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Jan. 4 in American History.

1789—Benjamin Lundy, philanthropist and abolitionist, born; died 1839. Lundy advocated the boycott against products of slave labor. 1910—Darius Ogden Mills, banker and capitalist, died in San Francisco; born 1825.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS. (From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 4:46, rises 7:25; moon rises 4:56 p. m.; 10:12 p. m., moon passes Neptune.

OUR POSTMASTER GENERAL.

By his achievements Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock has shown himself to be one of the best equipped officials ever at the head of that important department. In view of the vast extent of the department's activities and its multitudinous responsibilities, it would not be unfair to his predecessors to say that Mr. Hitchcock is the greatest man who has ever occupied the post.

The selection of Mr. Hitchcock led to much criticism from Democratic sources because of the fact that he was at the time chairman of the Republican national committee. It was contended that his appointment was purely a political one and that his choice was a reward for his services in the political field. The prediction was freely made that under Mr. Hitchcock the postoffice department would become a political machine.

The record of Mr. Hitchcock is an effective answer to his critics and an emphatic endorsement of the wisdom of his selection. He has been progressive, but not at the expense of economy. In two years a deficit of \$17,479,700 has been wiped out and replaced with a surplus of \$219,118. Economy and efficiency have been the watchwords and the abolishment of the deficit has been accompanied with the exaltation of the service of the department to the highest possible degree of efficiency.

A crowning glory of the Hitchcock administration has been the establishment of the postal savings bank, which now has deposits aggregating \$11,000,000, and which, it is predicted, will soon reach the enormous sum of \$50,000,000, a sum that but for these banks would find its way to banks in other countries.

Mr. Hitchcock, in his report, renews his recommendation in favor of the establishment of the parcels post, from which there has been such universal demand throughout the country as a relief from the exorbitant rates charged by the express companies.

Revision of the postal rates, with a view to reducing present cost to Uncle Sam's patrons is also urged by Mr. Hitchcock.

All in all, the report of the postmaster general is a splendid record of noteworthy accomplishments, a tribute to his genius as an executive and abundant justification of the wisdom that inspired his appointment.

Schedule K butts in again.

Mexico would feel unnatural if she didn't feel uneasy.

The hens added \$750,000,000 to the wealth of the nation last year and yet all of the crowing was done by the roosters.

The Russian bear is as ignorant as any other kind.

China wants a Congress. Still some folks will insist that she is rousing herself from her long sleep.

The war with Turkey has already cost Italy \$200,000,000 and she hasn't even got satisfaction out of it.

BRIDGE PARTY AT M'BAIN RESIDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. McBain entertained the members of the Tuesday Night Bridge Club at their home Tuesday evening. The prizes consisting of a handsome brass tray, and a brass jardiner were won by Mrs. Wm. Mulvey and John Adams. The bridge games were followed by refreshments. The rooms of the Sommer home, which Mr. and Mrs. McBain are occupying, were beautified with seasonal decorations. A most delightful time was had, and the first meeting of the new year proved a most delightful one.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mulvey, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shewman, Mrs. J. N. Wisner, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewthwaite, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chapman, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Beattie, Miss Cis Barclay Pratt, Miss Mamie Lewthwaite and O. W. Eastham.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Helen V. Knappenberg to Sarah Rhoades, lot 9 of block 11, Maywood Addition; \$10.

Robert A. Miller to William J. Beach, lots 8, 9, block 10, West Gladstone; \$10.

Gustaf H. Lilja to Christina G. Lilja land in section 17, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$1.

W. A. Garner to Harry Avery, 4 acres of sections 31 32 township 1 south, range 2 east; \$10.

Robert Bruce to G. W. Lindsay, lots 37, 38, block 44, Minthorn Addition to Portland; \$150.

Archibald and Bessie Howard to Fannie H. Shindler, 2 1/2 acres section 32, township 2 south, range 7 east; \$10.

Veteran Has Reunion.

A very pretty family reunion was held Christmas day at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Webster, early settlers of Clackamas county, in Gladstone. Mr. Webster is a veteran of the Civil War and member of the Middle Post, G. A. R. There were twenty-three members of the family present, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Webster and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crocker and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beach and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beach and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beach and family.



OBADIAH GARDNER, NEW U. S. SENATOR FROM MAINE.

