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A county deserving prosperity must like any other legitimate business collect her outstanding debts. All property owners must be aware that they are yearly indebted to their county in a certain sum of money to liquidate their taxes, but, unfortunately, as in all other counties, we have that certain class who favor the postponement until the last hour, and then invariably seek some technical flaw in order to avoid payment. Is it fair or just that A should pay his taxes promptly and that B should let his remain unpaid? It compels A to pay taxes on interest accumulated by B.

Our county court has now on hand for collection rolls for the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, which it requires the sheriff to close out by sale during the present year. The accumulation of back taxes invariably falsifies the county's assets with unjust, illegal and double assessments, which no doubt are uncollectable. Therefore the county is desirous of clearing up said rolls by sale and thereby relieve property owners of any apparent clouds to their titles.

Some weeks ago we called the attention in these columns to the fact that we knew of a boy who had no home, but who would be willing to work for his board and clothing and schooling in some good family. The lad now has a very nice home, as a result of the announcement, and he could have had his pick of several such, or at least his friends who were looking out for him could. It would surprise most people who have had no experience with these things to know how many families there are where a good boy or girl would fit in and be a very desirable acquisition. There is, somewhere, a place for every well disposed person, young or old. It is one of the most important duties of society to find the round holes for the round pegs in the shape of individuals, and the square holes for the square pegs. After all, the best crop we produce is the crop of children. For them all the work of the world is performed, for they will soon be the whole people.—Salem Statesman.

The time seems ripe when the West should demand, and demand in no uncertain tones, that it receive its share of appropriations for internal improvements. The river and harbor bill of the congress just enacted carried \$40,000,000 for such improvements, \$38,000,000 of which was to be expended in the East, and \$2,000,000 in the West. Does this seem a fair division of the people's money? As Senator Warren and Senator Carter said in the senate in the discussion of this bill, the West pays its share of taxes and it should receive its share of benefits. It should receive, to be used for storage reservoirs on the headwaters of the

navigable rivers, its share of the vast sums spent annually in the Eastern United States for the widening and dredging of rivers and improvements of harbors.

Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll delivered an address a short time ago at the funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Bowman in Kansas City. Col. Ingersoll is an old friend of the family, and in his address said: "I first met the lady who now lies before us asleep, nearly half a century ago. Then we were both young and poor, with nothing but youth and hope to start on. Somehow, somewhere I feel that I shall meet her again."

Mrs. George, just acquitted of the murder of Saxton, says she is going to lecture on "woman rights". Just the same, it was her counsel's eloquent plea on "woman wrongs" that saved her.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Golden Eagle Mining Co., at the office of French & Co., bankers, Wednesday, May 31, 1899, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting. By order of the president.

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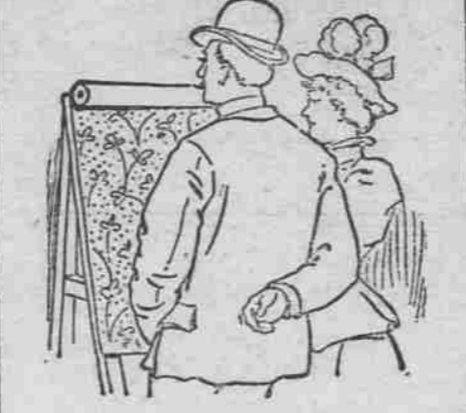
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