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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1915. ture.

STORMS AHEAD OF WILSON.

Although Congress had a scant three months in which to pass the regular appropriations and the ambitious legislative programme laid bealready dribbled away one month without accomplishing anything of consequence. The President has got rect slap by retaining the literacy test in the immigration bill in spite of his declared opposition. It is hold-ing committee hearings on the ship-Philippine and conservation bills with little prospect that any of them will be reported before the House beforce appropriation bills Attention may be diverted from these measures by attempts to ratify the Colombian treaty, which will surely meet determined opposition.

The House has done little better. It has passed one appropriation bill and has begun consideration of the post-office bill. It has been diverted from programme by the vote on the prohibition amendment, and the woman suffrage amendment promises another diversion. The war continually crops up in debate to draw attention from the business in hand, an example being the proposal to place an embargo on exports of war material. Members continually interpose speeches on general topics and

The President has obviously los prestige in both Senate and House, with the result that the inclination to oppose him is much stronger, par-ticularly among those Representatives not been re-elected and who, therefore, have nothing to gain by standing by him. He may give appointive offices to a few of these lame ducks," but the great majority of them must return home dis

There is sharp division of opinion among Democrats on the ship-pur-chase bill, and the West promises to be practically united against some of main provisions of the conserva-Abundant room for filibustering in the Senate is offered by these bills and by the river and harbor bill. The constitutional limiton the length of the session offers great temptation to such obstructive

Although there is small prospect that Congress will dispose of the programme already before it, various interests are insisting that action be is angry because rural credit legislaaction at this session. Several long deferred or oft-rejected labor measures clamor for attention. terests are said to be bringing pres- identity of the murderer. sure on behalf of an extra session of the new Congress next Spring. If the President should yield to them, he would face a large body of old membeen reduced almost to the limit of also to the penalty system.

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in the cold, for all the world like a September Morn.

GOOD FAITH AND FAIR PLAY. A question of downright good

owners to have fair play. Any impartial investigation of the circumsurrounding the construction of the bridge, or the present negotiation for its free public use, must lead 19.00 to the conclusion that a reasonable rental should be paid.

The statement of the Port of Port-

land Commission, printed in The Oregonian Thursday, ought to leave no doubt in anyone's mind as to the facts. The Commission, having authority over the river, required the ture." The Oregonian has tried its facts. railroad companies to build in a spe-It named the style of draw, the offense

gramme. It seems to The Oregonian absurd, fore it by President Wilson, it has it had such a right. The trouble now seems to be to determine whether the city or the county shall assume its

plain obligation. into a patronage quarrel with the road bridge is intolerable. The pubte, which stands united against lic wants to use the bridge as other That body has given him a di-County Commissioners in arranging on fair terms to keep the bridge open; and furthermore it will com-mend the Commissioners for making open; good a direct public pledge to the bridge-owners.

The evidence by which John Arthur Pender was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman, under the analysis of George A. Thacher, appears wofully scant. of a lawyer in a criminal case, for Mr. Thacher made his investigations without a preconceived intent to free an accused person, but only with a and a thousand other factors working firm desire to get at the truth. As such the results of his investigations, though as yet unsupported by direct evidence that a man has wrongfully been convicted, are worthy of serious onsideration.

Of more importance, it seems to us, than his showing as to the flimsy character of the circumstantial evilence against Pender, is his conclusion that the murder was not an outburst of sadism. Pender is not a kitchen floors ankle deep burst of sadism. Pender is not a Tolstoi does not admit that efficiency sexual pervert. The crime was not is everything. Man shall not live by that of a sadistic maniac unless it be an unprecedented exception to the general rule of such murders. the absence of the elements of sadism either in the crime or in the charac-ter of Pender, there has been no motive indicated for its commission so far as Pender is concerned.

Introspection is sometimes good for the soul. We have been shocked by what seemed to be a perversion of justice to gratify mob demand for a victim in the Frank case in Georgia. Yet at home public sentiment, out-raged by a series of brutal murders, may have given more thought to the fact that a man has at last been held responsible for one of them than to the elements of justice in his conviction.

