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GOVERNOR PENNOYER'S VIEWS.

The following letter, bearing date Salem, March 27, 1893, is offered for publication:

Mr. W. H. Spangh, Harrisburg, Or.—Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. I will say that I did not approve the bill passed at the last session of the legislature repealing the mortgage tax law. I did, however, permit it to become a law without my approval, for the reason that the provision alluded to was coupled with another provision preventive of the great fraud which for years has been practiced in this state, of escaping taxation by means of fictitious indebtedness. The two provisions were yoked together—the just with the unjust—and a veto of that bill, inasmuch as it was passed late in the session, would undoubtedly have been made an excuse for a refusal on the part of the legislature to enact any other or further legislation relative to assessment and taxation. Under the existing state of affairs, it appeared that any change could not make the matter much worse.

It is, indeed, true that the law as passed, while closing the door against fictitious indebtedness, opens another door for an escape of the notes secured by the mortgage from taxation, and thus in avoiding Scylla we have run afoul of Charybdis. For this the legislature is solely responsible. The well-matured tax law which passed the lower house two years ago, and which was wrecked in the senate, by which the mortgage tax law was retained and perfected, and the exemption on account of fictitious indebtedness was made impossible, and by which insurance, telegraph, telephone and express companies now enjoying a comparative immunity from taxation, were compelled to contribute something like their just proportion, was not even considered by the last legislature, and the bill simply repealing the mortgage tax law and the provision allowing deduction for indebtedness were alone considered and passed. The law as passed, throwing as it will the bulk of taxation upon land and shielding it as it does the money-lender, will not and ought not to stand. Taxation should be just and equal, and if deduction for indebtedness is allowed, it should be so guarded as to entirely prevent the fictitious claims which have been made to shield those best able to pay.

Very respectfully, SYLVESTER PENNOYER.

It seems to us the governor's admission that he allowed an unjust repealing act, assuming it to be just, to become a law, as he says he did, is not up to his usual high determination to allow no unjust legislation to escape his veto bluegenie. He was implored by Republicans and Democrats and Populists to return the Lawton bill with his dissent to a repeal of the mortgage tax law, but for some reason refused to do so. To attempt to say the legislature would or would not have done this or that, if he had so interposed his objection to what he now terms a "law" throwing the bulk of taxation upon land and shielding the money-lender, is not sufficient excuse to satisfy most people. It is certainly in poor taste for the governor to say that the legislature is solely responsible. He allowed its work to stand, when he could have thrown upon it the responsibility of passing it over his veto. If there is any double taxation resulting from taxing mortgages and taxing the land too, the governor must share the responsibility. People were told the borrower paid the tax on the mortgage, and that if the mortgage tax law was only repealed all borrowers could get money at a lower rate of interest. Under the law as it stands, requiring mortgaged lands to be taxed at full value to the debtor and then requiring mortgage notes to be taxed too, if the law is enforced, there will be no realization of reduction in taxes or interest either. If mortgage notes are not taxed, as they probably will not be, the mortgage holders will still not cut down the rate of interest, and the much-mortgaged farmer is a great deal worse off than he was before, because he will have to pay just as much interest as ever, and get no deduction for debt. For this state of affairs the legislature is not alone to blame.

THE FARMER NO LONGER LEADS.

Agriculture is supposed to be the foundation of our progress and prosperity, writes R. H. Edmonds in an article in the Engineering Magazine, on modern progress. This is to a large extent true, and yet while the value of our manufactured products in 1890 was \$2,000,000,000 the total value of all agricultural products in that year was only about \$2,500,000,000. The opening up

of new land by the heavy immigration into the West brought into cultivation ten or more years ago a larger area than the consuming power of this country and the foreign demand added, justified. In a pamphlet recently published by C. Wood Davis, it is shown that the area cultivated in staple food-crops increased from 1875 to 1890 on an average of 5.8 per cent. a year, and since then has steadily declined, having been 5.9 per cent. from 1890 to 1895, and then 1.4 per cent. from 1895 to 1890. In other words the total cultivated area is now increasing much less rapidly than our population.

Of course in view of this the agricultural productions of the country do not show any such phenomenal advance as has marked the growth of industrial interests. The total value of all agricultural products in 1890 was estimated at \$2,700,000,000. Mr. James R. Dodge, the statistician of the Agricultural Department, estimated the value in 1890 at \$2,800,000,000—a gain of \$100,000,000,—notwithstanding a heavy decline in price and very short crops, owing to bad weather. In 1891 large crops brought the total value up to \$4,500,000,000. The number and value of farm animals increased very heavily during the decade, the total value having been \$1,575,000,000 in 1880 and \$2,118,000,000 in 1890,—a gain of \$543,000,000.

SINGING THE OLD SONG.

