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If the CHRONICLE has seen fit to lay before the taxpayers of this county the amount of fees that have been paid out during the past ten years to offices whose respectives incomes are not placed by law at an annual fixed sum, it has done so at the express desire of a large number of taxpayers and with no thought or conception, so fee as the writer knows, that any one has been paid a cent that he was not legally entitled to. The investigation is in the interest of taxpayers only. They want the information by a slight noise near the derrick, and and they are entitled to it. If it be true that a county office pays its incumbent of old man Yohe walking from the enseven of eight thousand dollars a year where the service could find hundreds of persons just as competent as ever filled it willing to qualify and undertake its duties for half that sum, the people have a right to know it that steps may of such offices amended. 'The investigation is in no sense an attack on present or past incumbents who cannot be blamed for accepting every dollar they are legally entitled to. Neither is it in any sense a:: effort to defeat the candidacy of the present incumbents, who, it is generally understood, are seeking renomination. The CHRONICLE is not concerned about their renomination. It is not in the business of nominating candidates. It believes the fees of the clerk and sheriff are too high, and in its own interest and in the interest of those who have to foot the bills it proposes to lay the facts before the people and let them be the judges. The only other office whose income is not an annual fixed sum is that of assessor and because the writer once held that office he has specially insisted that that shall be included in the investigation also. No one supposes the per diem of the assessor of four dollars a day is too much but the people have a right to know what it think it a funny way to spend the honeycosts them to have the county assessed, moon, and so it is. But it's Mary's do- tion) for the person, no matter of what and they shall know that too. The time ing. I'd saved up enough to take a week nationality, who shall discover within to spring this investigation is before or so off, but she wouldn't have it. She ten years from the present time a means nominations for the legislature are made says, 'We'll just lay that away for a that candidates may know what the people expect of them. If the Chroni-CLE was seeking the defeat of a candidate for a county office it has sufficient political horse sense to know that this is not the time to begin that work. It would wait tili after the nominations were made.

The editor of the Washington Independent besides being the editor of "the greatest paper in that or any other state" is mayor of Pomeroy, U. S. at the right hand side of the cab in the weather bureau signal officer and observer, special correspondent of the agricultural bureau, state correspondent of the National association of democratic clubs, vice-president of the Pomeroy stitions, and an engineman no more board of trade, president of the Pomeroy likes to run on an unlucky machine than improvement company, chairman of the Garfield county democracy, has a diploma conferring the honor of V. D. M., and has just been elected (in his mind) governor of the state of Washington. He says the sensation produced by this crowning honor surpassed anything that ever thrilled his frame.

What is the matter with the Baker City Blade? It says "Eastern Oregon should have at least six congressmen." That reminds us of the drummer who in trying to make himself solid with one of his customers went with him to a prayer meeting and on being called upon to dirt, add some other things and produce praid said "O Lord give this people barrels of flour, and barrels of fruit, and barrels of sugar, and barrels of meat, and barrels of pepper, and then thinking he was overdoing the thing, he added, sotto voce, "O Lord that's too much pepper."

After two months of ardious labor the jumped on the sofa and screamed hyshouse of representatives has succeded in terically. passing one bill that will send a mighty thrill of pleasure through the hearts of the toiling masses of this great nation. Mr. Coates of Alabama introduced it and it was for the protection of congressmen from the ridicule of the press. The lin delaine dress in Brown's window country is now safe.

Mr. A. Noltner of the Portland Dispatch, who has just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., thinks that it is more than likely that the Cascade locks

know, as well as any outsider cau, the intentions of the present five cent congress. It is because Mr. Noltner has no hope of an appropriation for the locks that he is so earnest an advocate for the dalles portage.

Free wool and no appropriations for the improvement of the Columbia river will not materially strengthen the democracy of Eastern Oregon.

A genius in Tacoma has lately evolved a plan for superceeding street cars by the use of a traveling sidewalk.

Arrangements are being made to hold an assessors convention at Salem on the

A Strange Story.

