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WHY TAXES ARE HIGH--NO. 13

IN THIS series of articles, The Journal is quoting from public documents to show why taxes are high. Oregon has a school fund of \$6,000,000. Heavy taxes have been collected annually for support of schools.

It ought not to be so, Minnesota with an area of 83,365 square miles has a school fund of \$200,000,000, while Oregon with an area of 94,560 square miles has but \$6,000,000, and the people have to tax themselves heavily for support of schools.

As in the case of the Oregon & California land grant which one federal court has already ordered forfeited to the government, the terms of the Coos Bay grant were not complied with.

Senator Neuner of Douglas introduced a bill at the 1913 session to repeal the grant and provide for the distribution of the lands.

Governor West urged passage of the bill in his message to both houses at the opening of the session. On page 517 of the 1913 Senate Journal is this report from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Your committee on judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 229, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

There was a minority report. On the vote, the bill was beaten, 17 to 11, the line-up for the bill consisting almost entirely of members of the regular Senate machine.

Governor West, in several messages, tried to resuscitate the bill. Among other messages on the subject is the following:

In this, our hour of parting, each of us goes his way and answer to the people for his official acts. I once more ask leave to call your attention to the fact that while you have appropriated many millions of dollars and have created many useless offices which will throw further burdens upon the taxpayers of this state, you have failed to pass a single measure framed with a view of producing revenue.

There were before this legislature three measures, viz: The Neuner Senate Bill to repeal the Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant, the Kallahaer Submerged Land Bill and the Gill House Bill to repeal the Thompson Swamp Land Bill, which had they received favorable consideration at your hands would have produced many hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue for the school fund.

Once more, in the name of the citizens and taxpayers of this state, I ask you to give these measures that consideration which they merit and insist that no adjournment should be taken until some favorable action is taken thereon.—Oswald West, Governor.

What a loss this state has suffered through legislatures and legislation! How important to have a governor who will never be under the thumb of the legislative machine!

of 1862 was subtle legislation that gave owners opportunity to hold the lands without effort, while the growth of Portland and the enterprise and daily work of the people of Portland made the lands more and more valuable.

Now, with the measures for saving the remnant of these public lands for the people on the ballot, the railroad hurries hundreds of men to the waterfront for the first time to wharf-out to deep water under the terms of the legislative act of 52 years ago.

It takes no mental effort to understand what is meant by this and sudden building of wharves. All the people of Portland have to do is to go on the Burnside bridge and see how, after half a century, what a sham is all this opposition to the waterfront amendment.

ART AND HUMANITY THE JOURNAL of the American Institute of Architects takes a sane position on the destruction of works of art in war.

"Faced by millions of bereft families, weeping women, fatherless children, who mourn over one cathedral or university library, more or less?"

The question is pertinent. Strenuous attempts have been made to arouse world-wide indignation over damage done to the cathedrals at Louvain and Rheims.

It is a strange fact that reported destruction of these centers of art caused greater lamentation in the civilized world than reports of the wounded and killed.

Why? When did a picture, or a panel, or a carving, or an edifice become more precious than even one human life?

ONE WAY TO STOP WAR DAVID STARR JORDAN addressed the Commonwealth Club at San Francisco Saturday.

Dr. Jordan had just returned from Europe and the burden of his talk was that war once started cannot be stopped until the misery of the people on the one side or the other cannot be endured longer.

The outcome of war, according to Dr. Jordan, is a people so exhausted they can fight no more, and finally these people condemned, they and their children and children's children, to financial slavery for the payment of an indemnity.

Dr. Jordan had exceptional opportunities for watching the trend of events. He sees no ray of light in the present European conflict—only a lesson which Europe may yet be forced to learn.

In the opinion of Dr. Jordan, after a canvass of the world in all continents, nothing can be done to prevent war except to stop preparing for it.

He advocates the abolition of gun factories and of dreadnaughts, severely penalizing the construction of machines capable of sailing under water or doing injury from the air, and above all, the abolition of compulsory military service in time of peace.

Dr. Jordan is not a vain dreamer. In the bleak and bloody fields, in the exhausted resources, in the armies of cripples, in the bivouac of the new dead hurriedly buried in scant graves or burned in hun-

A FEW SMILES

The doctor told him he needed carbohydrates, proteins, and, above all, something nitrogenous. The doctor mentioned a long list of foods that would supply the missing ingredients.

Dr. Withycombe and Dr. Smith chanced to be in Ashland the same evening, and people there asked Dr. Withycombe to meet his opponent in a joint discussion.

The wife of a prominent judge was making arrangements with the colored laundress of the village to take charge of her washing for the summer.

"Why, what's the reason for that, Nancy?" questioned the mistress. "Well," said the laundress, "I don't mind washing for an ordinary man, but I draw the line on circus tents, I sho' do."

"Madame, do you think you can use your influence with your husband to induce him to support this campaign?" "I don't know, sir, I've never yet succeeded in getting my husband to support me."

"The public has the right to draw its own conclusions from the things he omits saying and to ask why," says the Oregonian. Yet not a word can they get out of Dr. Withycombe except on a "Great Oregon," even with a corkscrew.

omy. The field is in eastern Oregon for a well equipped normal school. Why not those people have it? The measure which is being pushed in the West normal is Number 316, and all good citizens should vote yes.

Mr. Smith's Queries. Ashland, Or., Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—As a reader of The Journal, I am very much interested in the different amendments to be voted on this fall and the different discussions of the amendments in The Journal. I see The Journal says that the \$1500 exemption will be for the benefit of the worker and producer.

