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WHAT GREAT NAPOLEON SAID

Should Tax Vices Instead of Property. In a Rich, Prosperous Community Taxes Are No Burden-In a Community Where the Local Town Is Dead Taxes Are High.

[Copyrighted, 1914, by Thomas J. Sullivan.] Taxing is an easy business. Any new official can contrive new impositions, any bungler can add to the old, but is it altogether wise to have no other bounds to your impositions than the patience of those who are to bear

What a benefit the government would render the state, the city, the village and hamlet if it would but tax vices instead of property! Bonaparte said he found vices very profitable. He got \$5,000,000 annually from the lovers of brandy, and he wanted to know what virtue would pay him that

Taxes Increasing Each Year,

Taxes are the sinews of the state, and they are indeed heavy, but if thos laid by the government were the only ones we had to pay we might more easily discharge them, but we have others, and much more grievous to some of us.

We are taxed twice as much by our ignorance, three times as much by our disloyalty and four times as much by our folly, and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver

us by allowing an abatement. The state, county and town levy and exact a certain tax from every piece of property located within their boundaries, the amount depending upon the official requirements. In a rich, proscommunity, where marketing and manufacturing lend their stimulating influences, taxes are low. A com munity where the local town is dead taxes necessarily are high.

The explanation is easy. The town which is prosperous has successful merchants with large and valuable stocks of goods; it has manufacturing plants and industrial enterprises of great worth; it has newspapers, banking houses and hotels, and, above all, it is a marketing center. The large amount and the high value placed upon this property materially decrease the tax demands made upon the farmer in

that vicinity. Streets Paved With Jimson Weeds

Then take the other town, the dead town. What are the cause and effect? The cause is lack of patronage, lack of adustrial pride, disloyalty and ignorance of one's own condition and best interests. The effect? The town has become a "jay" town. In the streets have grown jimson weeds, the side-walks have gone to decay, the stores are vacant, and an air of poverty and dilapidation prevails.

In this latter town and the surroundng community taxes are high, property values have decreased, and altogether it is an undesirable place to live in, and the disposition of such property an impossible feat.

As we stand and survey the ruins of once prosperous and promising city we turn to the once successful retail merchant, now standing in the door of his empty store, and ask for the an-

Briefly he makes reply: "The retail community became hypnotized by their pictures and prices and misrepresentations, and this is the result."

On the Altar of Greed.

They sacrificed their own interests and their own town on the altar of greed and misunderstanding.

The farmer should easily compre hend that when a stock of goods in a store is depleted one-balf or more it cannot be taxed for more than its value, and in case the merchant for lack of patronage is forced to retire altogether from business then there remains nothing to be taxed but the building. And what can it be taxed at provided a tenant who is willing to take a chance with his money cannot be found? Eventually the farmer will have to pay the taxes. This merchant formerly paid, and if the farmer con thues throwing his patronage to out side concerns he will continue to re duce local values and increase his taxes.

Reflect Too Little.

Some farmers read too much and re flect too little-depend too much upon others, too little upon themselves They make of their heads cold storage warehouses for other people's ideas instead of standing up in their own independent, godlike individuality Reading and rereading of mail order catalogues leave a man in about the same condition as Mark Twain's toad with its stomach full of shot.

What do the mail order houses de for the farmer? Do they relieve him of any of his tax burdens? No: they just relieve him of his money. It is a case of representation without taxation, and we fear in time this manner and method of doing business will cause a revolution among the proand consumers which eclipse the American Revolution.

We would suggest to the mail order catalogue houses that they shear, not skin, their sheep.

Lille and Its Pictures. Lille, according to a writer in the London Academy, is one of the few uninteresting towns of France. He obstinate in the belief that no town in France with over 200, 000 inhabitants could be entirely without interest," but finally "fled to the station, defeated, and took train for Laon." In justice, however, the critic makes the considerable admission that "Lille has perhaps the finest collection of pictures in France outside Paris."

