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The CHRONICLE is in no sense a cheeseparing sheet. It believes in attaching good and sufficient calaries to all public offices but it does not believe in a foolish, wasteful and extravagant than human lips can describe. Those use of the people's money. In the case of legislative or gubernatorial honors, where the office is never sought for the wages attacked to it, the pittance of \$3 a day or \$1500 a year may be justifiable, but offices that are not stepping stones to power and influence or complimentary tokens of respect, but whose only reward is the salary attached, pluck and sort the fruit from the shapely should be paid liberally in proportion to trees. the character and responsibility of the work. The laws of Oregon as they relate to the salaries of state and county officers are just about as bad as bad can be. Only a short time ago a row oc-curred between the county clerk and like a crescent. This is called the county assessor of Multnomah when the latter gave the facts and figures to prove that in the year 1890 the county clerk got two-thirds as much for simply making a copy of the assessment roll as the assessor was paid for doing the whole nor crushed, one of the chief requirework in making the originnal, a work ments for oil of the "first quality." that required the labor of two or three men for a whole year. It will surprise consists of carefully picking up the olives many of the tax payers of Wasco county to learn that the condition of things in this county differs very little from that of Multnomah. The clerk of Wasco county gets about half as much for mak- the third worth nothing, says the old ing two copies each of the assessment proverb. Olives are a most delicate crop roll and military list as the assessor gets for doing the whole work connected Tuscan looks down with proper contempt with the originals. Be that as it may the fee book for 1891 shows that the county paid its clerk the sum of \$203 all. Any competent penman could copy the whole in less than three week's time or knocked off by heavy rain or hail. that the law has prescribed for this work. The clerk simply charges what the law alows him, no more nor no less. the matter. The fault is wholly in the law that permits this outrageously extravagant compensation. But this is not all. The entire fees and emoluments of the clerk and sheriff's offices are on a par. It need not therefore surprise the taxpayers when they are told that during the year just past these two offices received from the county funds, for their criminal and county business alone, excluse of all fees for record and conveyance work, licences and costs of civil proceedures, the sum of \$9,504.26 and for the two years ending the first of January last over \$22,000. We have no tured from rushes. As they are filled figures to show the amounts received with the pulp they are carried to a press for the civil business of the offices but an estimate made by those thoroughly familiar with the income of these offices in past years places the clerk's civil fees at nearly a half and the sheriffs at about one-third of the income paid by the county. If this estimate is correct, and it must be nearly so, it has cost the taxpayers of Wasco county, to run these offices for the past two years not less than the sum of \$30,000, while for the past year, since Sherman county has been cut off, the cost has been in the neighborhood of \$14,000. The Chroni- and exclamations the men turn the CLE is attacking nobody. It has laid these facts before the people, at the express desire of taxpayers who insist that this criminal extravagance with the law that sanctions it must be abolished by the next legislature. On the eve of an election campaign it is just as well to know what the people will demand from candidates for the legislature. If candidates for the offices named consider themselves aggrieved we remind them that no one has a life lease on the job;

About two weeks ago a bill introduced building at The Dalles. It this bill ever mittees and full committee on public in circumference

himself to work for it.

but whether or no, these incomes must

be cut down to reasonable figures. The

taxpavers will insist upon it and the

CHRONICLE will fight for it, and no can-

buildings and grounds and is ground down to the fineness required by the recently-adopted rule not to pass any bill for any amount to exceed 3 per cent. interest on the rent paid by the government for post offices and other offices in the city where the building is to be erected then The Dalles will have a public building that will be an enduring monument of the frugal virtues of Uncle Sam's five-cent congress. After suitable grounds have been bought and paid for there would not be enough left to build a sod dugout.

Agreeably to the wishes of many taxpayere, the CHRONICLE will, in the near future, present to the people a statement, taken from the records of this county, showing the income, for the last ten years, of the several county offices whose salaries are not fixed by law. This is done that the people may intelligently determine if the laws that gratification of the poet and the poet's fix the amount of the fees need to be re-friends.

The day came and the Dutchman was

OLIVE OIL OF TUSCANY.

