- of enforcing the personal property fortune and all the philanthropy in sible to have a literal lake of beer tax is leading many to think it should to hear cases, and the rest of the caught pursuing deer be shot. heaven, on earth and in hell cannot and booze in Oregon, for the law per- be abolished. But such a proposition time administering justice in the will not be generally accepted by the three and only circuit courts of the superintendent of public instruction not likely at first to look kindly upon

proposition to tax homes while

the rich. He will accept it however,

of taxation. There are two values, and only men make when acting together, and the same way as a set of elevators in the value men make when acting in- a big city office building. dividually. The first attaches to gardless of the form of taxation, but take these steps may require from constitutional amendment passed by

fact a just and workable system is A tax laid upon any product of labor-a table, for instance-will be the road leading past the premises of what the voters wanted and adding added to its price, and will be paid Third, the people voting again to upon one of these values has the a recognition of this fact a just and

workable system is impossible. A tax laid upon any product of the consumer. But a tax laid upon gamblers, land values does not enter into the price, and cannot be passed on to the sponse to demand. If the consumer refuses to pay the tax levied on the table the cabinet maker can refuse coups of speculators? to make any more tables until he

does pay it. Land, however, is a fixed quantity, the area of the earth being the same when the situation warranted a fa- a had condition-a feeling of languor whether taxed or untaxed. Hence mine. A condition very nearly ap- or laziness-the "blues" the land owner lacks the redress of thec abinet maker. He cannot shut about in America if the price of wheat when in this condition the system in off the supply. The land is already than society can use. A tax on vacant land cannot be shifted to the tenant because there is no tenant; a tax on improved land cannot be comparison with the hungry millions ing or sickening.-Sold at Jones Drug shifted to the tenant because of the

neys with soft paper instead of cloth. buy steam yachts at the expense of dozen. Postage 5 cents.

#### ONE OF THESE DAYS

(Alfred D. Cridge)

It requires an entire generationsometimes two or even twenty-to complete a process of reasoning upon a very simple proposition.

People in the United States once believed very sincerely and to the utmost devotion of life and fortune, that a king could do no wrong and ruled by some holy and divine right. That idea is still prevalent among

many millions of people in Europe, and because of it a few insane monarchs have driven into a terrible war many millions of people.

for the absurd reverence given to and business shot to Hell, then the for the most part being a bunch of and told to you, "It's the war in hair-splitters, and no better than the Yoerope does it," and then what can the laws pick from among them such lawyers pleading before them, or the you do? When you go to buy a average criminal sentenced by them. toothpick, or a harrow, or a fence,

generation or more to get to the point on the expense, makes you wish you where we will take the absolute were a woodchuck with only roots to power out of the hands of the courts, chew, with no war in Yoerope bothersimplify the administration of justice, do away with nine-tenths of the Uncle Sam would stop all ships of courts and 99 per cent of the lawyers. goods and clothes of any kind to Yoe would have done it in 1904 when we these gambler, trusts and combines

broken illustrates the infinite possi- mind is a benumbed instrument for sugar, flour and bacon would hit a laugh the question arises: Is govern- fore a simplified, responsible legis- peaceful sounds. We ain't no obliment really a joke Are all laws nul- lature is such a terrible thing that gations to feed them crazy wars, we lified by other laws? Must statutes two out of three vote against it the ain't no combinations to match up

people who are afraid to take a step and ship no stuff across the pondforward along the road of common there'd soon be peace, you bet.

Then there is the silly superstition that land was not made to be used, try are discussing the question of tax- but made to be owned by some idler, -somebody who would not let any-

In time to come this will be regard-

Because of this superstition we There are principles of taxation not only pay taxes upon every thing that are universally recognized. One to relieve the land monopolist of the it avoided questions of constitutional- order to continue the holding idle by

then guarantee the inalienable right land; Miss Katherine Flayd Edwards, would PROHIBIT war?" Ever think expenses. Why not take the power Though conscious of this fundaof it?

