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The public library is a rich fund of knowledge that you can turn into dollars for yourself—into actual money—gained through doing your work better. But even the mint couldn't supply you with cash if you did not ask for it.

Reports of potato crops are being made, showing that the yields this year will average about 300 bushels to the acre where all conditions were favorable. The blight will reduce the yield about one-third in most cases.

Excessive use of the initiative is its worst enemy and there is a growing belief that the proposed majority amendment should be adopted at the coming election. It simply provides that a majority of the voters of the state must give an amendment their endorsement at the polls. It is worth the experiment of giving its support.

It is rumored that the P. R. L. & P. Co., will extend the Hawthorne avenue line from the Mount. Tabor reservoir eastward and across South Montavilla to a connection with the Mount Hood road at a point near Russellville. Such a track would certainly accommodate a large and growing settlement and with the use of electricity on the Mt. Hood road would give easy access to a part of the city that is now lacking in the conveniences of rapid transit.

The Progressive party campaign managers are intending to invade Gresham about twice a week during the last fortnight of the campaign. The speakers will come in automobiles in the evening and hold their meetings on the street corners unless the weather prevents. They are spellbinders of great ability and will give many entertaining reasons why Mr. Roosevelt and the whole line of lesser candidates should be elected.

Edwin Anders, candidate for county school superintendent on the Progressive ticket, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. His experience covers nine years of modern methods in school work. He is now the head of the history department of the Washington high school where he has been for nearly four years. He is fully acquainted with conditions in both city and country and would, if elected, bring our school system to the highest plane of proficiency.

A letter from R. R. Preston, religious and social work directors of the Y. M. C. A. of Portland, conveys the information that Dr. Sisson's course for teachers and leaders in education in religion and morals will be opened to women as well as men at a fee of two dollars. The course will begin Nov. 6, and will consist of 24 lectures and 18 half-hour conferences. Enrollment may be made by telephone or mail and a large number have already signified their intentions of taking the prescribed course.

The Outlook is in receipt of considerable matter pertaining to the subject of free speech and picketing as practiced in our largest cities. Our position was made clear in the last issue and we are inclined to be temperate in dealing with the matter with leanings toward the opposition. If the abuse spoken of is really obnoxious it should be got at in some other way than by an amendment to the constitution to limit free speech in cities of 5000 people and upward. We have our doubts as to the constitutionality of the amendment if adopted and believe that the present laws would be sufficient, if enforced.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by Gresham Drug Co., and Dealers everywhere.

Mr. Schedeen Criticizes

Editor Gresham Outlook:—I was somewhat surprised to see that the Outlook had fallen in line with the Roosevelt party, (from now on until election,) on account of its new ideas! I am an old Populist, and feel offended when you try to credit Roosevelt with all kinds of new ideas.

Roosevelt, and all, who not before now believed in these new ideas, are twenty years behind time.

Please look up the People's party platform of 1896. Did not the People's party advocate all these new ideas years and years ago? and did not the Republicans and Democrats call us traitors, anarchists and so on?

Well, time went on. The Democratic party had a man, clear-minded enough—W. J. Bryan—to see that the People's party had new ideas. Well, the Democrats stole the new ideas, and swallowed up the People's party. And now, not before now, a few Republicans are trying to rub the cobweb from their dim eyes, trying to see. They saw something. They grabbed it. But alas! stolen property! We Populists were willing to join hands with the Democratic party, anything to push ahead the Progressive ideas. But we have been turned down time and again by the Republican standpatism. Twenty years behind time. Hang them. Well, cut it out, it makes me mad!

E. P. SCHEDEEN,
Gresham, R. 4.

Mr. Schedeen is somewhat radical in his ideas which twenty years ago were furiously agitated by the Populist party. It is now generally recognized that some of those ideas were visionary but others of them had merit. But for the insistent demands made at that time for adoption of them all by the Populists headed by the late Senator Peffer of Kansas, some of them, the most meritorious, would have been recognized long ago and Mr. Schedeen's party would have had the credit for them. Several measures, among them being the direct election of senators, income tax and some others, would have become live issues much sooner but for their being linked with free silver, fiat money and other freakish notions which created a prejudice against them all and the party too.