The Oregonian has no special interest in John Arthur Pender as an individual, but it has a keen desire that exact justice be done. Mr. Thacher's taken on other subjects. The Grange article is not printed in the hope that on the basis of that alone Pender may tion has been deferred, and demands be liberated, but for the reason that Several long its publication may lead to further statement. investigation of the crime and the es-These in- tablishment beyond a doubt of the of this or any other House. No ally,

SHADOWS.

Unless Mr. Robert C. Wright con-1909 and naturally irritated by the is not a great deal of force in the in public expenditures are last in his demand for almost continuous ses- argument contained in his letter to- thoughts and that his own advantage House in which his majority has against the rebate plan is applicable No broker in favors, or log-roller in

been reduced almost to the limit of safety. All the facts forecast stormy times for the Administration in the second half of its term.

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priced seats sold for a dollar and a the delinquent property. In that manipulation and connivance, Repregued one could be obtained for a event approximately \$15,000 less than \$1,000,000 need be levied, alse \$15,- trived to get through the Legislature, The promoters did not expect that all these prices would meet their bills. The promoters would meet their bills.

by the munificence of a band of mil-Honaires who subscribed to the un-uation where one-half the property dertaking. As it turned out, how-becomes delinquent, it would be nec-ting (\$175,000). He was warned that ever, most of these subscriptions were essary to levy a tax only sufficient to a referendum was inevitable, but he mere scraps of paper. Only one of the affluent band kept his word and the burden of sustaining the company fell so heavily on his lone shoulders would produce \$597,389.16. The other that he finally stepped from under, that he finally stepped from under, one-half, drawing no penalty, would versity. Upon the subsequent referen-allowing the tottering Century com-produce \$492,610.84. The two sums

add up to \$1,000,000 even. In such case the prompt taxpayers 437 ayes, and the other A certain number of would get a rebate without realizing mays to 27,310 ayes. That is what the high-priced seats were reserved for it and the slow taxpayers make it up. people think of Eatonism. the rich and great who, it was imag-thed, would flock in glittering throngs curacy, there is advantage to the Legislatures of which he has a second to hear grand opera in their beloved prompt taxpayer in a 3 per cent re-mother tongue. But they did not bate applying to his taxes as com-of which he has been the largest sin-

and did not disturb their thoughts at all. They could go on chattering just the same whether Caruso was on the single or off it. But when a tenor are somewhat like children in that we seek to do the things the Legislature are somewhat like children in that we seek to do the things the Legislature began to howl in English it was a are more easily induced to act by of 1915 was elected to do. It has serious matter. It interrupted con-reward than by punishment. For supported Mr. Selling because he is versation. It disturbed one's critical that reason the rebate is bound to be the antithesis of Eaton and Eaton-Judgment of the lady's diamonds in more popular than the penalty, and the latter must be imposed in some things might be said in Some things might be said in form if the rebate is not given. The exposition of the petty and unguish in spite of the feeble support taxpayer does not analyze. The one of the impecuations mob who only go to such performances because they tion in taxes, while the taxpayer who like music. The promoters of the Century company are casting their the restate expires and before "pennets for new subscriptions, but the latter than the importance of the content is diverged by the restate of the subject deserves. Yet The Orestate is not given. The exposition of the petry and the case of the case of the restate is not given. The exposition of the petry and the case of the subject deservation of the petry and the case of the case of the restate is not given. The exposition of the petry and the case of the case of the case of the restate of the subject deserves. Yet The Orestate is not given. The exposition of the petry and the case of the ca

Winter. Poor Art stands shivering rebate, but simply a penalty for delinquency, the taxpayer at once disthe proposed rental of the railroad shadow" if it produces the desired bridge (Oregon-Washington and Southern Pacific) by the city or the county. It seems to The Oregonian county. It seems to The Oregonian that the public desires the bridge
That is penalty, without a rebate, owners to have full public desires the bridgeundoubtedly does not The latter as the latter as the public desires the bridgeundoubtedly does not The latter as the latter undoubtedly does not. The latter was fully demonstrated when the people awoke to the provisions of the tax law passed by the last Legislature.

