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## EXEMPTIONS OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Below we give the gist of Mr. Fred Flood's letter to the Oregonian on the subject of double taxation and the Oregonian's reply in full. Mr. Flood said in part:

"In Douglas county the mortgagor is assessed on the value of the land, and the note for which the mortgage is security, is assessed, and, as all the mortgages provide that the mortgagor shall pay this tax, and as there is no exemption for indebtedness, it follows that the mortgagor is doubly taxed. This proposition is self-evident. Now, then, is this the method of assessing in Multnomah county, and if so, why do the people there favor it? That it is unjust and works a hardship upon those least able to stand it, goes without saying."

"FRED FLOOD."

To which the Oregonian replies:

"Notes secured by mortgage are not assessed for taxation in Multnomah county, and ought not to be so assessed anywhere. All taxation of credits is double taxation, since it falls on the borrower, who has already paid tax on the property pledged as security. Taxation of notes secured by mortgage is plainly and flagrantly double taxation in Oregon, because a law of the state permits the borrower to covenant in the mortgage to pay any tax assessed upon the credit, and he must do this before he can borrow the money. The object of the assessment, of course, is to tax the money of the lender. But this money has become identified with the property of the borrower without increasing its value. When the note is taxed, therefore, the borrower pays that much in increased tax on his land. The practice is as stupid and unjust as the old mortgage tax law itself. No assessor of sense follows it, unless he does injustice deliberately to make the present law odious and bring about restoration of the mortgage tax law."

## FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN IN 1896

The Japan Weekly Mail states that the foreign trade of Japan for the first half of 1896 showed imports to exceed exports by 26,000,000 yen—a rare commercial phenomenon in recent years. This is owing, on the one hand, to the extraordinarily depressed condition of the American market, and on the other to the unusually large importations of machinery and other materials in consequence of the mushroom growth of industrial enterprises in that country.

This overimportation, however, is by no means ominous. The growth of industries is but the natural result of a victorious war. Moreover, the machinery imported will sooner or later turn out products that will be exported in their turn. Another point to be noted is that 15,000,000 yen out of 26,000,000 yen (that is the total of the excess of imports) represented cotton and wool. Further, the greater part of the remaining 11,000,000 yen represented machinery and other articles of iron. Very few luxuries were imported.

In the months of June and July the Misaki Bussan Kaisha alone is said to have exported cotton yarns to the amount of 2,600,000 yen. When most of the cotton and wool imported in the first half of the year comes to be exported in the form of yarn, etc., the export business promises to be very prosperous. The silk market is also expected to be very much brisker in a short time.

## Nicaragua Canal.

One great and lasting enterprise, the republican party will press forward to completion as soon as it is practicable, is the completion of the Nicaragua canal. That canal when completed will be of incalculable benefit to Oregon. At the least, and it is a reasonable estimate, after that canal is completed, every farmer will realize ten cents a bushel more for every bushel of wheat he produces, and a corresponding advance upon all other products of farm, forest, field, workshop and manufactory will result. Senator Mitchell is heart and soul in favor of this great international highway that will redound to the glory as well as a lasting benefit to this nation.

The Marion county assessor has got himself, his county and the board of equalization into trouble over the assessment roll of Marion, by a neglect of duty in preparing his roll as required by law, and he is now kicking because, through his own negligence, his county has been raised. In trying to reduce taxes he has got them increased.

## "TO BUY A PAPER."

Under the above head that apology for a man which warns the editorial tripod on Jackson street, in one of his monthly periods, issues forth another batch of lies designed to impair the business of this paper. It states that this paper has not been a paying property for several years, and it is understood, is now badly involved in debt, that "for months past the publishers have been open to a deal of some kind that would shift the load to other shoulders," etc. There is truth enough in the above to link his lies together. The gist of the article is a libelous interference with what is none of his business, even if true. The PLAINEALER is not a business failure; its managers are not yet so hard pressed as to seek around a bank to get at the condition of other people's private bank accounts and publish it to the world for the purpose of injuring their business.

