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The New Tax Laws.

There will be many complaints in the Fall of 1904, when the taxpayers are called upon to pay a second tax in one year. For the time being it will seem almost like a double taxation, yet every one knows that the tax burden will be no greater because of the change in the time for paying taxes. Heretofore the people have paid their taxes in March and April, but in 1904 a new law passed by the last legislature will go into effect, requiring that taxes be paid on or before the last day of December of the same year the assessment of property is made. In March, 1904, property owners will pay their taxes due upon the assessment of 1903, and in December of the same year they will pay upon the assessment made in the Spring of 1904. After the first year there will be but one tax to pay annually.

The change in the law was made in response to a demand that has been heard for several years, especially in the rural districts, where both the farmers and merchants have more money in the Fall and early Winter than at any other time of the year. As property-owners may have an extension of time on half of their taxes until April if they pay the first half in December, the new law presents as equitable a plan as is possible. The farmer who wishes to hold his crop until Spring before selling may do so without great inconvenience so far as payment of taxes is concerned.

The reduction of the rebate for prompt payment from 3 per cent to 2 per cent seems to have been well advertised. During the past two weeks the property owners in every county in the state have been crowding the Sheriffs' offices to pay their taxes within the time limit, and thereby save three cents on each dollar. No penalty has ever been so effective in securing prompt payment as this rebate plan has been, and it is well that the rebate was not abandoned. At the same time, it is quite certain that the payments will be nearly as large with an allowance of 2 per cent rebate as with a deduction of 3 per cent, and the public treasuries may save the difference.

The payment of a large proportion of the taxes in December of 1904 will start all the counties and the state with a good sum of money in the treasury at the beginning of 1905. Some of the counties that have been keeping a little behind and have been paying interest on warrants may be enabled to get even with the world and start anew. The accumulation of money will be but temporary, however, for, as said before, the total amount of revenues will be no greater, but will merely be received earlier. After the change has been effected and the people have forgotten the temporary inconvenience of being required to pay taxes twice in one year, the new arrangement will give almost universal satisfaction.—Ex.

First to arrive with the telegraphic news—The Weekly Oregonian.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

LEXINGTON, March 18, 1903.

St. Patrick's day was appropriately observed Tuesday.

N. A. Leach, of Ione, was in town Monday evening.

Mr. Gifford of Kerr, Gifford & Co. was in town Monday.

W. B. McAlister received a new safe last week for his office.

Miss Iona White has received a part of her stock of millinery.

Nichols & Leach have erected a new awning in front of their store.

D. M. Potter expects to leave for Vancouver, Wash., next Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Broadly is very sick. Some doubt is entertained as to her recovery.

The Odd Fellows are trying to organize at this place. The outlook is very favorable.

A. Reaney returned from Washington last week. He had been called there by the death of his father.

W. F. Barnett, J. M. White, and W. R. Munkers went to view the proposed change in county road No. 27, Monday.

Died—At his home near Lexington, March 13, 1903, E. S. Tyler. Mr. Tyler was born at Lake Mills, Wis., March 12, 1850, hence, he was nearly 53 years old. He emigrated to Iowa in 1870, where he lived most of the time until he came to Oregon last August. He was converted to God in January, 1874, under the ministry of Rev. Samuel Snyder, a brother of Mrs. Tyler. He remained a faithful Christian until death. He was class leader of the Methodist church at Lexington. He was always faithful to all his religious duties. He was married to Miss E. M. Snyder in Iowa July 27, 1879. To them were born six boys and five girls, all of whom remain to mourn his loss. The family loses a loving father and husband, the church loses a faithful member and the community a good citizen.

Carnegie Gives $5000.

Grant's Pass, Ore., March 15.—This city is to receive $5000 from Andrew Carnegie for the establishment of a free reading-room and library. The promise of this amount of money from the philanthropist has been brought about through the efforts of the Grant's Pass Woman's Club, which has been working for some time in the matter of establishing a library here. Several months ago they began the task of reaching Mr. Carnegie by letter, and at last, through his 14th or 15th secretary, comes the reply that the $5000 asked for will be forthcoming when the city of Grant's Pass pledges support for the library after it is established; for Mr. Carnegie will not build libraries unless he can be assured they will remain permanent fixtures.

Battleship for Idaho.

Washington, March 15.—The selection of the name "Idaho" for one of the 13,000-ton battleships was made by direction of the President as a compliment to Senator Heyburn, the Republican Senator from that state. President Roosevelt has conversed with Senator Heyburn several times, and at once formed a very great liking for him. As soon as the naval bill was passed and the question of naming the battleships came up the President insisted that one should bear the name "Idaho," and so directed Secretary Moody. Senator Heyburn preferred no such request as this, although he appreciated the courtesy. When he called on the President yesterday, he was told that the selection of "Idaho" was a compliment to him, and made for no other purpose.

Spring Medicine

There is no other season when good medicine is so much needed as in the Spring.

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Cannery is Assured.

Echo, Ore., March 13.—A jackrabbit cannery for Echo is said to be assured. H. C. Willis, chief promoter, showed the plant which is to be employed as the cannery, the proposed slaughter house site for the jacks and cottontails, and several samples of the canned product.

Mr. Willis says construction of a rabbit corral will be begun within 30 days. The location will be on the Meadows, about five miles north of Echo, and the corral wings are to be a mile long, reducing to an 80 acre alfalfa field. A drive is to be held and the jacks driven into the big alfalfa field, which will be enclosed with a rabbit tight fence. Thence they will be taken as wanted for canning purposes. Frank Van Cleve of Echo has a contrivance for capturing the bunnies in the field, and after being taken from this trap they will be borne to the rabbit slaughtery on the outskirts of Echo.

Mr. Willis says one jackrabbit will yield two pounds of canned meat. He proposes to sell this meat at 30 cents a pound, making the industry a profitable one. He has just ordered 2000 hermetically sealed cans from Astoria and expects to send a large consignment to Japan shortly. The cities of the coast, the orient, the dining car companies and the big restaurants of the United States are to constitute the market—Pendleton Tribune.

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A government cook, named Ollie Motley, liberated three general prisoners at Fort Walla Walla, Sunday night, from the post garrison. The four men fled and are still at large.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP.

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"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Ramedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spells would come at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by Slocum Drug Co.

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