BRAZIL AND ITS COLORS.

Flag Day There Has Now Become the

Great National Festival. In the republic of Brazil, where the ruling language is Portuguese and a welcoming hand is extended alike to the European and the Asiatic immigrant, great attention has been paid for some years to the cultivation of a spirit of patriotism

The cult of the flag has become more and more ardent in the hearts of that people, and the "feast of the flag" each recurring November is celebrated with more and more pomp and enthusinsm all over the immense empire and on every Brazilian ship, wherever it may be. In a country noted for its numerous saints' days the celebration of Flug day has become the true festal

Commenting on this, Le Bresil Economique of Rio Janeiro says: "Our people are imaginative and simple. flag undulating in the breeze as it passes by to the strains of martial music, that the officers salute with the sword and before which everybody uncovers, speaks more strongly to the heart of the people than any dry histhe concrete and which to the ignorant

recalls nothing of significance."

The lesson of the flag is taught to all the children of the schools in Brazil, and on Flag day they gather in the public squares of the city and town and, as in the United States, sing patriotic hymns.-Indianapolis News.

COLLEGE HAZING.

It Was Called "Wrecking" In Carthage

In St. Augustine's Time. At most American colleges it is called "hazing;" at West Point it is called "crawling" and at English schools "fagging" is often applied. When St Augustine was a boy they called it "wrecking."

In a translation of his "Confessions," for which I am indebted to a learned cierical friend, St. Augustine relates what the boys did at the University of

"I would take no part in the wild doings of the 'wreckers,' a cruel and devillsh name, which was looked upon as the stamp of the best set. I went about with them, and of some of them I made friends, yet I always disliked their ways of going on their wreckings. their wanton attacks upon the shynes of freshmen and the unprovoked af fronts with which they carried on their malignant amusement. Nothing could be more like the conduct of devils, and what name could be fitter for them than 'wreckers.'"

That sounds as if the Carthage soph omore was fully as much endowed with self importance as the American sophomore. I may add that St. Augustine's criticism of "wrecking" is one more ancient proof that "boys will be boys."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Labby's Long Walk.

In "Bohemian Days In Fleet Street" is this Labouchere incident, which happened when he was in the diplomatic service and was sent on a mission to St. Petersburg:

Before starting he had a dispute with the foreign office about his expenses. The foreign office had its idea of the scale; Labouchere had his. But the office refused to reconsider its deci-Labouchere took his leave, cross ed the channel and was to all appear ance lost. A week after the appointed time he had not arrived at St. Petersburg. A representative of the foreign office was sent out on his trail. He was traced to Paris and from thence to Vienna, where he was run to earth. In reply to his discoverer he coolly said, "The foreign office refused to pay me my expenses, and I'm walk ing to St. Petersburg."

Little Willie is really too precocious. I met him the other day with his

school bag under his arm. "Well, well," said I, "and to school now, eh?"

"Sure Mike!" said little Willie "Ain't I over six?"

"And do you love your teacher?"

"Aber nit!" said little Willie, "The old hen's too old for me."-Washington

Sufficient Grounds For a Divorce. "Man never knows what untold ag-ony woman suffers," exclaimed chatty Mrs. Gabb.

"The only untold agony a woman suffers is when she wears tight shoes to be stylish," replied Mr. Gabb.-Cin cinnati Enquirer.

M'CORMICK PUTS ONE OVER ON THE PRIZE FIGHTERS.

John Sullivan or the Boiler Makes Sherkey could not "come back" but ot so with the McCormick Binder While others have teen currying fav or with the public she has been test ing and perfecting berself till now she comes forth the most "nifty" of them all. Light, trim and powerful as a ruce horse, built like a watch and with a flexible capacity that thrills the farmer with admiration. The neatest, simplest knotter, spring ele-vators for heavy or light grain: a ball bearing take up to gears, the lowest platform of them all and other features make it the most attractive binder you ever saw. We also have Walter A. Wood and Milwaukee. Come and get your choice. Repairs for McCormick, Deering, Waiter A. Wood and Holt machines.

