

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1889. SHOULD BE TAXED.

It is believed that proper policy and a due regard for economy and correct administration of public matters in Clatsop county require that all property, so far as practicable, should be taxed.

That a great deal escapes taxation is plain to the most casual observer. The folly of allowing indebtedness has much to do with this, but that is the law, and can be enforced even if it is not respected.

But there is one form of evading taxation that the county commissioners should not allow to continue. It has continued since the county was organized, and should be stopped. It is the avoidance of recording title to property from the state, or from the United States, and thus year after year, escaping the payment of any taxes, while the owners share in the benefits afforded and procure by the money raised from taxes upon their neighbors' property.

A buys, or preempts, or homesteads government land. He improves it, lives upon it, and in course of time receives a U. S. patent; the patent he omits to have recorded in the county books of record, and so long as his property goes so unrecorded, so long it goes free of all taxation.

This is manifestly unjust. The attention of the county court is directed to this matter. It is their business to see that it is stopped, and their province to take such steps as will place this class of property on the tax rolls of the county.

THE ASTORIAN may remark, parenthetically, that in citing the county court's attention to this matter it is actuated by none but motives of public policy and public welfare.

Sometime ago THE ASTORIAN saw fit to call the attention of the commissioners to the fact that economy should be not alone a silent precept, but an active duty; that true economy was in judicious management of the public funds, and not in spasmodic efforts to save cents while dollars were being wasted.

In no censorious spirit; without the slightest desire to adversely criticize or harshly misjudge the actions of the court, we suggest that that honorable body take fitting steps to have the class of property to which we refer placed upon the county tax roll.

They will probably agree with us that it should be taxed.

The way to do that, seems to us, easy enough. Do not regard the county records as the only official source of information. Permit the assessor to visit and inspect the records of the Oregon City land office, or appropriate sufficient to pay the register of that office to furnish a list of such lands. It would be, in our judgment, money well spent.

To allow the present state of affairs to obtain is to allow the perpetuation of an ancient wrong upon the people of the county who are so unfortunate as to own property, and not smart enough to get into alleged debt.

A GOOD IDEA.

THE Seattle Post-Intelligencer insists that the timber in Washington should be reserved for the benefit of the state. It says: "The idea of giving the timber of the several states to the state in which it exists, under conditions which would secure its proper use for state benefit, originated with senator Stanford, of California; but it has never been presented in congress, excepting in a casual way. It should be one of the first efforts of the senators whom we shall send to Washington this coming fall to present this matter to congress in the right form. In such an effort they would unquestionably be joined by all the forces of the Pacific coast, and others we doubt not could easily be brought to see the justice of the claim."

The Walla Walla Union says: "If the idea of senator Stanford can be carried out in the treatment of Washington by the national government, it will make the state one of the wealthiest in the Union. It is simple justice, and all, without regard to party preferences, should labor to secure the desired end."

A "BEEF COMBINE" is the latest. Philip D. Armour & Co., proprietors of a packing establishment at Chicago that employs 6,000 men, and of a similar establishment at Kansas City where 2,000 packers are employed, Nelson, Morris & Co., The Fairbanks Canning company, Fowler & Co., and other packing concerns in Chicago doing an enormous business are members of the combine. Their modus operandi is to establish agencies in every large city in the country for the sale of their chilled beef and salted pork. The local butcher is first asked

to deal with the combine and supply his customers with their refrigerated beef. If he complies he becomes a mere agent of the combine. If he refuses, an opposition establishment is opened, where the chilled beef is sold at a much lower figure than the butcher who deals in meat slaughtered by himself can afford to accept. The ultimate result is that the combine obtains control of the retail market, and having obtained control of it are enabled to make their own terms with the cattle feeders.

PROF. MOMMSEN the widely known German historian, says of this German-American Samoan dispute: "It is a dispute unworthy of men. I think both sides acted childishly. Why should great nations like Germany and America call each other hard names for that miserable set of 'kafer' (German for cockroaches) that inhabit Samoa? It seems simply absurd. For my part I would not give a glass of Bavarian beer for all the islands in the Pacific ocean. The Berlin conference will undoubtedly amicably settle this matter, unless, as some of my learned friends maintain, a wave of hysterical insanity is sweeping over the world."

THE proposed ruin of all sugar men and interests by the introduction of "saccharin," the new chemical sweet, seems to have been postponed. Saccharin is over three hundred times as sweet as cutleaf sugar, but also four hundred times as expensive. It has the great advantage of being an anti-ferment and of being harmless to diabetic patients, but its present great cost of production is a bulwark behind which the sugar trust still snickers.

THE state telegraphs in England still fail to meet expenses. The outlay last year exceeded the receipts by more than £6,000, and there was still interest to pay upon a loan of £10,880,571. The total deficiency amounts, therefore, to no less a sum than £332,501. Since 1872, the country has paid in taxation toward the working of the telegraphs the enormous sum of £3,357,400.

MISS PAULINA FULLER ran away from home and was married by a justice of the peace to the man of her choice at Milwaukee, Wis., last Tuesday. She is the daughter of the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, but her papa, high and mighty as he is, cannot overrule nor appeal from the action of that Wisconsin justice of the peace.

How Dimes Are Made.

