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A dollar isn't so hard to get that it is necessary to harm anyone in order to get it .anyone in Cottrell's Magazine.

#### THE GUILTY BUTCHER BOY

HE proprietor of a leading New York cafe says he makes no profit on the food supplied at dinners or suppers. He says the same is true of all other cafe proprietors. The profit is solely on to lose on the foodstuffs," he said.

made by the beef packers. "We from the hide and tallow."

state, yields upwards of \$2000 when making other concessions daily. served at dinners and suppers in fashionable cafes,

what the cafe sells for \$2000, who is it that gets the profit

It cannot be the ultimate consumer at \$3 per for a planked steak. at a swell cafe. It cannot be the retail meat dealer whose buying price and selling price are fixed by the trust with ample care taken to see that he does not hog the rofits.

Who is it then that makes all these profits on meat on which the packers and cafe proprietors lose so heavily?

is the guilty rascal who whistles for their profits to hides, tallow and tail.

There ought to be a congressional investigation.

## TAINTED NEWS

44D ECORD crime wave in New it publication.

The article professes to describe a a twenty-five-thousand dollar taxi- licity and an unpurchased press. cab robbery in broad daylight. It solemnly tells how old reliable detectives have been called into conference on means to stem the tide of crime, and are put to their wit end to find a remedy.

Finally, in the concluding sentences of the article, it is adroitly and in-

The case is illuminating in that to do. children.

## OREGON TIDE LANDS

was upheld by the supreme court, in necessarily governmental. a suit by the state to recall the

years ago. diffred an absolute title, or one of and none other, were to be arbiwhich they are liable to be deprived trated. at any subsequent time by the use of such lands being required for pub- scope and subject matter of the lic purposes.

Under the ancient law of England the powers of the high commission the shores between high and low wa- by means of which the treaties were ter mark-including therein tide and to be operated. This was done by overflowed lands - appertained to a vote of 42 to 40, and completed probably prefers to remain south and the king. But such rights did not the devastation id to shutting off the public from landing and doing business on lish critics are justified. They ap-

When after the war of Indepen United States, and passed to each senate exploited by him in his Out- same day. seed at the postoffice at Portland, Or., sovereign state as in turn consti- look articles. The voice was the shore on the ocean and on bays and the hands of Roosevelt. navigable waters became the property of each state in whose territory the upland lav.

But the state could not invade the inalienable public rights to landing on and to the limited use of the foreshore, especially for the purpose of connecting navigable water with ..... \$ .25 the land.

Whether, if Judge Coke's judgment covers wider ground in favor of the public, it will stand in future decisions remains to be seen.

But the right of the state to sell and give title to tide and overflowed lands-subject to limited inalienable public rights-has been repeatedly affirmed.

#### TURN ON THE LIGHT

vance in wages to many Lawsimilar' statements were recently ed that the strike will end Tuesday. Whether or not the end comes owners have made a complete change After an investigation, a Dakota of front. Ten days ago they were congressman recently declared on inexorable and uncompromising. To-

With the packers and cafe propri- glare of publicity thrown upon con-"pitiless publicity" that a courage- high pitch. ous news agency threw over them. The mill owners were exploiting, at issue. Its action as to free tolls for Lawrence, a "pauper labor" differ- domestic commerce at Panama will ing little from the "pauper labor of definitely determine whether it is Europe." They had, in fact, drafted on the side of the people of the so many pauper laborers from Eu- United States, or on the side of the most entirely foreign, with a stand- action will determine whether the ard of living at the lowest level, la- Panama canal was built for the borers who were eking out a meagre American people or for the Amerisubsistence on beggar's wages, and whose demands for an increase were Probably it is the butcher boy. He resisted by club and bayonet.

They were conditions that the merrily as he drives his wagon from American people resent. They were door to door and absorbs all the conditions that, perpetuated and exprofits on a nation's meat, while he tended, have a distinct tendency to ruthlessly drives the poor packers undermine the republic, and are a direct agency for the ultimate breakdown of civilization itself.

