

THE ITEMS

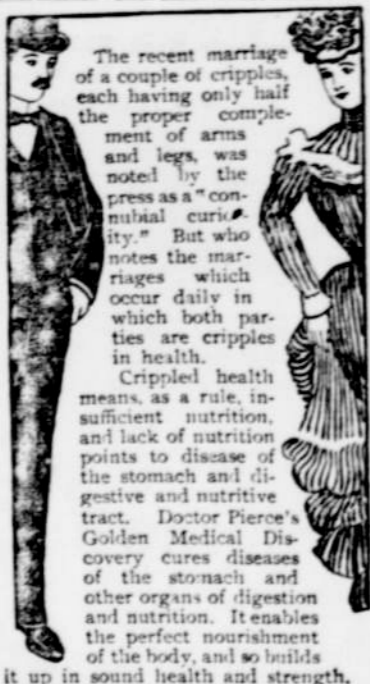
SATURDAY JUNE 6, 1903.

POPULARIZATION OF TAXATION.

The repeal of the law which allowed every householder an exemption from taxation of personal property to the amount of \$300 will not work a very material hardship upon any one. At the same time, property to the amount of over \$8,000,000 will be added to assessment rolls of the several counties of the state. This will mean a slight lightening of the burden of taxation upon property that has been assessed in the past, and the additional burden will be so widely distributed that no one need feel it. Since the repeal of the exemption law, practically all property is subject to taxation, and the burden of government may be said to be more evenly distributed. The exemption was designed as a special privilege to families of small means, but there is room for doubt whether those who really need such an exemption secured as much benefit from it as did those in comfortable circumstances.

In Oregon it has been the practice to assess property at from one-third to one-half of its real value, so that an assessed valuation of \$300 means an actual valuation of about \$600. Very few families of the class upon whom a small tax would be felt as a grievous burden have property to this amount. On the other hand, many who have personal property of much greater value manage to cover it all with the exemption, and they get the benefit of more than the law anticipated. If the net result of the exemption law could be accurately determined, it would quite likely be found that the rich or the well-to-do derive more benefit from the exemption law than do the poor.

The exemption law is founded upon the best of purposes, and in theory it can be easily defended to the satisfaction of the great majority of the people. During the hard times it was undoubtedly a blessing to many poor families, though the exemption of one man's property threw a greater burden upon that of another man, who was perhaps no better able at the time to stand it. Even now the law has much to commend it, and it is doubtful whether the Legislature intended its repeal. But in these prosperous times, when every man has or can have work at good wages the year round, the removal of the exemption will not injure any one. It cannot be said that the removal of the exemption does an injustice, for strict justice requires that each shall share in the task of maintaining the social organization. Indeed, there are many reasons why



The recent marriage of a couple of cripples, each having only half the proper complement of arms and legs, was noted by the press as a "conjugal curiosity." But who notes the marriages which occur daily in which both parties are cripples in health. Crippled health means, as a rule, insufficient nutrition, and lack of nutrition points to disease of the stomach and digestive and nutritive tract. Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect nourishment of the body, and so builds it up in sound health and strength.

"I had been a great sufferer from indigestion for the last nine years," writes Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Orange Mills, Baltimore Co., Md. "I was such a wreck it seemed death was near, but to-day can say I feel like another woman. I have recovered much and lasting good from Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Favorite Prescription. I have taken twenty-five bottles in all, and followed the advice of Dr. R. V. Pierce, and am happy to say that life is worth living now. A thousand thanks for your treatment."

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every person who enjoys the protection of the National, state, county and city governments should contribute to the expense of conducting them. A man who helps support an institution, whether it be public, semi-public or private, feels more of an interest in it than he otherwise would.

When every voter is a taxpayer more general attention will be paid to all public questions. Since the exemption law has been repealed, the number of taxpayers will be much larger, and the tax burden upon real property will be lighter to the extent that personal property is added to the assessment roll. If the new arrangement prove not to be satisfactory to the majority of the people, the exemption law can be re-enacted at the next session of the Legislature. It is a fact worth mentioning that the repeal did not create any such general protest as might have been expected.—Oregonian.

Additional Locals.

Celebrate in Burns.

M. Fitzgerald is on a business trip to the railroad.

James F. Mahon was in the city yesterday on business.

G. O. Hendricks, of Lawen, is in town on business today.

Dr. H. S. Brownton, the dentist, left this morning on a professional trip to Canyon City.

Chas. Brittingham has commenced the erection of a residence on his lot south of J. C. Foley's.

