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rowed the Ohio system, is now also changing it, by constitutional amendment, so as to obtain more in taxes of the kind of property which the proposed amendment in Oregon would exempt.

In most ways the constitution of Oregon was very good. But it satisfies no class of doctrinaires of the modern time.

What we are learning to learn from the experience of older and greater states? Here are Ohio and Kentucky, amending their fundamental law, to get rid of evils of long standing, which Oregon now is asked to enact into her fundamental law.

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Judges argued that this right was more precious to women than their own health, the welfare of their families and the integrity of their homes.

The unlimited right of laboring people to sell their labor is a delicate euphemism for the unlimited right of their employers to make them slave day and night without regard to their health or morality.

The New York court took this view of women which is characteristic of the Bowers tough and the European peasant. The decision illustrates the cast of opinions which Tammany politicians may be expected to hold when they become judges.

On the other hand, the Supreme Court of the United States expresses the view of women which is held not only by advanced humanitarian thinkers, but by the poets, the prophets and the sages of all the world.

"As healthy mothers are essential to vigorous offspring," the court declares, "the physical well-being of woman becomes an object of public interest and care."

Are not healthy fathers also essential to vigorous offspring? Stockbreeders know that the sire's health is as important as the dam's, and the courts will learn it after a while, perhaps; we must not expect them to move too fast.

When our State Court uses the language we are about to quote, there is no reason for despair. "The sexes differ in structure of body, in the functions to be performed by each, in the amount of physical strength, in the capacity for long-continued labor."

This difference justifies a difference in legislation and upholds that which is designed to compensate her for some of the burdens that rest upon her."

the quitclaim form, thereby freeing itself from liability should title be encumbered, and now seems likely to occur in cases of transfers in violation of the granting acts.

In the sales so far made, inclusive of deeds given and contracts to convey title yet pending, the average purchase price per acre has been \$5.42, realizing approximately \$4,500,000.

Up to present year the railroad has paid \$1,000,000 in taxes on the land. Up to 1891 the total taxes paid was but \$75,000. More than one-half the \$1,000,000 has been paid since 1902.

In 1891 year the railroad refused to sell any more land, then the sales began marking up the land like other holdings.

"In other words," says the report, "the greater portion of the taxes paid by the railroad company down to the present time have been incurred by it as a direct result of its own violation of the law."

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TAXATION IN OHIO. Substance of the Report of the Tax Commission, January, 1908.

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WHAT THE SOUTHERN PAPERS SAY. Variety of Views on Growing Political Sentiment of Dixie Land.

Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, Dem. If the politicians of South Carolina must have a Bryan delegation, let them have it, but they must elect it with their eyes open.

Should Repudiate Mr. Cannon. Dallas (Texas) News, Dem. The Cannon view as to the duty and prerogative of a presiding officer is a view that the people of this country cannot repudiate too quickly or too emphatically.

Miss Democracy Gets Advice. Nashville (Tenn.) American, Dem. It is true the party is in a bad way, but it will not improve its situation by throwing up its hands every time Roosevelt uses the word "trust."

Wants Leader to Beat Mr. Bryan. Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, Dem. What is the difficulty? Have we no men in whom the people have confidence? We have Gray and Harmon and Johnson and Woodard and Hendon.

Here's a Chance for the Lawmaker to Debate Statement No. 1. PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—Mr. W. S. U'Ren, Oregon City, Or.—Sir: You have been elected in the office of legislator.

He Has Decided Not to Be Senator From New York. From Walter Wellman's Washington Letter in Chicago Record-Herald. What do you think of the President after his present term expires, a little more than a year hence?

Public Ownership of Beasts Falls. Boston Transcript. Block Island is trying to ward off the menace of \$200,000 to ward off the menace of impatient creditors.

SILHOUETTES. BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. There are in bad odor with the authorities in the scent of the gasoline.

The one who bears animosities, confesses his own defeat. It usually requires about six months for the statute of limitations to run against a love affair.

The average woman is reconciled to death for she thinks as an angel she will be able to display her lingerie. Deep down in her heart almost every woman cherishes an ambition to be an artist's model.

The only time a woman refuses to tell a bit of scandal in when it involves herself. The following advertisement has been running for some time in a local newspaper: "Wanted—A governess of pure French type."

As It Was in the Beginning. From out the sinner's quiet of a void Where nothing was, A voice called omniform creation To spread a feat therein.

It is Now and Ever Shall Be. Cycles and centuries and years— What are they? But a day. To him who in the hollow of his hand Doth hold our fortunes.

He Don't Watch Out. Florida Times-Union, Dem. Mr. Bryan possesses power despite his denial as he has dictated to his mind what he would like to see done.

Little Me This. What is this thing that we call hope? Trite as it springs eternal in the human breast, but this is no solution.