The Manchester Guardian, that faithful warden of the inland British intelligence, renews the desperate task of teaching people that the German hand at the same task and, at the Kultur then is somechief, as Professor Sloane authorita-

mind it digs down so deep that it is combatants unprepared, but unprepared, bu The prospect of tolls for the rail- But the elect few know better. They tempted the other to attack it, while understand, with noses elevated at the the same social grade who sweeps her edness. floor diligently and washes her crock- discussion by saying: ery in clean hot water after each

Sourceout is an element in German Kultur just as vodka was in Russia's until the other day when the Czar's ukase obliterated it. Could the Kaiser obliterate sourceout in the same His article way with one dire stroke of his imcannot be likened to the argument perial pen? We wonder. German science is a part of German Kultur and so is the influence of Luther's Bible and Goethe's poetry. All these and a thousand other factors working efficiency which we all admire and which is the fine fruit of the national Kultur.

efficiency were the only thing worth living for, the Russians would be obliged to confess that their next-door neighbor on the west has a Kultur far superior to theirs, for Russia is not efficient. She is of the sort who lean and loaf and leave their kitchen floors ankle deep in dirt, but

EATON AND THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The Oregonian observes that Mr Allen Eaton, a Representative in the country" to unite against the "city" in his campaign for the Speakership. Eaton wants greatly to be Speaker, so be persists in his unfounded claim that he is the victim of discrimination by The Oregonian, and he seeks to show that the "Portland machine," supported and directed by The Oregonian, has for sinister reasons set

The Oregonian is moved to state a few plain facts about this business much but that the method-represents amount to a great pell and, besides, the furth count of agreat pell and for the week will be furth count of the furth c bers wearied by an unbroken series tends that no spur is necessary to in-bers wearied by an unbroken series tends that no spur is necessary to in-latures shows that care and economy ference with our commerce.

The terms of the act, this large sum was York bag and baggage with a would be spread over the property of prospect of dissolution staring the prompt payers and be subject to the face. The Century company the 3 per cent rebate, but it is near organized to proffer English enough for practical purposes.

But suppose no rebate is allowed meaning of the measure. and a 3 per cent penalty attaches to session of 1911, by persistent pressure, enormous vote of 78,985 nays to 29,

Denouncing the extravagances of mother tongue. But they did not flock. The high-priced seats remained empty, generating deficit at mained empty, generating deficit at taching to the slow taxpayer's taxes, but it is slight, provided the two systems of fashion wanted no opera which asked too much of their intelligence. Singing in German or Italiance. Singing in German or Italiance of the state of the For supported Mr. Selling because he is

sold in way. troubles have drawn millionaire purse out his prompter neighbor. Is extremely anxious that the Legisstrings pretty tight in New York this On the other hand, if there is no lature of 1915 shall make a good rec-

ord. It cannot and will not, if it shall be delivered into the hands of Eaton as the appearance of and his kind. Nor can much be done Neither the man who for the public benefit if the members pays in order to escape penalty nor shall be diverted and distracted by the one whose taxes go delinquent is the false and harmful clamor of pleased. It does not make much difference if the rebate is "only a Legislature is not alone Portland's,

THE RIGHT KIND OF PACIFIST.

Although styling himself "a pacifist of rather an extreme type" who "longs for the time when international war will cease," President Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois, has written to President Wilson saying that "all history gives the lie to the doctrine that a state of military unpreparedness will insure the preservation of peace.

He says that Europe was unprepared for war when the wars of the cified location. It demanded that an risk of plagiarizing from the diction-overhead way be constructed for pub-ary, we are on the point of repeating "Almost idiotic unpreparedness" did not prevent the United States from streets. lie use. It named the style of draw. It authorized, and even outlined, the plans adopted for the entire structure. It definitely committed the public to the entire bridge programme.