As soon as the facts were fearlessly exposed, the country became liminary investigation by congress how far the discovery reached and your correspondent that I will take has been completed, and a more ex-York." Such is the heading haustive probe of general conditions ing fast. of an article that is being in the textile industry is to be made, fed to the up-state newspa- as it ought to be. The mill owners don by Dr. Saleeby under the title, pers of Oregon, and some of them have read the omens on the horizon, have fallen into the snare by giving and the wage advances spurned ten fority of its 17 chapters to Listerism days ago are partly granted today.

great epidemic of crime that is safety of the country lies in a truth- described. It has alleviated the sweeping over the imperial city. It ful and pitiless publicity. The de- pains and dangers of motherhoodrefers to successions of desperate fense against wrongs and the redress it has very greatly lessened the morhold-ups, and alludes mysteriously to of grievances lie in a relentless pub-

Keep the light turned on.

## NATIONAL ARBITRATION

TYPHAT there was left of the arland and France after the sinuatingly explained that the great was contemptuously approved yes les make splendid provision-so far wave of crime is the result of the terday afternoon by a vote of 76 to 3. as they go. But Dr. Saleeby points new anti-revolver law passed by the So the treaties, round which so out the limits of their usefulness. In New York legislature. That, how- many hopes of international peace the first place, he says, the provision ever, which makes the incident of centered, may find their appropriate is insidequate. "There are not real interest is that the article is places on the dust covered shelves enough beds and theatres for all the supplied to the newspapers, without of all the foreign offices and may patients who need expert surgical that I was circulating my petition at money and without price, all ready serve for precedents and guide posts help, nor can there be while the ecofor publication, by a manufacturer as to what the senate of the United of revolvers and other firearms. States will not allow the nation

it shows the source of the propa- The amendment of Senator Bacon cal interference persist. It is much petition in one day. As to Mr. Ryan's ganda that seeks to perpetuate the is remarkable for setting out a revolver. It explains from whom it string of exceptions of matters which is, and for what reason, that there the treaties should not make arbicomes to us the insistence that we trable, every one of which, save posshall keep our crooks armed with re- sibly the last, are already excluded volvers-revolvers that annually or- by any reasonable construction of phanize 20,000 to 40,000 American the language of the treaties. The last words of the Bacon amendment exclude from arbitration, "other purely governmental policy." Prob-FIGHE two recent decisions on title plan of throwing in unmeaning to tide lands in Oregon are at- words for good weight, and no one tracting much attention, chief- thought it worth while to twice kill tile tasks, being robbed of all or ly on questions as to the future the slain. Or somebody might have half their efficiency because they or potential value of the properties. suggested that acts, not policies, are The title to the tide and over- subjects for arbitration, and that flowed lands in Lincoln-formerly "governmental"-pure or impure- largely provided by the insurance Benton-county in favor of the Cor- is a strange word to apply by way bill. The poor will be so insured, vallis & Eastern railroad company of exclusion when all "policies" are the system of supervision will be so

original grant in aid of the railroal treaties are "All differences between or inconvenient symptoms. Instead which opened Yaquina bay to a con- the high contracting parties . . . nection with the outside world thirty relating to international matters in gets unbearable they will consult a which the high contracting parties doctor at once. Only surgeons ap-The more recent decision of Cir- are concerned by virtue of a claim proclate what it means for themcuit Judge John S. Coke sustaining of eight made by one against the selves and their patients that their the right of the Port of Coos Bay to other, under treaty or otherwise, skill and labor will be at all stages the tide lands there for the devel- and which are justiciable in their naopment of that port covers wider ture by reason of being susceptible Fround. The essential question ap- of decision by the application of the that this new system of conserving pears to be whether purchasers from principles of law or equity." Such the health, strength, and efficiency the state of such tide lands have ac- differences, so defined and limited, of a nation will spread over the

> Having thus tinkered with the treaties it only remained to excise today, and may yet prevail.

