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The United States Supreme Court in a recent decision upholds Judge Landis, who fined the Standard Oil company \$29,000,000. Could it be possible that the big concern will be forced to dig up the influence that this fine will have will be worth more than the \$29,000,000.

The money of all kinds in circulation in the United States on February 1, amounted to \$35.61 per capita. This is the largest per capita circulation in any country in the world having a stable monetary system, except France, where the per capita circulation is nearly \$40. The aggregate increase in money in circulation since February 1, 1907, is over \$190,000,000, and per capita \$1.65.

The poultry industry is growing rapidly in the vicinity of Heppner. Within the city limits can be found flocks of pens of as fine chickens as can be found in the Northwest. Climatic conditions are certainly favorable for poultry raising in Morrow county. Up to within the last year or so not enough eggs were produced to supply our local demand and it was necessary to bring eggs in from the outside. It is different now. Within the past few weeks Minor & Co. have shipped out over 700 dozens of eggs, while other firms have been receiving good sized consignments.

It is a common sight to see fishermen along Willow creek angling for the beautiful mountain trout. Owing to an error in the passage of a bill at the last session of the Legislature, the law for the protection of trout was repealed with the exception of Rogue river and its tributaries in Southern Oregon. Trout have been taken from Willow creek all winter. While all sportsmen are aware of the fact that it is necessary to protect the fish in order to save them, still the theory is that the other fellow will get them, and the consequences are that the fish will soon be gone under present conditions.

T. J. Mahoney, of Ione, has announced his candidacy for joint representative for Umatilla and Morrow counties. Mr. Mahoney's announcement will be greeted with interest and satisfaction by the people of Morrow county. This county has not been represented in the legislature by a Morrow county man for six years. The Gazette believes that each and every county in the state should have a representative. Mr. Mahoney is a successful and competent business man with large interests at stake in this county. He will be strongly supported in the district and will represent our interests in an able and conscientious manner.

RECORDS 325 SHEEP IN 9 HOURS
World's Record for Removing Wool by Machinery.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 19.—The world's record for shearing sheep by machinery was broken today by a man named F. Egan, who sheared 325 sheep in 9 hours. The next highest record today was made by J. Dowdle, who sheared 309. The shearing plant employs 30 shearers and the plant also made a world's record today, shearing 6572 sheep in nine hours, at \$22 per man. The shearing was performed at Beardsley, 27 miles northwest of Phoenix.—Eleven of this crew are returning to Heppner to shear with the Wittenberger crew.

Creed Owens, the Hardman sheepman, was in the city the first of the week.

SOCIETY.

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks has the reputation of doing things in a social way and never in the history of No. 358 has this reputation been so well sustained as on last Friday evening, Feb. 21st, when the annual birthday party was given. The affair was the social event of the season and was a grand success in every particular.

The Commercial Club was exceedingly well decorated for the occasion with purple and white streamers, flags and evergreens. The floor in the big gymnasium was in splendid condition for dancing and this with the excellent music furnished by Prof. Bergfelt's orchestra, of The Dalles, made the dancing part of the program one grand success.

Cards and social intercourse were indulged in by the non dancers and a happy good time was the result of all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

At eleven o'clock the Elks gathered around the punch bowl and after singing Old Lang Syne, even strokes of the gong called back to the memory the absent brothers and a toast was drunk to their health.

A delicate lunch of sandwiches, cake, brick ice cream, and coffee was served in the dining room on the second floor. This lunch was spread on the table and was at the disposal of the guests at any and all times.

Dr. and Mrs. Esson, of The Dalles, Mrs. G. W. Phelps and Miss Fay Bartholomew, of Pendleton, were out of town guests coming for this special occasion. Dr. and Mrs. Esson returning Monday, and Miss Bartholomew Tuesday morning to their respective homes. Mrs. Phelps still remains as the guest of her sister Mrs. M. B. Metzler.

The Elks are entertainers and certainly did themselves proud on this occasion, which will be long remembered by those present.

A dancing party, in honor of Miss Fay Bartholomew, was given in Roberts' hall Monday evening by her hostess, Mrs. B. R. Patterson. A very enjoyable evening was whiled away.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Metzler, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jones; Mesdames Redfield, Phelps and McSworrd; Misses Josephine and Mable Cameron, Edythe and Sybil Hager, Maude Mills, Vallejo McAtee, Juanita Matlock, and Fay Bartholomew; Messrs Dan Smythe, of Pendleton, Oscar Borg, Garfield Crawford, Percy Garrigues, Dr. M. A. Leach, Dr. F. B. Kistner, and Carl Rhea.

