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#### THE AGE OF DECISION

Thomas A. Edison reasons from our county at the valuation of \$13,- sequel to an old story told by a lawthe particular to the general, rather 300,000, when it is worth in reality yer of Mrs. Kipling's in Vermont. than from the general to the par- three times that amount. People The old story runs that a man once ticular, in arriving at his conclusion from the east coming here somethat the critical perod of decision in times hesitate to purchase property the life of a boy is between the at the market price because the asages of twelve and sixteen. "If." sessment roll shows it assessed at says the inventor, "a young man has a small percent of the market price. reached twenty-one and is dead I request every taxpayer to drop mentally, no amount of advice, ex- me a card at once and express your ample, or experience will change views as to whether or not you fahim in the slightest." Now Mr. Edi- vor the adjustment of our assessment son himself was, of course, not dead valuation on property. Remember mentally at twenty-one, but it is to raise the valuation will not raise written in his interesting biographics your taxes as you will have a greatthat he had by no means found his er valuation and a less millage. Do gait by the time he was sixteen. "As not write me about high taxes, as a boy," says one writer, "he was I cannot lower them, but let me fun-loving and erratic, too fond of know your opinion on the increased disregarding the rules of the office valuation as I will be governed by to remain long in any one situation." these replies.

Yet at seventy-four he would poll a Thanking you for your hearty good many million votes if an elec- cooperation, I am, sincerely, Fred tion were held to determine the J. Holman, County Assessor. identity of the most useful citizen.

Between twelve and sixteen is a B. F. SWOPE INJURED callow age with most boys. Those who thus early discover a metier and formulate a scheme for the future are exceptions-the Rollo books to the contrary ntwithstanding. In Sunday morning and is now hobour scheme of education we discourage too early tendency to specialization on the theory that many things may occur later to help the youth in making a wise choice. A good many unrecorded tragedies of No bones were broken and it is belife have been the consequence of lieved that he will soon regain the decision hastened by unripe judg- use of his foot. ment.

The true prodigy usually can be trusted to take care of himself. But ed in Salem a big Encampment meetthe parents of youngsters who are still growing and dreaming need not be discouraged. The world has many useful and successful men who their cars for the return trip home. had not even a faint idea what they This was about 3 o'clock Sunday would make of themselves when they were considerably older than to cross a street near the Marion sixteen .- Oregonian.

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Assessor Fred J. Holman states that it is his aim to attempt an this probably prevented more serequalization of assessments in Polk jours injury to Mr. Swope. county this year and that he believes it would be advisable to raise to his ankle, and an examination by the valuation of the county as a a physician revealed that no bones whole to somewhere near the actual had been broken. value of the property of the county. Mr. Holman states that present Polk county property is being assessed at ment, Independence, upon which the 49 percent of its actual value.

Independence Enterprise property of the county is not equit-the fruit interests of Oregon and ably assessed. I also contemplate California. It is only through the raising the assessed valuation of all efforts of cooperative associations property which will not increase the that proper legislation can be secured taxes, one cent, but will benefit us for the fruit interests of the northas a whole. At persent we have a west.

One Year ...... \$150 ratio of 49%, or in other words, property is supposed to be assessed at 49% of its cash valuation, which

know the full value of his autograph is the lowest of any county in the as many a collector has discovered to state. Some assess as high as 97%. It is unjust to us to advertise his bitter amazement. Here is a new wrote to Kipling: "I understand you write for a dollar a word, and send you a dollar for a sample." Kipling's answer was "Thanks" and he kept the dollar. The sequel runs follows: "The man sold the "Thanks" for \$2 and again wrote to Kipling. "I sold your "Thanks" for \$2 and am sending you 46 centsyour share of the profits less the postage."

Rudyard Kipling is reputed to

Lives of Great Men All Remind I



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BISHOP'S

Attorney B. F. Swope was struck by an automobile in Salem early bling around on crutches. He was caught amidships by the fender, and carried a short distance, pitched to the curb, the front wheel of the machine passing over his ankle.

