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EXACT JUSTICE IN TAXATION IMPOSSIBLE

In addressing a delegation of farmers at Harrisburg in that state the other day Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania made the statement that not a cent spent on state highways, schools, agricultural activities or for other purposes of state government comes from the farmers or the working people of Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvania and Delaware," he declared, "are the only two states in the Union that do not have land tax laws."

Commenting on this supposed happy status of Pennsylvania farmers, The Harrisburg Telegraph says:

"That is true. In Pennsylvania the corporationsmany of them foreign-pay all the expenses of running the state government, if we exclude what comes from auto, game and fish licenses, all of which go to special purposes. The corporations pay the freight in Pennsylvania, and when one pauses to give thought to the subject, it is amazing that in time every state highway will be permanently paved without the farmers who use them most having been assessed one penny in taxes to pay for them.

Many people in Oregon have been casting about for meth- for repairs under applied socialods to bring this state up to the point, or nearer to it, that istic business theories than the is the boast of Pennsylvania and Delaware-

But here comes the Philadelphia Record putting a fly der private business management. into the ointment.

The Record says:

"There is a common fallacy embodied here. It is true, of course, that there is no direct state tax levied on the land here, as in most of the commonwealths; but that does not gressional district, a candidate acter. This is also not the first necessarily mean that owners of farms do not contribute has announced his intention to time that the post has thought of anything to the maintenance of the state government. There make the race for congress the mechanical factors of the are indirect as well as direct forms of taxation. It is not against Uncle Joe Cannon. But modern world. Before he beto be assumed that 'the corporations pay the freight in Penn- it is a long time until the primar- came the best known living Indian sylvania' without making an intelligent effort to ease the ies, and he is likely to change his he was a brakeman on a British burden on their treasuries by passing the greater part of it mind. Uncle Jee dates back to railroad out of Calcutta. to other shoulders. This they do in the shape of higher rates the 43rd congress-to a time al- While the descendant of one of on freight, including agricultural produce, which the farmer most "since the woods were India's greatest religious leaders y, and in various other ways which the corporation burnt." lawyer is skillful in devising. In the end it will doubtless be found that the Pennsylvania agriculturist contributes in indirect forms quite as much as do his brothers in other states education is reported from West he thought out many things less which levy a direct tax.

"It is absurd to suppose that the people of New York, said, illiterates under 21 who are lines. He observed that the white It is estimated that his royalties Massachusetts, New Jersey and other states are really help- brought into the municipal cour: man had the upper hand, not being to pay any considerable sum for Pennsylvania's high- in future are to be sentenced to cause of spiritual or even mental ways, schools, etc. The legislatures of those commonwealths the "school of opportunity" in- superiority, but because he conknow how to safeguard their taxpayers' interests quite as stead of to jail. A former muni- centrated upon the utilization of

well as that of Pennsylvania does.

"Most political economists favor direct rather than indi- if the plan works well perhaps able philosophers and countless rect taxes, because then the taxpayer knows what he is called upon to give. It is an argument against the indirect method that the property-owner may contribute more than his fair share without being conscious of the fact."

So there you are-There is no balm in Gilead for the taxpayer under any kind of a tax system. Exact justice in taxation is impossible. There is no such an animile—any more than it is true

that all men are created free and equal.

If it were possible to imagine every living person in Oregon today as the equal of every other living person in this state in all things, material, physical, mental, spiritual, they would not be equal tomorrow. The babies born tonight would not be equal in all things; and the rest of the people would not be equal in all things; and the rest of the people would rebready 21. Tuesday—John D. Mickle To the turbulent Occident, not make the same uses of their talents tomorrow. There address South Salem Parent teacher which had begun to weary of its

would be many inequalities tomorrow night, and more at own lurid love literature, his delithe end of each succeeding day.

There will never be a tax system formulated that will most other-worldly, made a powbear equally upon all; for the system must be general, while erful appeal. the circumstances and abilities of the people for which it is devised are as varied as the number of persons who must tion of the west, was still more pay the taxes, directly or indirectly.

But all this is no argument against better systems of tax- of letters. His inherited senses of ation in Oregon.

Emma Goldman laments for herself and Berkman, "nobody appears to want us." The United States tried to con- for India his message to her and vey that idea to their minds. If persons avow hostility to his advice as to how she should all governments they cannot be surprised if all governments | meet new world conditions. wish them to keep out. Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman made themselves offensive and dangerous here by their in Calcutta, can be summed 'up attacks upon our political and economic systems and their in these words: India can omly praise of the Russian communists, and we deported them to come into her own when Indians Russia, where they ought to have been happy, but were mis- keep pace with the advanced maerable. They have succeeded in getting into Sweden, but tions in scientific knowledge and they are there only under permits granted for two weeks at its application to the problems of a time, which will not be indefinitely renewed. If they can get a permit for the purpose they will go to Vienna, but as of material things and materailthey are the enemies of all governments, no government cares for their presence.

