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The British government feels obliged to build a number of new Dreadnoughts, and the money to pay for them must come from some source. The landowners wish to raise it by levying a tariff on imports. The Liberals would tax land values. The tariff method would throw the burden upon the productive industry.

A still further reduction in rates might with advantage be made. As pointed out by Captain Crowe, it is in the repair work that the expense runs up, and it would be advantageous to have more of that work performed in this city.

PROGRESS OF THE CANAL.

The country is neither surprised nor shocked to learn from the Congressional Report, that it will cost twice as long to finish the Panama Canal as the engineers at first estimated. Now the project is so far along that the true figures may be given. Still, the canal will be worth all it costs and a great deal more, and large as the bill is likely to be, the country is rich enough to pay it without distress.

NOTES ON PROHIBITION.

Any county in Oregon that desires to prohibit sale of liquors may do so. Many have done so; but liquors still put in an appearance—as in Linn County, and at the tragedy at Lebanon at 2 A. M. Sunday. Nevertheless, prohibition is the voice of Linn County. It is ineffective; but it's the same old story.

Next year an effort will be made to carry prohibition in Oregon. Many counties and towns and cities will not want it. Should it be forced as a state measure, Multnomah County would expand the cost from \$200,000 to \$400,000 a year, and sale and use of liquors would be secret, yet not less observable in their consequences than now.

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For both the homeseeker and the capitalist opportunities are abundant in the Rogue River Valley. Although apples, peaches, pears and grapes are produced there in a degree of perfection which few places can rival, still records of this region are naturally for orchards has yet been planted. The Rogue River fruit industry, in spite of the magnificent success it has won, is only in its infancy.

THE DRYDOCK LEASE.

The Port of Portland drydock was built by the taxpayers of this city to protect our shipping interests. When the Port of Portland was empowered, authority and property for the dock, the question of profit from its operation was regarded as a secondary feature. It was intended that this port should have drydock facilities under direct control of the Port of Portland, through the authority of the city.

This being the situation, there is increased reason why Portland should retain control of its drydock, for it is a necessary factor in any seaport. The Oregonian has for years recognized and declared the injustice imposed on Portland through its being denied to provide all of the money needed for building and maintaining dredges to be used in deepening a channel through which the products of nearly all of Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon must pass to the sea.

Well informed observers do not feel certain by any means that the English House of Commons will come out victorious from its struggle with the Lords over the revolutionary budget. The British are often spoken of as thoroughly commercialized people, somewhat thick-witted and devoted soul and body to creature comforts, but at heart they are idealists.

The Lloyd George budget, which is making a great stir, not only in England, but all the world over, contains a number of radical innovations, but its principal feature of interest is a tax on land values. Hitherto the British landowners have escaped taxation almost completely, as landowners. The new budget frankly reaches out for a share of the "unearned increment" as it accumulates. Of course, the project is dangerous for the Liberals, since it may lead to their defeat, but it is a great deal more dangerous for the Tories, or the landowners, because it compels them to fight not only for political power, but for their rents, too.

The death of William J. Hamilton, at his home in Stevenson, Wash., recalls many names and incidents of pioneer life that centered around the Lower Cascades from a third to half a century ago. He was born on the donation land claim of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hamilton, in the year following the Indian massacre at that place, with which the name of General Phil Sheridan is connected.

Standard Oil stock suffered a decline of forty points in the New York stock market yesterday, but as it closed at \$44 per share bid, there is still ample room for a further drop of something more than \$500 per share before it approaches par. Meanwhile the kerosene lamp and the gasoline engine are lapping up the great staples of the labor market in the New York stock market.

WOMEN IN GAINFUL OCCUPATIONS.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson, having run the gamut of health problems, is now in the labor realm with a disquisition in the Saturday Evening Post upon woman's work in the domestic realm and out into the various lines of industrial effort which absorbs so much of woman's time, strength and ingenuity at the present time. He even ventures to discuss the domestic problem as a problem of domestic service as it applies to American women—and boldly assumes that there is a reason, and that a grave and sufficient one, for the undeniable antipathy of this continent of the workaday world to what is known as "general housework."

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Passengers of the St. Croix threaten to sue the shipowners for damages. It probably would have been cheaper for the owners had the passengers gone down with the ship.

A lawyer at St. John took a bath and received a terrific electric shock that dislocated his shoulder. This is the worst shock on record from taking a bath.

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PRISON RECORD MADE DEFENSE Brown & McCabe Have Novel Plea in Damage Suit.

Brown & McCabe, stevedores, put up the novel defense that R. P. Schroeder was arrested ten times in one year and that he has been convicted and served time in the Penitentiary, when his \$15,000 damage suit went to trial in the Circuit Court yesterday morning. The case was assigned to Judge Gatens, and before noon the jury had been sworn, and testimony was being taken. The stevedoring firm alleged that Schroeder's case was a fake throughout.