That popinjay editor, the initials of whose name are C. H. Fisher, would have his less readers believe that the PLAINEALER is poor property; that the business is a failure and that the publishers want to "shift it to other shoulders," etc. Well, we'll examine the records. If the tax roll is any indication of the relative values of the two properties, C. H. Fisher and his paper plant, and of W. F. Benjamin and the PLAINEALER plant, the records will show that Benjamin's personal tax is \$14 more than Fisher's, and that the tax on the PLAINEALER plant is 45 cents larger than that on the Review. And as to who has been kept up by official assessments and official pap that paper has had three dollars to the PLAINEALER's one, from those sources.

It is an old adage that he who attends to his own business and lets other people's business alone commands the respect of all decent people.

The editor of the PLAINEALER deprecates the necessity of these strictures. These things do not interest the public, but when annoyed by skulls we find it necessary to fire at them at long range although the rattle of our musketry seeks our neighbors from a sound nap.

The above is not very flattering to C. H. F. It is true, but it is concurred in by more than a score of Roseburg's best citizens.

## IN SOUTHERN OREGON MINES.

The Grant's Pass Mining Journal last week had the following mining notes of that section.

J. W. Robinson of Wimer, one day this week sold to Jewell & Dodge \$25 in gold dust.

Van Dorn Bros. this week purchased a giant and 600 feet of pipe for their ground on Pickett creek.

Jewell & Dodge shipped out one day last week an \$800 gold brick, and two days later a \$500 brick.

Mr. Woodcock, of Kerry, this week purchased a giant for a placer mine on the Illinois.

Another mine now running with a full head of water is that of Gunning & Spencer, on Bloody Run, in the Dry Diggins.

Campbell & Gould, on Green's creek, are running their pipe and giant this week. The late rains have given them plenty of water.

T. J. Clark is now equipping his placer ground on Grave creek, below Leland. He has ordered a giant and 350 feet of pipe.

Thursday night witnessed the usual scouring over the hills by men who failed to do their assessment work during the year, and were bent on relocation before the jumper got in his work.

The rains of the past few days have afforded water in abundance for hydraulic mining, and word comes from all sides that the miners are busy with their pipe and giants.

The heavy rains caused a partial destruction of one of the ditches of H. A. Corliss, in the Dry Diggins, this week, and a load of lumber was required to fix it. Mr. Corliss says that there are 25 or 30 men now at work in the Dry Diggins.

## School District Controversy.

The citizens of Dillard and vicinity are having a controversy over the formation of a new district No. 116, formed from districts No. 14 and 16.

The county superintendent has granted the petition for the new district, No. 116, upon petition of nominally a majority of the legal voters of the districts interested. From this decision of the superintendent, Mr. Douglas Waite, an appeal to the state superintendent has been taken.

The interested parties are now taking testimony of the citizens of the districts involved to present to the state superintendent. As we understand it the question will be determined upon who are legal voters in said districts. The facts of the case will appear in the testimony now being taken which will go up with the case on appeal to the state superintendent.

It is rife upon the streets that J. W. Mulden, A. J. Bellows and James Byron, members of the first board of trustees of O. S. H., are applicants for the place again. If Governor Pennoyer was warning the gubernatorial seat their chances would be good; but they are not on the Lord's—or rather the Lord is not on their side—and their knocking will not likely be heard.

Beautiful designs in gents silk handkerchiefs at the Novelty Store.

## Governor Franklin Southern.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 30.—An immense crowd gathered at the court house here tonight and were addressed by a number of speakers, including Chief Justice Baker and Mayor Monihan, in the interest of Cuban recognition. The following resolutions were passed unanimously, and hundreds signed the roll for their country's service:

WHEREAS, The patriotism of the people of Arizona and their loyalty has been put in question by reason of a certain telegram sent by Governor B. J. Franklin to the New York Journal stating that in case of war between the United States and Spain over Cuba, Arizona would not furnish a volunteer; and, whereas, the statement in said telegram does not reflect or voice the sentiment of the people of Arizona in the premises; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the statement of Governor B. J. Franklin is contained in his telegram to the New York Journal, expressing his belief that Arizona would not furnish a volunteer in the defense of the government in case of war with Spain, be hereby repudiated and condemned, as it does not express the sentiment and feelings of the people of Arizona in the matter. The people of Arizona, being patriotic and loyal to the government, would, in case of war between the United States and Spain or any other nation, stand firmly by the government and furnish their proportion of able-bodied men and means to sustain the government to the end; and be it further

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the people of Cuba, who are struggling for their liberty, and are in favor of the recognition by the United States immediately of the independence of Cuba.