Method of Securing the Best Grade of Oil That Comes from Over the Water. "A salad must be salted by a wise

man, receive vinegar from a miser and oil from a spendthrift." So says an Italian proverb, but first of all acquaint yourself with the character of the latter fluid or the consequences are more awful happy beings who have sojourned in Tuscany refuse oil in any country save that of its birth, and as it fell to my lot to be in that lovely province during the olive harvest, I made a point of finding out about the chief industry of the swarthy sons and daughters of Italy who make the fertile hills resound with their songs and laughter while they

Men and boys were perched on ladders amid the dark green leaves, and picturesque figures they made with their bright colored shirts and brilliant eyes. Each of these gatherers has strapped around "bugnolo," and receives all the perfect fruit its bearer plucks. It is about a foot deep, and admirably adapted for its special use, being light and not likely to impede the worker's movements. The fruit deposited in this is neither bruised

The work of the women and children dropped by the men from their lofty perches. This fruit, which is usually bruised in its tumble, is put aside for the

"second quality."

The first olive is gold, the second silver, and require constant attention. The upon the south Italian for his carelessness and want of cleanliness in the oil preparation.

In Tuscany only the freshly picked each for making two copies of the as- fruit is used to make the first quality of sessment roll and \$75 each for making oil. The second quality is made from two copies of the military list or \$556 in the fallen bersies, while the third quality, working eight hours a day and thus From lying on the ground these olives "earn" nearly \$200 a week. The CHRONICLE must not be misunderstood. kept for some time before crushing, the These are the fees, as we understand it, | oil has not that brilliancy of color which is so much prized.

There are countless varieties of olives. Enough fruit of the first quality hav-The county court has no jurisdiction in crowd of pickers enter a huge vaulted ing been gathered for the press, the apartment with a large stone basin in the center, in which the olives are all emptied. In this basin is a millstone about six feet in diameter, set up on end and revolving around a wooden column. An ox is harnessed to a pole projecting from the centerpiece, and as the beast paces around the basin a man follows and shovels the olives, soon reduced to greenish pulp. When sufficiently crushed two men bring in a hand barrow with long handles, on which lie the "gabbia," circular baskets with a hole through the middle of each.

These baskets look as if made of cocoa matting, but are of thick cord manufacand heaped with great care one on top of new wood is then placed on the top of the oily mountain, and then begins the hard work.

The oil press, upon which the "gab-bia" are placed, consists of an enormous beam through which goes the screw and Courant. is finished below by a square block of wood pierced with two holes supported by two massive posts. A pole is inserted into the block, and with many odd cries

To Prevent Counterfeiting. It is curious to observe at this day the complicated geometrical patterns in which some of the ancient Roman seals tre designed, unmistakably for the pur-pose of defeating the ingenious counter-leiter, as the engravers at the bureau of angraving and printing try by similar means to multiply the forger's difficul-ties. The usefulness of this art is shown by the fact that the coins of the civilized world are cameos multiplied to any extent by dies .- Jewelers' Weekly.

Desecbo, an island adjoining Porto Rico, is infested with rats. There are millions of them there, and it is unsafe for a man to set foot on the island. didate for the legislature will receive They have destroyed all the goats which the support of either unless he pledges were formerly bred there and are now eating the shrubbery.

An acorn was planted before the door of his father's house, in Ripley, Me., by by Senator Mitchell passed the senate, Currier Downing. He soon afterward appropriating \$100,000 for a public left home and was absent seventy-five years. When he returned the other day passes through the mill of the sub-com- the acorn had produced an oak nine feet

Soon after Fitz-Greene Halleck had published his stirring "Marco Bozzaris," he repeated the poem to a lady, an inti-mate friend of his. She expressed great admiration of the beautiful lines, but when he was in full enjoyment of what he considered her perfect appreciation she surprised him by the innocent query: "Who was Marco Bozzaris?"

"Well," said Mr. Halleck, despondently, "what's the use of becoming martyrs for liberty or of poets celebrating heroes if ladies won't even inform themselves about the events of the day?"

