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found to assail every phase of improvement. It may be gratifying to those who have been instrumental in having the improvements proceeded with to note that Oregon undertook to improve the public thoroughfares and improve the appearance of the

ment that will raise a longer and louder contiguous thereto. blast of indignation from property owners than the grading of a street. When such a job is under way the alderman who began finished that either himself or that particproperty owner a street consists of an area as he is permitted to make good drainage a threefold ratio as compared with women. law-defler, and continues still to violate the on his own front and allow the water to pass on for some other property owner, located on lower ground, to care for.

and cities is that the blocks have been built upon and sidewalks laid about them ever since the settlement of the country, without street grades and drainage having been previously provided or established. Perhaps a few grades have been established in the business part of the city, but the larger area has been built up without them. every property owner erecting his building according to his own inclinations. Trees have been planted and have thrived handsomely, located not only on the curb line, but outside as well as inside of it. For years the streets have been under the care of successive street commissioners who have scraped, ditched, guttered and graded them to suit the notion of many property owners. When the time comes for the improvement of the streets, to secure good drainage so that there will be no excessive concentration of storm-water at any particular place; when water-works, sewerage, paving and macadam are introduced; when street cover." grades are established and profiles of surface and grades are made and placed on file in the city half-it is about this time that the air becomes turbulent with muttered imprecations and threatened suits at law against the city for damage to property. and at the next municipal election a strong cabal is formed to defeat the re-election of the offending alderman, and a successor to the city engineer is sought for-one who will ignore the established grades and respect the old-time condition of things."

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION

Last week the Extrapaise said concerning the vote in the house on the repeal of Cross wants to drag his tax record into the the silver bill that while it was good in its public prints we can set it forth more fully way it must not be considered as the finish than he has done. For example, while holdof the work to be done and that much re- ing property in the county fairly assessable mained to place the finances of the country at \$16,000 be covers it up with indebtedness on a sound basis. The issue of the New real or fictitious, and paid in 1891 the insig-York Press following the passage of the nificent tax of \$32.50, and in 1892 the mere bill is at and in its discussion of the quest trifle of \$25.62, or would have paid that sum tion it among other things says:

in any sense as a victory for monometall- he got a lower rate of interest on that acinterests of this country and of Europe that, has "found hundreds of people who have felt come what may, the United States proposes | justified in refusing to pay mortgage taxes" to maintain its credit, at any cost, on a par with that of any nation. The news of this action should have a reassuring effect upon which he only paid \$82,50, letting the \$40.63 business; it should restore confidence in on mortgages, which he had agreed in the our banking institutions and give additional mortgage to pay, go delinquent. What was security to operations and enterprises of the result? The county was compelled to all kinds. To this extent the action will pay and did pay to the state and school fund undoubtedly prove beneficial,

Oregon City Enterprise. have still to face a serious and difficult prob-lem before we can dispose of the silver ques-been to in assessing and collecting his tax. silver block upon which, in combination record. with gold, it has rested from the beginning 22 00 victory for sound currency will be ephemeral preparatory to the main contest,

> to defeat street and other public improvements can hardly commend itself to their better judgment, since they are by so doing for that which benefits them most and Take for example the Seventh street case the property owners win that suit the tax over mere details and Oregon City will be at any time to have had the cash. judged by its position on these matter.

THE stranger visiting a city for the first streets is being pushed the subject of street never forgets them and will not fail to men- it known long ago so that he might not grades and improvements receives a maxi-tion the fact when speaking of the place seem to be standing in the way of other taxmum amount of discussion and many are and his conclusions and comments will not payers? and why did he advise people ignor be favorable, but if the streets be hand- ant of the law to resist collection unless be somely improved he will always carry with wanted to make legal business for himself him an impression of that fact and it will that he could not get in a legitimate way? speak well of them. The fact is that improvements are not alone a help to the tax is still unpaid and so the year before street improved but to the adjacent streets Upon this subject, W. F. Goodhue, a civil and property. Almost always an improve-their face, and this "martyr" to tax has adengineer of recognized ability, says: " Per- ment of the street is followed by general