The 44th anniversary of the Order of Knights of Pythias was duly celebrated Tuesday evening in open session. Knights and their ladies and a few invited guests gathered at the Castle hall at eight o'clock and there made merry until a late hour.

The Grand Army and Relief Corps were invited in by the Knights, and Comrade Haynes made a short speech on patriotism.

Doric No. 20 has a large membership and Knights from all over the county were present and assisted in making the occasion a grand success.

The Crawford orchestra furnished music and Otheo Crawford sang two solos in a very commendable manner. Miss Katie Neville and Blanche Carter recited, which consisted the program. Five hundred was a feature of the evening.

A delicate lunch was served in the dining hall which was brought in by the ladies. This part of the program was exceedingly well handled by Dr. and Mrs. Hunlock and the table arrangement reflects credit upon these people.

Dufur has passed an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of white rats in that town.

SPRING SEASON COMES EARLY

Every Indication That Winter is Thing of Past.

Talk about your California weather.

Bright warm days, flowers springing up on the hills and birds singing in the trees are conditions that now prevail.

There is every indication that spring is here. A few weather prophets predict bad weather next month, but that remains to be seen.

Dust is beginning to fly. In some localities farmers complain of lack of moisture, still crop conditions are favorable.

TAX EXEMPTION.

Digest of Amendment by Tax Reform Association.

Portland, Feb. 21.—To the State Press.—Answering requests for a concise statement, the Oregon Tax Reform association submits this analysis of the tax exemption amendment. Its general aim is to release industry and improvements from the repressive pressure of taxation.

First—Exempts dwellings. Every new home strengthens our state. The present law encourages gambling in homesites until a good site costs as much as a comfortable dwelling. This demand that the savings of years be given up for the mere chance to build necessitates postponement and congests population.

Second—Real estate agents will find plenty to do bringing together the "land poor" man who finds withholding from use unprofitable, with the homeseeker who an and will gladly pay the tax when the speculative value has thus been squeezed from the purchase price and the house he builds and everything in it will be exempt.

Third—Exempts farm production and improvements. The farmer, insisting on taxing everything, always pays taxes on everything of his own, while the bulk of the wealth drained from farms to cities eludes the assessor. Farm belongings are not of the nature to be concealed. Constituting less than 25 per cent of the population, farmers have been paying more than 50 per cent of the state taxes, and the supreme court has now abolished the customary \$300 exemption. Let farmers compare the assessment of vacant land alongside of them with that of their improved farms which make that vacant land valuable. Compare taxes paid per acre by land grants with that of improved farms. But, while dwellings and farm improvements are subject to taxes, farmers will pay, a d railroads and city franchises will not. The only way for farmers to have anything exempt is to exempt it open and above board by law.

Fourth—Manufacturing exempt. Manufacturers everywhere agree that manufacturing will be stimulated, thus creating a "home market" for Oregon farmers—not in Massachusetts, but in Oregon.

Fifth—Workingmen's tools exempt. Increased competition for workers in factory, farm and building trades will reverse the present order where the only competition is that of workers against each other for jobs.

Sixth—Benefits merchant. Vacant lots and land grants buy no dry goods and groceries. With raw material worked up at home, freights would be saved; workers would have more wages to spend and there would be more workers, and producing farmers would take the place of idle sections, reflecting their prosperity in that of business in general. Oregon's enterprising merchants will never object to so greatly stimulate production by shifting the tax upon public made values of franchises and vacant lands.

Seventh—The banker. It will give our bankers a chance to loan our millions of deposits on legitimate enterprise instead of on speculative schemes discounting the future—in short, give money to industries and not to speculation.

Eighth—It will discourage grabbing for holdup purposes, just ahead of industry, of our unsurpassed natural resources, and make more profitable the employment of the able brains of our public service corporations in their proper business as common carriers.

Ninth—Thus the amendment is opposed only to his interests who fence a rural opportunity away from labor, and to such a one it opens the pleasing prospect of getting down from the fence and becoming a useful citizen.

OREGON TAX REFORM ASS'N.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Joint Representative for the 22nd representative district, consisting of Morrow and Umatilla counties, subject to the will of the republican party at the coming primary election. If nominated and elected I will fill the office to the best of my ability and for the interests of the State of Oregon and of the district which I represent, and I further promise to vote for the republican candidate for U. S. Senator receiving the highest number of votes at the primary election. T. J. MAHONEY.

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