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AN ACCIDENT NEAR TURNER

George Greenhalgh, an Aged Farmer Living Near There,

THROWN OFF THE LONG TRESTLE NEAR THE REFORM SCHOOL, DYING FROM HIS INJURIES.

Was on the Bridge Early Sunday Morning When the Pay-car Came Along—Died in Trying to Save His Dog—No Inquest Held.

TURNER, Or., Feb. 17.—Sunday morning a sad and fatal accident occurred on the railroad bridge, crossing Mill Creek one mile north of Turner. Mr. Geo. Greenhalgh, an aged resident living near the scene of the fatality, was walking on the bridge accompanied by his shepherd dog, a great favorite. When near the south end of the bridge, seeing the pay-car coming from the north at a high rate of speed on its regular monthly discharging trip, Mr. Greenhalgh got off on one of the sills supporting the stringers of the bridge, but seeing the dog still on the track and the engine but a few feet away, he reached across to pull the dog off, when he was struck by the pilot just under and a little back of the right arm pit, and knocked off the bridge into some shallow water, but was not so disabled but that he walked away and by the aid of the train men (who car being stopped) was placed on the car and taken to the depot at Turner, from whence he was taken to the hotel where he died in a few minutes.

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LATE TREATY WITH DENMARK

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THE DANISH WEST INDIES NOW BECOME AMERICAN PROPERTY, COSTING FIVE MILLIONS

The War Revenue Reduction Bill Passed the House by Unanimous Vote and Without a Word of Debate—The Unexpected Happened—Cuban Reciprocity Will Be Taken Up Next—New Plan Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Today, in a little more than an hour's time, the Senate disposed of the treaty with Denmark, ceding to the United States for the consideration of \$5,000,000 the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, composing the group of Antilles known as the Danish West Indies, lying just east of Porto Rico, and thus, so far as this country is concerned, consummated the transaction which has been under consideration intermittently since the administration of President Lincoln.

WAR TAX REPEALED.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The unexpected happened in the House today, when the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes was passed unanimously, without a word of debate. This action was the outcome of a challenge, thrown down by Richardson, the minority leader, after adopting by a strict party vote a special order for the consideration of the bill which permitted the debate upon it until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, but cut off all opportunity of offering amendments, except such as had been agreed upon by the Ways and Means Committee. The adoption of the rule had been preceded by a stormy debate, in the course of which, the Democrats protested against the application of the "tag" rule which Hay (Virginia) charged, was meant to prevent free expression, not only by Democrats but by some of the Republicans, attention being especially directed toward Babcock (Wisconsin), father of the bill, to amend the steel schedule of the present tariff law. They also charged that such a method of procedure was minimizing the influence of the House, and making it simply a machine to register the decrees of the few men in control. When the rule was adopted by a vote of 153 to 129, Richardson, to emphasize the fact that the debate on the bill could accomplish nothing, and that deliberation upon it would be fruitless, asked unanimous consent that the bill be placed upon its passage. Not an objection was voiced, and the vote was taken forthwith. Every vote, 278 in number, was cast in the affirmative.

Cuban Reciprocity.

Washington, Feb. 17.—With the passage of the war revenue reduction bill, in the house today, informal plans are being considered on both sides of the chamber for the consideration of the Cuban reciprocity question, now pending before the Ways and Means Committee. There is a pretty general understanding among the Republican members of the committee that they will confer on the question later in the week. The Democratic members of the committee met this afternoon to consider plans of proceeding with the Cuban reciprocity question when it comes up. No definite line of action was determined upon.

A Reciprocity Plan.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Representative Smith, of Michigan, today introduced a bill amending the act of July, 1898, by authorizing the President to negotiate a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, for a period of ten years, by which the United States shall refund to the Cuban Government, quarterly, 40 per cent of the duties, on condition that Cuba will grant a concession of duties on all articles imported by Cuba from the United States; and on condition that no duties shall be refunded on any article, on the production of which any bounty shall have been provided or have been paid.

The Pacific Cable.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The minority report on the Pacific cable bill, filed today, dissents from the view that the Government should build the cable. The report says: "We believe the Government can obtain all the advantages of Governmental ownership, and avoid the risks and disadvantages of Government ownership, by allowing a private corporation to lay and operate this cable. Moreover, we do not think it right for the Government to lay this cable after a private corporation has started to lay such a cable."

Hobson to Retire.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The President today sent a message to the Senate, recommending the retirement of Naval Constructor Richard P. Hobson, and in accordance with this recommendation Senator Gallinger introduced a bill providing for Hobson's transfer to the retired list.

The Census Office.