The forebodings of the only Eng

and wharfs for such purposes was never get safely through the senate. Colonel Roosevelt has the satisfaction of seeing his campaign lence the territorial rights of the against the treaties succeed on the sovereign state as in turn consti- look articles. The voice was the

### A WEIGHTY ISSUE

HHE whether that body is to legis- scarlet man. late for the people of the United States, or for the railroads of the United States? If it exacts high tolls on domestic commerce through the Panama canal, it will legislate for the railroads of the United States, and against the American people. If it provides free tolls for American shipping in the coastwise trade, it will legislate for the people. There is no other construction that can be put on such action as congress may take with reference to Panama tolls.

About all the competition we have had of late on American waterways FEW days ago mill owners and in American coastwise trade is granted a five per cent ad-mythical competition between the then proceeds to obscure it further by railroads and waterway and ocean rence strikers. Yesterday's ad- lines owned or subsidized by the the wines and liquors. "We expect vices state that further concessions railroads. The history of the Paby the mill owners have resulted in cific Mail, first subsidized and then the judgment of the men that have The New York World recalls that a compromise by which it is expect- owned by the railroad, is in evidence, Railroad control of water terminals on the Mississippi is in evidence. make no money on beef," said the Tuesday, it remains the unalterable Syndicate control of water tertrust men; "our profits are solely fact that within a few days the mill minals on the great lakes, as discommission, is in evidence.

Railroad competition between raffthe floor of the house that a steer day they are tractable; they have roads and coastwise ocean lines that brought the farmer \$75 in his made wage advances; and they are owned by the railroads is not a competition that competes. As insisted The change is the direct result, by J. N. Teal, it is an arrangement and immediately follows, the flerce that ought not to be permitted. It is an issue that is one of the most eters losing money on the ment, and ditions by the United Press news ser- important before the American peowith the farmer getting but \$75 for vice. There were conditions at Law- ple, and that would, if fully underrence that could not withstand the stood, arouse public sentiment to a lately), should wait awhile, and get

Congress is now on trial on this can railroads.

#### FRUITS OF A DISCOVERY

THEN Lord Lister died the other day the surgeons of the great surgeon had found out cluding the laws that will affect its how to make operations safe, and angered. The Washington govern- mutilation were saved by antiseptic made large demands upon your space.

A new book just published in Lon-"Surgery and Society," gives the maand its effect on modern life. The Such is the fruit of publicity. The efficiency of the new treatment is tality in war-it has advanced and aided the surgeon's work at every point.

Yet there is much to he done before its benefits filter through all classes in the community. The rich and the well-to-do resort to the jan, concerning the circulation of Senbitration treaties with Eng- surgeon's skill whenever necessary. For sufferers in other conditions man-handling of the senate of life free hospitals and dispensarnomic basis of the hospital service remains what it is, and while the more important that it is .eft to the ignorant and the uninstructed poor education has given them no guidance on such matters-as to significant symptoms, nor as to the beneficence of surgery, nor as to the conduct of hospitals, nor as to the importance of taking disease in time. . . . So it comes that the ably this was the regular lawyer's finest surgical skill, and the whole apparatus of modern hospitals are constantly set to futile or semi-fu-

are not employed in time." In great Britain remedies will be complete that they have a doctor to The words of article I of both consult even for merely suspicious of waiting until pain or weakness available towards life and health.

On the one hand it is predicted world. On the other hand the cry of governmental interference and paternalism is raised, as by the Lords and the Unionist party in England

With five steamers stuck in the ice of Lake Michigan, the first robin take chances on Mexican revolutions

Petitions are being circulated for

or the abolition of the death penalt in California. It will be the unusual to see the two states of California and Oregon voting by the same pro English king were absorbed in the very grounds of scare-crowing the cess on this same measure on the

> Three to twenty years was the entence in Judge Gantenbein's court for a minister who committed a statutory offense against a girl under sixteen years of age. Nobody issue before congress is knows under what hat may stalk a

# Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for po-lication in this department should not excee 300 words in length and must be accompanie by the name and address of the sender.)

