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With this issue, Mr. J. R. Beegle severs his connection with the Enterprise. Here- past there seems to be good reason to fear after Mr. F. L. Poindexter will have charge that in the preset crisis, if sustained by the as editor and manager.

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A PARTY OF PRINCIPLE. In severing my connection with the Enterprise, after a sojourn in Oregon City of more than three months, I deem it proper to take this opportunity of thanking the many new friends made here, during so short a period, for the many kindnesses bestowed upon a stranger. Recognizing the fact that all cannot see alike, it has been the aim of the Enterprise during the past three months to express only the individual views of the editor upon all questions of public policy, and in doing so no doubt many persons of opposite political belief haye, to some extent, taken such pointed remarks as being directed at them personally. This is true in some instances, but where such has occurred the names of the individuals have been in cold type. Leaders of political parties and organizations are legitimate subjects for comment by an unbridled press and believing it to be so the Enterprise has not spared even the "crowned heads" of the populist party.

The state of Oregon during the past two United States the entire mass of voters was an income tax could be of no force and an aggregation of traitors as that which those of the national government. years has undergone a political revelation divided into only two factions; a man was effect until some way might be devised debauched and brought disgrace upon the either a republican straight out, or he was a whereby people having incomes could be state of Oregon. ing in supplying its share of the stench straight-out democrat. Under the adminisforced to divulge the same to the assessor. The senate by its vote has said, and we which has brought disgrace not only to the tration of one or the other of these two When this is done it may be appropriate to believe for all time to come, that the legis- times" last year the following amounts enact an income tax law, provided aiways lature of a state cannot be held up in the \$200,000,000 for other amusements, \$625,000,county from which it emanated but to the great parties the country prospered and the state at large. During a season of un- people were satisfied. Often of necessity that it shall be properly classified. interest of the man who supplies the funds 000 for tobacco, \$062,192,854 for intoxicating precedented depression good citizens were they would fight, sometimes to the bitter with which to accomplish such an object; that liquors. These figures make a Direct connections at Chicago and Mila majority shall rule; that a man to be ad- grand total of over \$1,800,000,000 lured and inveigled into the support of a end; but the object in their existence was FOUALITY IN TAXATION. party whose leaders promised all things to to act on each other as a check, and they Ex-President Harrison made a speech mitted to that body must come with clean all men. This, as has since been shown, existed on a plane that commanded each before the Union League at Chicago on hands if he would be recognized by states- culating medium in the hands of the peo was merely for the sake of getting votes but other's respect. February 22nd which men of all conditions men. The Oregonian's attack upon Senator ple. Now it ought to puzzle the brain of JAS. C. POND. with no intention of keeping faith after Today, six years only since we first heard of life should study. It points directly and McBride because he exercised his right on the average inflationist to know where the election and many men of all parties, seek- the expression, "16 to 1," in the state of unmistakably at the root of the evil which the side of his state in voting on the Corbett money comes from to purchase the necesing diligently for relief from the burdens of Oregon there are five distinct parties-at case is what might have been expected. uries. For, if we cannot pay our debts bemenaces the life of the republic. "Equality," taxation, a general shrinkage in values of least the people think so-and this seemsaid the ex-President, "is the golden thread Senator McBride is no populist and does cause the volume of the debt is greater than all commodities and consequent small de- ingly unfortunate condition of affairs is not that runs all through the fabric of our civil not get his political strength from that the amount of money in circulation, then mand, were, it is true, easily enough led only true of Oregon, but equally so in a institutions-the dominating note in the source, consequently he is the subject of we cannot surely purchase if the volume of attack from abusive journals and disbonest But we do, and with a circulation of astray by the false and insincere promises greater or less degree of every state in the swelling symphony of liberty. Equality, of the populist or "reform" party. But Union. But is not there some mistake? not of conditions, not of natural endowpoliticians relief did not come to those seeking it Because there are five parties in name, is it ments, but of rights, is the foundation through these channels for the ante-elec- necessarily so in fact? Is it not. The same stone of our governmental structure." SENATOR BROWNELL'S POSITION. tion promises were never kept. Neither material that composed the republican and Truer words have never been spoken. The Oregonian criticizes Senator Brownell was there an attempt made to keep them. democratic parties of Oregon six years ago Equality of conditions and endowment is because he sent a letter to Senator Burrows explaining the situation at Salem during All the remedial measures promised were is here today, in principle unaltered, as not a part of the economy of nature, but Denver Republican: A first-class battlethe late attempted session of the legislature forgotten as soon as the ballots were eventually is bound to be proven. Yet equality of rights is the heritage the govship costs \$3,000,000, or a little more. " in which the statement was made that counted and the relief so long desired never right now in this state, in Clackamas ernment owes to its people. To the extent Senator Mitchell, the caucus nominee, sat-Thirty could be built for \$100,000,000. county, men, who six years ago were hand- to which departure is made in the observ- isfied that he could not be elected, had came from the sources expected. These, with the vessels already in commission or in course of construction, would Relief did come, however, but not from to-hand republicans, come out flat-footed ance of this obligation of government, govnamed in writing a number of