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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

Life is too short to spend it discussing a theory that can never become a law so long as society is constituted as it is and a particle of respect for vested rights remains in the human mind. Under the laws of this state there can be no single tax assessors. Our taxation laws require all property, both real and personal, to be taxed at a uniform rate. The assessor has no right to make any discrimination between improved and unimproved property other than the determination of their market value. It is the price that either would bring at a fair voluntary sale that fixes the assessment. It is not the fault of our taxation laws, but as they are, if unimproved lands, held for speculation, have not borne their share of the public burdens. The law requires them to be taxed equally, according to their market value, with improved lands, and the assessor who does his duty knows no other rule. It is the apotheosis of irony to point to the Oregonian as an exponent of the single tax system. That paper has ever been its persistent opponent and its opposition has always reminded us of the man who would use a trip hammer to kill a midge.

An exchange says: "The simplicity of the single tax will commend it to those who see an injustice in the tax-everything system we now have." Oh, it's simple enough. There's no trouble on that score. Confiscate to the state the rental value of all real estate, which means the destruction of all private ownership in land, and you have got all the taxes you need. Then the bankers and capitalists will get off scot free, and the next thing will be the millennium.

An exchange, evidently dissatisfied with our present economic system, asks its readers, "Are you getting rich out of the present state of affairs?" No, son, we grieve to say it; we are not, but we are slowly acquiring a little against a rainy day through hard work and minding our business. The man who waits for "a state of affairs" to make him rich is what the East Oregonian would felicitously call a tick.

The Washington Independent charges the republican party with a deep laid scheme, in sending out the cuts of the prominent democrats that have appeared in a large number of papers in Oregon and Washington. The Independent thinks that no stranger could be induced to vote for men with such horrible visages. The pictures make them a hard looking set, for a fact.

A Washington paper has been shown some potatoes that weigh three pounds each, and the editor says they are a curiosity to look upon. Wasco county has raised potatoes that weighed over six pounds each and never said a word about it.

For fruit raising the United States is the greatest country in the world, Oregon its greatest state and Wasco county the greatest county in the state. We paralyzed the whole Northwest at the Portland exposition.

Wheat is worth fifteen cents a cental or three dollars a ton more at San Francisco than at Astoria. Meanwhile the Union Pacific steamers carry wheat from Astoria to San Francisco for fifty-four cents a ton.

It is darkly hinted that Grover Cleveland spends much leisure time practicing lullaby songs and studying the pathological effects of paregoric and soothing syrup and the rhythmic harmonies of Mother Goose.

It is claimed that at the age of 12 the late Professor Spencer was the finest penman in the United States. This is one exception to the rule that the person who can write well, and does write well, can generally do nothing else well.

A casualty orator of the female persuasion terms the police force of our large cities "repression by brute force personified."

The United States has the proud distinction of having the best credit of any nation on the Almighty's footstool.

BRIEF STATE NEWS.

Twenty-two practicing physicians have registered with the county clerk of Lane county.

The Ashland Tidings says that the peach crop in that vicinity sold for \$75,000. One Portland firm paid out \$20,000.

The twentieth Oregon supreme court report is just out from the press of the state printing office. It contains 645 pages.

The new bridge which is to span the Willamette at Albany is being built at Cleveland, O., and work upon it is progressing rapidly.

The heirs of Colonel I. R. Moore, who left so much land near Eugene, are now quarrelling in the courts over the division of the property.

John Gray, of Eugene, whose skull was fractured by the blow of a bar of iron in the hands of his brother-in-law, T. E. Russell, will probably recover.

Andy Kavanaugh, living near Gervais, set fire to a straw stack lately, and it soon spread to his granary and burned the sacks off of a big quantity of grain.

The men who made the arrest of Albertson, near Gardiner, have been quarrelling over the \$500 reward. Detective Ives has already announced that it belongs to W. W. Cochran, of Eugene, as all the other officers were employed by the day.

Silver salmon are very plentiful at present in Yaquina bay. From morning till night her waters are dotted with boats trolling for them, and it is but an ordinary two hours to catch six or seven weighing from ten to twenty-five pounds.