Though conscious of this fundaof every man and woman in the state vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Lester A. La-

on a county without pervading force, we are slow to give as they need to use, and no more. Hayes, and Miss Ina C. Powers, Portnounced that John D. Rockefeller has one great cause of high taxes. Why discriminate among a few things in house legislature unable to spend W. Emery Powers, Oregon City, and levying taxes, the great mass of more than a fixed amount for its J. Elmer Powers, Haines, Oregon. values falls under a common rule. session, restricted as to the total This policy of a common treatment of amount of its expenditures and ap-

Think of a supreme court of three men sitting once a month for a day pealing a law providing that dogs

Think of an Oregon where no man is fined for being industrious, and exempting the personal property of where no man owns an acre he does not use nor uses an acre he does not

Think of an Oregon where all means of public transportation are two, that can be taxed: The value owned by the public and operated in

One third of us are ready for those elements of nature that politi- these things now; but to get over have the support of certain labor inthese values has the opposite effect but which, in fact, is the rufusal to

Alfred D. Cridge.

AN OLD CRY IN A NEW FORM

When flour passes \$8 a barrel in by the consumer. But a tax laid est wheat crop six or seven months make the licenses and fees collected ulators in wheat is a matter so serious that it calls imperatively for a Federal investigation to determine labor-a table, for instance-will be whether the people of the United added to its price and will be paid by States are helpless in the hands of

and the home of the brave." consumer. The reason for this seem- free where the necessities of life are rest, but the owner must obtain a ing paradox will be apparent upon a not determined by the demand and warrant. Representative Fenwick, aumoment's reflection. Labor products the supply, even by the demand of thor of the measure, pointed out that are produced as needed, that is, in re- the belligerent countries and the sup- by the time a farmer procures a warply in a peaceful country, but are fixed in accordance with the plans and . is some

Ancient history bristles with the records of the exportation of wheat usually go together and it does not being forbidden by autocratic decree take long for constipation to produce proaching a famine will be brought palpitation or other malady. Indeed goes to a point at which the price of vites more serious illness and is not in existence and in quantity greater bread will be double what it is under able to throw off disease. Foley

normal conditions. linCtisiinem

in Asia, but they are not well enough Co., Oregon City. competition of the owner of the off to pay \$2 for \$1 worth of flour that a handful of players in a game in Clean your mirrors and lamp chim- basis of illegitimate transactions may sale at the Courier office at 15c per.

A good deal was said on ebmargo on wheat when the war began, and about an investigation to regulate the American product for American consumers. Now is the time to investigate. Congress is in session.-Louisville-Courier Journal.

#### "IT'S THE WAR IN YOEROPE"

with sugar, flour or soap, or bread, or wire-netting, or hogs, or nails or rope, then they tell us trusting farm ers, and city sweaters too, it's the war in Yoerope done it, and then what can you do? When the trusts That idea still prevails even in are knocking prices on everything Oregon to some degree, and accounts you sell, and millions standing idle, our courts, the judges on the bench trusts turn out the story, and it's told It will require perhaps another the way the sellers sock you and add ing or pestering you. Perhaps if We do not reason on this or we rope, if they starved or if they froze would face the music, too, and we'd Then there is the absurd superstitell them just what did it, just like tion that we must have two house they tell to you—"the war in Yoelegislatures. If ever there was any excuse for way. If you speculators want to it there is none now, but the human eat, get right to work today. Then some time after the glow of common fair price round, and all United sense is turned upon it, and there- States would hear from Yoerope cause 'gainst cause. If the war in One of these days the third of the Yoerope done it, then let us all forget,

Alfred D. Cridge.

Not Responsible says J. W. Smith Both the Enterprise and Oregonian printed the news story that Commissioners Smith and Mattoon opposed Judge Anderson on the matter of having a county road engineer, and brought about the release of Engineer

Mr. Smith says be objects to being made responsible for the acts of his successor, and that he thinks Mr. Knight has been commissioner long enough for the newspapers to have discovered the fact, as he was elected November 4.

#### MRS. MARY POWERS

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Aangelina Powers, formerly of Redland, who died February 4, was conducted by Rev. A. B. Waltz at the Crematorium in Portland Saturday. Her three sons and three son-in-laws

She was the mother of 11 chil-Think of an Oregon with a single- land: Henry C. Edwards, Portland;

> Legislative Brevities. The senate passed house bill re-

A joint resolution authorizing the

What is regarded by many as one of the most important new laws enacted is that repealing the free textbook enactment of the last session. By passing this measure the legislature has saved itself a controversy.