Mrs. Duniway Defines Position. Portland, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Journal allows me space to tell you what I stand on the temperance question? I am opposed to the unchristian endeavors of the Anti-Saloon league, first and foremost because it proposes to interfere with the inalienable right of every sane and sober citizen to be a law unto himself.

Advocates Word's Re-Election. Portland, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—I should like to say a word in favor of Sheriff Word's candidacy for reelection. Mr. Word has long been known as a honest and fearless officer of the law.

The Waterfront Measure. Portland, Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—The measure which is being pushed in the public press of this city various articles and arguments why the measure on the official ballot should not become a law.

The Education Measures. Portland, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—While a great deal of discussion among the people has been occasioned by the presence on the state ballot of a number of taxation measures, but little attention has been paid to the two measures having to do with the schools.

Prohibition and Divorces. Portland, Or., Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—If prohibition is to be a going thing, and so great a moral uplift as has been contended, why does it not bring peace to the home and love to the fireside?

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Contrariness is often mistaken for tenacity. Diplomacy is the art of concealing our dislikes.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Mining for platinum is to be one of the industries near Port Orford this winter. The millers corresponding of the Bend Bulletin writes: "Harold Davis caught a large beautiful lynx in a trap on the mountains Monday."

At the recent meeting of the Umatilla county library board 10 branch libraries were reported—at Echo, Ferdinand, Rock, Stanfield, Tumalo, Vincent school and Weston. Including that of the Pendleton school, 11 volumes, from January 1 to September 1, was reported.

A number of students registered in the school of architecture at the University have organized an Architectural club which will become a member of the Pacific Coast Architects' Association.

Each of the intelligents wants not the good opinion of the United States for itself, but its bad opinion for the enemy.

A young widow sometimes marries a eligible bachelor merely to keep some disappointed girl from getting the worst of it.

From the Detroit News. What may be termed "The American Idea in Diplomacy" would have been most prevalent in the cabinets of England, Germany and Russia during recent years.

The High Contracting Parties agree that all disputes between the United States and the European countries shall be referred to arbitration.

Suppose that this commission, sifting the matter thoroughly, should take six months or a year to make their report. Suppose that during the time the sane politicians, the calm statesmen, of the involved nations should discuss the matter as befitted their dignity and influence.

If this agreement had been in effect between the present belligerents, and they had respected it—as the growing public opinion of the world would almost have compelled them to do—the European war would not have been a year of waiting.

It is different for a citizen soldier to answer the mobilization tocsin at night, with a rifle slung over his shoulder, and to ask why or where, and for that same citizen soldier to hear the matter debated for a year, and to use his own mind as to whether the nation should fight his life or not.

The present war in Europe should be styled "the telegraphic war." It was brought on with the speed of lightning. Read the "White Papers" of the British and German governments, and they are filled with telegrams.

Suppose the nations of the world were broug together, as 26 nations are now bound with the United States, not to begin a war until high-minded and competent and disinterested men had been selected to study the whole difficulty involved, and report if there is any loophole of solution that diplomacy or plain ill-temper have overlooked.

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The Ragime Muse

Last year, my life it was my hap Behind a grander to be, And, by the way, a hairy cap. No taller man, methinks, than me. Prince Albert and the queen, God wot, (No blessings in the glorious war!) Before us passed, I saw them not, I only saw a cap of hair.

Your orthodox historian puts in for consideration the sly rascal thus, The red-coat but in his boots, That hides the march of men from us.

He puts him there in foremost rank, You wonder his cap of hair? You hear his spurs' cursed clank. His spurs are angling everywhere.

Go to! I hate him and his trade, Who bade us do to bring and bend, And all God's peaceful people made To such as him subservient?

Tell me what feat we to admire In epauletts and scarlet coats, In men, because they load and fire, And throats? The art of cutting—William Makepeace Thackeray.

Chicago—Melting Pot. From the Indianapolis News. It is noted that the changes in nationality in the population of Chicago have been more rapid and varied than in any city in the United States or in the world.

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The majority of the immigrants are unskilled laborers and it is this class of cheap labor that fills the great number of industrial works in this country. The immigrant from continental Europe—the Russian Jew, the Russian and Austrian Siles, the Bohemian and the Italian—comes here for no other purpose than to seek employment at living wages well below the standard of living which the native American and the usual type of immigrant from the United Kingdom would consider insufficient.

About Persons. J. D. Herling, after 37 years of service, has quit the New York police force poor. J. B. Ford, Goshen, N. Y., fell heir the other day to \$6,000,000 by the death of a brother.

James Earl Ray is dead in St. Paul after 30 years of service as depot master of Union Station.

Dr. Elisha Plague, of Boston, has bought the life "Joe" Jefferson Buzzards Bay home, "Crows Nest," from Mrs. Jefferson.

E. L. McKibey, arrested in Roanoke, Va., is said to have married three women without bothering to divorce or bury any.

30-FOOT CHANNEL FROM PORTLAND TO THE SEA

The dream of commerce is realized. The Port of Portland and the U. S. Engineers have cooperated in the work of rendering the Columbia and Willamette safe to the shipping of the world.

What has been accomplished and how will be told in an illustrated article next Sunday.

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Dr. Withycombe's Citizenship. Portland, Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The charge is being made by a great many people that Dr. Withycombe is not a citizen. He is a candidate for governor, voted for 15 years before he became a citizen.

Dr. Withycombe was born in England in 1854, and came to Oregon in 1880. He is a citizen of the United States. The court records in Portland show that Dr. Withycombe was admitted to final citizenship and naturalization certificate, dated, before the day of Dundy in 1885. L. A. Garnett appears as one of the witnesses. At that time, under oath, Dr. Withycombe renounced allegiance to Queen Victoria.

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