FROM having a solid Republican congressional delegation, as it had before the election of 1910, the state of Maine now has, since the appointment of Obadiah Gardner as senator to complete the term of the late Senator Frye, two Democrats in the upper house and two in the lower. Mr. Gardner's appointment brings the Democratic representation in the senate up to forty-two as against that of the Republicans forty-nine. The new senator, who was a candidate for the governorship in 1906, is prominent in the state franchise, having served several terms as master. He has a large farm near Rockland. His term will expire March 4, 1913.

P. W. Knoll, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Webster, of Clackamas, and Mrs. King Spurgeon and son Raymond, of Cooks, Wash. A very elaborate dinner was served, and the festivities were enjoyed until a late hour in the evening.

DEATH COMES TWICE TO BRIDGES FAMILY

I. C. Bridges, of this city, received a telegram from Applegate, Southern Oregon, Wednesday, stating that his brother-in-law, John Applegate, had died suddenly of heart failure, and that the funeral services would be conducted at Yoncalla, Or., Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the home of Mr. Applegate. The deceased was about sixty-three years of age and leaves a wife and five children. The Misses Applegate, formerly teachers in this city, but now of Applegate, are nieces of the late John Applegate. Mr. Bridges left on the evening train for Applegate, where he will attend the funeral, and will return here Friday.

Mr. Bridges also received word a few days ago announcing the death of his niece, Miss Irma Bridges, aged seventeen years, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bridges who died at the Mercy Hospital in Roseburg on Wednesday, December 27. Miss Bridges was suffering from appendicitis, and on Tuesday was taken to the hospital at Roseburg, where she was operated upon, which was not successful owing to the acute stage of the disease. The funeral was held Thursday at Oakland and the interment was in the family burial ground at Yoncalla.

CITY MAY HAVE TWO CHIEFS TODAY

for the punishment of the prisoners who shall refuse to work. "In case of emergency, the Mayor may or upon application of the Chief of Police shall, appoint special policemen, for a term not exceeding five days, which application shall state the emergency, and with the appointment shall be filed in the office of the Recorder; such special policemen shall receive from the city treasurer such compensation as the council may prescribe.

WIFE AND CHILDREN AID RANCHER ON TRIAL

The trial of William Hardin, the well-to-do Bull Run rancher, who is accused of committing an attack by his step-daughter, Eva Phelps, now Mrs. Eva Woods, will be concluded today. Mrs. Hardin, mother of the complainant, her daughter Jessie and son Daniel, testified in behalf of the defendant. The attack is said to have been made three years ago. Hardin denies the charge, and blames the husband of his step-daughter for the prosecution. He is represented by Mayor Dimick, Q. L. Matthews and M. Moorehead. District Attorney Tongue, Assistant District Attorney Stipp and C. M. Idleman are prosecuting the same.

CASE-FIELDS NUPTIALS.

Portland People Quietly Married Sunday in Oregon City. The marriage of Gay Lewis Case to Miss Laura May Fields was solemnized Sunday afternoon by Rev. S. A. Hayworth at the parsonage of the First Baptist church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties.

SINGLE TAX THEORY DISCUSSED BY GILL

ESTACTDA, Dec. 30.—(To the Editor of the Enterprise)—I have read with considerable interest the articles of Messrs. Dimick, Hackett and U'Ren on the single tax. Permit me a few words upon this interesting subject.

I have been studying the tax question for some time. After giving the subject careful consideration I do not favor the so-called single tax. Neither do I favor the present system, as it stands in our statutes.

The single tax people propose to tax six kinds of things, land at its unimproved value, water powers, natural deposits, natural growth, other natural resources, and corporation franchises and right of way.

Let us see how the single tax will work out. One of my neighbors here has 40 and 44 acres unimproved assessed \$10. His prune drier and dwelling is assessed at \$40, a total assessment of \$1,430. His rate of tax is 20 mills, so he paid \$28.60. Under single tax he would be assessed \$600, and would pay \$228.00.

Let us take a comparative example. I own 160 acres in Road District No. 49, assessed at \$800. There are no improvements. My rate was 26 mills and I paid \$208.00 in tax. Under single tax I would be assessed \$800, but my rate would be 45.526 mills and I would pay \$364.22 an increase of \$156.22. I do not object paying the increase while it lies unimproved, but I expect to begin improving this new year. I do not see how I could get an income of more than \$200 from it in 1912.