Portland, March 7 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Dr. Eggleston's letter in Wednesday's Journal shows that he is a typical single taxer. He reminds me two or three times as much like to support a family on \$6 or \$7 a week? of a cuttle fish, which when in danger, resorts to the expedient of spewing out a purple liquid that deeply colors the aime water about him so that he can make pla retreat without being seen. Your correspondent first muddles the issue by misstating his opponent's position, and a torrent of words that have nothing to

do with the matter, but sound good to

Judge Carey Replies.

I said that I would prefer to trust built up our community and who are experienced and successful men, when it comes to a question of a radical change in our system of taxation, rather than to trust gentlemen, however benevolent their purposes, who have not yet made good. I said that I had noticed that closed by the interstate commerce the solid and level headed men were not single taxers, and that most of the agitation in favor of the single tax is by men who have no stake in the community, and who, when disaster comes and property values are destroyed, will be able to slip away and take up some new fad somewhere else. I claimed that a person ought to have a substantial property interest here, before he offers advice as to how we are to tax prop-erty. And I had in mind that gentlelike Dr. Eggleston (who has migrated to Oregon from Montana acquainted before trying to run things

This argument may or may not have been sound. All might not agree with me, and some, like Dr. Eggleston, might protest that a man who owns no taxable property and pays no taxes, may be nevertheless wiser and better able to advise than some other persons who rope that their employes were al- railroads of the United States. Its just get grossly rich without thinking on economic subjects at all,

Your correspondent does not meet this issue, but sidesteps, and says a The duke of Wellington is the last of the minutest details. With the greatest rent payer is a taxpayer. That is not the group of great men whose names diligence he followed out every matter, true, but worse, it is not the point. The in history are connected with the period have is not that of a renter but of a He owed a very large part of his suc-property holder. A renter is just as cess in life to the quality of indomitable The crowning glory of Wel good as a property holder for some purposes, but he has not the solid and permanent interest in Oregon and her welfare. The renter may pull up and move, all nations rose up to call but the owner has his savings invested value.

Some other matters are discussed by that many deaths from accident and Dr. Eggleston, but this reply has already and place can be arranged.

I do not claim to know all about single tax, but I do know that the plan to impose all the taxes on land and to let the loan sharks, and the mortgage companies, and the banks, and the bondholders, and the stockholders get off without paying any taxes is unjust, and is bound to ruin real property values and bring on such hard times as Oregon has never seen before, even when we had public soup kitchens and free lodging houses, as we had in the hard times in the nineties.

## CHAS, H. CAREY.

Oregonian's Report Incorrect. Portland, Or., March 8 .- To the Edw itor of The Journal-In regard to the article in Thursday morning's Oregon-

Bourne's petition, I wish to conator tradict the false and greatly exagger-ated statements made in the article. Quoting from the Oregonian: declared by other circulators, including Edward Ryan, who has circulated a number of petitions during the present campaign, that one out of every five persons who stopped to sign a petition on the table on which was the Bourne petition refused to sign."

I can safely say that during the time the courthouse I averaged more than 100 signatures a day, which was considered a good average for any petition. At that time no circulator secured causes of disease demanding surgi- as high as 150 signatures to any certain statement, that one out of every five refused to sign Senator Bourne's petition, I wish to state that it is so gr to consult the surgeon. Popular exaggerated that it is an absolute falsehood. Inasmuch as Mr. Ryan has since circulated a petition for Ben Selling, the reason for these statements is ob-

Furthermore, the article says that the circulator of the Bourne petition also circulated the Cameron and Weinberger petitions. As a matter of fact, this same Mr. Ryan was the circulator of ject is to get your money. Cameron's patition and Weinberger's petition was handled by Colly Druhot, which again shows a misstatement of fective in dealing with these people, fact in the Oregonian article.

It also states that the Bourne circu lator "finished the Cameron and Weinberger petitions and discontinued his

terests of the people of this state, I feel in duty bound to assist, as much as is in my power, in laying the bare facts before the voters of the state of Oregon. WILL L. TRINE.

