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"THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW."

It is apparent from several articles recently published in the Oregonian that a movement is on foot among the money lenders to procure the repeal of the "Mortgage Tax Law." A similar effort was made through the medium of that paper some years ago, and very soon after the law was enacted. The same reasons for its repeal were then assigned that now appear in these articles: To-wit: That it will drive money out of the state and make interest high. These predictions have not come to pass. Money is still here to be had in all cases when good security can be offered; and interest is more reasonable than in Washington Territory, just across the Columbia. More money is now in the market to be loaned to farmers on mortgage than it is prudent for them to borrow, even if interest were lower. The object of these articles is to create a public opinion that will remove all taxes from money and credits, and this idea crops out in all these articles. It is the earnest desire of the capitalists, (as moneyed men style themselves) to shift all the taxes from themselves on the producing classes. And as there are a number of capitalists elected to the next legislature, they evidently think now is the time to secure indemnity from taxation, and fix further burdens on the producing classes.

That class of property known as credits, bonds, and stocks which these moneyed men use to make great profits—is, together with the money of the country (which is mostly in their possession), yielding to its owners an annual income of larger per cent. than land owned and worked by actual farmers, and is better able to bear the burden of taxation.

This personal property of the capitalists needs and has more protection from the laws; and contests as to its title are more frequent in the courts than contests about land. Still these men desire to place all the burdens of maintaining and enforcing the laws for the protection of this property on land and tangible property. This exhibits a degree of selfishness and greediness well worthy of these plutocrats, whose capacity of declination expands with the ever increasing quantity of wealth offered to their capacious stomachs, that never yet were so filled as to cause a single comfortable grunt signifying satiation.

N. E.

The Philadelphia cremation company continues to hold out strong inducements to people in that town to die and get incinerated. The price of cremation, notwithstanding the cold weather, has been reduced to \$28 per body. That is the present market value of one share of stock. One share of stock is accepted in exchange for one cremation. Now is the time to go to glory.

FORT HILL, S. C., the homestead of John C. Calhoun, is in litigation through a suit brought by a granddaughter, Isabella Lee of New York, to contest the will of a son-in-law, Thomas G. Clensen, who left the property to the state for an agricultural college.

It is said that the Morse system of telegraphy has developed a new disease among operators, in which the finger nails drop off one after another, caused by the incessant pounding with the ends of the fingers.

THE COLORED MAN AGAIN.

Benjamin Butler, talking on the newly raised question, says the negro should be made a whole man, not half a one, and that all offices should be open to him; but, in answer to a question presented to him, whether it would be proper to put a negro in Harrison's cabinet, answered, "Is he not a man and a brother?"

Burton R. Wilson, a prominent colored man of Boston, says the republicans cannot succeed without the colored vote, and thinks now the party has an opportunity to prove itself by Harrison's appointing a colored man to the cabinet.

He favors Fred Douglass or John R. Lynch. Editor Powell, of the Advocate, said the colored men think themselves entitled to representation in the cabinet, and he favored ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce.

Bishop A. W. Wayland of the African M. E. church, says the time is not yet ripe to admit negroes to administrative positions. "We don't expect such things," he said, after declaring that the race was not yet sufficiently developed.

Joseph E. Briscoe said he did not think it would be politic to place a colored man in the cabinet.

A BOON TO WHALEMEN.

A petition has been presented to congress by Senator Stanford, from the chamber of commerce of San Francisco, calling the attention of congress to the urgent need of a permanent relief station in the Arctic ocean. The petition says the whaling fleets flitting out at San Francisco are steadily increasing and many hundred lives and millions of dollars worth of property are exposed to the unusual danger in the pursuit of whaling in the Arctic. The relief stations should be supplied with provisions, fuel, stores, heavy clothing and life-saving appliances. The petition says it will be a great boon to Arctic whalemens.

SALEM seems to be booming. A large number of home-seekers are coming in on every train, and all are delighted both with the locality and the climate. Real estate is rapidly changing hands, and large holdings are being divided into small places for homes and fruit farms. The citizens are catching the spirit of progress and enterprise and are putting in street railways. The natural locality of Salem is splendid and if its people are wise and true to their own interests they ought in a few years to have a city of 25,000 inhabitants.—Drain Echo.

DR. JAMES SCOTT, author of the Scott liquor law, died at Lebanon, Ohio, Dec. 17th, aged 73. Under this law, passed in 1833, Ohio liquor dealers paid taxes to the amount of nearly \$2,000,000. In 1884 a supreme court decision made the law unconstitutional and the taxes were refunded. In 1885 a modified law was passed.