## Robbed by Employes.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—A wholesale conspiracy having for its object the systematic robbery of one of the largest department stores in the city, entered into and successfully carried on for a number of years by employes of the firm, was exposed in the arrest and subsequent confessions of six of the dishonest employes yesterday.

The firm which suffered through the depredations of these men is the William Barr Dry Goods Company, and their losses in the aggregate amount to thousands of dollars, although the exact figures are not obtainable at present.

## Ordered to Florida.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The dynamite cruiser Vespene and the armed dispatch-boat Dolphin has been ordered to Florida waters to reinforce the already numerous fleet of government vessels now engaged in an effort to suppress filibustering expeditions bound for Cuba.

The Dolphin is at the Washington navy yard, and probably will sail as soon as she can get aboard the necessary stores and ammunition. Her captain, Commander Clover, was at the navy department today consulting the officials regarding the programme for the movements of his ship. Though a dispatch vessel, technically, the Dolphin would be a formidable craft to a filibuster, not so much on account of her speed, which is about 15 knots as because of her machine guns, her main battery and active crew. She carries two 47-millimeter Hotchkiss guns, several six-pounder guns of the same type, and two four-inch rapid-fire rifles. From his experience as chief of the hydrographic office, Commander Clover is well fitted to navigate his ship safely in the narrow channels and passes of the Florida coast.

## The Germans Aroused.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The news received here from Paris that the French council of war had ordered a large increase in the cadres of the army, by which 145 new battalions of infantry will be created, has thoroughly aroused public opinion here, especially in view of the announcement that the French artillery is already partly rearmd with quick-firing guns. France, under the new system, will have 105 more battalions on a peace footing than Germany, and the German military authorities now intend to hasten the equipment of the army with new Krupp quick-firing guns at an expense of 290,000,000 marks.

The German navy is being rapidly provided with the same type of gun, not only on new vessels, but on board the older vessels. At the same time, a skillfully managed agitation has begun, doubtless prompted by the government, for a further increase in the peace cadres, so as to catch up with the French. The campaign was started by the semi-official Cologne Gazette and the Hamburger Correspondent. The latter expresses regret that the army increases in Germany and France are like an endless screw, and maintains that it cannot be helped, although to Germany, with her 52,000,000 population, it is easier than in the case of France, with barely 40,000,000 inhabitants. The author of this article, who is supposed to be a high official of the general staff, even speaks of the necessity in the near future of rearming the German infantry with more effective magazine rifles, and of reorganizing the system of fortifications.

## Notice to Stockholders

A notice meeting of the stockholders of the Douglas County Agricultural Association will be held at the court house in Roseburg on Monday, February 1st, 1897, for the purpose of electing seven directors for the ensuing year and other business that may come before the meeting.

F. A. McCall,  
Secretary.

To all whom it may concern: I hereby give my consent to my son, Charles E. Noah, a minor, to do business for himself, to contract and make agreements in his own name and right as of legal age, and that I will not be responsible for any such contracts or agreements made by him.

D. J. Noah.

## THE ORIGINAL ARYAN.

I am the ancient Aryan.  
You have heard me wrong.  
I did not come from Hindustan.  
I've been here all along.

I never traveled from the east  
In huge successive waves.  
You thought your ancestors deceased  
Inside your own old caves.

There my remains may now be sought.  
Mixed up with mastodons,  
Which very long with flints I fought  
Before I fought with bronze.

In simple skins I wrapped me round  
Ere mats I learned to make.  
I dug my dwellings in the ground  
Or reared them on a lake.