republicans give the United States the most formidable whom he would cheerfully support," etc. the populist source. The restoration of against each other in spite of the fact that ernment will be weak. The departure fleet of battleships in the world. The rich The Oregonian proceeds to abuse Senator the republican party to power brought both common reasoning and honest con- from the obligation of government which est nation in the world, with a national debt Brownell, ex-Senator Mitchell and Senator with it renewed life and hope. It was viction naturally class them together. General Harrison made the point of his adno longer burdensome, the United States McBride in a rather unfair manner, as is could build 30 battle-ships and hardly so proclaimed throughout the length and The right to vote is given to a man, not to dress was the glaring failure to collect taxes proven by the following letter, written by much as feel the outlay. The coasts should Senator Mitchell to the republican conferbreadth of this country that the wage a child. Accept the inevitable; put away in proportion to the property held by indience several days before the final adjournearner and the tiller of the soil should have childish things. The question is between viduals. "The whole revenues of a state," ment of the legislature. This letter speaks reasonable compensation for their labor the people's party and law, order and pros- he said, "may be derived from contribuoffensive war. Good progress has been for itself and to the effect that Senator and that exchange between the employer perity. If you are in favor of the former, tions exacted from a very small minority made in this direction, but there still re-Brownell's statement is correct and that mains much to be done. The Union was and employed should be made in the best join the people's party; otherwise oppose it. of its population, the majority going free. Senator Mitchell stood ready and willing to formed to provide for the national defense. co-operate with all true republicans in an money the world affords. With this assur- In the tariff question the republicans will To allow such a system is not only to rob It is the duty of congress to appropriate effort to elect his own successor to the ance the money for months, even years, meet the democrats half way, if by so doing the minority thus unduly burdened, but is whatever money may be needed to secure United States senate: hourded in safe depositories and hidden the populist can be defeated. Why hesi- to rob the state of that which is essential to that end. SALEM, Oregon, Feb. 22, 1897. away in old boot-legs which had been tate? Is it not true that sound-money re- its healthy existence, and, indeed, to the How. SAMUEL HUGHES, taken out of the channels of trade, came publicans and sound-money democrats life of republican institutions." Chairman Republican Conference A startling incident of which Mr. John from its hiding place and went out into taken together constitute a majority of the At this point he made an application of Salem, Oregon. Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, "My Dear Sir :-- I understand there is a circulation seeking profitable investment voters? The two oid parties-the standard the principle he had enunciated. With a strong disposition upon the part of the mais narrated by him as follows: "I was and being exchanged for the necessaries of parties-, having just undergone a refining very few exceptions the great fortunes of jority of the republicans to adjourn the in a most dreadful condition. My skin life which are produced principally by our process, are now better than ever qualified this country are invested in such securities legislature sine die without further effort to asenator. This would was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue Steamer G. W. Shaver, own farmers. Prices paid were better than to associate with each other. During the as stocks, bonds and other evidences of coated, pain continually in back and leave the state only partly represented in for many years, and those who had the past few years they have been thoroughly debt. This is the kind of property that sides, no appetite-gradually growing commodifies demanded were enabled to renovated, their refuse going to make up escapes taxation. In New York but 12 per which, in all probability, would be to place the senate of the United States, the effect of weaker day by day. Three physicians liquidate indebtedness against their homes the populist party. During the separating cent of the total amount of property the control of the senate in the hands of had given me up. Fortunately, a friend of long standing, in many cases having a period it is not improbable that good men, taxed was in the form of personal property. those opposed to the republican party, in which event the defeat of tariff legislation great joy and surprise, the first bottle surplus with which to purchase clothing both democrats and republicans, were cast Yet Controller Roberts expresses the opinmade a decided improvement I continued at the coming extraordinary session of conand other items necessary to human com- ont with the refuse, but it was on account ion that the taxable personal property in the gress would be assured. It seems to me, their use for three, weeks and am now of an unfortunate, but commonly prevailing state is at least equal to the amount of real therefore, there is a paramount duty upon a well man. I know they sayed my life, fort. These things have actually come to pass ignorance. Many, upon informing them- estate. General Harrison did not say so, you to make one more determined effort and robbed the grave of another victim." within one year and why have we not the selves, have gladly returned to their old but the 12 per cent of personal property before final adjournment to secure the No one should fail to try them. Only 10:30. Arrive in Portland 1:30 a.m. right to inquire the cause, and reflect for a places in ranks, among whom was Hoke which is taxed is not bonds and stocks and election of a senator. There are many right to inquire the cause, and renect for a places in ranks, among whom was Hoke which is taxed is not bonds and slocks and prominent republicans located in different moment as to what was the policy of the Emith, of Georgia, who agrees with Emer-50 cents per bottle at Charman & Co's. drug store. party in power when these conditions came son that, "A foolish consistency is the sewing machine, the music teacher's piano, the position, men who would do credit to about. Was it due to the theories advanced hobgoblin of little minds. Speak what the household furniture of rich and poor, the party, the state and the nation. I will Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTER. Only 250

