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GOVERNING A CITY WITHOUT TAXES.

THE property rights of the people in franchises of public utility corporations and the right of the people to conserve these rights to the advantage of the taxpayers is receiving more and more attention daily. Coos Bay cities might profit by the experiences and experiments of other places in these matters. Mrs. William Dudley Foulke, wife of the president of the National Municipal league, has originated a new idea and her husband has worked it out. "The idea is that 'if the city taxes at its proper value what the city gives—that is, the unearned increment in the value of private property—there need be no taxes on what it does not give—such products of industry as buildings, improvements and personal property."

Fair Hope, Alabama, on Mobile bay, is such a city. It was founded about 1895 by immigrants from Iowa. It possesses free schools, a free library, free telephones, a free public dock and a water supply without rates. It pays state taxes, county taxes and the cost of municipal administration and public improvements out of the rent for its land. There are no taxes. The city thrives. Few cities own the land to enable them to abolish taxation. But all cities can lessen taxes by profitable investment and management of such property as they own.

HILL OF TARA.

HOW many thousands of citizens in this country will read with utmost interest of the contemplated sale of the famous Hill of Tara. Just what the details of the sale are have not been made public as yet, but the fact that such a movement is proposed is of itself attention-attracting. The Hill of Tara is closely identified with Irish history. There is a widespread movement in this country, having for its object a general revival of interest in the study of Irish history and surely no study could be more important and interesting. No history is more fraught with stirring events, with great adventures, and with occurrences that had much to do with shaping the histories of other countries. To students of Irish history the famous Hill of Tara is very familiar. Even those who have not devoted time to making a study of the his-

tory of the Emerald Isle, Tara is well known because of the song which Thomas Moore wrote of it and which is world wide in its fame. Every happening which involves any noted landmark in Ireland is of concern to many American citizens who have tender memories of the island across the sea or who have heard of its romance and its history and its wonderful career from those who knew much of it at first hand. Irish music, Irish literature, and Irish history are all replete with such charms as to win and hold undivided attention and consequently any part of the Emerald Isle which has been an inspiration for song and story merits and has the regard of all who love the beautiful and the romantic.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.
Do good, and throw it in the sea; if the fishes do not know it, God will.—Louis Ferrar.

THE WANDERER.

Golden runs the valley between the towers of corn,
White runs the river across the silver morn;
And rippling laughter hedges the pathways where I roam—
But oh, my heart goes hungry for the love-ways of home.

The purple blossoms shine through the kisses of the sun
As on their mother-bosoms the shadow-children run;
My feet fare on in glory,—but all of my desire
Drifts back in aching rapture beside my homing fire.

I gather to my heart all the glory Heaven sends—
But oh, I grow weary for the faces of my friends;
The dear ones, the dear ones, their arms are open wide
And my heart flies homeward to them from the sunned hillside.

The sun fades, the hill fades, the river runs no more,
I only see the faces besides my homing-door,
And this lone heart of me will forget that it knew pain
When I run with eager footsteps to claim them once again.

On the recent trip from Marshfield to the Government Works of Major Morrow which a number of business men in Marshfield attended, among the various incidents which occurred was one in which the Major mentioned the fact that in Japan a certain light house was maintained which could only be reached twice a year and that it was customary to put two men on the light and they almost invariably found that at the end of each six months, one of the two was dead and the remaining one was insane. Mr. Powers suggested that Henry Sengstacken and J. W. Bennett be given the job the next time to see which would be dead and which would be insane at the end of the period. Bennett said he was willing and that he believed that what small change he would have at the end of the six months would belong to Sengstacken and his life

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RECIPROCITY IS URGED BY TAFT

President Delivers His First Speech Favoring Canadian Agreement.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 10.—President Taft inaugurated his two days' speech-making campaign in favor of Canadian reciprocity at the National Corn Exhibition in this city this afternoon. Taking advantage of the agricultural character of the exposition, the president addressed his appeal particularly to farmers and undertook to demonstrate with statistics an argument that the claim that reciprocity with Canada would adversely affect the farming interests of this country was not sound. "Adoption of this treaty," said the President, "is going to unite two countries of kindred people to the great advantage of both."

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Redondo will sail tomorrow at 9 o'clock for San Francisco.

The Breakwater will sail at 8 o'clock tomorrow for Portland.

The Fifield sails today for San Francisco and San Pedro.

The schooners Oregon and Advance are loading lumber at the Randolph mill on the lower Coquille.

The steamer Arcata is loading coal at the Gago mine on the lower Coquille.

SUSPECT IS ARRESTED.

Man Wanted in Los Angeles Dynamiting Case May Be Caught. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 10.—The local police have under arrest a man believed to be M. A. Schmidt, wanted on the charge of complicity in wrecking the Los Angeles Times' building.

would be insured and he would take his chances as to who would be dead or insane. I. S. Kaufman, was present and said it was doubtful as to who would own the money at the end of the six months but he would pity the third man if he should happen to accompany the two.

THE WISE OBSERVER SAYS:

The man who doesn't advertise may know his business, but nobody else does.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of good roads.

It is always well to remember that you can't prove the excellence of your work by shooting your critic.

Down in Myrtle Point they say they don't care whether Ricketts' anti-treat bill becomes a law or not.

It must be a great help to a mother that she is so constituted that ingratitude doesn't bother her much.

The woman who thinks the men need watching is due for a lot of disappointment if she carries out her idea.

Whenever two rich young people get married there are people who remark, "Well, money always marries money."

The man who raises hell and then wants to be spared on account of his folks is no True Sport, besides having other faults.

After a girl has been married two or three years the other girls in town who are single begin to make remarks about how old she looks.

There would be less objection to moustaches, imperials and side-whiskers if the gents who wear them didn't play with them so much.

Just because you have to get old and die, anyway, is no excuse for not taking care of yourself. It is living not dying, that hurts so long if you happen to be running with a dilapidated machine.

"A husband," says Laura Jean Libbey, "is a woman's best friend." We gladly pass the great tidings



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Somehow we always envy the man who looks comfortable in a flannel shirt.

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A man who borrows money to buy a marriage license is putting entirely too much confidence in the old gig about two people living as cheaply-as-one.

Prophets who love to think up nice things to predict for the future are not rushing forward with the announcement that a century or two hence nobody will be asked to pay taxes.

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