#### Calls Auto School Frand. Portland, March 9 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-In the days of graft and grafters no one is surprised when he hears of some new scheme; whereby the unsuspecting citizen may be relieved

One of the methods now being used, apparently with considerable success, called automobile These, I believe, are a recent introduction, but there are many of them in the city at present. I will mention payment of taxes subjects property to one or two as fair examples, Some time ago I read an advertise tax sale.)

ment in one of the leading dailies which stated that two men were wanted, on the east side, to learn to drive and repair automobiles. Being of an inquisi-tive turn of mind, I investigated and learned through the manager that they such shores, and construction of piers prehended that the treatles would an initiative measure to be voted on I was asked to pay quite a sum

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGE.

The infant Chinese republic is getting

There will be keynote speeches every day now for six months or more. The old Democrats-registering-as-Re-

The women window smashers of Lon-on got off easily—two months or less mprisonment

Evasion, disamulation, insincerity, not to say prevarication, characterise toosevelt's explanations.

Justice to all, is Roosevelt's slogan. Anybody can say that; they all do; but how is it to be brought about?

Roosevelt partly wrecked the G. O. P. while president; he is now trying to make a thorough finish of the job.

The Colonel must have greatly mag-nified that alleged country wide and almost unanimous demand of the peo-

A women's Tart club has been organized in California and in mentioning its president the dispatches of course had to describe her gown and hat. The beet sugar people—adjuncts of the Sugar Trust—are howling against free sugar. There are 1,000,000 sugar consumers to two or three beet sugar producers.

augar.

The Darrow case has become involved in such legal technicalities and tangles that none of the lawyers or the judge knows where he is at. This doesn't happen in the case of a poor and obscure man.

A man who assumes to know says that there are only 469 ultra-fashionable people in the United States. Let every person of common sense be thankful there are no more, and hope the number will become beautifully less.

This column has frequently made remarks similar to these from a higher and more impressive source namely, New York Supreme Court Justice W. O. Howard: "There are too many laws, too many courts, too many appeals, too many technicalities. Nobody knows the law, nobody can know the law. In these days a law library would fill a barn. Thousands of thick volumes constitute the written law. A dozen volumes should suffice. The citizens cannot know the law, the lawyers cannot comprehend the law, the judges cannot interpret the law."

# OREGON SIDELIGUTS

Hillsboro is to have a paid fire depart-

Moro's new city park is now fence of tree planting will soon be in pro-

Chiefly on account of nocturnal clam-ors produced by high school pupils at The Dalles, Mayor Word has ordered the most rigid enforcement of the cur-

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mainord and Dr. T. C. Reese of Milton have gone to Fort Rock to locate on government land near there, if it is what it has been repre-

The city council of Roseburg has directed the city recorder to issue a call for tentative bids on 20,000 square yards of hard surface pavement, together with curbs, grading and drains.

Hillsboro Argus: Those who are er thusiastic over the proposition of a good street fair this fall are intending to get busy early in the summer, and arrange for the best district exhibit ever held in this section.

Silverton Appeal: The kind of weather experienced east of the Rocky mountains compared with that enjoyed in the Willamette valley is further proof that this is God's chosen country and we are to be congratulated for having selected it for a home.

coal land from which taxed at one per cent to taxed at one per cent of its value. The tax laws of the many statutes providing the form taxes, and differ taxed at one per cent taxed at one per

Banks Herald: The Southern Pacific is about to establish a freight and ticket agent at Banks, and a box car will be used temporarily as headquarters. It is believed that as soon as good weather arrives a passenger and freight depot will be built. will be built.

Klamath Falls Typographical union No. 691 has been chartered. The char-ter members are R. Vance Mutchins, S. C. Graves, Frank Riggs, Miss B, Way-man, Zeno C. Zimball, Elmer Mills, W. F. Rector, William Bowdoin, Nata Otter-bein, Archibald Y. Tindall and J. W. Pritchett.

