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NEW LAW IS BEST.

Some of the papers of the state, including the Oregonian, suggest that the legislature, if called in special session to remedy the present tax laws, it should re-enact the old law and do away with the provisions of the new law which make taxes payable in the fall of the year instead of the spring, as heretofore, says the Eugene Register.

For two years before the new law was enacted the Register advocated the change which we considered then, and earnestly believe now, to be in the interests of taxpayers of the state. Those at last session of the legislature who advocated and voted for the new law represented the majority of the taxpayers and enactment of the new law was considered a benefit to the agricultural classes who have more ready money in the fall season than at any other season of the year.

There are people who do not take kindly to new order of things even though they are better than the old and helpful to the masses. If we are to have a special session let it be for the purpose of remedying the defect that prevents the new law from taking effect for it is the new law that the people want and not the old law which the people rejected at the last session.

The only objection urged from any direction against the new law is that the people will be required to pay taxes twice in 1904 in order to bring tax-paying time around to the proper season of the year. To this feature of the new law there was practically no objection when the bill was up for consideration and there should be none now.

Oregon needs plenty of new legislation but gets little of it. What we do get we should bind to us with bands of steel it get away. The new tax law is a wholesome measure that needs only one small clause enacted to put it into effective operation. If a special session is to be called to knock the new law out we shall be opposed, absolutely, to any special session whatever, preferring that the state and counties borrow money for operating expenses rather than to undo a good piece of legislation enacted for the benefit of the farmers and small taxpayers who will find it much easier to pay taxes in the fall than in the spring.

The above represents the position of The Astorian, if we must have a special session. The new law is certainly better than the old one. Organize, remove the defect, and then adjourn.

FAVORITE AGES OF WOMEN.

It may seem strange that women have preferences for particular ages. An inspection of the census, however, leaves no room for doubt that certain years are preferred, and certain other years disliked, by members of the gentler sex.

Of children 14 years and under the number of boys is nearly 400,000 greater than the number of girls; at 15 the boys are still 6000 ahead of the girls; at 16 the girls are 6000 the more numerous; and each year thereafter, until the twenty-fourth, there is an excess of women over men. The favorite ages within these limits are 18 and 20. There the 24,000 misses of 18 more than boys of that age, and young ladies 20 years old exceed their masculine companions by 54,000. At 24 and 25 the numbers of the two sexes are nearly equal. Then the women begin to grow less with great rapidity. The most unpopular ages are 29 and 40. At the former age there is a difference of 78,000 between the two sexes; at the latter 82,000.

One peculiar circumstance is that there are more women 20 years old than there are girls of 13 or 14, or any age up to 20. This fact conclusively demonstrates that 20 is a very healthful age. But if the younger ages are unhealthy, where did the increased number who are 20 years old come from? No women are born that old.

Only an unusually elastic theory can account for these peculiarities with becoming gallantry to the livelier sex.—J. S. Gilham in Ladies' Home Journal.

A special session will cost Clatsop county the expense of a special election besides its share of the special session. However, there are many who insist that unless there is a special session held the schools of Astoria will suffer greatly, perhaps to the extent of closing them. This is a phase of the matter not contemplated by The Astorian in its discussion of the subject heretofore. This leaves but one course to pursue, so far as the people of this locality are concerned.

The republicans of Astoria did well to renounce Mayor Suprenant and the opposition showed good taste in endorsing him.

Statu quo was defined to mean that Sherman cares not a bit whether the

assembly is called to meet to correct the tax levy law or not. She's all right and has money to pay her bills for two years yet, says the Moro Observer, published by D. C. Ireland, who founded The Astorian.

The second annual session of the Oregon Irrigation Association at Pendleton this week may not have any indirect bearing upon this immediate section, but the people of eastern Oregon are deeply interested. The furthering of the project to make fertile the arid regions will in the end help us.

Jack Monroe had a hard time to dispose of Peter Maher, the erstwhile champion of Ireland, who is the "has been" of "has beens." Monroe would last no longer than the proverbial snowball before any first-class man.

The Bugby explosion was not the small affair that some supposed. However, the A. & C. R. R. have the matter well in hand and are providing well for the comfort of passengers. Trains get through with little delay.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill for more than two millions for Portland's big fair. Will Portland have the bad taste to oppose the senator under the circumstances? Hardly.

The president's message is quite short, yet much to the point. Reciprocity is urged for Cuba with much earnestness.