A POET DOWN TO EARTH

Rabindranath Tagore, the only

It is no new thing for a Ta-

gore to have an influence in In-

Tagore has for several years had

an immense following in his own

land as well as in the Occident.

were men of tremendous influ-

ence, largely of a spiritual char-

men of much wisdom who were

eager to get almost any kind of

Asiatic who ever won the Nobel

edge of science.

Politicians predict that Colonel the scope of the school will be Bryan will soon make the race for extended so that arrest will not Un'ted States senator from Flor be necessary as a preliminary to ida. The state might go farther matriculation. and fare worse. The Everglades have never set things on fire with their senatorial representatives.

Now that the arms parley is about to quit, one feature impresses itself upon the onlooker. That is, not a single one of the nations represented has any idea attitude on the part of his coun- as he writes of factories and of disturbing the peace. They simply want to be assured that they will be let alone.

Chicago invested almost \$3 -000,000 in a municipal repair tery over affairs through knowl- things." Nevertheless, he has shop plant, and has closed it because it cost 300 per cent more same repairs would have cost un-Even as rich a city as Chicago could not carry the burden.

Back in the 18th (Illinois) con-

h's run, taking orders from men Something new in penology and far below him in mental ability, Palm Beach, Fla., where, it is poetical than his rose-tinted love cipal judge is the moving spirit. physical forces. He saw many which he had been receiving from

FUTURE DATES

foreman or the boss of a construc-February 7, Thursday-Naturalization

csv in cricuit court.

Boy Scout Week—February 8 to 14.

"Wear the square knot and do a good turn daily."

February 9. Thursday—Flax and hemp February 9, Thursday-Contest at Cor-

vallis between drill teams of Salem and Eugene Woodmen of the World.
February 10, Friday—Boy Scout protrouble with India, but when he gram at state fair grounds.

February 10, Friday—Arbor Day.

February 15, Wednesday—Company F ance, of lotus blossoms and of

smoker at Armory.
February 16 to 19 inclusive—State clusive love.
Christian Endesver convention

cate prose-poetry, languid and al-

But the poet, for all the adulaa leader of his people than a .man responsibility as a teacher continued to dominate him. Figally he began the task of working out

His plan, as given out recently life. India, he says, is the slave worshiping men because she hat scorned the material and followed solely after that which is spiri-

What he has to say comes as the fruit not only of his observations and thoughts in India, but of many months of close study of

Thus it is that the direct descendant of one of India's greatest prize for literature, has paused mystics is the champion of main his work as a poet long enough | terialism. He is still the poet, to become the crusader for a new to be sure, so much so that even trymen toward material things. power problems his sentences pos-In sharp contrast to Gandhi, Ta- sess a lyrical quality rarely found gore is preaching not the sever- in treatises on economics. He is ance of all relations with the still the fervent Buddhist, with white races, but rather diligent frequent references to his basic stopped lulling the west with love call for the east to awake and face the facts of the modern world. dia. The present Rabindranath A poet has come down to earth. has dug his toes into the dirt and is apparently about to perform His father and his grandfather his finest service for his pecule

THE FATHER OF THE AUTO-MOBILE

The revolutionary influence of the gasoline engine upon niodern social development is a commonplace of observation. Of what other recent invention approaching it in importance is the inventwin Selden, who gied at his home in Rochester, N. Y., the other day, is not even in "Who's Who." Nor apcial returns from his engine amounted in all to some \$200 .-000. If his patent had been fully sustained in the courts the royalties of four-fifths of 1 p-r cent client manufacturers would have amounted to many million dollars by the time the patent ex-February 6, Monday-Father and Son a job at the hands of a section pired in 1912. As it was, he is reputed to have lost in litigation about as much as his royalties

But his first literary productions had in them nothing of the His defeat in the courts does not vitlate his title as the "father shrick of factory whistles His from the company of great American inventors. Technical points. turned, did not concern the his-To the turbulent Occident, tion and its recognition by the patent office, seems to have figured in the developments affecting his remuneration. There is perhaps ironical coincidence in the fact that the inventor was himself a patent lawyer. He was graduated at Yale in 1869 and admitted to the bar in 1871.