from the facts, for it is well understood morrow, speak what tomorrow thinks in on, that make the bulk of the 12 per cent. cans in the legislature in endeavoring to that every favorable condition that has bard words again, even though it contra- And yet incomes amounting to hundreds bring about the election of such republican been wrought was the absolute result from dicts everything you said yesterday."

OREGON

just the reverse of the theories advanced by

the followers of Mr. Bryan Every eco

nomic theory advanced by the Nebraska

statesman and re-echoed from hill-top to

country has long since been exploded by

But to return again more closely to th

original subject. Two years ago Clackamas

county was carried by populist candidates

with republican votes. The career of the

legislative members from this county has

caused the state at large to point the finger

scorn at Clackamas county for having

the nation's welfare, and judging by the

people, success will be the result. Mem-

hers of the party have wavered at different

times but the eternal principles of Ameri-

canism have gone on steadily and success-

Oregon is the first state to hold an elec

tion this year, and as has been well said,

the eves of the nation are upon us, and as

Oregon goes, in our opinion, the tri-

umphant strain will be wafted through

every state of the Union from the Pacific

to the Atlantic, from the gulf to the lakes,

that this is not a state of calamity: that

Oregon points the way to republican victor-

ies throughout the states of the Union in

1898, and that in future she shall not be de-

prived of representation in the halls of the

expensive acts of populist legislators.

Clackamas county has a reputation to re-

deem and we believe her people are equal

THE INEVITARIE.

of tree silver first began, throughout the

Up to the year '92, or until the agitation

to the emergency.

national legislature by the disgraceful and

fully.

A TAX ON INCOMES.

We heartily agree with the Oregonian when it says that an income tax should discriminate between incomes earned through investments and property, and incomes earned through industry and abilities.

The law as declared unconststutional by the supreme court during President Cleveland's last term was a discriminating one. but such discrimination was in the wrong direction. For instance a tax was to be levied upon all incomes in excess of \$1,000. That is to say two men possessing incomes within a few cents of being equal, one would be taxed upon his entire amount while the other would be exempt.

We are of the opinion that an income tax law would be all right, levied upon incomes from investments, rents etc., but to make it feller, a Vanderbilt, a Russel Sage or a equitable it should begin at the bottom and tax all incomes of such character from one cent upward, and not begin, as did the recent law, in the middle of the ladder to ascend. But to levy a tax on the incomes or daily earnings of the employed would work a very serious hardship and would not be conclusive to the welfare and prosperity of that class of our population, who, through force of circumstances, do not receive more than enough from their daily labor to keep soul and body together.

Indeed an income tax formed with judi cions discrimination as to the source of incomes-levied upon property and investments of money generally, and not from personal industry-could not be considered unjust. But the serious phase of a law of this kind would be the difficulty in enforcing the collection of such taxes. Our present law of taxation furnishes an object body to which he sought admission. It hunters rushing to the North. For inlesson in the assessment and collection of was known that he could not be elected on taxes on money, notes and accounts. an honest issue and in order to reach the operated under in the past it has been Im- legislature from organizing, that the govor- ing that practically nothing can be done possible for the assessor to assess this class nor might have an opportunity to appoint of property for the reason that people hold- him. To do this required money and Mr. terim must be passed with great expense ing such securities would not list them with Corbett had the available cash and for the and hardship incumbent on the severity of the assessor and consequently he could have no knowledge of their existence. The the highest law-making power of the assessment roll for Clackamas county for nation, was willing to supply the wherethat amount to be one-half or even one- and the plan succeeded. And in lieu therefourth of the actual cash in the entire of Corbett was armed with senatorial cretax-gatherer, and therefore a very large percentage of the actual valuation in each county and state bears no portion of the

of thousands of dollars a year are derived letter is addressed, will agree upon. from personal property which there is