Suppose John Doe owns 160 acres in the same school district and road district. He has 80 acres of improved land assessed at \$15 an acre and \$0 acres of unimproved at \$5. His house is assessed at \$500; barn \$80; implements \$200; team \$300; other livestock \$300; other improvements \$200, a total of \$3,400. At 26 mills he pays \$884.00. Under single tax he pays the same tax as I pay, \$364.22, as his assessment is the same, \$800. I pay 18 1/1000 per cent of my income of \$200 in taxes, but John Doe who has an income of \$5,000 pays 71.2500 of one per cent of his income. In other words the single tax increases the burden of taxation on those least able to pay and decreases it on those most able to pay. This is the greatest injustice of the single tax.

The single tax advocates say they wish to lay a heavier portion of the tax burden on the speculative land holdings. They seem to assume that all speculative holdings are unimproved. But such is not the case. Here at Gardfield is a place nearly all improved, with house and barn, which is held by a speculator. There is no one on the place and it is producing nothing, yet under single tax it will pay less tax than now.

I desire to say now what changes I would make in the present tax system. First I would exempt from taxation all dwelling houses and barns that are occupied, and all such structures as are built to adorn or beautify without profit to the owner. Next I would classify properties for assessment purposes. Let us assume that we increase the assessment on speculative holdings and franchise corporations two-thirds and decrease the assessment on farmers lands, farm stock and implements, improved city lots and improvements on city lots not otherwise exempted, and merchants' goods one-third.

Under this plan, if I do not improve, and use my 160 acres of property, I would increase from \$800 to \$1,333.33, and my tax from \$208.00 to \$344.67, which is \$136.67 less than under single tax, but if I improve and cultivate some portion of the land which is to be reduced one-third, my assessment would be \$533.33 and my tax will be \$106.67. Would not this be an incentive to me to improve my land when I know that I will save \$208.00, which is interest on \$260 at 8 per cent per annum and I would have the income from my improvements besides.

My neighbor was assessed \$1,320 on his land and \$110 on his buildings, one of which is a prune drier. He will be assessed still on the drier, but is exempt on the dwelling now assessed at \$30. This gives a total of \$1,400, which is to be reduced one-third, or \$933.33. At 20 mills his tax is \$186.67, nearly five dollars less than under single tax. In the case of John Doe he would be exempt \$500 on his house and \$300 on his barn which leaves his assessment at \$200. This reduced one-third is \$133.33. At 26 mills his tax is \$45.07.

Lying just south of my land is 640 acres belonging to the Southern Pacific. I presume it is assessed at \$5 an acre. If not it should be. This is an assessment of \$3,200 with a tax last year of \$83.20. Under single tax it would pay \$145.68, under the system I propose the tax would be \$138.67, but if the railroad company sold the land to home builders who resided on it, the tax would be \$61.46. Let us see how this scheme of assessment would affect the improved speculative holding I spoke of. I do not know present assessment. Let us assume that 30 acres are improved and 10 acres unimproved, improved and unimproved at \$10; improvements at \$200. A total assessment of \$1,500. It now pays \$30. But being a speculative holding it would pay \$50 under the classified plan and only \$14.01 under single tax. Would the single tax discourage this kind of speculative holdings?

The single tax will not give a square deal while the plan of classifying properties can be adjusted to give a square deal. It is true that the citizen who buys property to let it increase in value in that increased value is getting something for nothing if he does nothing to create that value. It is something the people of the community who are improving the farms, roads, schools, etc., or in the city improving the lots and streets, have actually given to him and he has no reasonable right, since he did nothing to get it, to object if the community which gave it takes it back again. This is the justification of increasing the taxes on the speculative holding.

I think every citizen so far as possible should have a financial interest in his government. In amending our tax system this should be considered. The single tax will release more citizens of tax obligations than any other system I know of. F. M. GILL.

Injured in Woolen Mill. Miss Bessie Aracy, of Gladstone, who is employed by the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, met with a painful accident Tuesday. Her foot was severely injured, and after being attended by Dr. O. H. Meisner, the young lady was taken to her home at Gladstone, and it will be several days before she will be able to resume her work at the woolen mill.

Wants, For Sale, Etc.