President Roosevelt has discovered a few dark horses for president. He does not need a field glass to discover more.

Little excitement is attending the city election contest, but before the close matters may warm up a little.

The Astorian is contemplating enlarging again in order to accommodate the advertisers.

The rate war between eastern lines seems near settlement.

Do not permit a home institution to suffer for support.

FOR DIFFERENTIAL RATES.

New York, Nov. 11.—Trunk line associations' officials are arranging the appointment of a board of arbitration which will be called on to decide whether passenger differentials between New York and Chicago shall be abolished. In case the question is decided in favor of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania, the non-differential lines, a regular rate of \$20 will be opposed by all lines operating between Chicago and New York. Under the present arrangement the other roads are permitted to charge \$18.

BITTER TOWARD UNITED STATES.

New York, Nov. 11.—Under the heading "The United States in South America," the La Prensa, a leading newspaper here, publishes an article, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, declaring that the United States is doing everything possible for the revolutionists on the isthmus of Panama and, concluding, says: "This should serve as a warning to South America that there are fatal consequences in celebrating treaties by little and feeble nations with big powers."

PRICE OF MACHINE TOOLS.

New York, Nov. 11.—At the annual meeting of the National Machine Tool Builders Association, which is in session in this city, resolutions were passed declaring that nothing in the existing condition of steel trade warrants a reduction in the price of machine tools. Of the 45 or 50 members about 30 were present, President Joseph Flahter of Nashua, N. H., was in the chair. Other officers present were William Lodge of Cincinnati and W. H. Davis of Rochester, N. Y., and P. E. Montague of Springfield, O., secretary.

AMALGAMATED RESUMES WORK.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 11.—Operations

have been resumed at the Amalgamated Copper Company's properties in the state, thousands of miners returning to work. This is the result of the promise made by William Sealton that he would reopen workings at once if Governor Toole called a special session of the legislature to enact legislation favoring fair trial of litigation.

THE LARGEST LOCOMOTIVE.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—A new locomotive, said to be the largest in the world, has just been received at the western terminal of the Santa Fe railroad in southern California, the first of 45 giant locomotives to be used to haul freight trains over the steep grades on that company's lines. The new engine weighs over 143 1-2 tons, with drivers 57 inches in diameter.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias last evening work in the Esquire rank was done. After the session at the hall the members and visiting brothers adjourned to the Palace restaurant where a light repast was enjoyed. The festivities were in honor of Edward Munz, a visiting brother, who will go to Portland soon to superintend the installing of machinery in the new factory of the American Can Company. Mr. Munz is held in high esteem by the local lodge and the members regret to see him go.

LOSES HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS.

New York, Nov. 11.—Moses Johnson, motorman of a Brooklyn trolley car, has probably sacrificed his life to save an unknown woman and two children from death under the feet of a runaway horse. He is now in a hospital with a fractured skull and one leg broken. The doctors say he cannot possibly recover.

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CHINESE RUN OUT.

Tuolumne, Cal., Nov. 11.—Two hundred miners from Summerville and Solsburyville ran 100 Chinese miners out of Solsburyville and Blackoak tonight. There was no violence.

MINERS GRANTED INCREASE.

Salt Lake, Nov. 11.—The coal miners of this state have been granted an in-

crease of 10 per cent in their wages. Specials from the different camps show that the advance has been general, the rate of pay being raised from \$2.50 to \$2.75 a day.

SHIP OFFICERS DISCHARGED.

Seattle, Nov. 10.—Captain Charles Warner, master of the steamship Oregon, and Edward Healey and Charles Gurtart, first and second mates, were discharged today upon a re-hearing of the charge of cruelty made against them by Seaman John Low.

DISASTROUS WRECK.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railroad wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs

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H. S. McGowan came over from McGowan yesterday and left on the Lurline for Portland. Mr. McGowan reports that the storm did little damage on the north shore. About a week ago when the first gale raged nearly all of the traps in Baker's bay were put out of commission, the gear being badly operated, and as a consequence fishing operations have been discontinued. The McGowan cannery at Ilwaco is being operated, but depends upon Shoalwater bay for its supply of fish.

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NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS.

Odd Fellows are hereby notified to assemble at 10:30 o'clock this morning at Odd Fellows' hall, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, George F. Welch. Services will be held at Grace Episcopal church commencing at 11 a. m., and interment will be in Oceanview cemetery.

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