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The Boer war, the Russo-Japanese war, the Russo-Ja no right to piedge the city or county mind it digs down so deep that it is combatants unprepared, but unpre-to any kind of contract. Undoubtedly next to impossible ever to get it out paredness did not prevent them from

in others one nation presumed on proper angle of superiority, that the the greater unreadiness of another Russian peasant woman's dirty kitch-nation. But he certainly disposes of en is a part of her Kultur which the argument that preparedness for stamps her as distinctly lower in civ- war does not guarantee peace, by stamps her as distinctly lower in civ-llization than the Silesian female of proving that neither does unpreparand he sums up the whole

Dr. James endorses the President's suggestion that our reliance must be upon a citizen soldiery, but he sugests that we meet the difficulty maintaining an adequate number of rained officers for the National Guard by extending the military training of adets in state universities sufficiently

Legislature, continues to deluge the with cotton will be welcome news to state press with his appeals to the South, which would gladly sink

demand for almost continuous sessions. He would face a Senate and gered by the patronage fight and a senate bate. Every argument that he applies back to Salem with anyone's consent. So bate. Every argument that he applies back to Salem with anyone's consent. So both the patronage fight and a senate the relationship of the patronage fight and a sena

industries and commerce replaced by

It is not explained satisfactorily,

Send out a copy of the New Year's Oregonian and let your friends

other states learn what a wonderful realm is Oregon. The first day of the year was as

According to a headline, the Phil-

ppine uprisings are filled with grave ssibilities. Of filling more graves, The balance of trade in our favo grows bigger every month, so cheer up and look for good times in 1915.

The real test of the durability of your 1915 resolutions is on the fate of those made in 1914.

since Oregon voted "dry," and swearing off is more or less a delusion. Conflicting claims of the belligerents are as confusing as those of the

The water wagon is not so popular

It has are Britons.

Everybody carried a green-wrapped

Oregonian Annual, We all talk prosperity. Now let us of act it.

Broken your good resolutions yet?

Britain has many left, nevertheless

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, January 1, 1890. The real estate transactions for Port-land and Multhomah County in 1889 amounted to \$14,140,352.29, according to information furnished The Oregonian by J. Fred Clark & Sons. There were 5721 deeds recorded. Of this amount about \$9,000,000 was city property and \$5,000,000 country and suburban. The aggregate sales were nearly double

Albany, Or.—Mrs. Clara Pritchard, wife of Rev. E. R. Pritchard, died yesterday morning. She was a daughter of Rev. E. J. Thompson.

Vancouver, Wash. — The splendid brick block of Judge Williams, of Portland, was completed here yestorterday. It is between Third and Fourth streets and the stores have been engaged by firms and individuals, who will begin business with the new year.

Portland's population, figured on postal receipts and estimated from other data at hand at the close of 1882, is 64,567.

Wirt Minor, of Pendleton, today be-ame associated with L. B. Cox and N. Teal in the practice of law. The rm will be known as Cox, Teal &

by extending the military training of Lim will be known as Cox, Teal & Irm will be will be known as Cox, Teal & Irm will be will be will be where when the would be could induce so many cadets to undergo training that the University of Illinois would graduate 100 to 250 officers every year, and all the universities would provide from 2000 to 500 a year.

Sinking of a Danish steamer loaded with cotton will be welcome news to be the South, which would gladly sink one-half of its cotton crop in the sea in order to raise the price of the other half.

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auto lisense prior to January 1 of each year, to cover expenses of the County Attorney in forcing collection from the delinquent—the list of such delinquents to be furnished the County Attorneys of the various counties by the Secretary of State—and under such law, in my opinion, there would not be a delinquent auto owner in the state by January 10

nry 10.

Now this is only one item. Doubtless there will be suggested—in fact, will suggest themselves to our Legislators, thousand dollars may

others will be suggested in the suggest themselves to our Legislators, whereby a few thousand dollars may be saved, here and there, and thereby materially reduce the running expenses of the state government and still maintain efficiency.

I note there is some talk of reducing salaries of state and county officials—a suggestion of a 20 per cent reduction having been made by some one. As a few years ago we had one or two sessions of the Legislature whose principal business was that of raising salaries, why not have one session engaged, principally in lowering salaries, that the well-paid official may share in this good work and be in a position to sympathize with the business man, who, through no fault of his, has been made to suffer the long of a good part of his former profits?

made to suffer the loss of a good part of his former profits?

