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OUR CHINESE "MISSIONS."

Appos of Chinese "missions" and "settlements," and of attempts to "Christianize" Orientals, a few words here and now.

The Presbyterians, we think, were the first who attempted this work in Portland, and their effort has been better sustained.

It would be interesting to have a statement of the actual money expended in this and other similar work in Portland, but probably it cannot be had.

The Baptists also established a "mission" in the city of considerable pretensions. All old-time members of the school in the Baptist Church at Alder and Fifth street, where Henry Falling gave free room, and money besides.

Likewise the Church of the United Brethren started out in earnest to convert and to Christianize the Chinese of Portland.

Yet the effort to convert and Christianize the Chinese here probably would have been more observable or showy in its results but for the laws that have restricted immigration of Chinese.

Benevolent people of the East, and many in Portland, contributing missionary money, are and have been entirely ignorant of the true state of these "missions" among Chinese in Portland.

few of whom are in any way connected with the regular Sunday schools of the various churches. All are taught to follow in the footsteps of their ancient Asiatic parentage.

MOVING VANCOUVER POST. Seattle is still keeping up the fight for removal of the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia from Vancouver to Seattle.

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DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE.

The Party Organization There Wholly Demoralized.

Washington Letter to Brooklyn Eagle. The internal workings of the Democratic organization in the Senate are in a bad way. The minority is wholly demoralized, with no plans for concerted action.

Senator Culberson, the acknowledged leader of the minority, is disgusted with his job and has practically quit. He found early in the game that he was a leader who couldn't lead.

It has just leaked out that Bailey had a set-to with big Ollie James, of Kentucky, in the Democratic cloakroom the other day.

There was much secret rejoicing on the part of the Democrats when Senator Bailey by Senator Hughes in their encounter last week.

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When you go to Seattle you will see everywhere the obtruding notice, "You'll Like Tacoma."

Perhaps Mr. Seufert thought he was going to capture one of his ancient Astoria enemies in a salmon trap.

THE PROPOSED CORPORATION TAX.

The Objections Urged Heretofore by The Oregonian Confirmed and Emphasized.

Every objection to the proposed corporation tax, urged by The Oregonian since the subject was first introduced last week ago is confirmed by the opinions and arguments of leading journals of the Eastern States.

To all appearances the nature of the proposed federal tax on corporation net earnings is not generally understood. Most people seem to identify it with the tax placed on net corporation incomes in connection with the individual incomes as by the income tax law of 1894 which was overturned in the United States Supreme Court in 1898.

Let it be said at the outset that little justification exists for a tax on corporation incomes when the government is taxing individual incomes. First or last all corporation incomes find their way to the pockets of the individual.

But let this pass. The point now to be considered is that a tax simply on corporation net earnings or net income involves injustice and presents broad opportunities for evasion which are wanting when applied in connection with the individual income tax.

Great, however, as this objection is, it is a more serious character remains to be considered—the opportunity offered for evasion which are largely absent when the corporation income tax is applied along with an individual income tax.

Can a sweeter disclaimer of the Eighth Commandment be conceived? Clearness, sentiment, learning, wisdom are all there. When it is your pocket, we are disinterested.

And He Reveals What His State is Culture Is. Penultimate East Oregonian. In selecting his "five feet of books," Dr. C. H. Elliot, an expert at Harvard, is not meeting with the approval of the average humble citizen.

company and pay out of the salaries (operating expenses) what would otherwise go to net income and dividends. Similarly, no individual income tax lies in wait on the outside of the corporation, as it were, under the Taft plan, inasmuch as in the corporation is increased greatly to find other ways of diverting earnings before they reach the form to be made taxable by the proposed scheme.

The consequence of this is that the Federal government and the Taft plan must exercise an espionage in the affairs of all business corporations and a direction of the bookkeeping and accounting which would be unnecessary in the case of a general income tax.

What then should be done? The mere question of additional revenue is easily to be determined. The best course to pursue would be to impose a general income tax as a temporary measure.

THE PASSING TRIBUTE OF A SIGN. Farewell to Tariff Reform by the Southwestern Editor. Watterson's Editorial. Louisville Courier-Journal.

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. Provision of New Law Applicable to Multnomah County. PORTLAND, June 29.—(To the Editor)—What law was passed at the last session of the Legislature in regard to stock raising in large Multnomah County? What provision was made for its enforcement? J. A. G.

Humus Nature Defined. New York Evening Post. "Father, what is human nature? I heard a man say it was human nature for the Southern Senator to vote for high duties on sugar and pineapples."