Henry Blackwell has returned from the railroad where he has been looking after stock shipments.

Stonemasons have commenced work on the foundation for John Gemberling's new store building south of the bank.

H. E. Thompson has been ill the past few days, and we are informed that his physician says he has the spotted fever and pneumonia.

In the election held in the First Oregon District Monday, Binger Hermann, republican, was elected to Congress over A. E. Reames, democrat, by 2,400.

The Canyon City basket ball girls will not take part in the contest at this place July 3. Such is the substance of a phone received just before going to press.

Uncle George Duncan, of Silver Lake, arrived in town today from Lawen. On account of the high water in the Chewaucan he was unable to secure the catfish with which it was purposed to stock Silves River.

F. R. Dorman, who came to this place this spring in company with his son for his health, died at the home of Chas. McPheters, Tuesday morning from cancer of the bowels. The deceased was 70 years of age and his home is in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The remains were embalmed and are awaiting disposition by relatives. It is thought they will be shipped to his home for burial.

"Lost or Strayed. Not Stolen."

Editor Items,

Sir: Inasmuch as the walking representative of your esteemed (?) cotemporary has seen fit to take particular pains to bring my name before its readers as one connected with the prosecution of a case in the recorder's court last week, I ask space to say that I would have become an obliging servant to an "ever suffering public" if I had taken steps to have the "bug-house" reporter of the above referred to imposition, taken care of by the state officials of the asylum whose business it is to care for such persons, but of course this is a bit of news that is not new, hence it would be a repetition of what every one already knows and unworthy of publication in his 2x4.

Very respectfully
Lee Caldwell.
Burns, Or., June 5, 1903.

Chamber of Commerce Representatives Return.

I. S. Geer and N. U. Carpenter, representatives of the Burns Chamber of Commerce, returned yesterday from a consultation with Major Bonta at Prairie City. From an interview with Mr. Geer, Major Bonta's railroad proposition is as follows: On the completion of the railroad from Baker City to Prairie City, he wants Burns to vote bonds to the extent of \$100,000 to assist in the extension of the line to this place. He estimates the cost of extension to Burns at \$1,000,000 and while Burns is raising her share he will float the bonds for the balance. Surveyors are already locating the line from Baker City to Prairie City and bonds in the sum of \$2,500,000 have been floated in New York City for its construction. Major Bonta will be in Burns next Saturday when the matter will receive the attention of the Chamber of Commerce and the exact conditions of the proposition will be more fully explained.

Married.

Mr. L. B. Springer and Mrs. Emma E. Ash were united in marriage at the Cottage Hotel Wednesday morning, June 3, 1903, at 10 o'clock, Rev. A. J. Irwin officiating. The bride and groom will make their home on their ranch near Cord, Malheur county. We join in extending congratulations.

Want Information.

Harney Valley Items, Burns, Or.

Will you kindly forward us some extra copies of your issue of May 23, containing a write-up of Harney County. We want them for prospective home seekers.

We have very little literature on your county but have a number of inquiries. Your truly
Oregon Information Bureau,
Portland, Or., May 29, 1903.

Thanks!

In its last issue the Harney Valley Items of Burns has a very creditable write up of Burns and Harney County.—Vale Gazette.

A number of wool sales were made the latter part of last week in Weiser at prices ranging close to 15 cents per pound. A. G. Butterfield sold 400 sacks at 14 1/2 cents; John Neely sold 250,000 pounds at 14 cents; E. A. Vansicklin, 400 sacks at 14 cents. These sales were made to John Johnson, representing Hallowell, Donald & Co., of Boston.

All Oregon east of the Cascade mountains has been declared a bishopric and the Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly has been made bishop and will have charge thereof. Archbishop Christie and all the bishops of the north-west recommended the promotion of O'Reilly. Baker City is to be the seat of the new bishopric.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean is the only weekly newspaper published in Chicago in connection with the great daily papers. It contains a judiciously selected summary of the news of the nation and world, the best stories, home, farm, woman's, and other special departments, and fair, patriotic, able editorials, written from a Republican viewpoint. It is by far the best general newspaper of the Western States. The regular price for the Weekly Inter Ocean is \$1.00 and for the Harney Valley Items \$1.50, but subscriptions will be received at this office for the two papers in combination for one year for only \$1.50.

Stomach Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

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Stock Inspectors.

Notice is hereby given that I have duly appointed the following deputy stock inspector for Harney County, Oregon:

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Dick Smith..... Andrews
NEWT HOOVER,
Stock Inspector.

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