After experimenting for several years with the possibilities of steam as a motive power for road "That's my wireless." said Dud- vehicles he completed his pioneer "Hal and I rigged it up gasoline-driven "horseless carthese last two days, when you riage" in 1878, and applied for a patent in the following year. It the church music from it. We got was granted in November, 1895. it all fixed. There's several sta- Meanwhile, some 10 years earlier Selden's successful performance Grandfather Perkins pulled out |- Daimler and Benz in Europe a worn leather pouch. "Here, had devised similar machines, son," he said. "I want you to | Suits against American manufacturers for infringement of the and one for the concerts at the Selden patent were brought in 1900 and decided in the lower courts in Selden's favor. The "What a sick-looking watch judgment was reversed by the appellate divisions and new suits were brought by the Electric Vehicle company, to which Selden had sold his patent rights.

The sued manufacturers, with eventually agreed to pay royalties only, and should never appear in to the company. Ford, however, continued the fight alone, and upon winning a judgment that his type of motor was not an infringement of the Selden patent, the royalties ceased, the other manufacturers claiming that their engines were of the Ford type. The incident may help to explain Mr. Ford's recent comments on the vulnerability of patents, a weakness of which he has also been wictim at other times. There is, ome satisfaction also, in considering the history of disappointed inventors, that Selden, like Ford, became a successful manufactur-

JAPANESE POET, ENGLISH job, but be shot at sunvise. The leave a stock of hootch to his BRIDE

London is highly interested just now in the marriage of Gonuaski Komai, the Japanese poet, to Nora Morgan, English classical day politeness may be considered dancer. Such a marriage in Oregon or California would have created violent criticism, but England is merely amiably interested in the union and prefers to accept | it with the usual sentiment town. aroused by any prominent ro-

The bridegroom, we are told. has transformed his London residence into "a Japanese palace of singular beauty," and has promised to "write the story of his romance" himself. The bride is deescribed as a particularly beautiful and cultured girl, who "has accepted all the customs of her husband's country."

It may be that these two can prove the happy exceptions, but it is the sort of marriage one can't help accepting with reservations. It may be as well for the Japanwhile it is hot. Or perchance he will do well never to write it at brides have proved in similar ex-

But we are assured that 'the Japanese are getting whiter all the time." It may be that Komai is the forerunner of a race of white Japanese, but it is noteworthy that his poetry is still effort toward acquiring their ma;- belief that "God envelops all brown. It was its brownness that intrigued London, its "difference" that made him famous. It is poslyrics and has sounded a trumpet sible that a cultured classical dancer can live up to that difference-but Komai has not yet written the story of his romance.

FAMILY JARS

Even a Philadelphia home is not impervious to domestic jars. There is a sad case of family embroilment in the divorce courts there that began when the husband filled up on moonshine and tried to play one of his wife's waffles on the phonograph. There was a quarrel which ended when the husband smashed a large poror so little known' George Pald. trait of Uncle William over the wife's head, leaving her nack did he reap anything like the fin- and the man to jail. Their home is to rent. Keep away from the

THE CALL OF COURTESY

The Louisville street car company is conducting a courtesy campaign. Motormen and conductors are being taught to do this Alphonse and Gaston business. If an irate passenger is carried beyond his station and threatens to shoot up the train it will be the business of the conductor to back the car up to his landing and kiss him good night. All the employes of the company are being taught that the public is composed of real human beings who must be served with politeness and dignity. If a conductor forgets himself and growls out the old, familiar, "Get a move on you," he will not only lose his

motormen are made to believe that courtesy is the first law of nature. The result of the Louis- the robins and make the spring ville experiment will be awaited with interest in other cities. Some a part of the daily grind in the handling of traffic. In Salem, that has been the rule all along. The street car men here are am-

HISTORIC NAMES

ong the most polite people in

The unsavory advertising of our historic names, such as Grover Cleveland tied to the Bergdoll treason, and Roscoe Conkling linked with the Arbuckle case, has aroused several civic societies to demand that something be done about it. Nothing can be done. We can neither spike them down in museums nor copyright them

In a democracy no saint is responsible for the unsaintly conduct of his name after it is carved on his tomb. Paternal pride does well to exaggerate its offspring conditions in this country and ese poet if he writes that romance and keep the great names going. The custom is patriotic and freshens the remembrance of some all—unless the bride is more heroic exploit. Little Lucius adaptable than other Caucasian Quintius Cincinnatus is christened in the hope that he will be found waiting at the plow. That he is waiting so often for trial is the fault of history, which declines to repeat itself .- Leslie's Weekly.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Webfoot land is herself again.

* * *

If a Salem man should die and

Beautiful, warm rain.

