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THE SERIOUS OUESTION OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

taxation of all property. This result is sought to be eached in a variety of ways, but the most conscientious ph, telephone, express, sleeping car, refrigerator car, it, are given every facility to do business, and their and returns increase with our progress and par, that such a business and such property should ed on a basis that would put it on an equality other clauses of tangible property. There is some-of a sufficiently substantial character to induce the dividends thereon, and that something should pay

excepting those of banks, are not taxable, but to determine what is property for the purposes

A BOLD LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE IS

THE DEMOCRATS of the west are looking forward

fighting qualities of the party all over the country.

the defeat of McKinley and the election of Bryan. How-ever much an important element in the country may have

disagreed with the policies enunciated at Chicago and reiterated at Kansas City this vital fact stood out in bold

Two successive defeats coupled with a settlement of

of success lay in burying what was esteemed a dead issue

and striking out on new lines that were the outcome of

Gold Democrats who were more than anxious to once

again see that wing of the party in the ascendency. There is little doubt that the absolute judgment of the

St. Louis convention was simply to ignore the silver ques-

party bowed gracefully to the inevitable, accepting the

new dispensation in perfect good faith, awaiting only a

bold, sure and vital enunciation to concentrate upon the

common enemy in a battle that would long be remem-

Something more than this is looked for; it is expected come in the letter of acceptance which will be issued

in the west which, however mistakenly in the judgment

of some, having stood for something definite in the past

INCREASING COMMERCE OF JAPAN.

During the hundreds of years when Japan was closed

tightly against the rest of the world, and before the

United States cracked its shell, Japan had no commerce

thant marine and increasing her foreign commerce.

will hope to do so in the present campaign.

nocrats who saw no other way out and the body of

party been successful at the polls.

S WAS STATED in a former article on the subject | cess and after many experiments, a principle of taxatio of assessment and taxation, "uniformity and equality," both under the constitution and as a of abstract right, is the fundamental basis of the n of all property. This result is sought to be ous burden is entailed upon the corporation, and so or at times finds it hard to even approximate this as the taxation is equitable and such a corporation There are classes of corporations which represent required to pay only its fair share towards carrying or the government, no well-founded complaint can be made. They require and get the protection of the laws, and

As the law stands today, an express company for in stance, no matter how much business it may be doing within the state, pays taxes only on its tangible prop erty, which consists of horses, wagons and office fixtures and if it owns real estate, of course, on that also; a tele h. These facts require no argument to support sraph company pays on its poles, wires and instrument and the mere statement is sufficient to carry connor equal. Real estate, stocks of goods, shares in b tion which, until remedied will always cause trouble,

a are not on the market and have no market value in just. This share is supposed to be based upon the se true sense of the word, and consequently this value of property, and this property may consist of od of valuation is not available. Because of these many different kinds and classes, but no matter what builties there has been, through an evolutionary pro- kind or class, the tax should be equal and uniform on all.

year It had increased to \$33,400 and 172,500 tons respectively, total 505,900. Japan's foreign trade so far has principally with China and Korea, coming in competition there with Germany, England and the United State though her trade with these countries, particularly the Korea and China. Of that between Kobe and the German-Chinese port of Tsingtau she carries more than half.

relief—there was no doubt where the party stood and what it stood for and there was just as little doubt that those policies would have been put into effect had the Oregon. Most of them come first to Portland, fer to obtain comparatively small tracts of land not very the chief issue involved, through natural rather than leg- far from this city, but perhaps they are not sure of just islative or other causes, brought the politicians and time what they could raise profitably. servers of the party to the conviction that the only hope

Fruit, potatoes and other vegetables, and poultry and eggs, always find a ready market here, and command a good price, but it is the latter class of products to which new conditions. To these were added many conscientious this article directs their attention.

If any of these families go to housekeeping here a little while, pending the selection of a future home, they will discover that they have to pay 25 cents a dosen for fresh Oregon eggs, and later they will have to pay more; and for a chicken of average sise and quality they must pay tion, but when that negative position was outflanked by 50 or 60 cents. We imagine that these prices will strike the Parker telegram, after the first white heat of indig- the immigrant from Iowa or Missouri as high, but we nation what had hitherto been the great majority of the are used to them here.

Naturally these immigrants will jump to the sion that this region is for some reason not well a to raising poultry and the production of eggs. But this is not so. On the contrary poultry and eggs can be prownich the destinies of the party had been committed for a is pure. Any sort of feed is easily raised. Then why vitalizing pronunciamento that would have electrified the are poultry and eggs so high? Why are we importing party, if not the country. So far the national campaign many carloads of eggs annually, none of them entirely has been little more than a fight of the outs to get in. fresh and many of them offensively stale, from the Mis-

day. For this reason it is eagerly looked forward to of Oregon are too busy otherwise, or too intent on bigger business, or too indifferent to go to the comparatively slight trouble of raising more chickens and caring for their hens so that they will lay nearly the year round.

This is the situation, and it offers an opportunity to scores of homeseekers with small means, if they ch to get a tract of land anywhere within moderately easy APAN has made wonderful progress in the last few years reach of Portland. Poultry and egg raising need not be not only in building a navy but also in building up a made the sole business, of course; it can be combined with the production of other things; but many a family could make a full, fair living on a small tract of land out of poultry and eggs alone.

The time certainly should soon come when, even di. But now Japan handles more than 2 per cent. of Oregon does export some poultry and eggs to Alaska and marine tonnage of the world, not an insignificant elsewhere, it should still have an abundance, at lower and when one considers the great commercial nations, prices than now prevail, without any importations.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Candidate Parker seems to be sor that of a campaign manager himself

From the Chicago News.

In an effort to account for David B. 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. Mr. Hill's experience of life, he thinks has been defective. Too restricted a contact with general society and too much concentration on political details have warped and stunted his growth. He has none of the small vices that sometimes accompany social enjoyments, but neither has he any of the attending virtues and graces. Mr. Harvey says:

"Mr. Hill is not only a bachelor, but one with very slight inclination for mixed society. He has habitually denied himself not only the common pleasures and solaces of domestic life, but the inspirations that come from the society and discourse of intelligent women, Now, womankind constitutes the greatest help and one of the most important sources of inspiration that have been vouchsafed to man."

GAG LAW IN THE DEPARTMENTS

From the New York Herald.

It is the ambition of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to make his Bible class in the Fifth avenus Baptist church the largest and most notable in the United States, and he is looking forward to the opening of the class on the first Sunday in October with avent.

day in October with great expectations He has instructed J. M. Troxell, presi

The Albany Democrat is informed that the Chinese pheasants are being slaugh-tered right and left through the country, without hindrance, and so many are being killed that there will be slim pick-ing on opening day.

grass eater of Brooklyn, who follows Nebuchadnessar for his stomach's sake, has a desciple. True, his desciple was a backalider, but he is in the fold again. Frank B. Taylor, who runs a delicatessen store in Brooklyn, is the first to follow Senor Santos. He says it cured him and will cure others. Taylor, who is a Maine Yankee, and along in years, has been troubled with indigestion. He tried everything for it, even doctors, he says. The doctors gave him up. And then came the discovery that Santos, who lives two blocks away, had been cured by native blue grass.

Taylor emptied a salad bowl, went to the park and gathered a peck of grass tops. He cut out his regular food and chewed grass all day long. All about him were tempting potato salads, ripe frankfurters, and Virginis hams. They tempted him not; he closed his noa-trils.

A week passed. Taylor felt as strong

A farmer near Hillsboro raises fine popcorn. It's nice in leap year for mar-riageable girls to have.