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PORTAGE ROAD SHOULD BE FREE.

THE BUILDING of the portage road was not undertaken for the purpose of direct gain by the state. Its purpose was to afford relief to the people of the inland empire.

Now that the road will be built and ready for business by the middle of May the people are face to face with a consideration of the proposition of what it was built for.

RAISING STATE REVENUE.

GOVERNOR PARDEE of California, according to a dispatch from Sacramento, will recommend the passage of a bill designed to raise all the state revenue by indirect taxation.

These taxes should be reasonable, but what is reasonable should be determined by fair-minded, disinterested men, and not by the officers of the corporations, who, like most other men, like to pay as little taxes as possible.

AN ENCOURAGING EXPRESSION.

IN DENYING a motion for a new trial in the case of certain boss gamblers, Judge Frazer said Saturday: "The time has come when a halt must be called."

The gamblers' attorney making a protest against this unusual but very true and pertinent language from the bench, the judge responded that he would just as far as the law allows to convict men known to be guilty, and known as such by every one in the community, and while he would not exceed the law, he would think that he was performing public service and doing something to stem the tide of crime and re-establish the respect of the people for the court if he assisted in convicting guilty men who sought to escape on technicalities.

Lewis and Clark

In winter quarters near Mandan, North Dakota. January 3.—The weather is cold, the thermometer at sundown was 21 degrees below zero.

sanctioned by the officers of the law, and that judge is doing a very valuable and much appreciated service who realizes that he "must protect the people from those who defy the expressed will of the people."

AN OLD DOCTRINE REVIVED.

THE DOCTRINE that whether a thing is wrong or not depends on who does it and not on the nature of the thing done is not a new one, but it is seldom so offensively proclaimed as it was yesterday by the Oregonian.

He is an officer. The law provides specific duties for that officer, whomsoever he may be. The mayor does not act as the law requires him to act. But therefore we are told he does no wrong, because of his age, his honors, his wisdom. In other terms, he is above the law.

WHERE IMPROVEMENT IS SEEN.

IT IS AGREABLE, while making criticisms upon so many things and men, to find those here and there—and they are not a few—in the aggregate—that can be conscientiously and cheerfully commended.

While Mr. Fields has done his part toward bringing about this result much of the credit therefor must be given to the Multnomah county members of the last legislature, who secured the passage of a bill that cut down very materially the expenses of this and some other offices.

When it is understood that the grand jury's condemnation of the mayor carries with it a condemnation of the Oregonian, its methods and what it has stood for, the unmeasured denunciation of the grand jury by the Oregonian will be better understood than it would otherwise be.

OUR FILIPINO POLICE.

For our part, we have always regarded the arrangement as a blunder. His inspiration is admirable, philanthropic, and all that. Nothing could read more smoothly and melodiously, put on paper in the form of purely descriptive literature.

Small Change

Biennial business begins. Tom Lawson appears to be getting tired. Did that resolution remain intact for a week?

The Cause of Appendicitis

From the National Review. The recent Huxley lecture delivered by Sir William MacEwen has once again raised the oft-recurring question so painful to the public: Why is appendicitis so common at the present time?

Oregon Sidelights

Frogs are singing over on Coos bay. Dayton needs a furniture store. Galice is a new Josephine county town. Gold Hill will soon have three more stores.

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