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25 CENTS OFFERED FOR CONTRACT HOPS

Great efforts are again being made to secure contracts on the coming hop crop at Willamette Valley points. Twenty-five cents a pound is now being freely offered for these growths for 1912 delivery. Heretofore this price has been available only for such lots as growers were known to turn out a first class product. Growers are not anxious to let go and practically no business is at present resulting. According to some of the leading producers, the fact that dealers are overanxious to purchase contracts for 1912 hops at 25c a pound, really means that the outlook for prices the coming season is better than ever known at this period of the year. The price is likewise the highest ever known during any similar period. Not only are foreigners trying to contract American hops for the coming season, but American brewers are getting on the anxious seat.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows: DRIED FRUITS—(Buying)—Prunes on basis of 6 1/4 pounds for 45-50's. Fruits, Vegetables.

HIDES—(Buying)—Green hides, 5c to 6c; salted, 5 to 6c; dry hides, 12c to 14c; sheep pelts, 25c to 75c each. Hay, Grain, Feed.

HAY—(Buying)—Timothy, \$12 to \$15; clover, \$8 to \$9; oat hay, best, \$9 to \$10; mixed, \$9 to \$12; alfalfa, \$15 to \$16.50.

OATS—(Buying)—Gray, \$27 to \$28; wheat, \$28 to \$29; all meal, \$53; Shady Brook dairy feed, \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

FEED—(Selling)—Shorts, \$26; rolled barley, \$39; processed barley, \$40; whole corn, \$39; cracked corn, \$40; bran \$25.

FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.25. BUTTER—Butter, Poultry, Eggs. POULTRY—(Buying)—Hens, 10c to 11c; spring, 10 to 11c, and roosters, 8c.

Butter—(Buying)—Ordinary country butter, 25c to 30c; fancy dairy, 40c. EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs, 35c to 37-1/2c.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; turnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; beets, \$1.50.

POTATOES—Best buying 85c to \$1 per hundred. ONIONS—Oregon, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hundred; Australian, \$2 per hundred. Livestock, Meats.

BEEF—(Live weight)—Steers, 5c and 5 1/2c; cows, 4 1/2c; bulls, 3 1/2c. VEAL—Calves bring from 8c to 13c, according to grade.

MUTTON—Sheep, 3c and 3 1/2c; lambs, 4c and 5c. HOGS—125 to 140 pound hogs, 10c and 11c; 140 to 200 pounds, 10c and 10 1/2c.

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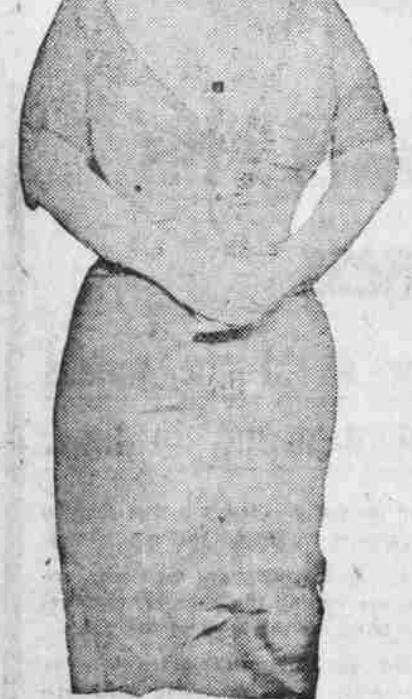
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By Mrs. JOHN HAYS HAMMOND, John of America's Special Ambassador to the Coronation

THE uncertainty about America's future adds fascination to the interest which many women are manifesting in many phases of public affairs. We do not know what is going to happen to us, but we are resolved to be a POTENT FACTOR in the determination of our future. Women have vivid imagination and idealism, and the present state of our civilization, with all its possibilities, holds so much of allurements that it is difficult nowadays to find a woman so concerned with her home that she takes no interest in public affairs. On the other hand, though,

there are NINE MILLION WOMEN ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIES outside the home. Marriage, the rearing of children and DEVELOPMENT OF HOMES ARE STILL VERY POPULAR and vitally important occupations.

Our young women, while more sophisticated on the surface, are still as susceptible to the advances of the "little winged god" as were the heroines of Jane Austen's days, who had no more important object in life than to secure a husband.

THEN, TOO, THOSE WHO STUDY THE QUESTION CAREFULLY BELIEVE THAT WOMEN WILL NOT PERMANENTLY REMAIN IN INDUSTRY. NOW IT HAS ALL THE GLAMOR OF NEWNESS, BUT ALREADY THE TIDE IS BEGINNING TO SET BACKWARD TOWARD THE OLD HOME LIFE.

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