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DOC, PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDAL DISCOVERY

Candidate Pierce has wandered from one end of the state to the other telling the tale of his low bill

Now Mr. Pierce offers his afflicted fellow citizens a solemn compact. If they will make him governor he will reduce the state taxes

Mr. Pierce has had ample opportunity to show his ability to reduce taxes. He was a member of the 1917 and 1919 legislatures

These later years of Mr. Pierce's service in the state senate saw the beginnings of the larger elements of the present excessive state tax burden

The state taxes of 1922 aggregated \$9,376,253. The total \$14,129,122 is represented by millage taxes of which Mr. Pierce is himself the author

The further sum of \$4,294,163 is levied by millage tax laws for which Mr. Pierce voted

A still further sum of \$1,026,804 is raised by a millage tax law which Mr. Pierce openly supported

Thus Mr. Pierce, who complains of the excessive burden of state taxes, been responsible as much as one individual legislator could be, for 92 per cent of the total tax levy of 1922 or \$8,452,922

Mr. Pierce also weeps with the farmer over the cost of county government. The salaries of county officials and in many instances the number of their deputies and the deputies salaries are fixed by legislative enactment

Mr. Pierce was a member of the 1903, 1905, 1917 and 1919 legislatures. In these sessions he voted for sixty-one bills increasing county salaries or creating new offices or departments, involving nearly 200 positions

Had Mr. Pierce had his own way, the tax burden on farms and other tangible property would have been heavier than they are now. He proposed to exempt from taxation money, notes and accounts. Such property pays no taxes

Another of his schemes was to raise the present 4-mill road tax another mill, a lift of \$1,000,000 a year in tax money

He was the author of a scheme to build a new penitentiary at a cost of \$400,000. He fathered a bill to pay the state highway commission \$12,000 a year

Here you have indeed a golden medal discovery. The early and late to pile up taxes until the property owner is sick unto death. Then sell him a four-year treatment sight unseen for \$7500 per

unity effort and to conviction of the public of the righteousness of definite courses of action is likely to accelerate the movement to promote child welfare

Attacking a Monopoly. The resolution of an Illinois Methodist Episcopal conference that it support by every lawful means the effort of their Methodist brethren to establish a church of that denomination in Zion City, Ill.

Canada's Discriminative Tariff. Occasion for the discretion granted by the new tariff law to the president to retaliate against nations which discriminate against the United States is found in the tariff of Canada

The monopoly which it is thus sought to destroy by legal methods is of the same kind as that which has made difficult the problem of the Americanization of immigrants from foreign lands

First in the field with a weather prophecy for the coming winter is the meteorologist who says that the whole country is for a long, cold season

Canada would be a good place to begin exercise of this power. The railroads of that country enjoy great privileges in the United States

There is no room for misunderstanding as to the strike on the Portland waterfront. It was started by the I. W. W. with the aid of radical members of the longshoremen's union

Between the county commissioners, the welfare bureau and the community chest, the poor of the county should be well cared for and the "overhead" not allowed to languish

Why doesn't Walter come out and say that the real reason for his candidacy for governor is not to reduce taxes, but to provide jobs for Oregon's deserving democrats?

The Turks announce that they will establish prohibition immediately in Eastern Thrace. We begin to see why Britain was so anxious to keep them out

When the rider of a motorcycle is injured in collision, people who have seen some of them go think of the law of compensation

Some of the crossings need a traffic officer early in the day, when many are going to work and delivery cars are likely

Do people here realize the Pacific International is one of the few big "cattle shows" of the country?

The pedestrian can guide himself through straight traffic, but the right-angled turns bother him

The "punkin" is looking for frost any time and the fodder feels shocking

Has that Winburn check been cashed or is it just "Exhibit A"?