JUDGE'S BROTHER IS WITNESS Parrish Divorce Suit in Circuit Court Is Continued.

Because Circuit Judge Gantenbein's brother would probably be a witness in the suit of Luelia C. Parrish against Edward R. Parrish for a divorce, the case which has been assigned to him by Presiding Judge Bronough, was continued yesterday morning. At first it was to have been assigned to another judge, but Judge Gantenbein's brother, Mrs. Parrish, were declared faulty by Judge Bronough, and the case was reset for January 18, thereby giving an opportunity for the defendant to bring in one of those depositions was to the effect that Parrish compelled his wife to care for a crazy woman, a Mrs. Webster, a Pariah's attorney said she intended to show by the woman's rambling, incoherent statements, in a deposition she made, that she really is crazy.

WOMAN WILL PLEAD GUILTY Cora Conner to Admit Misdeeds With Rural Carrier.

Cora E. Conner, who ran away to Gresham with Ed E. Dodge, after the divorce suit, and presented himself to an agent of the Government, and had there secured more than \$500 from O. B. Conner, the widow's attorney, yesterday pleaded guilty in Circuit Court today. Her intention to do this was announced to Presiding Judge Bronough by Deputy District Attorney Vreeland yesterday afternoon.

NOON ESTATE NOW IS SETTLED Final Accounting to Be Heard in Court Next Month.

Objections to the final account of the W. C. Noon estate will be heard in the County Court at 9 A. M., December 28. W. C. Noon, Jr., and T. J. Armstrong, executors, filed their final account yesterday morning. All the claims against the estate are reported as paid, with the exception of one held by the heirs, Emily J. Noon, the widow, Viola A. Noon, Alma E. Noon, Ralph A. Noon and Stuart Freeman.

ATTORNEY SUES FOR HIS PAY H. M. Esterly Brings Action Against Irrigation Company.

Attorney H. M. Esterly brought suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company for \$1000, claiming that he was defending the corporation during a suit in the United States Court.

DEVLIN COMPLAINTS STAND Bank Case.

The complaints of Thomas C. Devlin, receiver of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, against W. H. Moore and other officials of the bank must stand as they are, according to a decision of Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday.

Sheriff's Office Mourns Deputy. Sheriff Stevens' office will be closed between 9:45 and 10:45 o'clock this morning in respect to the memory of Deputy Sheriff Sam Wertheimer, who died at his home, 9 Tenth street, at 10:30 P. M. Sunday.

Two Great Hymns, Incidents. A writer in the Sunday-School Times points out that some of the most important events of our lives are incidental.

FUGITIVE VAGRANT ACCUSED Prisoner Released by Judge Gatens Indicted for Larceny.

Frank Watson, alleged bunco artist, said to have departed for parts unknown when released on \$100 bail by Circuit Judge Gatens, was indicted by the county grand jury late yesterday afternoon on a charge of larceny from the person. The particular person from whom Watson is alleged to have stolen is Emory Buren. The alleged theft took place November 5, and Watson is said to have secured \$400. The witness, examined by the grand jury were E. W. Johnson and G. C. Kluge.

Section 336 of the city charter provides that if a person who has been indicted for a crime may appeal to the Circuit Court at any time within five days thereafter. Watson's appeal was taken on Monday.

WRONG PROPERTY ATTACHED Sheriff's Sale and Conspiracy Enter Into Land Suit.

An attachment of the wrong property, a Sheriff's sale which followed and an alleged conspiracy to defraud him of his property in Portsmouth are the features of a suit filed by Judge Watson against George E. and Dora Devereaux, brother and sister, in Circuit Court yesterday morning.

WALLET CAUSES THIRD SUIT Mrs. McFarland Sues for \$20,000 for False Arrest.

Katherine McFarland, the Woodlawn woman who found Mose Bloch's wallet in the Courthouse corridor last Summer, and was arrested on a charge of larceny, because Bloch would not promise to give her the \$100 reward he had advertised in the newspapers, brought suit in Circuit Court yesterday morning for \$20,000 damages for false arrest. She also demands \$150 for doctor's bills and medicine, as she says she was compelled to expend the money for her husband's treatment had made her sick.

BIGAMIST WEDS; DESERTS Albert Nelson Didn't Tell Wife No. 2 He Had Wife No. 1.

She didn't know her lover was a married man until the fatal knot was tied. On the first day of their honeymoon, however, he told her he had a wife and baby at home, and deserted her. Now she wants a divorce. Her name was Miss Eva Slaver before she married Albert Nelson.

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