Dan Kellaher introduced a bill in the senate providing for weekly payments of various employes, which is said to

To facilitate the operation of the provides that only citizens of the United States shall vote in this state, Senator Moser introduced a bill empowering county clerks to strike from the registration records the names of

all aliens. After amending Representative Schuebel's bill, merging all special country which harvested its great- funds into the general fund, so as to ago, and which is at peace with the by the state fish and game commis sion constitute an appropriation for millions for the interest of the spec- that commission, the house passed the measure by a vote of 53 to 5, two members being absent.

To give farmers power to arrest hunters who trespass upon their property is the object of a bill passed by We boast our "land of the free the house. Under the present law a Who is trespassing hunter is subject to artant the damage is done and the hunt

Sluggish bowels and torpid liver Cathartic Tablets are a wholesome The people of America are rich in laxative and cleansing cathartic. They act without inconvenience, grip

The new Clackamas County comwhich the necessities are used as a plete record report cards are now for



### \$2.00 For 69 Cents--\$2.00

We have about twenty-five \$2.00 Oil Polishing Mops left over from our January sale, and we want the Courier readers to have a chance at this great bargain.

You all know an O'Cedar or Wizzard mop costs \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, and here is a far better oil mop with almost 50 per cent more stock in it than an O'Cedar, a perfect self oiler and better in every way for 69 cents. This is actually less than the cost of the material used in the mop, but "should worry"-the makers write us to get rid of them at some price and we will sure do it.

### **Huntley Brothers Company** The Rexall Store

Effective February 1

# Reduction No. 3

# On Goodyear Tires

Making Total Reduction of 45 per cent in two Years to Give Always the Most for the Money

We are glad again-for the third time in two years-to announce a big reduction on Goodyear tires, effective February 1st. Goodyear policy on price is

to give the utmost in a tire

at the lowest possible profit.

Our reductions are made to that end, without ever reducing the That always means, with our matchless output, more for the

money than any other maker can give. As rubber came down our prices came down. As our outpit multiplied, reducing factory cost, our prices came down with In two years our reduc tions-including the present-

have totaled 45 per cent. Last year we increased our output 26.6 per cent. A few days ago the embargo on rubber was modified so that supplies seem assured. The market price for rubber seems for a time established. Fabric costs less than last year. So, under our minimum profit policy, we announce this new reduction.

ONLY FAIR BASIS We consider profit margin on a tire the only fair price basis. We keep that margin just as low as our line allows. While we do that, Goodyear tires will always undersell tires that compare with them. That output. We have a new factory, modernly equipped. And we have world-wide facilities for buying rubber, of our extra grade, at the lowest market

For a long, long time most tires have sold much above the Goodyear prices. Some have sold one-third higher. A few have sold lower, as some always will, because of less rubber, less quality. But we can and do, under all conditions, give more for the money than any rival tire can offer.

THE BEST WE KNOW Goodyear Fortified Tires offer the best we know. They are built to give you the lowest cost per mile. They minimize tire trouble in five costly ways employed by no other

maker. And they are always

the same, regardless of price reductions. Most tires will always sell higher, because of smaller output. Some tires will always sell lower because of lower standards. But we promise you that none will ever give better than Goodyear value.

This policy has made Goodyears the largest-selling tires in the world. It will make them more so as more men find them out. Ask your Goodyear dealer

for our new price on the size

is because we have the largest you buy. THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO, Akron, O.



## People Are Constantly Moving

I buy their Furniture, Stoves, etc Many of these articles are as servicable as new goods, but you can buy them much cheaper. It is well worth climbing the hill to see how much you can save on both New and Second Hand Goods.

J. H. MATTLEY

Seventh and Madison Sts. Oregon City, Ore.

Office phones: Main 50, A50; Res. phones, M. 2524, 1751 Home B251, D251

## WILLIAMS BROS. TRANSFER & STORAGE

Office 612 Main Street

Safe, Piano, and Furniture Moving a Specialt Sand, Gravel, Cement, Lime, Plaster, Common

Brick, Face Brick, Fire Brick

If You want the truth, Read The \$1 per year in advance Courier.