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Water users will be permitted to water lawns and gardens for one hour on Mondays and Thursdays, betwee the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. -Adv.

MAULED BY A LION.

An Unexpected Attack and a Perilous and Exciting Mixup.

Captain C. H. Stigand was once manled by a lion, and he recounts the adventure in his "Hunting the Ele-phant in Africa." The captain had shot a lioness, and while watching the body from a tree he saw two lions ap They stood over the lioness and roared alternately for half an hour. He succeeded in shooting them both, but on approaching the body of his second victim be found that it was not quite so dead as it had seemed. "I approached the edge, and immediately the inert mass assumed life and, with a roar, sprang on me with one bound. The orderly, who was a few yards be hind me, immediately retired precipitately. As the lion sprang I fired into his chest, and he landed on me, his right paw over my left shoulder, and he selzed my left arm in his teeth. As my left arm was advanced in the firing position, it was the first thing he met. "The weight of his spring knocked

me down, and I next found myself lying on my back, my left arm being worried and my rifle still in my left hand underneath his body. I scrambled around with my left arm still in his mouth until I was kneeling along side of him and started pommeling hin with my right fist on the back of the neck. He gave me a final shake and then quickly turned round and disappeared in the grass a little nearer to the station than I was."

The author adds that he was drenched with blood, arfil upon examination he found eight big holes in his arm and three claw marks on his back, a damage that partially disabled him for two years. He remarks modestly that since that adventure be bas bagged seven more lions.

THE OLD TIME "YE."

It Was Simply an Abbreviation and Was Always Pronounced "The." How does it happen that in copying and reading ancient manuscripts we call the character our ancestors meant

for "the" by the ridiculous "ye?" They said "the" just as we do, and the only apparent reason for mistaking the character is that two centuries ago the letter "h" was usually written with tall below the line and with a razeed top, which made it look like our "y." Then the word was so frequently used that it was contracted, just as the word "and" was then treated and continnes to be treated to this day by

When I was a boy, more than eighty years ago, the alphabets in our school books always ended with the "sbort and." We called it "ampersand" and considered it a fine snapper when we rattled off the alphabet. . Sometimes when sufficiently cultured we gave it the full title "and-per-se-and," Now, it is likely that our "&" will

obsolete, just as "ye" has become. Then our descendants of the next century or two will be puzzled perhaps, but I do not think they will be so foolish as to say "ampersand' when reading our manuscripts and coming to the little quirk we meant for "and." Do let us drop saying "ye.

Not an Octet. Cyril Maude, the English comedian,

was talking about class distinctions.
"They are less marked with you than with us," he said. "Here you all talk alike-the shongirt's accent differs in no wise from that of a Stuyvesant or a Roosevelt. But with us the lower

classes talk a disgraceful jargon. "The 'h' especially. The lower classes can never master that 'h.' In my youth I once heard a stage managet rehearsing 'Faust.' He had sprung from the people, poor chap, and he conducted the rehearsal like this:

".'Old your 'ands on your 'ips, 'old up your 'eads and look 'nughty. You're not on 'Ampstead 'Eath, now-you're with a look of 'ate.

"'But, sir,' said I. 'there's only six of us." "-Washington Star.

The Practical Side of Music.

He was a lover of music who had just been to hear Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," and he was expatiating upon its benuties to an unresponsive friend whom he observed to yawn. The music lover was hurt. "Look here, John," he protested, "don't you think that music is of some practical benefit in life?"

"Oh, yes," said the unresponsive one. Why, judging from the portraits 1 have seen of eminent musicians, especially planists. I should say that music is great to keep the hair from falling out."-Ladies' Home Journal.

Not Guilty.