So far we have read of more hunters shot than deer

The Listening Post

By DeWitt Harry. Builders of homes are demanding more in the way of property. They no longer want a bare, level lot

There is abundant room in Portland for unions of workers who stand up for their conception of right and which, when a controversy is settled, make a contract, abide by it and work faithfully

Large Oregon banks hold some stocks of coal, according to their annual statements that have to be published by law. It must be a temptation for the yegs to read of hundreds of thousands of dollars stored away in some out-of-the-way spot

Un-equipped and untrained, lacking in many cases sufficient capital, they expect to enter into a business which is not their own

Christians is not so far away. The ships are landing in huge cases from the lands called "over there"

This by way of acknowledgment of the horse chestnut received a few days ago

Sprawled in the shade of a big maple, two men silently watched an old covered wagon drawn by two mules rattle down the highway

"Seeing that outfit," said the old angler, "reminds me when I first came in this country. It was back in the fall of '73. I remembers we came on night right over there"

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Those Who Come and Go

Tales of Folks at the Hotels. The cost of handling Olympia oysters is greater than of handling the eastern oysters, according to J. J. Brenner, Olympia oyster merchant

"A wonderful section is Jordan Valley," declares Sam A. Kozer, secretary of the Irrigation Association, "a few days ago and am now on my way back to Salem

"So far as Marion county is concerned," declared Thomas B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, "And Gump won't get 10 per cent of the vote"

"From Drain, to tide-water, the road from the Pacific highway to the Roosevelt highway in Douglas county has been graded to the water level, except 3.6 miles

"Best town on earth is Lebanon," asserts Dr. J. G. Gill, who was in Lebanon yesterday. "Lebanon is the only town that is holding Portland back from being a big city"

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Burroughs Nature Club

Copyright, Houghton-Mifflin Co. Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Where do butterflies go at night?

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Do all salmon die after spawning? The species that frequent the Pacific coast of America do. But many of the species found in British waters are said to spawn twice previous to reaching 8 or 9 years of age

2. Do hummingbirds ever perch? Probably. A hummingbird feeding as it vibrates the wings so rapidly with the aid of the powerful breast muscles they can hold themselves apparently suspended in front of the blossoms. But parent hummers perch on the nest while feeding the young (by regurgitation) and have been occasionally perched on telegraph wires, dead twigs, etc., sunning and preening

3. What are the fungus flat, shell-shaped growths often seen growing on both dead and living trees? If you refer to what are called bracket fungi (bracket fungi), very harmful to forests, even of dead stumps, as their spores are likely to reach woods on living trees and sprout there, growing on the wood, etc., etc., leave a healthy tree defenceless to these wood-boring spores. The spores are blown by the wind, and cause a rotting of the heart wood and cause a slow rot, which spreads and spreads

ABSOLUTISM ENTERING SCHOOLS. Reading Circle Law is Condemned. Other Bills Passed. OREGON CITY, Oct. 16.—(To the Editor)—The next session of the Oregon legislature will have more responsibilities resting upon it with reference to the public welfare than any legislature of recent years

Kind faces that come smiling up to me. Are circles of rare gems—each one a glowing, tender light to see, and hide their radiance deeply in my heart

Kind faces mean so much! They may not know the deep impression when I meet them. But often I have sensed their after-glow. When my own life was made to saunter give

If I might weave a wreath of imaginary flowers, I would weave one for you. And I'd like to have a face whose kindly smile had warmed my heart when it was lone and cold

Oh, friends and stranger-friends, our paths are one. And we are close of kin along the way. Clasp your arms about me before the day is done. And share with me the things you long to say!

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of October 18, 1897. It is a little more than twenty-five years ago that the teaching of the Northern Pacific will have completed its new road

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More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague. THE FALL OF THE RAINBOW. The minute that the snows are gone and April skies are blue, The Flickers gather in the dawn With pots of colored dew

And, leaping over stream and ridge, In hurrying crowds they go. To paint the filmy rainbow bridge That spans the world below

All summer it is clearly seen. By pleased and wondering folk. When rains have swept the heavens clean. Of mist and dust and smoke— A sweeping arch of brilliant dyes, That shine out bright and warm. Across the quiet evening sky. Beyond the fading storm

And then, when autumn's here again, Jack Frost, his ax in hand, Comes creeping from his hidden den Somewhere in Pixie land. And, wearing now and then a smirk, And now and then a frown, The little rascal sets to work To chop the rainbow down!

And lo! its gorgeous colors fall Upon the world like rain, And tint the tree-tops one and all With red and gold and stain. The children see the autumn glow. When comes the morning light And thrill with wonder, for they know Jack Frost was out last night!

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