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THIS RUDE, UNGAINLY, BOLD AND BOISTEROUS MONTH OF MARCH. RESOLVED WE WOULD'N'T BLOW ABOUT OUR GOODS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE GOODS TO BLOW ABOUT, BUT WE HAVE THE GOODS AND THE PRICE IS ENTICING. Cut Prices in Gallon Goods This Week. Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Peaches 40c can Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Pears 40c can Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Pumpkin 30c Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Blackberries 50c can Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Loganberries 50c can Monopole Solid Pack Gallon Tomatoes 30c can Monopole Fancy Blackberries No. 3 can 15c. RAY & CO. GROCERIES, SMOKED MEATS, FRUITS, VEG ETABLES, HAY, GRAIN, FEED. TILLAMOOK, OREGON

The Sentence.

Judge Belt then said: "This is a very trying position for a Judge. I realize your age and physical condition. This man White has been sentenced to an indeterminate sentence for the same crime that you have committed. He is not a man of the intelligence that you are. He is a man of lower station of life, and it would seem to me that a man who is educated and cultured ought to be the one to prevent and discourage a man of his type, from entering into such a crime. It is a little contrary to my sense of justice to meet out a penalty to one man and turn another scot free for the same offense. The only thing the Court can do in such matters is to act conscientiously, and deal out justice to everyone alike. Every man stands before the Court on a level plane, whether he is rich or poor, or whether he is in high position of life or a low position, and as much as I hate to do it, I shall be obliged to give you the same sentence that White was given,—an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary, to serve without limitation of time the minimum sentence being one year and the maximum sentence being twelve and a half years, and I sincerely hope, Mr. Worrall, that during that time you will so conduct yourself and care for yourself, that you can come out of the penitentiary and realize that a man must be a man. Such will be the sentence of the Court."

TAX PENALTY REMOVED.

Senate Amends Bill to Meet With Approval of House.

The new tax bill as passed by the senate provides for no penalty on delinquent first half taxes. A bill providing for a penalty of 2 per cent was passed by the senate Tuesday, but the house refused to concur in it, and the conference committee agreed to eliminate the penalty. Interest at the rate of 1 per cent a month is all the delinquent will be required to pay until after November 5, when a 5 per cent penalty will be added on all unpaid taxes.

It was thought by a majority of the senators that a small penalty on first half taxes would be necessary to induce early payments, but the house believed the interest of 1 per cent a month would do this. Senator Perkins, chairman of the senate committee on assessment and taxes, said that in Multnomah county to pay current expenses 65 per cent of the total should be received on first payments. What is considered the important feature of the new bill is the one providing two tax paying periods—April 5 and October 5. Under the existing law all taxes are due April 1, and if half are paid at that time interest and penalty immediately attach to the balance.

The bill providing that the sheriffs shall be the tax collectors passed both houses and has become a law. The treasurers, however, will collect taxes until the law becomes operative, ninety days from date of its adoption.

In order to meet the high cost of flour the Chicago bakers have not only increased the price of doughnuts, but are making the holes larger.

A while back the slogan all over the South was "buy a bale" to help the South sustain its credit. The general opinion now is, in the very same section, that with the European war over the "sky will be the limit" to the price of cotton. In the midst of a buy a bale movement, the statement of today was advanced as an argument, the producer being advised to hold his cotton and reap the benefit certain to come along in due season—the close of the European war. If, as has been said, the "buy-a-bale" movement was not as complete as it should have been, the South will yet have cause to rejoice in the fact. With cotton selling "with the sky as the limit" what the South may have lost in over production will come back, if not directly, indirectly, several times over. This is the eternal fitness of things, and it is also what keeps the ball rolling at all times.

The latest problem of domestic sociology in New York is whether a wife is the owner of the money saved from the housekeeping expenses. A judge has decided that none of it is hers; it belongs to the husband. The women are disposed to regard this as one more masculine oppression, and the husband in question has split the difference by offering his wife one half the amount of the savings. A little reflection will show that this is not liberal. Suppose the housekeeping allowance is \$10 a week and the wife keeps house on \$6. Evidently the economy is practiced quite as much on him as on her; his food is skimmed as much as hers. The result proves that the housekeeping allowance might have been \$6, in which event the wife and the husband would have pocketed \$4. If he is willing to divide equally with her, he is doing all that can be expected, and if he is telling the truth when he says that he reserved only 10 per cent, of his pay and that the disputed sum was the savings out of 90 per cent which the wife disbursed, the women ought to regard him as a model husband.

Attorney Bagley Appointed Judge.