A United Presbyterian church was dedicated at Shedd last Sunday. The sermon delivered on that occasion by Rev. S. G. Irvine, D. D., of Albany, was his four thousandth discourse. Dr. Irvine is an Oregon pioneer, and his strength is unabated.

James Mackey, a resident of Albany, aged 86, is entitled to the distinct on of having assisted in building the first railroad in the United States, that between Germantown and Philadelphia, just about sixty years ago. In fact he helped lay the first rail.

A democratic mass meeting will be held at the opera house in Albany tonight. Chauncey F. Black, president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, and James M. Beck, attorney general of the state of Pennsylvania, are expected to address the meeting.

L. L. Burtenshaw, who was brought from Coos county to Jacksonville, by Sheriff Birdseye to answer an indictment for embezzlement, was released from custody on Wednesday, bonds having been furnished by relatives living in Lin county. He has since left Jackson county.

GENERAL PERSONAL MENTION.
 Sardou, the great French playwright, writes a hand so fine that it almost requires a magnifying glass to read it.

General Black, ex-commissioner of pensions, says "Barkis is willin'", to accept a nomination for the governorship of Illinois.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, the famous British scientist, says women are cruelly heedless in stopping streetcars of often. They could save the horses by getting off in groups, he thinks.

In General Grant's time Sayles J. Bowen was mayor of Washington. Now he is a messenger in the treasury department at \$60 a month. But even this is more than Bardley is getting.

The pope is so frail and thin that it seems as if a breath would blow him away. But despite his extreme age and feebleness he retains a wonderful hold on life. His faculties are unimpaired.

How the Rothschilds are housed at Ferrieres, near Paris, may be judged by their five establishments, worth \$4,000,000, needing the services of 150 people. The stables contain 100 horses. When Louis Napoleon visited Ferrieres the Rothschilds gave a grand breakfast in his honor, the cost of which was \$300,000.

The report comes from Washington that General Wade Hampton's health has begun to fail. A correspondent who saw the old warrior last week says his feeble and uncertain gait surprised him. General Hampton is now over 70 years of age. He has always possessed a rugged physique, but it now beginning to give way under the burden of years.

James B. Hammond, of typewriter fame, is frequently in Atlanta. He is a small man and frightfully tortured with neuralgia. It is impossible for him to sit still for five minutes at a time. For twenty years he has not been out of pain.

Another Consignment Received.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The Pacific Mail Company's steamer City of Sydney arrived from New York, via Panama, last evening. A part of her cargo consisted of six cases of Turkish towels, consigned to Neuberger, Reiss & Co. So soon as Deputy Surveyor Gaskill heard of the arrival of the goods he had them sent to the appraiser's store. Neuberger, Reiss & Co. will be given the usual twenty-four hours in which to enter the goods, and, if they fail, the collector will open and examine the cases. The general impression is that the cases contain goods similar to those which made up the consignment opened yesterday.

A Big Lawsuit Quietly Settled.
 SALT LAKE, Oct. 2.—The big suit of Alexander Radlan, Isaac Trumbo and other San Francisco stockholders of the Bullion Beck Mining company against the directors of that company in which plaintiffs sue to recover \$350,000 damages, was dismissed in Judge Sean's court yesterday on plaintiffs' motion. Attorneys refused to give any information as to the terms of settlement, but it is said the directors are entirely satisfied.

No Obstructive Wires in Paris.

It should be noted that the question how to dispose of wires—a question that makes so vast and so continually recurring an agitation in all American cities—never comes up at all in Paris, and is seldom mentioned in any European city. There are absolutely no obstructive wires in Paris. The government has purchased the telephone as well as the telegraph system, and all the wires for these services are placed in the subways of sewers. The wires of the electric companies are buried under the sidewalks. Armored cables are laid in simple conduits, or even in the bare soil, without the slightest difficulty from any point of view.

