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For the benefit of new citizens it may be stated that formerly each county paid in proportion to its assessed valuation, with the result that as a rule each assessor endeavored to cut under all the others in valuations, so that his county would pay a small proportion as possible of the state tax.

next fall. The committee is not likely to do anything worth while, and if it should the Republican leaders, if they can manage to win out next fall, will drop the subject and let the duty stand, or change it only to an extent satisfactory to the paper trust.

"Friends of the tariff," will neither deceive nor appease the plundered newspapers of the country. The great majority of them have declared war on this outrageous and iniquitous duty, yet it is no worse than many others and not as bad as some. The Dingley tariff has got to go.

State Treasurer Steel is another man who as a witness seems to be afflicted with an unaccountable loss of memory with regard to some transactions.

The state has won the first round and perhaps thereby the case, in the Ross trial, which is a satisfaction to all honest people.

Cortelyou has made a speech. But nobody remarks that he thereby opened his campaign or launched a boom.

If you tell me that you can promote peace by building navies so large that the world will be scared into peace, I tell you that I prefer that the world shall be loved into peace. — William Jennings Bryan.

PARSONS IN AMBASSADORSHIPS.

CONGRESS has too long neglected raising the salaries of American ambassadors to such a figure as would permit them, without large private expenditures, to make a creditable official and social showing in the leading capitals of Europe.

Our ambassadors to the greater nations are paid \$17,500 a year, which in some cases scarcely pays for the rent of the houses they live in.

CASTING ANCHORS TO WINDWARD.

M. R. FAIRBANKS outdid Mr. Taft in the way of trying to make the people believe that the Republican party was going soon to revise the tariff in their interest.

But while Taft is credited with a sincere desire to have some right revision of the tariff, nobody supposes that Fairbanks wishes the tariff revised in the people's interest.

A MAKE-BELIEVE MOVE.

THE Republican majority of the house has passed a resolution appointing a committee to investigate the effect of the duty on wood pulp and print paper, which duty enables or aids the maintenance of a trust that monopolizes the product and fixes the price to suit its pockets, thus gouging publishers out of millions annually.

STATE TAXES.

IT IS possible that there is some excuse, both legal and equitable, for the effort being made by Yamhill county to overthrow the present system of apportioning state taxes, or to secure a readjustment of them, but if it be the design to return to the old system of apportioning state taxes among the counties according to their several assessments, it should fail, and we believe must fail.

ANARCHISTS AND NEAR-ANARCHISTS.

A GREAT DEAL has been written lately about anarchists. They have been excoriated all along the line, from the president down to the lowest officer and the newspaper in the smallest settlement.

Running Shots.

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton. Senator Fulton now knows that his trusty friends were those who grazed him to cut loose from the machine and stand by Statement No. 1.

COOKS CONTROL SUPPLY.

Another large source of profit to the cooks of Yokohama is the control of the supply of groceries. It was found that nearly all the groceries upon patronizing a certain market.

Talk That Sells Mines.

From the San Francisco Chronicle. They were in a group in the San Francisco lobby talking Kawahide prospects.

Possibly Forgive It.

From the Astoria Herald. Mr. U'ren of Oregon U.C.H. forgot a number in his famous statement bill. He should have introduced a paragraph numbered "12."

Got the Eagle's Tail Feathers.

From the Army and Navy Life. A new Indian, Yellow Eagle, who in order to keep his head above water in the ground on the open prairie from camp or habitation, over it and stuck his head and tail into a hole which was the carcass of a dead animal.

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Oregon Sidelights.

Union is a great horse raising county. Much land is being sold around Hermiston. They are still preparing to go down after oil near Dufur.

Live Saving Service Men Caught.

A few weeks will see a large number of Elgin's sawmills running at full blast. Many eastern Oregon towns are now having market days. Penleton set the example.

Grants Pass Courier.

Jordan Valley, says a correspondent of the Vale Oriole, is one of the richest sections of Mathew county, and the residences on the ranches prospered on every turn.

Newport and Lincoln County.

Newport and Lincoln county have made phenomenal progress in the past five years. In 1903 Newport's permanent population was estimated in the winter months at 400. At present 1,000 would be a modest estimate.