"APPLE MARY," was led to the bar of the Court of General Sessions, New York, Dec. 21st, greatly frightened, and after a mock examination was presented with \$21 from court attendants; over \$40 was collected in the other courts. Mary has sold apples and oranges for many years to court attendants and jurors.

THE Woodbridge oak, seven miles from New Haven, Ct., said to be 1,200 years old, has been cut down, being decayed. It was 27 feet in circumference, and under it in 1882 was found the Quinapiac Oak-Tree Association.

CASSIUS M. CLAY, now in his 79th year, lives a retired life on his estate near Richmond, Ky. The thirty acres of big trees surrounding his house were all planted by his own hand.

SINCE eggs are always so high it is a wonder that more people do not engage in the chicken business in this country. There is more profit on eggs at 25 cents a dozen than on wheat at \$2 per bushel. We know.

SOME state papers are again advertising the Louisiana lottery. It is a violation of the law and they make themselves liable to prosecution for infringement of the prohibitory state statute.

FORBATHER's elephant Chief, 40 years old, which has killed seven men in three years, was strangled to death at Philadelphia, Dec. 17th, two other elephants being employed to draw the noose.

IN appearance Osman Digna is a fine looking man, tall and well proportioned, though rather fat. He wears a long black beard, and has lost his left arm.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Points of Personal Mention and Note of Educational Interest.

F. M. Anderson read an excellent oration in chapel yesterday; subject, Eschatology.

The regular semi-term rhetorical will be held next Thursday at 2:30 p. m., when all of the academy students are expected to declaim or read essays.

Mrs. Wells of Independence, Miss Carrie Royal of Dallas and Amy Cavanaugh, all old time students, witnessed chapel exercises Friday.

School was not called Wednesday on account of the Moody meetings, but everything started nicely on Thursday morning.

Prof. Ed. A. Bennett and wife, both old time students, spent the holidays visiting his parents in Salem. Mr. Bennett is successful as principal of the Stayton public school, and says he has 110 scholars enrolled.

A few of the students have not yet returned from their holiday sojourn, but more of the new students have entered and more are expected soon.

Some of the young ladies and gentlemen took New Years dinner and spent the day with Prof M. V. Rork, pastor of the Unitarian Church. Prof. and Mrs. Rork proved to be fine hosts and the students were highly pleased with their entertainment.

The University received twenty-six volumes of Bancroft's History of the Pacific Coast, the first of the week. These books, with the excellent libraries of the late Drs. Roberts and Wilbur, which have recently been placed in the University library, have added much to its worth, and many good books are being read.

Leap year can scarcely be said to have been a failure among old time students, as between a dozen and a score of them have embraced the golden opportunity and bid farewell to single blessedness and entered the state of blissful matrimony. The teachers with a host of students give them a warm congratulation, and may this year be pleasantly remembered with no regrets.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.—High street, Rev. B. F. Moody, pastor. Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Elder P. R. Burnett, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Chemekete and Cottage streets. Low mass at 7:30 a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Vespers, sermon and benediction at 7:00 p. m. every Sunday. J. S. White rector.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY.—Services at 10:40 a. m. and 7 p. m., and Mental Science class at 3 p. m., Sunday. Conducted by M. V. Rork at their hall, corner of Court and Liberty streets, up stairs. All persons inclined to a rational faith are invited to join these exercises.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Corner of Liberty and Marion streets. Rev. A. R. Medbury, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at noon. Young Peoples' meeting at 6:45 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday evening. All are cordially invited.

M. E. CHURCH.—Services will be held in the M. E. church to-morrow as follows: Morning, at 10:30; evening at 7, Sunday school at 12 M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 6:30. All are invited. Seats are free.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 o'clock, Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:00; evening service at 7. Rev. Anselm B. Brown, pastor. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Seats free. Morning subject, "Human Blindness to the Divine Operations." In the evening Mrs. Malloy will conduct revival service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. A. Newell, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m.; R. S. Wallace, supt. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00 p. m. Welcome to all, at all the services.

Holiness Meeting. Every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, holiness meetings are conducted at 115 High street.

Band of Hope meets Sunday afternoons, at 3 o'clock, in the W. C. T. U. hall on Court St. All are cordially invited.

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A Woman's Discovery.

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Never begin a journey until the breakfast has been eaten.

Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostettler's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of common occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this superlatively wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action is these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

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