And it got by more prilliantly than its best friends expected if Denial is made of the malicious report that Lloyd George, in a time of such distress, is building a \$75,000 house, and it is said that the cost will not be a third of that; but such stories travel fast when an election is in prospect.

heirs, would that be a bootlegacy?

flowers bloom.

This kind of weather will bring

One big thing got by without

Lloyd George even giving it the

once over or the finishing punch

Refering to the arms conference,

The French Academy of Medicine is divided over the proposal to admit Mme Curie, the discoverer of radium, to membership, many holding that the academy should be a men only organization. It is not surprising, in view of French tardiness in extending full privileges of citizenship to women; and Mme Curie's fame does not need the honor, though

medical sicence might profit by

such an extension of her opportu-



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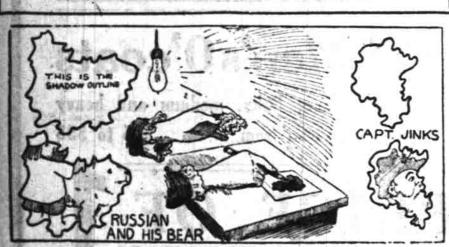
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AN EVENING WITH SHADOW SKETCHES



ou don't know what they're to the figure made and all that reuntil you've finished drawing That's shadow sketches

Wad up a piece of newspaper about ten inches square. Do not dog's face, add a few lines to indi- and Dudley came running in nake too tight a wad, but one that cate his hair. If the figure is to d numerous little corners and be a human face, it is a very simdips and such. Hold this wad of ple matter to fill in the features. batteries for my wireless, and he r under a light so that a nadow is cast upon another piece ple shadow sketches in his drawof smooth white paper on the ta- ing. On the left side of his pic-The shadow should be black, ture he has made a Russian with wan't going to have none of that not gray and the edges clear cut.

Make Outline of Shadow s you hold the wad of paper der the light with one hand shadow sketch much easier to time.

Now then— What does the shadow outline

mains is to fill in the detail lines. had gone off on this long vovage. you have. Shadow-Sketch Parties

a dog, draw in the features of the The artist has shown two sam- saidhis dog. And on the other side of foolishness around here." the picture is old Captain Jinks,

the pirate chieftain. One of these evenings when ger to her lips. Nothing more a pencil in the other, and you and your friends have nothing was said about the wireless. carefully around the outline in particular to do, have a shadow I the shadow, Follow the shadow sketch party. Award a prize to Perkins was wheeling his chair me'y, getting in all the little the one who can make the clever-around and fussing about the late rners and points. This makes est shadow sketch in the shortest breakfast. "Grandfather." said

It's loads of fun.

TODAY'S PUZZLE

ONE REEL YARNS

"That boy ain't going to spend no money rigging up that thing on my roof. It's a pity he can't a nice, sensible boy and not all the time getting these crazy notions." Old Mr. Perkins moved his wheel chair after his daugh-

plaints out into the kitchen. Mrs. Perkins sighed. She didn't blame Dudley for getting dis-It was hard for any boy to have some one fussing about every bit of fun he tried to Of course, she did feel sorry for her husband's father, who was a fretful, discontented invalid. but she often wished she had not promised her husband, when he that she would stay at his father's

house until his return. The door suddenly burst open "I was just telling your ma,"

said Mr. Rerkins testily, "that I speak, but his mother put her fin-

Sunday morning came, and Mr. Dudley, "how'd you like to go to church and hear the organ again?'

"Taunting an old man for being The same letters. rearranged, helpless, are ye?" said his grand-

what's this you scalawag!" Then a strange look came into his face. he said. "I- Thear church music!"

weren't feeling so well and were in your room. You can hear all tions connected with the church, After the music was over.

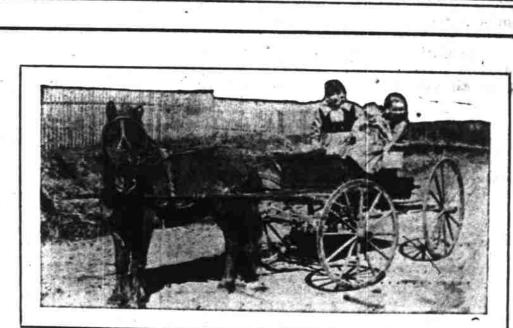
buy some more of them wireless-One for the prayer meetin's

"Yes, its hours are numbered.

TOOTHPICKS

When you see anyone going along the street using a toothpick, you know he probably "just the exception of Henry Ford, grew" and wasn't "brought up. Toothpicks are for use in private





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