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The old adage that opposition is the life of trade, was never more forcibly illustrated than in the case of the Baker now carrying passengers from the eastern parts of Oregon and Idaho (not from The Dalles on way points) to Portland for fifty cents. The gentlemanly agent of the Union Pacific—Mr. Lytle, informed the writer today that the Baker is now making money—that is making money carrying passengers at fifty cents from here to Portland. Now this is the first time the Baker has made money for ten years. During all that time she has been running at a loss to the company of some fifteen hundred dollars a month while her freight and passenger rates were about three times what they are now—the passenger rate was in fact more than seven times greater than now. Now if the Union Pacific can make more money carrying passengers at fifty cents than it could at \$3.55 the path of wisdom and commercial profit surely lies in sweeping reductions from present rail rates. And assuming that Mr. Lytle's statement is true with what reason or consistency can the company fight the State Railroad Commissioners in their efforts to bring about a reduction of rates?

President Polk, "with all his faults," pointedly says: "The farmers of the country own 22 per cent of the wealth and pay 80 per cent of the taxes. Does this seem right? Does not this condition call for some action on the part of the farmers?" This condition should not exist, and the way to remedy it with benefit to all is to place all taxes on land regardless of improvements. That would lessen the farmers' taxes by preventing the speculator from pocketing "unearned increment" which should go to the state for taxation purposes.—East Oregonian.

So the proper way to save the farmer from paying an unjust proportion of taxes is to tax him more. If under a system that taxes personal as well as real property, the farmer pays 80 per cent of the taxes the way to avoid this inequality is to tax land only and let the banker and capitalist, with their money and bonds and securities go free. Real estate now bears probably seventy per cent of all taxes and personal property, the other 30. Don't tax personal property says the above writer, and real property, will have fewer burdens to bear. It is a singular theory and most singular the mental characteristics that can believe it.

VARIETY.

"Portland is plagued with mice," says a Willamette valley exchange. Portland should pull up its skirts, hop up on a chair and screech.

And now it is suggested to blow up Niagara falls with dynamite and let the five great lakes run off, leaving a large area of valuable land. Opposition to the scheme comes from Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Each minute, night and day by the official reports, the United States collects \$639 and spends \$461. The interest on the public debt was \$86 a minute last year, or just exactly equal to the amount of silver mined in that time.

A company has been organized at Kalamazoo, Mich., to manufacture artificial milk from corn and water, which, by a peculiar process, is said to make a mixture impossible to be distinguished from the pure article. It is said to be nutritious, and can be delivered in Chicago at seven cents per gallon.

An editor works 365 1/2 days per year to get out fifty-two issues of a paper; that's labor. Once in a while somebody pays him a year's subscription: that's capital. And once in a while some son of a gun of a deadbeat takes the paper a year or two and vanishes without paying for it: that's anarchy. But later on justice will overtake the last-named creature, for there is a place where he will get his deserts: that's hell.—Ex.

Mr. Mass has been arrested in Portland for running a lottery. He owned four lots on the east side, and got up a raffle or drawing to dispose of them. He offered to sell them for \$2,500 dollars, but could not. He then went among his friends and sold 2,143 chances at \$1 each. The drawing took place a week ago, and the lots were drawn by the Mass family. Some people to whom he had sold tickets suspected something wrong and swore out the complaint. He waived

examination. The United States authorities will investigate the matter of sending tickets through the mails. The managing editor of a wash foundry on Benton street, was around yesterday, giving us some valuable pointers on Chinese literature. He says Melican newspaper man heap too much fool. Chinese newspaper man heap sabe all, sabe more. We have long feared that this was the fact, but are at a loss to know how this astute Mongolian ever found it out. He's been buying old exchanges for a long time to wrap up garments that his deft art has restored to their pristine purity, and this, with the fact that some old Astorians got mixed in the heap, and the further fact that he read a little English, may partly account for our Chinese friend's criticism.—Astorian.