Woodburn Independent: Clarence Philwoodburn independent: Clarence Fini-lips, of Mount Angel, is making a rec-ord as the champion walker of the val-ley. He lives at Mount Angel and teaches school at North Howell, five miles away, and every day since his term of school began last fall he has made that round trip walk of 10 miles.

Salem Statesman: Great things will be doing along the weat side country when the Southern Pacific company's lines in that part of the state are turned into an electric system. Already the proposed change is causing new depots of modern architecture to be established in the cities from which the principal traffic is to come.

# SEVEN MEN OF PERSEVERANCE

#### The Duke of Wellington.

The duke of Wellington is the last of the minutest details. With the greatest substantial interest that a man should of Napoleon, and one of the greatest might affect the welfare of his troops perseverance, which he possessed in an unusual degree.

He was born in 1769, and after being educated at the military academy against the unwearying and constant in due order. him blessed. The people as- in his property and is vitally interested served for a term in Holland, his ef- Englishmen, as the battle of Waterloo ly the abolition of the personal property sented, from general knowledge that in all that concerns the property, in- ficiency gained him the rank of lieu- proved. tenant colonel, and, he was sent to Inall of his undertaking occurred there, deeply. Later, when he took up politi-which well illustrates the characteristic cal life, his ideas of parliamentary re-carried and renewals), there must be ment was stirred to action. A preliminary investigation by congress how far the discovery reached and support of the der to perform satisfactory service the der to perform satisfactory service the not a smooth or polished speaker, and ment." "For the same reason tangible time being, but I will ask you to say to English soldiers must be fed on Eng the scope of its beneficence is spread. pleasure in meeting him in public dis- obtain anything but the Indian fare, did have what Washington and Crom- ing personal property a distinct induce cussion of the single tax, if the time But so ceaselessly did he pursue his well also had, and what one writer calls ment to dishonesty on the part of the for is men, that the government at last genius itself, but which in truth con- it of double taxation." provided it. On reading his despatches stituted genius of a homely and peafterward, one of his friends remarked, culiar, but not the less high order." In been argued as a matter of principle "It seems to me that your chief busi- other words, he could see, in his own that improvements on land should be ness in India was to procure rice and especial province, what shrewder men exempt from taxation altogether, and bullocks." "And so it was," answered could not see. And he possessed the that the basis of valuation for the purthe duke, "for if I had rice and bull- perseverance to carry out the plans pose of taxation should be reasonable

Later Wellington was sent to conduct the campaigns in Spain, and the conditions under which he labored there mander-in-chief of the army, and later the same value as a similar piece of called for more perseverance than most was also made premier. men are gifted with. The French troops never turned his head, and he always in the peninsula numbered \$00,000, and lived in the same extremely simple, sidered." Improvements should include the British at no time more than \$0,000 methodical manner. He was well liked houses, other buildings, fencing, futting They could depend but little on their by the queen, who visited him in his Spanish allies. Handicapped in this home, and was much pleased at his manner, and on foreign fields, Welling- simple mode of life, which he changed ber and scrub, laying down in grass or ton carried his army through the long not at all on her account. campaign, meeting frequent reverses, - He died in 1852, mostly from the

compelled to be ever at such a great effects of old age, although his death disadvantage, and yet, through his per- was the immediate results of an epileptic sistence, he won a glorious success.

The secret of this success was his constant and unwearying attention to Next week- Seven Famous Sea Fights. money for the privilege of attending this "school" and was also assured a remunerative position at the completion of the course. Later, I learned that the students here spent part of their time sitting by the stove, and the remainder in listening to an instructor whose

knowledge of automobiles could be writ-

A "Blue Sky" law such as recently adopted by Kansas might be very ef-

EDWIN A. BERRY.

"Carpenter" Has Found Work. peritions and discontinued his efforts to secure names for the Bourne petition." The truth of the matter is, I discontinued my efforts to secure names for the Bourne petition when I received notice from headquarters that I had the required number of signatures.