A strange story comes from a neighborhood about ten miles southeast of

Oct. 24, 1890, Alex Yohe, an aged farmer, committed suicide. Yohe's mind had been unbalanced for some time, and he imagined that the discovery of natural gas would prove the ruination of the world. He was opposed to any search for the new fuel, and often pleaded with his neighbors to leave it alone. He also imagined that he was a ruined man, although he owned a good farm and was in a prosperous condition. He thought his family had been doomed to starvation, and he resolved to take his life, thus terminating his misery.

Recently an Elwood company began drilling for gas on the Starkey farm and the work had proceeded nearly to completion. They were rushing the work and a day and night force of hands were employed. The night force, however, is no longer at work and the following is the cause: A few nights since, while the men were at work, they were startled on looking around they beheld the form gine to the derrick. One man approached him and the form suddenly vanished, only to reapper in a few moments.

This sort of thing was kept up for several nights, the old man making his appearance at the same spot each night. The men claimed the place was haunted be taken to have the law fixing the fees and they refused to work any more after night.-Tipton Cor. Indianapolis Senti-

> Spending Their Honeymoon in a Cable Car. It was pretty cold in the forward compartment of one of the Seventh and and asked him to show them the spot on Ninth street cable cars last evening. The the Shriver farm where in his dream he short benches on each side of the gripman were empty save for one figurethat of a petite and pretty brunette in a warm gray cape ulster, with a big fur boa around her neck.

The conductor put his head through the door for a moment and came back chuckling.

"Love's a funny thing," he said, as he got back on the rear platform and rung up two fares. "There's Jim's wife in there with him. Jim's the gripman, you know. They've been married pretty near two weeks, and I'm blamed if she hasn't put in the best half of the time riding round with him in the car. They couldn't afford to take a trip off, you see, and so they're spending the honeymoon in this

way."
"Yes, sir," said Jim, "we've been married two weeks tomorrow. May be you rainy day, and I'll come and ride on the car with you.' Don't you put my name in the papers or maybe I'd get the bounce."—Philadelphia Press.

An Unlucky Locomotive. of Engine No. 670 of that road. This is of New York .- Cor. New York Herald the machine that passed through the two terrible wrecks on that road at Ravenna on July 3 and at Kent, Sept. 30. When it came out of the Meadville shops recently none of the boys wanted to sit unlucky engine, and it was only after considerable persuasion that Engineer Knowblow was persuaded to take charge of the hoodoed locomotive. Railroaders are like sailors, they have their superdoes an old tar to sail on certain unfortunate vessels .- Pittsburg Post.

The Spruce Cum Season Is On The spruce gum season is on in Maine and business is booming. One firm re-ceived twenty-four barrels of about 21/2 tons of gum in one day, and it will have 125 barrels or 25,000 pounds before the close of the season. The first grade of gum is clean and clear and ready for chewing. It sells at wholesale at sixty

cents to one dollar a pound. The dark colored gum, mixed with bark and pitch, is worth from six to ed to blow up the building. Everybody eighteen cents a pound, and is purchased by refiners, who boil it, skim off the liceman in citizen's clothes, who knocked many varieties of spruce gum.-Maine

She Was Mistaken. "Maria," said Mr. Jones, looking tenderly at his wife, "there is a mous "Oh, mercy goodness, where? Oh, save me, Jeptha, save me—save your Maria!" and the frightened woman

"Good heavens, Maria, what is the I don't see anything! Where

"You said there was a mouse!" "I didn't say anything of the kind. I said, or tried to say, there was a moussewhich was exactly like one you had when we were married. I wish you wouldn't interrupt me like that."-Detroit Free Press.

The agricultural department of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, is will not get a cent of approprion for the importing half a million grapevine cutnext two years. Mr. Noltner is an ardent democrat and is supposed to in starting experimental vineyards.