In company with a delegation of local Odd Fellows Mr. Swope attending Saturday night. After the conclusion of the affair the local men were on their way to a garage to get morning. Just as the party started

hotel, without warning, a car was upon them. Mr. Swope did not see it until it was within a few feet of RENDERS REPORT him. He lunged toward the curb and the driver jammed his car in the same direction. It was a Ford and

Mr. Swope's injuries were confined

#### INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

Friday, February 18

IWU TUT	Une Jal
Men's Suits at \$30.00 to \$65.00	Men's Hats at \$6.00 to \$12.0
Men's Overcoats at \$25 to \$75.00	Men's Shoes at \$10.00 to \$16.0
Boys' Suits at \$15.00 to \$25.00	Men's Suits, \$35.00 to \$85.0-
Dress Shirts at \$2.50 to \$15.00	Including Heavy Worsted and Blue Serge
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## BY AUTOMOBILE IN SALEM

In a communication addressed to the taxpayers of the county Mr. Hol- Salem last Saturday evening. The man says:

Since receiving the tax notice from the sheriff no doubt many are wondering why their taxes are higher than previous years.

Study the following data and you will be apprised of the real facts pertaining to the tax increase:

The total taxable valuation for ficials in attendance. Polk county for 1919 was \$13,218,-345 and in 1920, \$13,302,760, or an GOVERNMENT AID FOR increase on an average of \$14.07 per Capita by taking the general levy for 1919 of 21.3 mill would increase the tax of each tax payer less than to the aid of Oregon pear and apple 20 cents.

Mr. Swope was a member of a class of nine from Model Encamp-Royal Purple degree was conferred Willamette Encampment in by other members were: J. A. McLeod. George Stapleton, L. V. Seeley, Clarence Grund, W. D. Powell, Lester Murphy, G. M. Partridge, Guy Vaughan.

Many others from here attended the meeting, which was a prominent affair with state encampment of-

#### DEVELOPMENT OF FRUIT

Senator McNary has again come growers through his efforts in hav-

The state and county levy for 1919 ing congress appropriate \$40,000 was 16 mills, and for 1920, 24.1 mills, for the scientific study of fruit conan increase of 8.1 mills, or \$8.10 on ditions while in ocean transit.

every \$1000.00 valuation. This in-When it became known that concrease was caused by the vote of the gress intended to cut down the appeople on the measures in the pri- propriation for this study of fruit mary election in May of last year, while on ocean steamers, the Ore-At that time the voters of Oregon, gon Growers Cooperative Association by their affirmative vote for appro- at once wired Senator McNary the priations to O. A. C., U of O, Oregon I great importance to Oregon of this Normal, public schools, soldiers', work, and through the representation Sailors' and Marines, and state mar- of the association, he at once, as ket roads levied an additionl tax of chairman of the agricultural commit-\$6,098,258.66 upon themselves. The tee, succeeded in having \$40,000 instate tax plus the 6 percent increase cluded in the appropriations.

without these measures would have Pear and apple growers of Oregon been approximately \$3,400,000.00, will be interested in efforts being but with the increased tax it amounts made by the Oregon Growers' Coopto approximately \$9,500,000.00, of erative association in co-operating which Polk county taxpayers must with the California Pear Growers' pay their part. association to have congress set

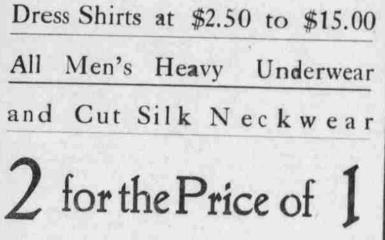
Polk county school districts have aside \$10,000 for the scientific studyvoted an increase of \$17,709.85 over ing of spraying pears and apples. 1919.

It is well known that there is a The general road levy of 1920 is slight film left on apples and pears 7-10 of a mill less than in 1919, but after spraying for codling moth, and on the other hand the people of this film often prejudices eastern road districts 7, 14 and 15 voted a buyers as many think it is poisonous special tax on themselves, the total more or less. amount of which is \$18,205.63,

Senator Charles McNary has been In 1920 all school districts not urged by the Oregon Growers' Cohaving a high school had to pay a operative association to work with high school tax of \$26,325.18, or an Congress to secure an appropriation increase over 1919 of \$8,614.30. for the study of a spray that may

The total tax to be collected by the be used in fighting codling moth sheriff's office for 1920 is \$556,877.63, that will not leave a film on pears an increase of \$43,009.40 over last and apples. year.

While among fruit men it is It is my aim to attempt an equal- known that this film left on fruit ization in assessments. When we is not poisonous, yet this condition assess this year. As at present the has to some extent been prejudicial to





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