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scarcely an attempt to tax. States bid for the honor of the presence of these tax dodgers by passing laws practically exempting personal property from taxation. The a plan whereby the state might have full habit of evading taxes has so blunted the representation in the senate of the United moral sense of lawmakers that they see no arm in offering a premium on fraud.

wealth. He does advocate the rule that a person worth millions should be taxed on person of moderate means is taxed. It is will agree upon." probably of no use to appeal to the multitheir income-paying property to the tax

gatherer would be grand, but this generation is not likely to witness it. The tax gatherer will, if there is to be a change, Roseburg Plaindealer: have to become the aggressor.

CORSETT MUST STAND UP.

The senate last Munday by a decisive vote of 50 to 19 decided against the claim of Mr. W. H. Corbett to a seat in that body under the 19 members who voted to seat Corbett there were a number of populists and freevoted against the appointee. For months rounds the brain of the average fiatust. it has been known that Mr. Corbett would not be seated for the reason that the meth-

as the republican conference, to whom this "Yours very sincerely.

"JOHN H. MITCHELL." Thus it will be seen that Mr. Mitchell was not only willing to assist in the election of another, but was the first to suggest such

States. Mark his words: "There are many prominent republicans located in different parts of the state emi-General Harrison does not advocate the nently qualified for the position, men who principle of progressive taxation-that is of would do credit to the party, the state and taxing persons in proportion to their the nation." And again, "I will co operate with you and all other republicans in the legislature in endeavoring to bring about the election of such republican as the coneach dollar at precisely the same rate the ference, to whom this letter is addressed.

Was not the statement of Mr. Brownell to millionaires to come forward voluntarily Oregonian again show its personal grievand submit their holding without exception ance against both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. to the assessor. The spectacle of a Rocke- Browneil in the use of such language as "liar," "scrub politician" and "disrepu Gould coming forward and offering a list of table?" Such expressions emanating from the brain of Harvey Scott!

PUBLIC OPINION.

For the information of our esteemed con temporary, the Bandon Recorder, which has worked itself into a frenzy because the Plaindealer said all values are measured by gold, we beg to say that the proposition

appointment from Governor Lord. Out of disputed. But saying a thing is money, is world to accept it as such and at its face is something else. This is a proposition that silver men, while the gold men, as a rule, does not seem to penetrate the fog that sur-

Albany Herald:

Statement of facts, bearing upon the ods resorted to to bring about his appoint- Alaska gold field matters, has very little ment were familiar to every member of the effect, apparently, upon the crazy gold stance, it has been repeatedly affirmed that summer weather does not commence there until in May or June. Still the tide rushes Under our present system, and the system doors of the senate, he must prevent the on without any dimintion, notwithstanduntil the opening up of the country and mere shadow of again being a member of winter weather in that hyperborean region.

Oregonian: Demo-populist in many places are again demanding the enactment 1897 shows that the assessor found \$12,000 with to corrupt the state legislation. The of an income tax, In The Oregonian's opinin money. Does any same person suppose conspiracy was arrayed, the money put up ion there is no just objection to an income tax, if there be discrimination between in comes earned through personal industry and abilities, and incomes earned through county? As a matter of fact people will dentials and started for Washington. But investments or from property. For propnot give in their money, notes and accounts when the scheme was carried to the nati- erty should be the basis of all taxation for the reason that no law exists whereby onal capital it was found that there were no The industry of the citizen or his personal they can be apprehended in deceiving the Simons, U'Rens, Ogies and Bournes there ability to earn money should never be taxed. An income tax, framed with indicious whom money would tempt to violate all discrimination as to the source of incomes laws and customs of honor, morality and -levied upon incomes from property, and good sense. The United States senate not from personal industry-could not be burden of taxation. Such being the case could not be held up in the interest of such called unjust. But such taxation belongs to the functions of the states rather than to The Dining cars are operated in the in-



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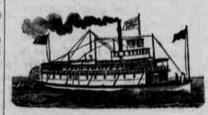
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