During the session of 1903 I had occasion to visit the—then styled—Reform School, where our committee found those little cuiprits, sent there under commitment, the same as a convict to the penlitentiary, provided with hair mattresses when a "straw tick" was good enough for them. I mention this simply to show there is something wrong with the "system." Having been a member of the ways and means committee of the House, I had opportunity to assist in turning down a number of ents are as confusing as those of the candidates in a close election.

To be absolutely fair we should visit both California fairs during our vacation this year.

Of the 600,000 prisoners of war held by Germany, about 3 per cent are Britons.

Happy New Year, said the Germans to the British, in their own peculiar way.

Mittee of the House, I had opportunity to assist in turning down a number of grafts. Be it understood that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own. Would that we had as chairman of that committee, that watch-dog of the treasury, Hon. Thom. as B. Kay, who always looked out for the business of the state as carefully as he would his own.

our frugal, prudent business men con-duct their own private affairs? Why not improve—change, perhaps would be the better word—the system? J. M. SHELLEY.

Tragedy of a Summer Hat. Puck. "I hear your hardships were awful."

home wearing a Summer hat."

DEFENDER OF HIGHER CULTURE "Militarism" as Germans Define It, Is

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 31 -- (To the they will have no ditor.)-I hope tarism" as the Germans see It.

In Germany "militarism" has been discussed and criticised in times of peace at various occasions, but not our military system itself was understood by that term, only certain excessions that might appear in any human organization. Differently, when now our enemies lament over German "militarism." Not excessions have they in mind, but our whole Army system itself. They are angered—and anger always finds words of denunciation—because we prove to be so strong and they call our well thought out and solidity founded army organization. "militarism," but in their hearts regret only that they themselves have nothing equal to it.

Courage and soldierly discipline In Germany "militarism" has been

engaged by firms and individuals, who will begin business with the new year.

F. S. Dunning, who for several years has been doing business in East Portland, at 258 L street, has just moved into new quariers at Sixth and M streets.

The employes of the Alisky Candy Factory gave their manager, E. D. Baker, a handsome silver water service last night as a token of their esteem. Joe M. Lewig presented the gift with a few appropriate words.

Graham Glass, who recently sold his 50-foot property on First street, south of the Raleigh property to G. B. Marker of \$75,000, yesterday hought from \$100.000 fter as expressed by Rousseau, Bentham

of the Raleigh property to G. B. Markle for \$75,600, yesterday bought from Joseph Hume the 50-foot frontage on the west side of the street occupied by the stores of M. A. Gunst and Carl Steffan for \$80,000.

All persons wishing to join the athletic club being formed in Portland by Professor James J. Corbett and W. J. Morgan are beginning to register their names at Gunst's store. A first-class napparatus will be secured for the club.

J. J. Stout, of Seaview, Wash. is in the city at the Holton House.

London.—The funeral services of Robert Browning, poet, were held yesterday at Westminster Abbey. Wreaths from Tennyson and Miss Browning were placed on the pine coffin. Others who sent wreaths were Henry Irving, who sent wreaths were Henry Irving, who sent wreaths were Henry Irving, who sent wreaths were Henry Irving. The striking miners of Belgium are starving and a bread riot is threatened.

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up to today the Roman laws are fundamental to our Corpus Juris.

German "militarism" started in the
midst of the great misery which had
come over Germany with the 30 years'
war. It was the Great Elector of
Brandenburg, an ancestor of Kaiser
Wilhelm, who created the first standing
army of 8000 men and so laid the cornerstone to Germany's unification.
Under the soldier King, Frederick the
Great, this army was largely increased and at the same time soldierly
discipline was introduced in the Prus-

in person.

The Pisgah mother graphically lllustrates the Christ spirit in her methods of work, and her success in securing a square mile of logged-off land
to enable her down-and-outs to become self-sustaining citizens is worthy
of extended emulation. We now need
the leadership of some able conscientious woman or women who will set a
like example on a larger scale. There
are doubtless many successful timbermen whose logged-off lands could be
had at a minimum price, on most favorable terms, for establishing a "backto-the-farm" movement for men,
women and children who are neither
drunken nor vicious, but are down and women and children who are neither drunken nor victous, but are down and out, for no matter what reason, but are sober and industrious and willing to try again if they can get a chance.