In crossing streets it is forbidden to break the paving, and underground connection is made from the manholes of the sewers. The whole city of Paris will have been laid with a network of electric lighting cables a few months hence, and traffic on the sidewalks and in the streets will have suffered a minimum of obstruction, while no injury whatsoever will have been done to pavements. All these minor questions of practical municipal engineering that we in our cities are attacking in a fumbling, rude, original way, heedless even of the experience of our nearest neighbors, while densely and contentedly ignorant of the experience of foreign cities, have been thoroughly solved in Europe.—Dr. Albert Shaw in Century.

Sisters to Marry Brothers.

Clerk Bird in the orphans' court yesterday granted marriage licenses to two pretty girls, who are sisters and who are going to marry two brothers. The parties are Amelia Louisa Wilke, aged nineteen, who will wed John Somershoe, aged twenty-five. This couple are residents of Olney. The other pair are Agnes Theresa Wilke, aged seventeen, who will become the wife of Alexander Somershoe, aged twenty-six, a resident of Franklinville. The young ladies were accompanied by their mother, who, with a beaming smile on her countenance at the prospective happiness of her children, gave her consent to the coming nuptials.

The clerk said that the nearest approach to an incident of this kind was some time ago, when a man came in and got a license and shortly afterward another man came in giving exactly the same name and getting a license to marry a woman of nearly the same name as the other. Mr. Bird asked a few questions and discovered that the applicants were father and son, and that neither of them had been aware that they were courting sisters until they found it out at the license office.—Philadelphia North American.

After the Jewelers.

Captain Porter's determination to treat as counterfeit money all money that is gilded and made into scarf pins or any kind of ornament has roused the ire of jewelers generally. Several dealers called at the secret service office and protested against Captain Porter's strict interpretation of the law, and the editor of a journal devoted to the interests of the trade gave him a scolding. Captain Porter said his views had not changed a particle, and he straightway swore out a warrant for the arrest of Charles Korup. Korup has a place at 345 Clark street, and he was caught with some gilded nickels in his possession the edges of which were milled. Korup was held in \$500 bail by Commissioner Hoyne. Captain Porter says he will continue to arrest all jewelers having this class of goods in their possession.—Chicago Tribune.

Razors Buried with the Dead.

In making the excavations for the new Trinity Lutheran chapel, on North Sixth street, beyond Washington, it became necessary to remove the remains in several of the graves in the old cemetery. In one of the graves, which had been there seventy-four years, a perfect skeleton was found, under the head of which was a razor, the handle of which had rotted off. In the early days of the century it was customary to bury with the body the razor which deceased had used during life. The skeleton was in a good state of preservation. The contents of the other graves simply consisted of a little dust. Among the old graves is that of General Francis Swain, who was in the revolutionary war and who died in 1820.—Reading Telegraph.

Climbing Mount Hood.

It is about time that parties were being made up for excursions to Mount Hood. It used to be a regular thing for parties to be made up to climb that mountain about this time of year, the month of July being generally considered the most favorable month for making the ascent. For some reason such parties are not so common of late. Since parties spent the night on the mountain and burned red fire there on the evening of July 4, the ascent of the mountain is not looked upon as much of a feat.—Portland Oregonian.

Mr. Hood's Bad Case of Blues.

T. H. Hood, a citizen of Frankfort, Ind., has been subject to epileptic attacks, and, in consulting a young doctor by the name of Perkins, decided to take his treatment, which consisted of a small pill to be taken every night before retiring. In a short time he began to turn blue, and today he is as blue as indigo. His entire body is blue, with his face and hands a deeper hue. The doctors can ascribe no cause for the change, and the best skill has failed to restore natural color.—Cor. Cleveland Leader.

An Untimely Death.

Isaac Dixon several months ago came to this country from England and went to work as a laborer in a rolling mill at Passaic, N. J. He drank ice water to excess Thursday and died Saturday as a result. Since then it has come to light that had he lived seven months longer he would have received a large estate in England. Why he came here and hired out as a laborer no one appeared to know. He was to be married within a few weeks to a young lady of Paterson.—Philadelphia Ledger.


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