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A FAVORED SECTION.
It is one of the wonders of Oregon that, at points but a few miles apart, have such wide ranges and differences in the matter of weather. Here have been reading that at Clatsop and in the Willamette valley they have been having snow with consequent sleighing and coast-skating on lakes and ponds. In the worst here has been very deep frosts. As a consequence the people here are entitled to believe that they have the most favored section of favored Oregon in a climatic way, sagely and aptly remarks the Little Point Enterprise.

CONSIDER THIS.
It takes all kinds of people to make this old world fit to live in. It is a good thing if our brains (if we have any) differ as much as our faces. If we thought alike we should want the same things, and if we looked alike we would not know our own wives, and we would kill each other until the last man was gone. There would be nobody but men left left to perpetuate the race. But we shall not finish this line of thought, but shall leave it to those of our readers who are more highly imaginative than we are. We started out to say, that the subscribers to a newspaper represent all classes and classes of people, with all kinds of beliefs, from the extremes of everything that suit all minds from the fool to the philosopher. Editors are usually men of education and ought, and trained in their profession by long experience. If wide awake, and they generally are, they comment upon live events on the spur of the moment, and often find that the source of their information was false though their comments were honest, says the Port Orford Tribune. You, perhaps would have commented differently, and perhaps you get "nipped" at the editor, without stopping to think that you are different reasons, and don't look alike, and hence can't think alike. There are ten more than two sides to a question sure" of their opinions where hours halt, and the fool is always the surest man on all questions. Ask men to be honest, but don't ask all to believe as you do.

A NEW TAX RULING.

More Sheriff's Sales for Delinquent Taxes on Property Hereafter.

The county court of Coos county at the last regular meeting decided to follow the new law regarding the collection of delinquent taxes on real property, and not advertise the same for sale, but to issue certificate of delinquency on delinquent property. The following from the Portland Telegram gives the method of procedure under the gist of the law:

Sale of property by the sheriff for delinquent taxes is a thing of the past. Property on which taxes for 1906 are unpaid will not be sold by the sheriff at public auction this year as has been the custom for past years. The amendments to the tax law made by the last legislature abolished tax sales, and the decision of the Multnomah county court not to advertise the delinquent tax list saved this property from being sold under the hammer this year.

Instead of tax sales a new system has been adopted which the sheriff's deputies in the tax department declare is much more effective in bringing about the payment of delinquent taxes.

The practice now is to issue certificates of delinquency on delinquent property. When the taxes on any piece of property have not been paid by the owner, they may be paid by the first person who applies, and to him is given the certificate of delinquency. This certificate may be

redeemed at any time within three years by the owner of the property. Interest at the rate of 15 per cent must be paid by the owner to the holder of the certificate of delinquency before he is permitted to redeem. Under the old law the highest rate of interest that could be charged was 10 per cent.

At the expiration of three years, the holder of the certificate secures a deed through decree of the circuit court and the owner must appeal within thirty days from the date of the decree or he cannot appeal. The effect of the new law is believed to be that the purchaser of a tax secures a title that cannot be annulled.

As the law now stands, delinquent tax sales by the sheriff are abolished, the rate of interest is increased from 10 to 15 per cent, and the holder of the tax deed is made secure in his title by the decree of the circuit court. Large numbers of certificates of delinquency have already been issued by Sheriff Steven's deputies, the proved attractive to the purchasers of tax deeds.

People who have heretofore been negligent of their delinquent taxes, feeling sure that the tax deed could be set aside at any time, are now rapidly paying up their delinquent taxes, because the new law gives the holder of the tax deed what is regarded as a perfect title, and after the decree of the circuit court has been entered, there can be no redemption, except by appeal to the supreme court.—Coquille Sentinel.

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And charged with all his might.

Into the thick of the battle
Amidst the shot and shell,
Fighting like a lion,
This gallant soldier fell.
Fell in the ranks of honor
With the bold and true,
But ere he died he murmured,
"Will you to me be true?"

His lady walked in the garden,
And lingered near the gate,
An aide-de-camp came flying
With a message of love or fate.

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She read it through and through,
It was his last words dying
"Will you to me be true?"

She dressed herself in sable,
And rode off to the field,
She found him gashed and gory,
But heard he did not yield.
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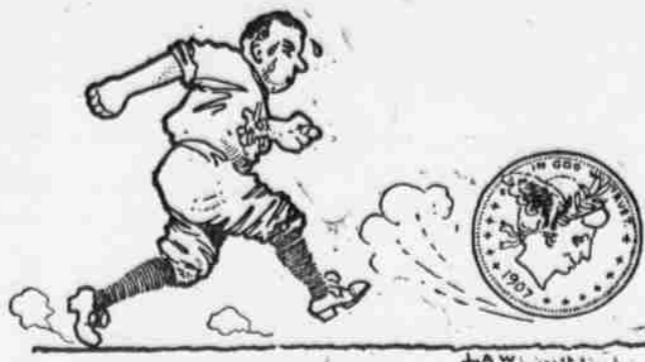
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