1890, the compiler presents the statistics sworn officer of the law, defies it at every it most generally wishes before the work is of 203 persons who were reported as having point whenver it stands in his way, died during the ten years, 1881-'90, at the ular street had never existed; While the age of 100 and over. Of this number 153, or as he knows so well how to do his other vocabulary of names having reference to 75.4 per cent., were females. The greater creditors; but he was mistaken, hence his imbeciles and other persons with little or no exposure of men to accidents, to weather wrath. He thinks me as base as himself minds is exhausted, and poured upon the agencies, to the constant strain of business and for that reason would use my office for head of the city engineer. To the average life, to the anxiety of providing for the partisan ends. I am not surprised that he of land embracing the frontage of his own The deaths by accident among men are nor is any one who knows his record -property. He does not care particularly more than threefold greater than among man who was honored as a law-maker but for any other portion of the street, as long women, and men commit suicide in about who has dishonored the law and become a

> ment, or threstened abandonment, of the ble industries of Oregon. and has never failed to bring bankruptcy makes stetements in the public prints that and ruin." If history teaches this and a are disproved, as he well knows, by the pubclose student of our national record will lie records of Clackamas county. find it correct, is it not the best guide for

paper-they both have the same aroma.

THE SHERIFF REPLIES.

The Case from Mr. Ganong's Standpoint Conflicts with Senator Cross.

To THE EDITOR:-I am very much averse to a newspaper controversy, and were it not for the fact that the ENTERPRISE circulates in parts of this county where "Hon." H. E. Cross is not so well known as in Oregon tirade in your last issue.

he is a martyr to the cause of taxation Mr. Cross is in fact a tax shirk, as his record for the last two years will clearly show. If Mr. if the state had not compelled him to pay "The overwhelming vote yesterday in the \$20,00, much against his wishes. Unfortu House of Representatives in favor of the nately this indebtedness was not all fictiunconditional repeal of the purchasing tious, for a part of it was mortgages, the clause of the Sherman law will establish tax on which this "tax martyr" agreed in the credit and integrity of the United States, the mortgage to pay, and on that account not only at home, but throughout the his property was excused from taxation. So world. The Press regards this action not be ought to have been willing to pay it as ism, but as a victory for honest money and count. But instead of paying he lets it go a notification to the financial and business delinquent and justifies himself by saying he

-just as good and conscientious as himself. In 1891 Mr. Cross's tax was \$73.13, of the result? The county was compelled to pay and did pay to the state and school fund on account of Mr. Cross two-fifths of that \$75.13, or \$29.25. As he only paid in \$32.50 as he only paid in \$32.50 for the county, not there was left just \$3.25 for the county, not county as left just \$3.25 for the county, not county as left just \$3.25 for the county, not county as left just \$3.25 for the county, not county as left just \$3.25 for the county and county are county. While all this is true, so far as the simple \$75.13, or \$29.25. As he only paid in \$32.50 repeal of the Sherman law is concerned, we there was left just \$3.25 for the county, not

have still to face a serious and dificult prob- enough to pay the county the expense it had tion. By a union of the two great political. In 1892, but for the ruse of the state board. parties the popular body of our national the county would have been actually in egislature has removed from the founda- debt after paying Mr. Cross's state and tion of our currency system the mighty school tax. So much for Mr. Cross's tax

The supreme court of Oregon has declared of the Republic. The Press believes that these taxes on mortgages legal, and no re- ent kinds. Cigars wholesale and retail, unless this is replaced in a manner that will spectable lawyer can be found anywhere to Please give us a call, bring gold and silver to a parity, as prome advise clients to further resist collection. ised in the platforms of both parties, the But Mr. Cross, while professing to me that some time in the dim future, "when he go and the day of reckoning merely postponed. | time," he would pay his taxes, never offered The recent vote cannot fairly be re- to do so, though I warned him time, time garded in any other light than as one step and again, and begged him as a brother to Best arranged barn in the city and well in the settlement of a great financal issue- come in and pay them. The fact is Mr. the clearing away of underbrush, as it were, Cross has failed to bulldoze me by an appeal to the courts, and knowing he has no case squeals through the paper and tries to make THE disposition of some of our people to it appear that he is persecuted on account take advantage of every technical point of his political influence, a thing which exists only in his imagination.