The United States mint in San Francisco is said to be the largest of the kind in the world. Just at the present time there is a lively demand for silver dimes and two of the money presses have been running exclusively on this coin. The demand is so great these machines are not even stopped on Sunday. The process of dime making is an interesting one. The silver bullion is first melted, and run into 2-pound bars. These in turn are run through immense rollers and flattened out to the thickness of the coin. These silver strips are then passed through a machine, which cuts them into proper size for the presses, the strips first having been treated with a kind of talrow to prevent their being scratched in their passage through the cutters. The silver pieces are then put into the feeder of the printing presses, and are fed to the die by automatic machinery at the rate of 100 per minute, 45,000 dimes being turned out in a regular working day of twelve hours. As the smooth pieces are pressed between the ponderous printing dies, they receive the lettered and figured impression in a manner similar to that of paper pressed upon a form of type; at the same time the piece is expanded in a slight degree, and the small corrugations are cut in its rim. The machine drops the completed coin into a receiver, and it is ready for the counter's hands. The instrument used by the counter is not a complicated machine by any means, as one might suppose. It is a simple copper colored tray, having raised edges running across the surface at a distance about the exact width of a dime. From the receiver the money is dumped on the board or tray, and as it is shaken rapidly by the counter, the pieces settle down into the spaces between the ridges. All these spaces being filled, the surplus coin is brushed back into the receiver, and the counter has exactly 1,250 silver dimes, or \$125 on the tray, which number it requires to fill the spaces. The tray is then emptied into the boxes, and the money is ready for shipment. The dime does not pass through the hands of the weigher as does the coin of a larger denomination. One and one-half grains are allowed for variation or "tolerance" in all silver coins from a dollar down, and the deviation from the standard is so trifling that the trouble and expense of weighing the coin of this denomination is dispensed with.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The steamship companies basing their figures on their present engagements, estimate not less than 75,000 tourists will sail for Europe from this country the coming season.

HAWAII AND SAMOA.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The Herald in an editorial says: Our Washington correspondent, discussing the Samoan situation, throws out a hint which will attract attention on the subject in Honolulu as well as in London and Berlin. If Bismarck, backed as he has been by Salisbury, shall refuse to abate his pretensions to the German control of Samoa, that our correspondent suggests, need not lead to war, though it must necessarily cause a failure of the conference; but when that end is seen it is among the possibilities, our correspondent reports, that the United States will say: "Very well, gentlemen, Germany is determined to control Samoa. In that case the United States will feel bound to hoist the American flag over the Sandwich islands, annex them and make them part of the Union."

SHIP CANAL ACROSS MICHIGAN

LANSING, Mich., March 20.—W. H. Morrell of New York is here to endeavor to induce the legislature to grant a charter for a ship canal across the upper peninsula, connecting lakes Michigan and Superior. The route is 36 miles long and will save 270 miles between Chicago and Duluth.

A WAR CLOUD.

LONDON, March 20.—The Standard's Buda Pesth correspondent guarantees absolute authority for the following: Austria is giving urgent orders to hold in readiness a corps of observation on the Serbian frontier at Bahia, Semlin and two other points. Two tugs and ten barges are ready at each point to transport troops. At the two other points twice the number are in readiness. The railway authorities at Temesvar and other junctions have received orders to be prepared for the immediate transportation of 20,000 troops in twelve hours.

ILLEGAL TIMBER CUTTING.

SPOKANE FALLS, March 20.—Sam Vinson, special agent of the general land department, has arrived from Badger mountain, 160 miles northwest of here, in the Big Bend country. He was ordered out there to investigate the report of trespass on the government timber lands, and found that several millions of feet of lumber had been taken from Badger mountain, covering a scope of country nine miles square. Three saw mills were in operation to their full capacity, two of them owned by Nash & Stevens and one by Cannon & Harris. They were well supplied with logs and timber cutting was carried on without concealment. The people thought they were justified in taking the timber for lumber, fuel, etc., in the development of the country. The law is very plain and will probably cause the trespassers a great deal of trouble.

MASSONS WILL REJOICE.

NEW YORK, March 20.—April 24th has been designated as a day of special thanksgiving for the liquidation of the Masonic debt in this state. It will be an occasion of great joy for the 100,000 Masons, particularly Grand Master Lawrence. Four years ago, when he was installed to the exalted office, a craft debt of \$500,000 stared him in the face. It was incurred by the scheme to establish the Masonic hall and asylum fund. All has been paid.

JESUITS INSTITUTE A LIBEL SUIT.

MONTREAL, March 20.—The Jesuit fathers have brought a suit for \$50,000 libel against the Toronto Mail on account of the publication of an alleged oath taken by the order pledging them to destroy the power of all heretical rulers.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus write W. C. Herrick & Co., of Shelbyville, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

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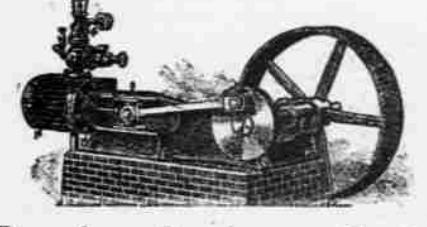
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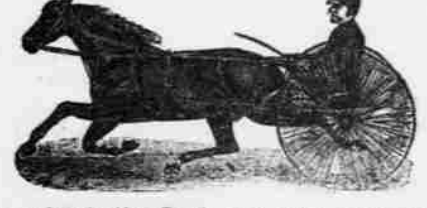
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