Old hands at the Republican bellows continue to howl tariff. Of course, it is quite natural that all the old politicians should want to keep whacking away at the tariff. Only give us enough tariff literature and pull away at the old free trade bellows and we can turn the rascally Democrats out. That is what they say. They forget that there are greater problems before the American people than turning a fresh flock of swine at the trough of public will every four years. There are newer issues staring the people in the face for solution. But what does the politician care for solutions. The problem with him is to get all four feet in the trough and burrow lengthwise.

SUGGESTED COMMENTS.

A man wants to sell us a self-pouring coffee-pot. If he would indicate some way to get the coffee it would please us very much. We can do the pouring. Grand Chancellor E. E. Sharon has issued dispensations for two new Knights of Pythias lodges, located at Rainier, and Aurora, Oregon. A Lake county editor, who had a dog for sale, advertised it as follows: "Good family dog for sale. Will eat anything. Is very fond of children."

The Baker Democrat feels bad and says: "The way in which pension claims are made is shown by the report of the work of medical examiners at Salem. Of 496 examined but two were rejected. This is a fair sample of the work that is now costing the United States \$180,000,000 per year. Think of it; \$20 annually taken from each voter! Perhaps only two were found unworthy."

Oregonian: We do not believe that the courts of Oregon will sustain the decision of any local authority which may hold that the failure to compel the same man to pay taxes twice on the same property vitiates the whole assessment roll. This is contrary to the constitutional requirement that all taxation must be equal and uniform, and contrary to the spirit of the statutes. Taken in connection with the repeal of deduction for debt in the same law, the plain intent of the repeal of the mortgages upon land which has already paid full tax shall not be taxed at all.

The April number of The Cottage Hearth presents an unusual number of bright stories, interesting articles, and special departments on the varied interests of home life. Eben E. Rexford speaks with authority on the subject of flowers, and he addresses himself to Flower Lovers and Growers. Marion A. McBride treats the subjects of Domestic Science and Household Furnishing with the skill and ability which are marks of long experience. Mary C. Hungerford, in Household Chats, and Edith Robinson, in Home Dress-making, are peculiarly happy in the suggestions they make to that most important of all home personages—the mother. This number contains especially handsome illustrations. (W. A. Wilde & Co., Boston. \$1.50 a year.)

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JIM SLUGGERBOY'S LETTER.

MISTER EDITOR of the CAPITAL JOURNAL—

I suppose you did not expect to hear from me as I have bin kep in purty close since I cum to Salem and failed up on cracken the Nashenal bank. Thats all rite. I hav got a beter lay nor that an ime gain to work it for al its wurth.

Just a fu days ago, I found out there want any gas, or coelle or lectric lamps all the way down to the depo; for a big stretch uv space, an I've made up my mind, or whate left uv it, to do a litle sanbagin. I used to make a big stake once in awhile in Lunnun an NuYork an other towas at that, but I never seen a beter openin than this in a rite here in Salem. Lots uv mens wimmen walks down to the depo to the nite tranes, an what a pudden I will hav, Sec?

The men fokes I gess I will hav to fetch em one akros the bak of the bed with a sanbag, but the wimmen wont tak no such truble they will just turn out there boodel first askin. Uv course its too dark to ask a feller to shell out for the crook can't see no beter than tother chap, so I will just kook em stiff an go throo there clothes. Ime awful much obliged to them common scoundrels, I thinks you calls ardemens in this country, for leavers that eligbl locally for an indusctus crook without a glim, an ime just smart enuf to work the lay.

Yours turely JIM SLUGGERBOY the Sanbager.

FROM SUBLIMITY.

Frank Reister and Ernest Becker made a business trip to the capital city Monday.

Henry Ditter returned Monday to his home in Yakima after a two weeks visit in webfood.

Simon Boedighelmer of Gervais was visiting his parents last week returning to Gervais Monday.

Two families from Minnesota arrived here Monday with the view of locating in this vicinity.

Miss Belle Aitken of Salem commenced a three months term of school in the Bokey Point district two miles north of here.

Miss Minnie Ireton will go to Mill City Saturday to take charge of a school near that town, known as the Taylor district. It will be her first experience in teaching and we all wish her success.

Archbishop Gross of Portland will be here next Sunday to confirm fifteen persons in the faith of the Catholic church.

Died, at her home near Sublimity on Wednesday, March 29, Mrs. Rhoda Thompson, aged 69 years, 3 months and 5 days. The deceased came to her death by a stroke of paralysis which she contracted seven years ago. She leaves a husband and two sons to mourn her death. Her remains were interred in the Halsey cemetery by her request.

The young folks gave Miss May Ritinger a surprise party Monday evening, before her departure for Salem. Dancing was the amusement of the evening which they carried on until a late hour and all reported having a jolly good time.

Geo. P. Ambler and wife, of Clymer, were in town last week. Mr. Ambler is going it the prune business. He has set out several thousand prune trees and his intentions are to have twenty acres in fruit.

