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### IDEAS FOR SOLONS.

Rim Rock Offers Some Suggestions for Legislation.

### WHY USURY IS A BURDENSOME TAX

Loaning Money According to Demand a Benefit to the Borrower.

### A WIFE'S INTEREST IN NOTES.

A Bond or Other Security Should be Void Without Such Signature With the Husband.

### Money—"As Good as the Wheat."

Our lawful rate of interest is ten per cent. This law should be repealed, and let the loaning of money be at any rate that may be agreed upon. It would be better for both the lender and the borrower. A person wanting to borrow money, could then go to the lender and give him; say 12 1/2 per cent, and have the other 2 1/2 per cent, himself, instead of giving the middle man the 5 per cent. commission. This "any rate of interest" has been adopted by all the new states when making their laws, and Oregon should keep abreast of the times.

Another thing our legislators must do to reduce county taxes, especially in Eastern Oregon, where county officers fees are 33 1/2 per cent, higher than in western Oregon. There was a time when this was necessary, but that time is past. There is no need of paying such large salaries, when there is plenty of good men in the country, that would be glad to have the offices at 50 per cent. of what is made out of them now; and so says every tax payer in Eastern Oregon, except those who may expect to get into office in the near future. If our legislators will pass laws to reduce taxation, the tax payers of the country will rise up as one man and take off their hats, and call them blessed.

### Copartnership—"The Wife's Interest."

We should also have a law providing that a married man's signature to a bond or a note, would be null and void unless it had his wife's signature also, the same as a mortgage, for it amounts to the same thing. When a wife helps her husband to make his money she may not labor in the shop or the office, but she cares for his household, rears his children, and nine wives out of ten work more hours than their husbands, and the wife is equally as much interested in their joint welfare as the husband and should have the right to say whether the husband should jeopardize their home by going some person's security. Reader, if you don't think this way, just ask some man, and they are not hard to find, that has gone some one's security and then had to go down in his pocket and pay it off when it became due. If it had been necessary to consult his wife before hand it is ten chances to one he would have been on the safe side.

### Exemptions—"A One-Horse Transaction"

All property should be assessed at its real value, and wherever found, it would be better to assess it at 100 per cent. than at 80 per cent., and then make the levy twelve mills instead of twenty-four mills. It amounts to the same thing and makes a much better showing for the country, and it gives the true wealth. There should be no exemption for indebtedness, for it is only a convenient loophole to evade taxes, and the person that has the property in his possession and claims it as his own is the one that should pay the taxes. For instance A sells B a horse. B gives his note to A for the amount. B has the use of the horse and all benefits derived from such use. A only has the promise of the value of the property from B. Now B has the property and should pay the taxes, and it is the same with land or any other property. Rim Rock.

### Another Free-Silver Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Baker of Kansas has introduced in the house a bill for the free coinage of silver, making it unlawful for any person to make any contracts, note, draft or bill payable in any specific coin or currency.

### Telescoped by a Snow Flow.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Jan. 13.—A snow flow telescoped the Des Moines and Sioux city passenger train at Storey city, injuring twenty passengers, several seriously and a traveling man fatally.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP RACERS.

"Which Boat Can Get to the Bottom First?" Next.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—[Special.]—Notwithstanding the objections registered last month against racing across the ocean, another contest has just come to a finish without any catastrophe other than a depressing defeat for the officers, but this does not prove anything save that both vessels had good fortune in escaping accidents.

The desire of ship-builders and sea captains to increase the speed of transportation from New York to Queens town is easy to understand. When a new boat essays to break a record and mark another step's advance in nautical science there has been but little objection, so long as the effort was conducted with proper care and caution. There is some prospective gain for the venture. But what kind of gain is there in a race between steamers of rival companies has yet to be found. The impulse to spur on, to take a little greater risk for a winning, to take close chances, is at its strongest in a race. There is a danger in putting a premium on this kind of recklessness.

Moreover, it is not the steamship companies alone which have a stake at risk in the encounter. Their passengers are made involuntary participants in a contest in which they can have but little interest. They take as much risk as the companies, but they take it without their knowledge or consent. It is expected that in another of these contests it will be clearly shown which boat can get to the bottom of the ocean first.

### Funeral of General Butler.

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 13.—The remains of Gen. Butler arrived this afternoon and were escorted by Butler post, G. A. R., to the late home. The body will be given a military funeral. It will lie in state in Huntington hall. The mills will close on Monday, the day of the funeral, and business will be suspended. The legislature has adjourned till Tuesday, as a mark of respect to his memory.

### A Careless Frank.

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 13.—Last night Eddy Rouse, a boy ten years old, dropped a blazing stick into a tank containing 5,000 gallons of oil used for running an engine at the San Bernardino laundry. A terrific explosion followed. Eddie Rouse, Harry Taylor and Billy Edwards were terribly burned, and are in a critical condition. The engineer closed the opening in the tank and smothered the flames.

### Machinery for a Can Factory.

ASTORIA, Jan. 13.—The Pacific Can company received this afternoon two carloads of machinery for its new can factory here. The importation is valued at \$27,000.

### THE TOPEKA TROUBLE.

Biddle Was Unable to Make His Bond Good and Surrenders.

### STOVER REOPENS HIS ACCOUNTS.

Several Populists Attempt to Make a Break to the Republicans.

### ANTI-OPTION IN SPRINGFIELD.

Funeral of Gen. Butler—Careless Frank of Boys—Another Free Silver Bill.

TOPEKA, Jan. 13.—Both houses met again this morning, apparently more determined than ever to hold the fort. Several populists, convinced that their position is untenable, have made futile attempts to break away from the radical wing and act with the republicans. Biddle, the state treasurer-elect, has been unable to make good his bond. The trouble in the legislature has frightened his bondsmen so that several have withdrawn. The republican treasurer, Stover, who was held over, will reopen his accounts today. The proposition to recognize the populist house came up in the senate on the appeal from the decision of President Daniels, who had received Chief clerk Rich, of the populist house. Senator Scott, republican, appealed, and the senate voted to sustain the chair, 23 to 17. Taylor, populist, and O'Brien, democrat, voted with the republicans, and Dillard, democrat, with the populist.

### Anti-Option in Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 13.—A stir was caused in the house this morning by the introduction of a resolution calling on the Illinois members of congress to work for the passage of the anti-option bill. The question soon became a party one, the democrats in accordance with the position of Senator Palmer opposing it, the republicans to fit Senator Cullum's position favoring it. The democrats finally succeeded in rallying enough democratic farmers to their aid to refer the resolution to the committee on federal relations by the close vote of fifty-seven to fifty-five. It is understood that the democrats intend to allow the resolution to sleep in the committee.

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