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YES, BUT HOW? Lemuel Gulliver tells us that, in the land of Lilliput, the pigmy inhabitants are torn asunder politically over the issue as to which is the proper end of an egg to crack.

This brief recollection from a wise and popular storybook ought to be of value to Candidate Pierce. Candidate Pierce has the mistaken notion that taxation is the issue of the present campaign.

There was given a banquet at Albany Wednesday evening in honor of Candidate Pierce by that hospitable stranger from New York, Mr. Jesse Winburn.

Now if the great tax reduction is dependent upon the possibility of a cut in the maintenance cost of institutions, taxes are not going down very far.

New sources of revenue, as all competent observers agree, do not permanently solve the problem of the old sources of revenue.

The doctrine that it is safe enough to leave tax reduction to the candidate for lucrative office who only denounces and says "leave it to me" is a pernicious doctrine.

Speculators like J. Leonard Replee doubtless influence the rise and fall in the price of wheat, though, as he said: "I had no use for wheat."

If all farmers would sell through co-operatives, they would be able to get the best prices for their products.

THE MANUFACTURE OF LAWS. The 13,711 bills introduced at the late session of congress one in thirteen was passed, whereupon the New York Times says that "the proportion of bills to laws was excessive."

That sort of thing would not work in the United States, where the initiative begins with the government. The legislature is free to the immediate beneficiary though costly to the whole body of taxpayers.

Of making laws is a great American industry. It keeps lawyers busy learning just what is the law. A lawyer who had watched the legislature on a legislative committee would meet only once in ten years; then he would have time to learn what the law was.

THE FLIGHT OF A TEAL. Few men, in youth at least, ever have watched the high migratory flight of waterfowl without a restless yearning to know whether the birds really do migrate.

A NEW VIEW OF MERGERS. A new crop of mergers has been produced by the war boom, the depression that followed and the development of the automobile industry.

Feeding them an antidote might be a good way with the Hood River county school boys that are indulged in using tobacco.

Observers seem to disagree on the proposition whether times in Germany are good or bad, but there is accord as to Germany's reluctance to fork over any cash.

It is sixty-seven years since John D. Rockefeller took his first paying job—since then, however, he has been favored with several advances in pay.

Why agree to regulate prices for what they buy and sell. That suggests need of such strict government supervision as Roosevelt proposed—not the kind practiced of late by the federal trade commission.

FIRE HAZARD DUE TO DEEP-SEALED CAUSES. The undoubted gravity of the problem to which attention is called, and the striking revelations of the late session of congress, are in thirteen was passed, whereupon the New York Times says that "the proportion of bills to laws was excessive."

Advantage is being taken of the expiration of the term of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board, to endeavor to reappoint his reappointment and thus to involve the board in politics.

There was a strong flavor of politics in the location of the two regional banks and in the appointments to the original federal reserve boards, but the board has lived that down, for the emergencies of the war lifted it up above politics.

Planting Urged Wherever Possible, Especially in Western Oregon. PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor)—Your recent article about the black walnut should interest every home owner in the state.

ALL SCHOOLS ARE SUPERVISED. State Now Revises Instruction in Parochial and Private Institutions. PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor)—Mr. H. A. Jones in his letter to the Oregonian says that his forefather had made his country what it is today, and implies that he is satisfied with the great work accomplished.

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