The remembrance of another incident connected with the poem never failed to

elicit a groan from its author. At a certain dinner party at which he was present, it was expected that each man should sing a song or make a speech. Among the guests was a Dutch Jew, whose English was execrable, and he had been previously persuaded by a joker to commit the whole of Marco Bozzaris to memory that he might recite it for the

called upon to speak.
"Sheutlemans," said he rising, "I can neither make de speech nor sing de song, but I vill deliver von grand poem."

This he proceeded relentlessly to do, and Halleck, when he heard his harmonious measures delivered in a mixture of English and Dutch, was divided between the temptation to laugh and cry. Youth's Companion.

He Reckoned He Would Bun.

One of the most interesting characters in American history is General Zachary Taylor, "Old Rough and Ready," hero of Buena Vista, father-in-law of Jefferson Davis and twelfth president of the United States. We all recollect how Daniel Webster sueered at him, before he was nominated, as a "backwoods colonel," and refused to let his friends put him on the ticket for vice president with Taylor for first place, thereby missing his last and, as the sequel showed, best chance of becoming president. Millard Fill-more, of New York, took the despised second place and thereby had nearly three years in the White House.

General Sherman used to tell an amusing little story of Taylor anent his nomination for the presidency. At that time General Taylor was stationed at New Orleans. He was a Kentuckian and the Kentuckians were very properly proud of him. One day shortly before the convention met at Baltimore he was approached at New Orleans by an old Kentucky friend, who said:

"Who wants me to run?" asked Gener-

al Taylor seriously. "Why, we do-all your old neigh-

"Well, then, if that's the case," replied the old hero, without changing the expression of his face, "I reckon I'll have to run."-Detroit Free Press.

Finding His Bride.

In one part of the Canton of Ticino a very quaint marriage ceremony prevails. The bridegroom dresses in his "Sunday best," and accompanied by as many friends and relatives as he can muster for the fete goes to claim his bride.

Finding the door locked he demands admittance; the inmates ask him his business, and in reply he solicits the hand of his chosen maiden.

answer be deen od he is successively introduced to a number of matrons and maids, some perhaps deformed and others old and ugly. Then he is presented to some large dolls, all of which he rejects with scorn, amid general merriment. The bewildered bridegroom, whose impetuosity and temper are now sorely tried, is then informed that his lady love is absent and invited in to see for himself.

He rushes into the house and searches from room to room until he finds her in her bridal dress, ready to go to church. Then are his troubles over and his state as a benedict assured.—Swiss Republic.

Trying to Buy Back His Own Body. This queer story comes from Massa-chusetts: A man who lives in a suburb of Lowell is seeking to have a deed given by him twenty years ago recovered. The deed conveyed his body to a surgeon now puncticing in Great Falls, N. H., for the sum of ten dollars and other considerations, possession to be taken on his death. Since the deed was made the giver has made a fortune in South America and of the other. Many taps and pushes are given by the padrone to the pile of "gabbia," out of which great drops of body shall be dissected and the skeleton yellow green oil already exude. A disk articulated and presented to a medical university. The lawyers have decided that the deed holds good and that the only alternative is to buy off the doctor. The giver of the deed has made a big offer, but it has been refused.-Hartford

> Instinct of the Messenger Pigeon. Upon what the messenger pigeon's wonderful faculty of finding its way homeward over great distances depends, opinions differ. Some ascribe it to an exercise of highly developed intelligence, others to an almost inconceivable perfection of sight, and yet others to instinct or intuition. The fact of the matter is, it is one of those mysteries of nature that perhaps will never be revealed, and stands side by side with the action of the grilse or young salmon, which finds its way back unerringly to the same stream that it left nearly three years before as a tiny par.-Denver Re-

> Cigars a Foot Long. The largest cigar actually smoked is by the better class of the Philippine Islanders, especially at Lozon-a place noted for the universal habit of smoking, practiced by all classes, ages and sexes. It is no uncommon thing to meet respectable islanders puffing away at cigars a foot in length and thick in proportion.-Boston Globe.

One Thing That Kills.

The thing that really kills a great many people is laziness, though the doctors enerally manage to find a more respectable name for it.-Ram's Horn.

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