

TAXES.

An individual worth \$100,000 begins to figure just before he expects the assessor to arrive, the probable amount of taxes he will have to pay, he soon sees that if his property is taxed according to the schedule that his taxes alone will equal what a poor man considers a little fortune, he can not for the life of him, make up his mind to give in his property as he should, but begins to study how to evade the law, blind the assessor, and swindle the government. He takes a business view of the matter and justifies his action and conscience with the application of the idea that all men do the same thing. Consequently just in that way the counties, states, and government are defrauded of—not only hundreds or thousands of dollars—but millions. Now understand this procedure on the part of rich is at the expense of the poorer class of taxpayers. Why? Some one asks, because we have so much taxes to pay every year and if the rich evade the law and not pay their lawful allowance, the poorer man who is so situated that his little "all" is in sight is compelled to pay that extra portion that should be paid by his rich neighbor. It is a notorious fact that cannot be successfully denied that the rich only pay taxes on 20 per cent of their wealth, while the poorer class of taxpayers pay at least 75 per cent of what they are worth. The reader can easily see the difference and understand the injustice of such an imposition. But the remedy; how about that? Well we answer in the majority of cases the assessor is to blame. Why isn't that officer sworn to do his duty? Yes but does he do it? We emphatically say, as we have already stated that in a large majority of instances, he does not. An assessor is just like any other man fond of popularity and the influence of the rich man—or rather his money—allows him to take every advantage, even when he feels and knows the rich man is evading the requirements of the law, and although being cognizant of the fact, wilfully allows the poorer class to pay thousands of dollars that should be paid by the rich. Some writers on this subject say "simplify the method of taxation." But in what way is not intelligently stated, still we think there is a remedy for the evils accruing from unjust taxation, and the sooner its applied the better for the people and government.

Joe Simon is strongly recommended by the entire Oregon delegation and many prominent men of the party of which he is a member, for judge of the new circuit court of appeals. Some of the Republican papers object very seriously and hope, for the honor of the state and party, that the report is untrue. And still when the party wants some real hard dirty work done, Joe Simon comes to the front. One paper states that such an appointment will result in the state becoming Democratic.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 14.

There is a very perceptible lack

of reciprocity between Blaine and Harrison just now.

This is to be a short session of Congress. On that point both Democrats and Republicans seem to be agreed. The former will strain every point to bring their work to an end as soon as possible. There is now every indication that the session will not be longer than the middle of June or the 1st of July, while there are many prominent members who are predicting an adjournment about the middle of May. This, however, is not likely, for the reason that the committees will not be announced until after the holidays, and it will take some time for the new committeemen to become acquainted with the intricacies of the appropriation bills in particular to say nothing of the other bills that will be introduced by the score. There is sure to be some debate on the tariff, for the House will not put coal, iron, ore, and wool on the free list, for instance until there has been a full discussion. When these tariff bills are reported the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee will give notice to the members to be ready at once with their speeches, and if they are not ready, the measures will be put through without delay. So far as can be learned, there will be no factious opposition on the part of the Republicans to the transaction of business.

There is considerable delay in the appointment of minor officers of the House. This is largely due to the absences of Clerk Kerr in Philadelphia and of Doorkeeper Turner in New York, while Postmaster Dalton went home early yesterday suffering with a cold. The present pay-roll of the Doorkeeper amounts to \$131,456, but the new estimates will decrease this sum to \$121,000. The record of the first days work in the Senate breaks the record. There were 612 bills introduced and ten joint resolutions. On the corresponding day last year there were 505 bills introduced and nine joint resolutions. On the 9th a large number of bills were legislative chestnuts.

Senator Brice is not of unsocial temperament, but he is too busy a man to be caught chatting in a general way in hotel corridors. Too many men want to get his ear on matters of pressing importance for him to listen to desultory talk. Yet he makes no pretence of mystery or concealment as to his personal movements as do some would-be great men, and anyone who has real business with him can get an audience.

Placed Under Arrest.

The parties who have been exhibiting a deformed infant in Pendleton were arrested Saturday afternoon.

The offence was in violation of the state statute which makes it a misdemeanor to exhibit any deformed person, punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment of not more than three months in the county jail, or both. The district attorney is instructed to prosecute all such cases which come under his notice.

Sq Deputy District attorney Turner and Deputy Sheriff Johnson went around to the "museum" and talked to the man in charge. It was not desired to arrest the outfit, and he was advised to close the exhibition. It was not until he made

overtures to them, offering, it is said, a share in the proceeds, that the attorney drew up a complaint and commenced prosecution on his own motion.

The accused are Dan Franks and Fred Brakenbush, stout, healthy men, and Ida Brakenbush, the baby's mother. The second mentioned pleaded ditifully that he had relatives depending upon him for their support and he hated to go to jail but was told that he was fully strong enough to mail rails for a living instead of following his present mode of livelihood. All three and the infant were confined in the county jail.

It may be well to say that the youngster, beyond the unnatural exhibition of its deformity, has not been mistreated. It was kept by a warm fire, and appeared to be a gleeful, cheerful, little fellow, well contented in its innocence with the life in which it was born some six months ago. It has but one arm and no lower limbs. The defendants had their examination today before Justice Bishop, Deputy District Attorney Turner appearing for the prosecution and J. A. Guyer for the defense. Franks was fined \$50 and Brakenbush \$25. They had to go to jail. The woman was released.

U. S. LAND-OFFICE.

BURNS OREGON, Dec. 15, '91.

By Hon. Commissioner's letter "K" Dec. 4, 1891, the following entries have been ordered to be cancelled for conflict with list 5 Swamp lands, Lakeview series, as per decision Hon. Sec'y, Sept. 10, 1891, to-wit:

J R Perkins, S H Simmons, I N Hughett, R T Hughett, J C Simmons, J C Freeman, Geo Fry Jr, W J Martin, E S Olse, Chas Conegys, Joseph Handley, Chas Riley, J W Rogers, J Johnson, A F Ritterbush, Geo W Verdo, Geo W Bartlett Wm H Robbins, R J Ivers, T M Seaward, Wm Tyger, Prestley Smith, Geo A Smith, Jno Sweitzer, S Shafer, J B Turner, Geo W Bartlett, C F McKinney, H W Phillips, Edward Ritterbush, Fred W Ritterbush, E S Hembree, Chas W Briggs, Wm Howard, Jas E Leasey, T E Manley, Paul Locher, F Denstedt, Lena Wachter, Jas Handley, Louis Racine, A Cate, Albert Hemmree, Leucien Mahaffey, Mary Miller, Paul Locher, J H Allen, J H Seaward, Jno Sweitzer, T M Seaward, F W Ritterbush, W D Huffman, L M Seaward, W D Huffman, J H Seaward, L M Seaward.

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