Desperate Fight in Mexico. CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 2.—At a mining camp at San Pablo, near Buenaventura, Coahuila, there was a sanguinary battle recently between John F. Moulton, an American, and Antonio Ventura and Leonardo Rodriguez, Mexicans. The Mexicans fell upon Moulton with knives in their hands, and he defended himself with a dagger. At the conclusion of the fight Ventura was dead, Rodriguez had four dagger wounds in his body, and Moulton was badly slashed.

An Express Package Missing. GROVE, Tex., Nov. 2.—An express package containing \$3000 sent by Wells, Fargo Express company, from Austin, Tex., to the Planters' National bank in this city, is missing. The express messenger claims that he delivered it to the negro who drives the express wagon on Thursday night, and the negro claims that everything turned over to him was delivered to the agent. The negro has been arrested, but the money has not been found.

Ravages of Cholera. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 2.—Ravages of cholera in Damascus show an alarming increase. The record for the past week show 180 cases and ninety deaths. Owing to the prevalence of cholera, Hodeia is in nearly as bad a situation as Damascus, but the Aleppo plague has subsided.

Hundreds of Broken Heads. CORK, Nov. 2.—As showing the seriousness of the outbreaks here recently, it may be stated that no fewer than 325 cases were treated at the different hospitals of this city during the election riots.

Mrs. Farnell is Very Ill. DUBLIN, Nov. 2.—Dispatches from Brighton say Mrs. Farnell is much weaker today, and Freeman's Journal says that unless a change for the better takes place in her condition within two days, it fears the worst will happen.

The Itata Case Settled. LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—The Itata case came to an end today, Judge Ross of the United States court rendering a decision granting the motion to dismiss the case against the defendants.

His Audience. A pretty story, which has, moreover, the merit of being true, is told of a certain professional singer. He had a beautiful tenor voice, of which he was apt to take the best of care, so that when he was crossing the Atlantic one summer with a party of friends, they were not surprised to find that he disappeared from view every evening at just about the same time. "Afraid of the night air," said one, with a slight smile. "Afraid we'll ask him to sing, probably," said another, but no one questioned him, as he was known to be quite invulnerable from his own way. But when the last night on board came, a delegation descended to his stateroom to beg for a song or two, and discovered that he was not there. They looked for him in vain, until at last the captain, who had evidently kept the secret as long as he could, said, pointing in the direction of the engine room: "I think you'll find him down there: that's where he's gone every evening." Sure enough, when the delegation arrived at the engine room, they heard the sound of a guitar and a voice, and there, lolling against the wall, was the recreant tenor, singing his best for the delight of the stokers, whom he had entertained in this way for more than an hour every evening during the voyage.—Youth's Companion.

The Manufacture of Caps. In that oddest, nestlike part of New York, the French quarter, 2,000 or 3,000 men and girls make annually \$5,000,000 worth of caps, exclusive of the \$1,000,000 worth made by the furriers of that region. At least 1,000,000 dozen caps are turned out in this quarter every year. As to styles, there are nearly 500 varieties. Of yachting caps alone there are something like two dozen kinds, if, indeed, twosome is not nearer the correct number. A few leading styles, however, persist with little or no change from year to year. The west constantly demands a cheap cap with ear coverings. Every year sees some cap for girls the rage. Such caps sell by the hundred thousand dozen. A hint comes from Paris, and in a few weeks the new caps swarm in every street.—New York World.

What He Feared. "While I was in England," says one woman, "I was told of an American who on his first trip on an English railway quite held his breath at the rapid running. When his nervousness rather overcame him he approached the guard. 'I say, guard,' he ventured, 'this is pretty fast traveling for safety, isn't it?' 'Oh, no, sir,' replied the guard: 'we never run off the line here, sir.' 'But,' said the Yankee quickly, resenting the patronage, 'it is not the line, I'm afraid of running off your confounded little island.'"—New York Times

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