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Censure is the tax a man pays the public for being eminent.—Jonathan Swift.

TAX THE BILLBOARDS.

ABOUT THE same time that The Journal published an article suggesting a higher tax of billboard advertising, the St. Paul Pioneer Press published an editorial along the same line, saying that an income of \$100,000 a year, or even \$50,000 a year, would go a long way toward improving parks, or to help the city out in other ways suggested.

EXPRESS COMPANIES

THE NEW so-called rate law may prove to be valuable to the people in its power to curb the rapacity of the express companies. The five express companies of the country have divided its territory between them, and do not compete; they are subsidiary corporations to the great railroads, and the people have heretofore been completely at their mercy.

BY ALL MEANS, BUILD IT.

ALL OREGON views with admiration the effort of Roseburg and Coos Bay towns to build an electric road from Roseburg to Marshfield. The estimated cost is a million dollars, and the citizens of the section believe they can raise the sum.

plunder. Why should not a railroad company do the whole business outright and take all the pay? Because by maintaining these subsidiary corporations it fools the public.

The thing that may be necessary to put an end to this fine scheme of picking the people's pockets is a government parcels post system. The United States is the only large and important country that allows its people to be thus held up.

THE STORY OF HONDA.

THERE is need of ringing and prolonged protest over the needless sacrifice of human life by railroad accidents. The record of slaughter is assuming proportions that are appalling. Compared with the record in other countries, our life on the rail is as in a veritable slaughter pen.

No One Wants the Pole.

FEARY is having a hard time in collecting money to carry out his plan of making a dash for the north pole. There never was a general interest in the subject of Arctic exploration of a substantial enough character to induce those who possess it to go down deep into their pockets to carry out the plans of the ambitious explorers.

The Citizen in Spring.

Monday—"Ah ha," said Jimmie Binks, stepping over a pile of rubbish on the street corner, "a lovely morning. Delightful April. Doesn't it stir your blood?"

Retribution of the Law.

Judge (to lawyer)—Mr. Sharp, are you defending this prisoner? Lawyer—I am, your honor.

Of Wide Experience.

From London Daily Telegraph. To the organizer in search of an appointment no requirement as to qualifications should be prohibitive after the glorious example of the Australian candidate who wrote: "Gentlemen, I notice your advertisement for music-teacher and organist—either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years I offer you my services."

be of infinite value to both sections they will never give up until they build and own the proposed road. A million dollars is not an extraordinary sum when so much usufruct is at stake.

A SHORT WHEAT CROP.

REPORTS of a probable shortage in the wheat crop in this country are too many, specific and well authenticated to admit of doubt of their substantial correctness. The bulls of the wheat pit could not manufacture and sustain them if there were not a good deal of truth in them.

Portland and Other Towns.

From the Oregon State Journal (Eugene). Situated in the center, with Oregon, California and Mexico on the southeast with Washington, British Columbia and Alaska on the northwest, with all the vast region west of the Rocky mountains tributary to it through the great mountain range that stands in front of the city.

The Same Elsewhere.

From the Buffalo News. The man who insists that Buffalo suffers on Sunday from a parched and unrelieved throat must be very blind and totally without friends.

be mayor of a big town like this should know more than the average voter, and be able thus to teach the people, as well as give them an opportunity to form a better opinion of the candidates than they otherwise could.

Hero of the Iroquois Confederacy.

In the dramatic struggle between France and England for the mastery of this continent it was one Irishman's genius that gave the magnificent prize to Great Britain.

A Nursery Miracle.

From Bookcase Point to Hassock Hill the warning signals fly; The brass spars of Captain Bill are barred and the singing sails are hauled down by a moment gone, but now he looms almost Off Table Cape, and presses on to de- vastate the coast.

They've Given Pa a Raise.

From the Chicago-Record-Herald. Say, you ought to hear me singin'— Pa's as happy as a lark.

This Date in History.

1284—English barons victorious at Lewes. 1609—Louis XII defeated the Venetians at the battle of the Rivolta.

The Nerviest Town.

From the Kansas City Journal. Tulsa, Oklahoma, is the nerviest little city in the country. With a population numbering about 15,000 it audaciously invites both national political conventions to convene in its midst.

Current Cookery.

From Punch. Waiter—Yes, sir; we've very up to date 'er. We cook heverythin' be- helectricity.

Classifying Him.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. "You say he is active in politics?" "Yes."

Courtesy of Our Conversation. People are beginning to realize that there should not be one form of courtesy for children and another for adults.

Small Change.

Farmers are all smiling. Rain. The fans have their hollers all ready. The Shriners' visit is made in sadness.

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