Washington, Feb. 17.—After an extended debate the Senate today passed the bill establishing a permanent Census Office. The discussion related principally to the collection and publication, by the Director of the Census, of statistics, respecting the product of cotton. Allison vigorously opposed the provision, maintaining that the cotton statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture were complete and accurate, and that no necessity existed for their duplication. Despite his op-

position the provision was inserted in the bill. Several other bills of importance on the calendar were passed, among them one extending the charters of National banks.

Disfranchising Negroes.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Republican members of the House had a third caucus tonight to consider the question of Southern elections. Only eighty-six Republicans were present. This was short of a quorum, but the meeting proceeded. A resolution was adopted asking the House Committee on Rules to report a resolution for a special investigating committee to consider questions relating to the disfranchisement of voters.

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RUPERT OF HENTZAU.—Anthony Hope's great success, "Rupert of Hentzau," was the attraction at the New Grand last night, and a crowded house greeted the excellent company and for nearly three hours enjoyed one of the best productions of the stage ever presented in Salem. The work of the company was excellent, the costumes perfect, and the sequel to the "Prisoner of Zenda" played here last year under the same management, was better than its predecessor, and won many friends for the excellent performers.

PLEASANT ST. VALENTINE'S PARTY AT RICKEY. The Home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris Presented a Festive Scene on Friday Evening—A Most Enjoyable Social Gathering.

Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris, of Rickey, presented a very pleasant scene, when a few of their young friends were gathered to celebrate St. Valentine's day. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, games and music, until a late hour, when refreshments were served, after which the presents of St. Valentine were distributed. Messrs. Ben Hofstetter and Joe Hirshey, two prominent young musicians of Rickey, furnished the music for the evening. The house was very prettily decorated with fir boughs and red hearts pierced with white arrows. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harris, the Misses June and Mabel Beaver, Hazel and Verbena Harris, Trule Carlson, Daisy and Lillie Harris, and Messrs. Clarence and Arthur Beaver, George Race, Carl and Victor Carlson, Claud and Frank Ashby, Levi and Frank Harris, Joe Hirshey and Ben Hofstetter.

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A MINISTER COMMITTED.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Upon complaint of R. E. Dunlap, Samuel Mathew, aged 82 years, and a superannuated minister of the gospel, was yesterday examined by Dr. J. A. Richardson and County Judge John H. Scott, pronounced insane and committed to the insane Asylum. He was delivered to that institution by Sheriff F. W. Durbin yesterday afternoon.

There is one rational way to treat nasal catarrh; the medicine is applied direct to the affected membrane. The remedy is Ely's Cream Balm. It restores the inflamed tissues to a healthy state without drying all the life out of them and it gives back the lost senses of taste and smell. The sufferer who is tired of vain experiments should use Cream Balm. Druggists sell it for 50 cts. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it.

MASON.—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mason, Santiam, Lin county, Oregon, Friday evening, February 14, 1921, Miss Rosa B. Mason, aged 21 years, 7 months and 6 days, of typhoid fever.

SOMETHING THAT WILL DO YOU GOOD.

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MASON.—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mason, Santiam, Lin county, Oregon, Friday evening, February 14, 1921, Miss Rosa B. Mason, aged 21 years, 7 months and 6 days, of typhoid fever. Funeral services will be held at the home of the parents, at Santiam, and the remains will be brought to this city on the overland tomorrow afternoon, and the burial will take place in the City View cemetery.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Communications Sent in on Various Subjects

THE BOOTH TAX LAW AND ITS METHOD OF FIXING THE CONTRIBUTIONS

Of the Counties Toward Paying the Expenses of the State Government, Discussed by John P. Robertson.

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest, at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of general interest. It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous or unworthy or untruthful nature.)

Booth Tax Law.

Editor Statesman: The board charged with the duty of levying state taxes for the support of the state government consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer. Previous to this year they first ascertained the amount of money required to defray the expenses of the state government for the current fiscal year; and also the total amount of assessed property in the state, as returned by the several counties at the last assessment; then by calculation they found the number of mills necessary to be levied on each dollar of assessed property in the state. It was direct because made on the property and not in a lump demand against each county. It was uniform because the number of mills levied on the dollar was the same in all the counties of the state.

Although the law provided that property should be assessed at its "actual cash value," it was evident many years ago that some assessors were disregarding alike this mandate of the laws and their official oath, and were assessing very low valuations. This enabled their constituents to shirk an equitable share of state taxes and to throw an unequal and unjust burden on the people of other counties, whose assessors were more conscientious. There being no central state authority to which the several assessors must submit their assessments for revision, each assessor was practically "a law unto himself." Believing, yes knowing, that some, if not all other assessors would each seek to protect his county from the payment of an unfair, if not from a fair, proportion of state taxes, every assessor was under a very strong temptation, if not necessity, to undervalue. So the abuse grew apace.