The truth is that certain prominent dem otrats as well as republicans, and the heaviengaged in an attempt to make others pay est taxpayers of each party, and the lawyers were selected and warned that if they did which the law savs that they shall pay for. not pay execution would issue against them, and such notice was given in each case. The which is now before the supreme court heavy taxpayers were selected that they awaiting their decision and comment upon might test the legality of the tax if they de which cannot now be prejudicial. In case sired to do so-the lawyers because they were presumed to know the law, Mr. Cross's payers, many of whom are not benefitted senatorial colleague, Mr. Hayes, paid withexcept as any public improvement helps the out a murmur, and the Latourettes paid whole community, will have the bill to pay, nearly \$000.00; in fact all the democrats and under the charter when the streets ad- and republicans too, so far as I know, who jacent to their prorerty are improved they counseled with any lawyer except Mr. Cross, will have to pay for it or get out of it under came, upon the decision of the supreme some technical point. It should be borne in court, and paid their taxe. The statementmind by all citizens of the place that there of Mr. Cross that he offered to pay me his is something more at stake than the im- taxes is false. I never heard of such an provement in hand. A public spirited and a offer until some time after the levy was progressive community does not quibble made on his horse. I would have been glad

Now let me say, Mr. Editor, that neither the tax roll nor the records show that the mortgages that are taxed against Mr. Cross time does not always remember the hand- are not properly so taxed, and the sheriff is some buildings it may have; but if it have bound to act on the records. If Mr. Cross Now that work upon Main and Fifth execrable streets such as ours have been he was not properly taxed why did he not make unconsciously shape his opinion of the city | If this was the first year that Mr. Cross had City is not the first city to assail those who and its people and he will almost invariably been delinquent in mortgage taxes he might when they were only assessed for one half vised his clients and every one else be could baps there is no other municipal improve- repairs and overhauling of all the property influence to dety the law. If Clackamas county has an unknown debt many thousands of it are due to the inquence of this In the registration report of Massachusetts same "Hon." H. E. Cross who, though a

Mr. Cross thought be could stand me off. family all tend to shorten the life of men. should accuse others of betrayal of trust, law ne himself helped by his vote to enact. SENATOR DOLPR in a recent letter to the and for his own private gain persists in New York Press, said: "Protection has maintaining in defiance of that law a close The principal cause of the trouble which been the cause of all the prosperity this dam across the Clackamas river, thus strikarises from grading a street in most towns | country has ever enjoyed. The abandon- ling a deadly blow at one of the most profitaprotective policy has been the cause of all thus prove recreant to his trust as a legislaour great business and financial depression tor should not occasion surprise when he

> Permit me to say in closing that it would future conduct? We can best judge what be well for the taxpayer to remember that the future will be by what the past has been. the county has had to pay almost half of the assessment of \$162,000 in cash to the COMMENTING upon the wild and wooly state and school fund. Of the balance fully editorials which have appeared in the one half is double assessments and delin-Evening Telegram recently relative to the quent taxes, so that a large part of the debt financial legislation, the Telephone Register of Clackamas county comes from those tax of McMinnville, pointedly says: "The shirkers like the "Hon." H. E. Cross who editor has been waiting to die with his boots are refusing to bear their share of the public on for so long a time that it is now impos- burden. If these money-bag tax delinquents sible to tell whether his feet or his brain of whom Mr. Cross is the drum-major, will dictates the articles that appears in his only pony up like other tolks there will be no " bottomless pit" in Clacksmas county We suggest that he cut his boots off, wash to worry the honorable gentleman, however his feet and give his brain a chance to re- it may be elsewhere. The people elected me to collect taxes from shirks as well as other people and I have no fears but they will sustain me in doing my duty. If Mr. Cross were as faithful to his sworn trust as I am to mine this controversy never could have occurred. C. W. GANONG.

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