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THE SERIOUS QUESTION OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

AS WAS STATED in a former article on the subject of assessment and taxation, "uniformity and equality," both under the constitution and as a matter of abstract right, is the fundamental basis of the taxation of all property.

cess and after many experiments, a principle of taxation developed in connection with this class of property through a tax on "gross earnings." This system is far from perfect, and has some disadvantages, but on the whole has been found to work reasonably well.

Small Change

How do the taxpayers like the school situation? There is often too much disregard of official responsibility to the people.

GAG LAW IN THE DEPARTMENTS

Washington Letter in New York World. Cabinet officers are interpreting the "gag order" of President Roosevelt in spirit as well as to the letter.

Oregon Sidelights

Silver edition has appeared in Coos Bay. More dwelling-houses are being built in Silver Lake.

A BOLD LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE IS EXPECTED.

THE DEMOCRATS of the west are looking forward with the profoundest interest to Parker's formal letter of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for president.

HINT TO SOME HOMESEEKERS.

A GOOD MANY homeseekers are now coming to Oregon. Most of them come first to Portland, and then scatter out.

AS TO DAVID E. HILL.

From the Chicago News. In an effort to account for David E. Hill's mental and moral limitations and his curious lack of conviction, George Harvey advances an ingenious theory in the current issue of Harper's Weekly.

THE ROCKEFELLER CLASS.

It is now almost ready for the October opening. From the New York Herald. It is the ambition of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to make his Bible class in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church the most notable in the United States.

IN WASH. FROM GRASS.

It was a Grass Spectacle When His Daughter Discarded Him. From the Chicago Tribune. New York.—Senator Santos, a Cuban grass eater of Brooklyn, who follows Nebuchadnezzar for his stomach's sake, has a disciple.

INCREASING COMMERCE OF JAPAN.

JAPAN has made wonderful progress in the last few years not only in building a navy but also in building up a merchant marine and increasing her foreign commerce.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Chicago has taken up the question, not only with earnestness, but with discretion, that bids fair to produce the best results.

Where Old Halls Are Now.

Washington Dispatch to New York. The fact is brought out in recent footings of census reports that West Virginia is the only state east of the Rocky mountains that is short of its due quota of women.

AN ANSWER OF JUDGE PARKER.

A special writer attached to the staff of the New York Times gave his paper a complete sketch of Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate.

What Will It Be?

Portland, Sept. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The question of municipal government is the question of the day.