Lawyer-You understand what you are to do in court now, don't you? Client-Yes, I guess so. Lawyer-When the court asks you whether you are guilty of manslaughter or not you say "guilty." Client-But 1 can't do that, my conscience wouldn't allow it. Lawyer - Why? Client - Because it wasn't a man I killed, it was a woman -New York Globe.

Very Thrilling. She—The life of a secret service man must be very thrilling. He-Yes, that's what I thought when I read of one of the president's guards falling asleep standing up.-Buffalo Express.

Impatient. "Do you tell your busband every-hing?" "Why, I can't. He won't listen to me over two or three hours on a stretch."-Washington Herald.

reach and trust the big things to time and the spirit. - Towne.

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you in the above entitled court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summous, to-wit, on or before the 3rd day of July, A. D., 1914; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the said complaint within said time the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, towit, for a decree of said court forever dissolving the tonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and detendant and for an absolute divorce from the defendant and for other equitable relief.

SUMMONS.

Oregon for Umatilla County. Mamie Boyd, Plaintiff,

Cleveland G. Boyd, Defendant.

named defendant:

To Cleveland G. Boyd, the above

In the name of the State of Oregon

you are bereby summoned and re-

quire to appear and answer the com-

plant of the plaintiff filed against

In the Circuit Court of the State of

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. Gilbert W. Pheips, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and filed on the 18th day of May of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1914, and the last publication will be made on Friday the said 3rd day of July, A. D.

Dated this the 16th day of May, 1914. WILL M. PETERSON. Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice of Final Account. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of

John L. Duffy, Deceased Notice is hereby given that the ad-ministrator of the above entitled estate has filed his final report with the Clerk of the above entitled court and that the judge thereof has designated Monday, the 13th day of July, 1914, at 10 o.clock in the forence and the office of the County Judge in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the time and place when and where hearing shall be had thereon. All persons in-terested are directed to then and there appear and show cause, if any they ave, why the final report should not be approved, the administrator dis charged and his bondsmen exonerated. Dated this 2 day of June, 1914,

STEPHEN A. LOWELL, Administrator

Notice to Creditors In the County Court of the State o

Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Louis LaBrasche, Deceased

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that W. S. Ferguson has qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of Louis LaBrasche, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said executor at his office in Athena, Ore., or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Atheon, Ore., within six mouths from the first publication of this notice.

Dated this the 5th day of June, 1914.

Homer I. Watts, W. S. Ferguson Attorney.

> NOTICE OF CONTEST. (For publication.)

United States Land Office. La Grande 06404, Contest No. 744. La Grande, Oregon June 16th, 1914. Io Brice O. McKinley, of Walla Wal la, Wash., Contestes:

You are hereby notified that Emery M. Achilles, who gives Athena, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on Jone 6th, 1914, file in this office his duly corresponded application to con test and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 06404. made May 3rd, 1909, for NW1/4 Sec tion 24. Township 6 North, Rauge 32 East Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Brice O. McKinley, the entry man, has never established residence on said land and has never cultivated or improved it and has abandoned

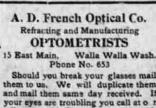
You are therefore further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will te canceled without further right to te heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown telow your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail You should state in your answer the pame of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.
(Signed) F. C. BRAMWELL,

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of The Interior, United States Land Office. La Grande 06683, Contest No. 747 La Grande, Oregon, June 16th, 1914 To Frank Balcom, of Juniper, Oreg-

on, Contestee: You are hereby notified that Emery M. Achilles, who gives Athena, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on June 16th, 1914, file in this office bis duly corroborated application to con-



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test and secure the cancellation of your Howestead Entry No. 06683, made June 26th, 1909, for NE¹4 Sec.

23, and SE¹⁴ Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 32 East. Willametta Meridian, and as grounds for his contest be alleges that said Frank Balcom has failed to reside upon the land and improve the land as required by law, and has wholly abandoned the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be cancelled without forther right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to Llo in this office with in twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with tue proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contesten either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you. (Signed) F. C. BRAMWELL,

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