The Outlook does not credit Roosevelt with "all new ideas," rather it believes he is the best exponent of them and a few of the old, not even excepting Mr. Bryan, who also claims that many of his ideas were adopted by the Republicans as their own. Sometimes ideas like other inventions are of a spontaneous growth in the minds of many. The one who brings them out the clearest for the benefit of the people is entitled to our consideration and support.

Exemption of Debts

SALEM, Oct. 17.—The Oregon farmer, who, to harvest his crop, buy additional land to care for a larger family or to meet the tohus-and-one exigencies that arise, finds it necessary to secure money through a mortgage upon his home, lands or crops, will see a boon in the bill proposed by initiative petition which will be marked "354. Yes;" on the general election ballot in November.

This bill provides for the exemption from taxation of all debts of every kind, whether on contract, note, mortgage, bond, or otherwise, with the exception of bank stocks, bank shares and banking capital.

Taxation of mortgages and mortgage notes has always shifted the burden to the back of the mortgagor. While apparently the tax has been directed at the mortgagee, who furnishes the money and holds the mortgage, the rate of interest has invariably been placed at such a figure that the interest paying mortgagor has paid the tax.

Thus he has been subjected to a double taxation. He has been compelled to pay the taxes upon the property which he has mortgaged and upon the mortgage or mortgage note as well. This is equally true of the clerk, the small merchant, or the laborer, who has been attempting to secure for himself and his family a home or property for investment purposes. He is compelled to purchase on a long time contract, generally in the shape of a mortgage. Upon him has come the burden of double taxation as well. To obviate this vote "354. Yes;" on your November ballot.

The above letter is from the legislative tax committee and is seemingly a recommendation of a good measure. Is it? While it would probably be harmless if made a law yet it may have the effect of a "joker" in giving the money lender more pickings. There is no as-

urance that the rate of interest would be lowered so long as the legal rate remains at its present figure, and the banker who is compelled to pay a tax on his bank stocks, shares and banking capital is in a position to ask just as much interest then as now and will, in that event, be the only gainer.

We need further enlightenment before advising our readers how to vote on this subject.

Recommends Legislation

The Oregon State Editorial association has recommended several important measures for adoption as state laws, among them being one requiring all public printing be done in Oregon; the second would abolish the office of state printer; the third asks that all railroads publish local time tables; a fourth condemns alluring cigarette advertising, whisky and other liquor notices, flavored tobacco ads and quack doctors' announcements. As a fifth recommendation it is urged that bill board laws be passed freeing our public thoroughfares from all unsightly features, and requiring county control of some outside of incorporated towns.

A careful reading of the proposed laws, which the legislature will be asked to enact, causes the Outlook to approve all of them except that one abolishing the office of state printer. The law would divide the work among the commercial establishments of the state subject to the lowest bid. It is plain, however, that such work as is necessary during a legislative session could be done nowhere else than in Salem, and that it must be done in a hurry, so it would seem to us that the bill is a scheme to give Salem job printers a big slice of the state printing.

The office of state printer has long been a subject of contention and will soon be on a flat salary basis, so there is no occasion to make another law concerning it.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? For sale by Gresham Drug Co., and Dealers everywhere.

A MERITED ENDORSEMENT.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17, 1912
Editor Gresham Outlook:—I am pleased that Professor Anders is nominated for our next superintendent of county schools. For the necessary physical strength, vigor, scholastic attainment and experience in public education, Professor Anders more than meets this demand.

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The initiative and referendum was but one of many amendments to the constitution that the voters achieved by a two-third majority.

By that same majority the voters voted down Single Tax, regarding it as not only dangerous to the working man, but to the farmer, the home owner and the lot owner. In fact, to everyone but the capitalist.

When the Initiative amendment was fastened there a proviso that the Initiative should never be used foist Single Tax on the state of Ohio and by one stroke the voters sailed their standard aloft, and Tax war-chest a deft that went rattling through the country.

Here is the victorious Ohio amendment, which effectually bars Single Tax and the confiscation of land by the state.

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With Ohio to lead the way, Oregon now has power by voting 365 NO, 308 YES, to give U'Ren, Cridge, Eggleston, and the hosts of others who have been fattening on the Fels Single Tax war-chest, a rebuke that is only too well merited.

Tricks and schemes do not find favor in Oregon. Nor do the gentlemen named with their Graduated Tax measure, their Single Tax measure, their evasions, their trickery.

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Lewis Shattuck

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