Salem, Or., Feb. 27.—George R. Bagley, of Hillsboro, has been appointed Circuit Judge by Governor Withycombe for the Nineteenth Judicial District. It comprises Washington and Tillamook counties, and was created by the recent legislature. Mr. Bagley was born January 25, 1871, in Canton, O., and came to Oregon in 1885, settling at Hillsboro. He read law under the late Congressman T. H. Tongue, and was admitted to the bar June 1, 1895, and since 1906 has been engaged in the practice of law with William G. Hare, who was a member of the House during the recent session. He is a Republican, and this will be the first office he has ever held.

Program for March 6 at the Fairview Hall.

- Singing - - - - - By Audience
Song - - - - - Martin and Hattie Giverence
Reading - - - - - By Life Tidgen
Recitation - - - - - By Joe Durrer
Song - - - - - By Almada Trie and little sister
Recitation - - - - - By Mr. Bester
Song - - - - - Miss Morgan, Mr. Mills
Musical Warble - - - - - Mr. Cruz
Reading - - - - - By Miss Crawford
Speech - - - - - By Mr. Maxwell on "Should a school district give financial aid to the amusement of the scholars."
Reading - - - - - By Mrs. Herring
Song - - - - - Mrs. Breden
Dialogue - - - - - By Victor and Loyd Johnson and Leona Rupp, Entitled a Sudden Discovery.
Paper.
Song - - - - - Mrs. Aekley
Negro Minstrel - - - - - Mills and Johnson
Debate—Resolved, that the war in Europe is more of an injury to the U. S. than a benefit. Affirmative, Miss Loerpabel and Miss Shrode. Neg., Dolf Tinnerstett and Morrison Mills.

Royal Arch Masons.

One of the most important occasions in the history of Masonry in this state is transpiring in our city this week.

By a special dispensation a class of 27 are taking the Royal Arch Masonry degrees at the Masonic Hall.

Deputy Grand High priest Clyde Evans, of Portland, who is now acting High Priest. Frank M. Patterson, High priest of Washington Lodge, Portland; Ralph D. Robinson of Portland, Asst. Secretary; and J. H. Richmond of Portland Captain of the Grand Chapter are here and have charge of the work. They are assisted by H. Holmes, High priest and H. L. Tony, Past High Priest of the Chapter at McMinnville. Local members are also assisting in the work.

The attendance is large and much interest is taken in the work.

H. E. Craig of Rockaway, with assistants is serving meals at all hours at the Masonic dining room, and ample provisions have been made for refreshing the inner man.

Outside Masonic brethren who are taking the degrees are Roy Estabrook, Geo. Worthington, and Fred Murphy of Cloverdale, Bud Wallace, Ed Gilbert and J. M. Baker of Beaver.

Financial Conditions of Counties.

According to Insurance Commissioner Well's report, counties at the close of the quarter ending December 31, last, 23 of the 34 counties of the state had deficits and 11 had a surplus. The reason given for so many counties having a deficit is that it was at the close of the year and the tax levy had been exhausted. The report is made by Insurance Commissioner in his capacity as state accountant, and it will be the last he will make, as the bill abolishing the department will become a law in 90 days.

Counties not bonded, having deficits are: Baker, \$11,765.23; Benton, \$27,581.19; Clackamas, \$138,017.99; Coos, \$99,195.87; Crook, \$91,814.21; Curry, \$36,316.65; Gilliam, \$7,527.93; Harney, \$57,367.44; Josephine, \$257,974.05; Klamath, \$470,345.99; Lane, \$86,826.57; Lincoln, \$72,845.78; Malheur, \$27,733.17; Morrow, \$2,460.05; Polk, \$27,607.27; Umatilla, \$11,145.82; Wasco, \$8,516.37; Wheeler, \$54,506.41.

Counties which are not bonded and which have a surplus are: Douglas, \$64,952.47; Grant, \$32,728.99; Lake, \$10,926.19; Linn, \$3,580.61; Marion, \$118,099.09; Union, \$3,428.49; Wallowa, \$1,639.35; Tillamook, \$876.95; Sherman, \$6,816.68; Washington, \$51,506.41.

Counties with bonded indebtedness and their deficits are: Clatsop, \$45,994.18; Columbia, \$27,852.06; Hood River, \$16,884.52; Jackson, \$735,197.99; Multnomah alone of the bonded counties has a surplus, amounting to \$165,222.47.

The bonded debts of the above counties are as follows: Clatsop, \$380,153.00; Columbia, 360,000.00; Hood River, \$50,000; Jackson, \$500,000; Multnomah, \$250,000.

There is always great man living at every period of the world's history maintained Thomas Carlyle. Who's ours?