By this letter I wish to rectify any false impressions, which may have arisen from the Oregonian's misrepresentation of conditions. As Senator Bourne has always upheld the best in-ployment.

Portland, March 5.—To the Editor of The Journal I wish to thank you most ninety-second floor. Of the skyset of skyscrapers that was being built nearby. The old man grasped his cane and sighed a double barreled sigh. And said: "Ah, well, it was his fault; mo damages for him. I mo damages for him. Just leave it to the contractor; they can't beat Builder Jim." why, do you know the builder?" I inguised listlessly. "Why, yes," he said, "that pile of steel is being built for me!" Portland, March 5 .- To the Editor of

appreciation of your kindness. Any city having a paper that does as much good as The Journal is doing every day. has good reasons to be proud. "CARPENTER."

Taxation of Homesteads. Prineville, Or., March 2:-To the Editor of The Journal.-Please answer

through your paper the following questions: Can the counties tax homesteads or their improvements, and if so, by what process of law can they collect C. E. C. (Homesteads are subject to tax as soon as final proof is made. Improvements are taxable as soon as made. Non-

As It Appeared to Hubby. From the Pittsburg Post. "What did your wife give you

Christmas?" "It appeared to be a bunch of nothing elegantly trimmed inside and out, shows up when she leaves it to her and hand-painted all around."

even those of lesser importance, which The crowning glory of Wellington's

career came in his Belgian campaign in 1815. Even the wonderful military genius of Napoleon was of no avail

ocks, I had men; and if I had men, which he formulated, no matter how sale price of the land in a state of na-I could beat the enemy." difficult and tedious the way might ture." "Further it has been contended appear.

In 1827 Wellington was made com-

#### Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

THE PIONEER. The day was warm and sultry. On bench a loafer sat; knowledge of automobiles could be written on a sheet of note paper.

Another which I will mention is situated on the west side. It is run by a smooth tongued individual with offices in one of the down town buildings. In this case the victim must pay his money before he is told where the school is. Thus he is prevented from changing his mind, as he very probably would do if given a chance to see the place first.

I believe there should be some law to regulate this nuisance, for these schools, at least a good part of them, are nothing but frauds. Their only object is to get your money.

His coat was somewhat rusty and he wore a last year's hat.

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His coat was somewhat rusty and he also the said, said I.

"He's just a down-and-outer: 'Tile cheer him up and treat him to a feed.'

A man could see with half an eye he was in greatest need.

I flopped myself beside him and I said:

"Vell juses not."

" His coat was somewhat rusty and he judgment of your commissioners, should For forty-seven years I starved and
worked to get some cash:
For half a dozen years or more I lived
upon stale hash.
I have no relatives or friends that care a cuss for me. I'm just a lonely, worthless guy with chilblains at the knee."

I found a quarter handly, prepared to hand it o'er.

## Pointed Paragraphs

Folly is as plentiful as wisdom isn't Industry is the magnet that starts things our way,

Even a cat has too much sense cry over spilled milk. He laughs at scars who has never been struck for a loan,

History is full of near great men who failed to "come back." A man is foolish to stand in his own light or hide it under a bushel.

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The things that do not concern a

# The Royal Commission's Report

By Edward P. E. Troy. It has always been the policy of the government of British Columbia to enourage industry, thrift and good eltisenship by lightening the burdens of texation upon those who create the wealth of the community, and the inatitutions that tend toward the moral, intellectual and physical improvement of

the people. Household furniture is not taxed, nor is farm produce or the income from farm, orchard or ranch anywhere w the province. Churches, schools, libraries, literary and agricultural societies, orphanages and other charitable institutions are also free from taxation.

Speculation is discouraged by a tax upon "wild" or uncultivated land of four per cent of its value. If a 100 acre tract, worth \$1000, has improvements put on it equal in value to \$2,50 per acre and the value of the land, or \$1250, the tax is reduced from \$40 three-fifths of one per cent, or \$13.50. coal land from which coal is mined is taxed at one per cent of its value, while coal land not worked is taxed at two

The tax laws of the province comprise many statutes providing for exemption from taxes, and different rates of taxes on various industries, the purpose being to prevent holding out of use the source of natural wealth. There are also acts permitting cities to exempt new industries from taxation, and to furnish them with free water and electricity for a limited term of years.

