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cess of letting it sleep itself to death in committee. Its death means that more taxes have to be raised by direct collections, when a proper husbanding of the public lands from the first would have created an irreducible school fund on which the common schools could have been supported almost without direct taxation.

THE BOOTH-WEST MEETING

Governor West did not seek last night's joint discussion. He did all that, in the delicacies of the situation, he could do, to avoid it.

WHAT A GREAT BOSS SAID

Boss Tweed said, "If I can nominate the candidates, I don't care who elects them." He knew. All the politicians know. All the seekers of special privilege know. All who seek profit, pelf, power and privilege through inside workings of government know.

EVIDENCE OF COURAGE

The war tax measure has been passed by Congress and signed by the president. It contained no provision for a government bond issue to take care of the South's imperiled cotton crop.

WHY TAXES ARE HIGH—NO. 15

BECAUSE, mad with a lust for raising salaries and making more offices and more office holders, the 1913 legislative machine drove bills through over the governor's veto, all in addition to passing appropriations that caused the collection from the people in two years of more than \$6,000,000 in taxes.

LOS ANGELES' EXAMPLE

LOS ANGELES has started an active movement for securing possession of harbor frontage. Two suits against railroads for possession of frontage property have been started, and Frederick T. Woodman, president of the harbor commission, has announced that all harbor frontage to which good and sufficient title cannot be established by private holders, such as railroads and other corporations, will be seized by the harbor commission by means of suits to forfeit the land to the city.

BOOTH SLAYING MARTHUR

AN AMAZING incident in Mr. Booth's speech last night was his attack on Governor West with reference to reports on jurors at the land fraud trials. It was delivered in his set speech at the opening of the meeting, and was therefore by deliberate selection and in utter disregard of its effect on the candidacy of Mr. McArthur, Mr. Booth's running mate. Any report made by Governor West was not one-tenth as strong as the many reports made by Mr. McArthur.

CHINESE EGGS

Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—I am not going to attempt a reply to the morning daily, as no one believes anything because it is printed in the morning paper. Republican state committee says the Chinese eggs are going to kill the Oregon egg business. As one who has had some experience in the poultry line I need not say about them. I am not a Democrat; neither am I a Republican. I am not an expert on the tariff game. I see the tariff crowd don't say much about protecting American labor any more, or even a fool. I. W. W. knows better; so have I. I have started in to try to fool people out in the country on the egg question. I don't care if I do. Eggs have long been used; but neither the eggs nor those who used them have stood in very high repute.

HOME AND MORTGAGE TAXES

Oregon City, Or., Oct. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—The E. F. Riley is opposing the \$1500 home tax exemption amendment. He says the payment of taxes is a sacred obligation and "voting for exemption from these taxes will be an act of rebellion." When it comes to repudiating taxes, it is worth while to examine Mr. Riley's record. Mortgages have not been taxed in this country since 1893. I find on the record more than 150 mortgages for money loaned by Mr. Riley, and he has not paid a dollar of taxes on these mortgages. Does he count himself to be guilty of repudiation of his moral obligation to pay taxes? It is strange that the capitalists and

GERMANY'S ALABAMA

THE German cruiser Emden will become the Alabama of this war if her career is not soon checked by a British cruiser. Thus far she has cruised off and sunk in the neighborhood of twenty British merchant vessels in the Indian ocean.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

"It is thought that the pyramids were built to give a man employment to many people."

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Holbrook, Or., Oct. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—I noticed an article in The Journal entitled, "The God of War," in which the writer cited some scripture from the old testament. If he will read all of the chapter he will find that the God of war is not the God of peace.

THE BELGIAN REFUGEES

ALFONSO has started a movement to secure Belgian refugees for settlement of that state's vacant lands. California's development board at a meeting Wednesday appointed a committee to call on large landowners and learn where available lands are located and the terms on which they can be rented with option to purchase.

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A FEW SMILES

There flourishes in a Washington office building a colored janitor who is very conscientious. One day some one passed him a counterfeit bill. When presenting this bill to the superintendent he discovered that it was bad and he became greatly indignant. He would know, if he saw him again, the man who swindled him, and day after day he would stand in front of his building in the hope of catching the rascal going by.

SMALL CHANGE

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow. Possibly one joke in ten thousand makes people laugh. You can't get away your temper, but it may give you away. The opinion of a candid person is seldom sought a second time. It takes a lot of confidence to enable a man to enjoy hash.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Medford's fire department is to have a light automobile for use in running to small fires. Woodburn's council has accepted the new Carnegie library building and secured the removal of the old quarters will soon begin. The Modern Travelers' club of Albany, sold apple cookery on Apple Day, cleared \$25 and will devote the proceeds to the purchase of books for the library.

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