I believe I am safely within the bounds of truth when I say that Multnomah county led in this "systematic evasion of law," until the abuse became so general, and the undervaluation so great, that it was properly characterized by the Governor as a "race to reach the lowest possible level of assessment."

So successful were the assessors in this effort, that the assessed valuation of the state decreased from \$168,000,000 in 1893, to a little less than \$118,000,000 in 1900; a loss of \$50,000,000 in seven years!

In view of these statistical facts the Governor in his last biennial message said: "The limit to which this systematic evasion of law can go has been reached. Practically we have no law on the subject."

PROPOSED REMEDY.

If the Governor may truthfully be said to have definitely proposed and recommended any remedy for this deplorable state of affairs, it may be found on page 13 of his message and is as follows: "The best one, if it can be had, will be to devise some system by which the state can assess a certain amount against each county, for state purposes, in proportion to its wealth, or population."

I take it that no sane man would long entertain a proposition to levy taxes in proportion to population. If then "in proportion to wealth," how is that proportion to be ascertained? Is the state board endowed with such superior and infallible wisdom that they can equitably apportion the levy among the several counties without an actual assessment? Surely not. Then we must have assessors, and an assessment. And that is just what we have had all along.

If the Governor had suggested some feasible plan by which these assessors could be induced to value all assessable property at its "actual cash value," as the law directs, then his suggestion would have real merit. But to merely say we should do what all admit should be done, without pointing out how to do it, is to leave us just where we were before, without advancing the solution of the problem a single step. However, by reading closely the above extract, we may discover the embryonic outlines of the inequitable enactment under which the board are now operating. Notwithstanding this it was hoped that the Legislature would for once rise equal to the occasion, and enact an equitable and workable assessment law. But these fond hopes were soon dispelled, for it was soon manifested that the members—and not all come to Salem, with an earnest determination to come at these acknowledged and palpable abuses.

But something had to be done. It mattered little what—whether good or bad. The members must be enabled to go home and report to their disenchanted constituency, that they had done something—made a change—and thus satisfy them to wait, and see how it worked. Their motto seems to have been: "After us the deluge."

So a few eminent gentlemen, the Governor I understand with them, got together, pooled their wisdom (?) and incubated House Bill No. 63, called the Booth Bill.

Of this bill in an article published in the Daily Statesman, Feb. 13, 1921, I said:

"As a remedy it is proposed in House Bill 63 which passed the House with only one dissenting vote, to take the unequal assessments of these last five years (1896 to 1900 inclusive)—years when this 'systematic evasion of law' was the most flagrant—and enact these unjust, and unequal assessments into laws, and make them the basis for the demand on the several counties for state taxes!"

"The counties whose officials have been most successful in evading the law, and defrauding the state (for the last five years, are now to be protected in that 'systematic evasion of the law' for the next five years! The people ask relief from unequal taxation. The House answers by fastening on them for five years to come the very injustice of which they complain!"

"What then? After 1905 the state's taxes are to be levied on each county, not on its proportional amount of assessable property, but on its proportional expenditures for county purposes for the last five years preceding 1905. It would be just as reasonable, as equitable, and as constitutional to base it on the number of men with red hair in each county. Can such a bill pass the Senate? We shall see what we shall see. It is but the crassest patch-work—a temporary expedient, perhaps only designed to perpetuate present intolerable conditions for another five years."

Notwithstanding the bill did pass the Senate, and was approved by the Governor. Though I believe it to be as clearly unconstitutional as it is unjust, the first levy of state taxes has been made under its provisions, and the first assessment since its enactment is complete, and the results of both are now before us.

In my next (soon to follow) we will see how nearly in the above extracts I forecast the result.

JOHN P. ROBERTSON.

Hon. L. J. Adams, of Silverton, attended to some business of a legal nature in this city yesterday.

STEINER'S MARKET.
THE MARKETS.
Eggs—15 cents cash.
Chickens—8 to 10 cents.

MARKET REPORTS.
The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:
Wheat—52 cents.
Oats—55c white; 50 gray; per cental.
Hay—Cheat, \$7.00; clover, \$6 to \$7; timothy, \$9 to 10; wheat, \$7.
Flour—70 and 85 cents per sack; \$2.60 to \$3.20 per barrel.
Mill Feed—Bran, \$47.50; shorts, \$18.50.
Butter—\$9 to 22 1/2c per lb. (buying)
Creamery, 27 1/2c.
Eggs—15 cents.
Chickens—8 to 10 cents.
Pork—60c; 4 1/2 cents.
Beef—Steers, 3 1/2c; cows, 2 1/2c; good hifers, 3c.
Mutton—Sheep, 2 1/2c; 2 1/2c.
Cal—55c, dressed.
Potatoes—60 to 65c per bushel.
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