I had no pen, I'm sure of this.  
Although you say I penned  
All manner of theologies  
In Sanskrit and in Zend.

My nature you've misunderstood.  
When first I journeyed here,  
I found my kindred of one wood;  
My rites were rather queer.

The more my little ways you scan  
The less you'll care to praise  
And bless the dear old Aryan  
Of medieval days.

They've mistook me up till I declare,  
I hardly can report  
Whether I first was tall and fair,  
Or I was dark and short.

But on two things I take my stand  
Through all their noise and strife—  
I didn't come from Asia, and  
I had no higher life.

—Punch.

## DECEIVED BY A DUDE.

How a \$3,500,000 Bid by an Unknown Man Was Taken Seriously.

Samuel P. Schuckers died recently at Webster, O. He was a brother of J. W. Schuckers, private secretary of Salmon P. Chase, and brother-in-law of John H. Oberly, ex-civil service commissioner. An interesting incident is recalled by Schuckers' death which has never found its way in the newspapers. The incident occurred a number of years ago, and during the time of the sale of the Lake Shore railroad at Cleveland it happened that Schuckers and John McSweeney, the great criminal lawyer, met at the sale. McSweeney had but a short time before made a great hit by his political speeches at Cleveland and Philadelphia and was attracting attention all over the country. At this particular time he was trying a case at Cleveland. Young Schuckers was in those days a veritable dude and very spry.

He went to Cleveland to have a time as he always left Webster to celebrate, and was having a good, glorious time on this particular occasion. He was small and wiry in stature and always carried a silk umbrella. It happened that he met McSweeney in the rotunda just as he had finished an argument and while the sale of the Lake Shore railroad was going on. They stopped for a moment at the edge of the excited crowd bidding of syndicates represented—foreign, Vanderbilt, Goulds and others. The bidding had reached \$3,100,000. In a spirit of devilishness, young Schuckers bid \$3,500,000. In a moment a rush was made toward the new bidder, and a demand was made to know what syndicate he represented. His only reply was, with a wave of his silk umbrella, "Go away from me." The excited representatives of the other syndicates asked for a recess, which was granted, and in 20 minutes they came back, when the bid was raised to \$4,000,000 and sold.

Mr. Schuckers' spry appearance and being in company with the great criminal lawyer had led them to believe he represented some secret syndicate who were trying to gain possession of the valuable railroad property. Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

## Napoleon's Memory.

Napoleon had a wonderful memory. When emperor, he once surprised his council with his intimate knowledge of Roman law and was asked how he had obtained it. He stated that when a lieutenant had once been placed under arrest and was in prison for two weeks. During that time the only book at his command was a treatise on Roman law. He sat down and in two weeks mastered the volume so completely that 20 years later he could repeat long passages from its pages. He never forgot a face or a name and would often greet private soldiers by their names, sometimes alluding to the march or the battle where he had seen them before. He kept in his head all the details of his military movements, and it was said of him that during the march to Italy and Marengo he knew where every pound of the supplies for the use of the army was located. It is said that he remembered the name of every officer to whom he ever issued a commission.

## Orderly Music.

A colonel in the French army, who had a great eye for neatness, but not much of an ear for music, took occasion one day to compliment his bandmaster on the appearance of his men. "Their uniforms are neat," said the colonel, "and their instruments are nicely polished and kept in order, but there is one improvement that I must insist upon." "What is it, colonel?" "You must train your men, when they perform, to lift their fingers all at exactly the same time and at regular intervals on their instruments, so—one, two! One, two!"—London Answers.

## Sure to Be the Case.

"I can't tell you," said the experienced suburbanite in reply to the question of his new neighbor, "when the next train goes, but I can tell you what your chances of catching it are." "What are they?" inquired the new neighbor eagerly. "Well, if you run as hard as you can," said the experienced resident, "you have 15 minutes to wait, and if you merely walk you'll find the train just pulling out."—Chicago News.

Mozart had a very sweet voice, though it was by no means strong. His conversational tones were well modulated and pleasing.

Catherine the Great never forgot a face or a name.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. C. Marsters & Co.

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