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A Christmas dinner once a year and other spasmodic expressions of charity are well enough in their way, but the hopeful outcome of it all can easy be permanent when the holiday spirit shall provide a start for such unemployed heads of families as are now walking the streets in a vain endeavor to secure steady positions.

The Pisgah mother's example inspires me to seek correspondence with owners of such lands, who might be willing to assist the sober and industrious poor, to co-operate with them, and with one another, in establishing homes of their own, on long time, at a low rate of interest. Charity for such families is not wanted, but an opportunity should be properly given to enable them to establish themselves as self-sustaining citizens, and who must enable them to establish themselves as self-sustaining citizens, and who must be provided for till they can get upon their feet. Please address
ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

176 Ford Street, Portland, Or.

Barbarus Speling in Inglish Langwij. PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(To the Edi-tor.)—The discussion in The Oregonian of "to," "too" and "two" calls attention to the illogical, lawless and barbarous

the treasury, Hon. Thomomore the always looked out for of the state as carefully his own. Would that we make the fact of the state as carefully his own. Would that we make the failed language. "To," "too" and "two" are the same sound, and if phonetically speld would be planty of such mental that important committed the planty of such mental that important committed the properties of the state along lines of economy as rudent business men consumer private affairs? Why change, perhaps would be brd—the system?

J. M. SHELLEY.

The problem of lerning to rite Chinese is easy compared to the difficulties of learning to spel in English. The grownups being hardened to the failse forms of English words giv no thought to the ysung minds compeld by teacher and textbook to memorize word after word which their growing sense of truth tels them is incorrect, added to the burdens of learning a faisely ritten language, they have inflicted upon them a false English grammer, more torture to their yung minds.

The English language as spoken on the Facific Coast is the finest of inguages, but its spelling is stil uncivilized and its grammer not much better.

READER,

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, Junuary 1, 1864 objection to the publication of this article dealing with German "mili-"mill- Hardee seems to nave kept up appearances and used defiant language in answer to the summons for surrender,

News has reached us that our flest commenced an attack on Wilmington December 24 and continued it sil day. It was renewed Sunday and kept up with much vigor, Fort Fisher being much damaged, houses burned and the garrison driven to the bomb proofs. Our sailor boys captured a battation of the enemy's forces and one rebel flag from the bastion.

REBATE BENEFITS ONLY SHADOW No Adventage Sees to Three Per Cent

Deduction for Prompt Tax Payments. PORTLAND, Jan. 1 .- (To the Editor.) -A few words regarding the p S per cent tax rehate. Suppose \$1,000. 000 taxes are to be raised in this county, as an example. The county is not in a profit-making business, hence the money in advance is worth nothing as a source of making greater profits to be lost sight of by those favoring a rebate. There is a fixed revenue de manded to pay a fixed estimated ex-

manded to pay a fixed estimated expenditure.

If the above sum is the fixed revenue and expenditure, then \$30,000 must be added if all demand a 2 per cent rebate, making \$1,030,000. If nobody demands it, then the county gets \$30,000 more than its admitted needs, which is a bid for extravagance at taxpayers' expense. If the rebate amount is not added, and everybody demands it, then the revenues fall short and the amount must be raised next year. Perhaps, ordinarily, the taxpayer only pays the amount he must pay in the end and really gots no advantage, only a shadow.

If, however, the large taxpayers de-

mand the reduce to the extent of one-half and the other half pays the \$15,-900 added by the county, it exactly offsets and raises the \$1,000,000 re-quired. This forces the taxpayers who quired. This forces the taxpayers who do not get the rebate to pay an excess tharse, the benefit of which really goes to the rebesters and makes taxation unequal and not uniform. It appears to be open to question under the constitutional requirements. The problem seems to be capable of a mathematical demonstration which proves rebates nothing but a farce if not worse than that.

The showing above is respectfully referred to the members of the Legislature for their prayerful consideration.

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