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ITS HIGH TAXES

The state must be extricated from the tax bog in which it has been plunged by too liberal expenditures of public money.

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BRITAIN'S BY-ELECTIONS

Great Britain has convinced leaders of the Liberal party that the country is ready to return them to power.

It is a critical time for home rule and many other important reforms which are being urged by leaders of the Liberal party.

Friends of home rule for Ireland claim that the Labor vote in Leith was a vote for home rule.

The Liberal majority is disintegrating. The Liberal plan to force a general election may be successful in the near future.

gression. If dissolution of parliament is forced before the home rule bill is again passed by the present commons, it will mean that the measure must again start from the beginning and be passed three times by the same house to be effective over vetoes by the house of lords.

THE FORECLOSURE FEE

There is another and higher reason why there should be pause in paying the \$7500 attorney fee in the case of Multnomah county versus Lombard, for foreclosure of mortgage on the poor farm.

Not only is there sound testimony to the effect that the fee is too large, but that there is practical certainty that under the law the county commissioners were without authority to contract any bill for special counsel to foreclose the Lombard mortgage.

REFERENDING FOR SIX BITS

The monthly cost of Mr. Conway's water is six bits.

The monthly cost of Mr. Goldpaw's water is 90 cents.

It is different with Whitney L. Boise. He is in the magne class as a water user. His monthly cost is \$1.15.

EXTORTIONATE COURT FEES

Cost litigants \$19,093.23 to pay the fees of the clerk of the Oregon federal court during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

The expenses of the clerk were \$6628.07. His net earnings, according to the annual report of the attorney general of the United States totaled \$12,465.

WOMEN IN FRANCE

Women in France will probably have the ballot before the end of the present year.

THE THRIFTY IMMIGRANTS

During six years 6,230,257 immigrants arrived in the United States and 2,652,250 departed.

DESTROYERS OF FOOD

Philadelphia fruit company received a consignment of bananas the other day.

employment offices. A small army lives on the inexperienced and credulous immigrant.

There is no more important phase of immigration. Thinking men can render great service to this country and to the individual states of this country by devising plans for bringing the thrifty immigrant into closer touch with the splendid opportunities in the great outdoors of the United States.

One great influence to change present conditions would be some new and attractive incentive to lead desirable immigrants to become naturalized citizens.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Discussion is the greatest of all reforms.

THE CIRCULATING OF PETITIONS

Washington, Feb. 27.—To the Editor of the Journal.—In your issue of February 21 I have read an editorial on the subject, "The Recall Folly."

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS

Portland, March 4.—To the Editor of the Journal.—R. C. Chilcott in his reply to my communication on Panama canal tolls says I am mistaken when I say that exempting our coastwise ship is unfair.

STRANGER WRITES OF THE RECALL

Portland, March 4.—To the Editor of the Journal.—As a stranger in your city I want to compliment you upon your attitude in regard to the present recall situation.

FOX INDUSTRY IN ALASKA

Junction City, Or., March 5.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The line in your issue in regard to fox raising in Alaska.

THE TAX PAYMENT DATE

Warren, Or., March 2.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The tax problem in Oregon ought to be changed.

the everyday and the extraordinary necessities of people? It is only one of degree. The public sentiment which prevents men from preying upon the hunger of flood or fire sufferers should prevent wanton destruction of food at all times.

When a provident city gives a householder water at six bits a month, what an extraordinary thing it is to see him sitting up nights and chasing through the streets with a referendum that will add many thousands of dollars in bills for the taxpayers to foot!

SMALL CHANGE

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Officials of the Gresham fair expect to open the gates for 10,000 school children at Gresham on one day next September.

Postmaster Delzell of Klama Falls points out the singular fact that the stamp window receipts of the post office for February are exactly \$1000, not a cent more or less.

Astoria's council, the Budget reports, has refused to ratify the fire and water committee's recent purchase of \$1000 auto fire truck and the purchase of a Chinese fire engine.

HUERTA AND HIS YEAR OF CHAOS

Written in four parts for the United Press by an American in Mexico.

Just a year ago Victoriano Huerta took possession of the Mexican government, and in spite of murder, treachery, oppression and the hundreds of other means he has taken to keep himself in power.

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THE RAGTIME MUSE

Lak ter heah de gran plover, Lak ter heah de bugle blower, Drowl de er crumpet man with kinder make me wailer go Steppin' off erlong de high road.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

Consisting of Comprehensive news reports, Weekly reviews from many fields.

The Sunday Journal is an attractive magazine. An irresistible comic. The greatest home newspaper.

A FEW SMILES
"Your honor," said counsel. "This man's insanity takes the form of a belief that every one is a friend of his."

The teacher had noticed something queer about the rendering of a certain line of a hymn frequently used in morning school.

When E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe were playing in a western city last season a rural couple stepped up to the box office.

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