The success of the "Vancouver Experiment" of levying taxes on land values only, followed by its adoption by Victoria and the other principal cities, caused the appointment of a royal commission to report on a revision the tax laws to the provincial parliament. After holding sessions in 21 cities, and hearing the testimony of 164 witnesses, the commission has just filed its report. The principle which guided the investigation is "that the scheme of raising revenue should interfere as little as possible with the free producdistribution and exchange of wealth."

The first recommendation is that the poll tax be abolished. In considering the evidence on this tax, the plea that the individual who pays such a tax gets some advantage for which he gives nothing in return is met by showing that "the fact of his presence in the country, and the share he contributes to its development more than outweighs the value of the wages paid him. Poll tax becomes unjust, oppressive, and often accentuates the difference between class and class, which on the surface it seems to equalize. It is through this fiction of 'equalization' that, by a curious 'backwater of history,' the poll tax has been retained in some parts of the United States, notably California." "It is a notable fact that poll tax has disappeared from the statute books of all the Canadian provinces except British Columbia. Its lineal successor is the property tax, of which your commissioners will treat

tax," because it "is unsound in princi-Wellington was not a genius. He did ple, and acts as a restraint on trade." dia. An incident of his persistency in not have a ready wit, hor did he reason "As there is a lack of uniformity in in the man. He determined that in or- form proved dismal failures. He was also a lack of uniformity in the assessefforts to get the food he thought best "a gigantic common sense, rarer than possessor." "There is a danger from

Of land, the commission says: that an improved piece of land should be valued for purposes of taxation at His success unimproved land, but that the value of the improvements ought not to be conin crops, planting of orchards, draining and irrigation of land, clearing of timpasture, and any other improvements whatever, the benefit of which is un-

exhausted at the time of the valuation." "It has been urged," says the commission, "that the taxation of improvements, like the taxation of personal property, would be a penalization of thrift and energy, and ought to be abolished in a community whose chief aims are progress and the development of all kinds of industry." "Finally it has been maintained that the exemption of improvements from taxation would more especially relieve the farmers and the agricultural classes generally, who, in the be especially encouraged, the prosperity of no other class being so essential to the best interests of the province at

large." The commissioners then recommend "that there should be no taxation on improvements."

Something Wrong. From the Chicago Record-Herald. "Say, come over here, old man. ask you something in confidence. Is there anything peculiar looking about me?

youd the punch bowl, asked me a moment ago whether I fiddled or played chess." Flattery is the lubricant that makes

"That tall, handsome woman just be-

'No, why?'

volve.

# Inexpensive Joys

the wheels of the social machine re-

(Contributed to The Journal by Wait Mason, the famous Kausas poet: His pross-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Dally Journal.)

It doesn't cost a picayune to hum a blithe and cheerful tune as you lope down the road; the sight of you, so bright and gay, may cheer some pilgrim on his way and ease his weary load. It doesn't cost a wooden cent to say good morning to the gent you meet upon the walk; and it may bring a pleas ant glow to some sad heart that grief and woe have made as hard as rock, It doesn't cost a pewter mark to carry light to places dark by wearing cheer-ful mien; a happy, bright, contented face will be a lamp in any place, and light the darkest scene. It doesn't cost a leather yen to stimulate your fellow men and nerve them for the fray; just likustrate your firm belief that joy's a better thing than grief, and that the world's O. K. It doesn't cost a bogus crown to be an asset to your town, and to be known as such; serenely do your daily stunt and wear a brave and hopeful front, and you'll accomplish much. Your influence for good or bad is greater than you know, my lad, so use it wisely well: don't wall around or tear your robe, but always boost this good old globe on which we mortals dwell.

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