A class of persons who have suffered greatly by reason of the bomb throwing tragedy have hitherto escaped the notice

of the press. Mr. Sage was doing a large business in options or puts and calls, spreads and straddles. He was not so greatly absorbed in this specialty as he was in 1883. He was caught in the panic of that was caught in the panic of that year and lost a good

many hundred thousand dollars, and since then has been more conservative than he was before. Still, this business as amounted to a good many thousand tollars some days and has afforded a hollars some days and has afforded a special s

These men are typical Wall street creatures. You see them hustling here and there, buttonholing men and whispering in their ears. They are tireless. They know everybody who is likely to take a little flier. Sometimes as many as a score or more of them used to go to Russell Sage every day and ask him what he would charge for options on various stocks and securities. Having got Sage's terms, they scoured the streets. professing to give tips, and in the course of a week would bring in many customers to Sage. Their usual commission was one-eighth of 1 per cent.. and the smartest of them could make from ten

to twenty dollars a day. They brought Sage a great deal of business first and last. But these men have been sad eyed enough since the explosion. This part of Sage's business life is ended as much as though he had been killed on that day, and it is a serious question whether he will ever resume it. This has thrown these scouts and commission agents upon their uppers. - New York Cor. Philadelphia Collections made and proceeds promptly remitted on day of collection.

He Locates Oil Wells in His Dreams. Butler county has an "oil smeller" who can give points to persons who bring out the power of the hazel rod.

Some months ago Cunningham & Co. were drilling a well on the farm of Ira Stauffer. One night while the well was drilling Casper Keichner, a crippled jeweler of Zelienople, dreamed that the well was dry, and in the same vision he saw a spot on the farm of John Shriver. near the Stauffer farm, where a well was flowing 1,000 barrels per day.

Keichner related his dream to Cunningham & Co., but a smile was all he got for his trouble. When the well on the Stauffer farm was completed it was a first class duster. In their adversity the owners of the well went to Keichner had seen the coveted 1,000 barrel well. He accompanied them to the place and a well was started on the spot. A few weeks ago the pay streak was reached, the well actually flowed 1,000 barrels a day and the place is the richest oil farm in Butler county today.—Pittsburg Cor. Philadelphia Times.

A Woman's Strange Bequest.

very aged lady, Mme. Guzman, who died on the 30th of June last in Pau, was deeply interested, especially during her last years, in the descriptions of the planet Mars and the theoretical possibility of communication between our planet and the neighbor worlds. Furthermore, expressing in her will a desire peculiarly astronomical, she made the following legacy:

A prize of 100,000 francs is bequeathed to the Institute of France (science secotherwise) and of receiving a reply.

The testatrix has especially in view the planet Mars, upon which the attention and investigation of savants has been directed already. If the Institute of France does not accept the legacy it Engineer Knowblow, of the Erie, has will pass to the Institute of Milan, and finally agreed to preside at the throttle in case of a new refusal to the Institute

Two Historic Ships.

Out in the bay stands the "dear old Hartford," and by her side the heroic Nipsic. It is to be hoped that both these historic ships may soon be repaired. All the world associates the Hartford with the exploits at Mobile bay, but besides this interesting fact she is one of the few remaining and one of the most beautiful of her type. Hers is indeed a heart of oak. She is not "dead," as an old sailor lately said with a sigh. She

only sleeps.

The Nipsic is still stanch and sound. A ship that could make her way home (half around the world) with a storm twisted propeller such as brought her up from Samoa after the tempest of March, 1889, is not a ship to be set lightly aside. - San Francisco Cor. Augusta Chronicle.

Not So Funny After All. A supposed practical joker went into the Staten Island ferry slip on Saturday, and exhibiting a black bag declared it contained dynamite and that he intendmade a break for the door except a pothe man down and captured the bag, which was found to contain nothing dangerons. The practical joker had his jaw broken by the policeman's blow.-New York Letter.

A Striking Jury.

Without doubt the most unique strike on record was that which interrupted the trial of the Jones versus Gordon debt case at Burlington, Ia. The jury had arrived at a verdict but refused to report till paid their fees. The plaintiff, who had demanded the jury, was anxious to learn the verdict and paid the fees. Much to his chagrin the verdict was against him. - Cor. New York World.

A Record Brenking Year.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-one seems to have been sort of record break ing year. Horses have trotted faster in the same time during 1891 than ever be fore: trains have run faster and further; ocean steamships have made quicker trips; crops have been bigger and manufacturers have prospered as never before.

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