Rev. Father Beutegge left Monday for Portland, where he will receive medical treatment for his lungs which have been defected the past month.

Albert Downing is sick with the gripe at the home of his mother Mrs. John Downing.

F. T. Hunt and wife of Whitaker were in town Monday. Mr. Hunt has sent in his resignation as postmaster of Whitaker. His successor has not been appointed yet.

FROM ARGENTI.

Mr. H. Richert spent Easter with his parents.

Mrs. Ormsby has been on the sick list for some days but has recovered.

Our people are rejoicing over the location of a new road across to Mehama, which will save about ten miles, and there is no way to reach that point except by the Stayton road.

Quite a number of our citizens attended Mr. Pugh's sale, and report horses as selling very cheap. The day was very stormy and but few were in attendance.

large quantity of powder and lighted it with a match. The little fellow has not been able to see for a week, and his face is one solid burn. April 5.

O, woman, despairing and wretched, Dreadful, 'tis long to be so; Hear the glad chorus that rises, Filling the dome of the sky:

"Haters, be glad, there's help to be had; No longer be miserable, gloomy and sad; Let health regain," rings out the refrain. "Four centuries, be healthy and happy again." How? By taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the world's greatest remedy for all kinds of diseases peculiar to women. It brings back tone and vigor to the system weakened by those distressing complaints known only to women, which makes life such a burden. It restores relaxed organs to a normal condition. It fortifies the system against the approach of diseases which often terminate in untold misery, if not in death—which is preferable to the pain and torment of living, in many instances. It is the great gift of scientific skill and research to women, and for it she cannot be too grateful. It cures her ills when nothing else can. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or price (\$1.00) returned. Absolutely sold on trial.

Baby cried, Mother sighed, Doctor prescribed: Castoria

A Wealthy Woman's Method of Exercise. Certain of the guests at a certain "swell" hotel on the Back bay are in convulsions of merriment over the modus operandi of a certain matron in the hotel with regard to her recreation. They come from the country, she and her husband, who is, by the way, a wealthy lumber merchant, and pass their winters in town. Whatever madam's previous athletic training has been nobody knows—perhaps in a previous incarnation she was a flying trapeze performer. But it isn't needful to settle this question. Suffice it to say that she has taken in this life, or some portion of it as she passes at the hotel in question, to the fire escape. That's what I said.

Several times a week this fair woman (whether she be blond or brunette she is of course fair) betakes herself to the fire escape rigged in the skylighted window in the middle of the house, and there slide from the top to the bottom and over again. It may be that the planets have decreed that she is in danger of fire in this world, but the only explanation that she makes for her unique amusement is that she likes the sensation. It was kept very dark (the lady's entertainment, not the well) at first, but it has leaked out little by little, and now she has quite an audience when she makes her leap in the—well.—Boston Globe.

The Doctor Will Not Sell. A Lowell (Mass.) man gave a surgeon now practicing at Great Falls, N. H., a deed some years ago disposing of his body for anatomical purposes at his death for \$10 cash in hand. He has since been in South America, has made a great deal of money and is now anxious to have a decent funeral and interment when he dies, but counsel, whom he has consulted, advises him that the deed holds good unless he buys it from the holder. This he has tried to do, but the doctor has refused large offers.

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My Case Was Hopeless. One physician advised me to go either south or to Colorado, as I could not live in the north. My husband was in the drug business and sold out to go away, but a friend advised me to take

Hood's Sarsaparilla. I did give it a trial, and found so much virtue in it that I continued with it. I cannot tell how much this medicine has helped me. I have improved rapidly in health ever since I began with it, and am now able to do my own work. Nothing I have ever taken equals Hood's Sarsaparilla. I feel like a new person.—Miss F. O. Stone, Geneva, Ohio.

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A Lesson in Punctuality. Matthias Spillog, chief of the Wyandottes, lives in Kansas and is known to be worth about \$1,000,000. He is supposed to be the richest Indian in America. He can neither read nor write, but by his native shrewdness has acquired large tracts of land in Kansas and Missouri, as well as houses and lots in Kansas City.

Some white men were negotiating with him for the purchase of a certain lot of land. The price was finally agreed upon, \$140,000, and they were to meet him at a certain bank in Kansas City at 10 o'clock. There and then the money was to be paid and the papers signed.

On the appointed morning old Matthias entered the bank a few minutes before the hour and took a seat, with his eye upon the clock. The minute hand reached 12, and the clock began to strike. The Indian rose, and at the last stroke he walked out of the building.

He had gone only a block or two before he met the capitalists hurrying to keep their appointment. They begged him to return, but he refused. If they wished to deal with him, he would meet them at the bank the next day at 10 o'clock.

That time the white men were on hand, but when they offered the Indian the price agreed upon for the land he declined to take it. The \$140,000 was yesterday's price. Today they might have the property for \$160,000. Talking was useless, and they paid the additional \$20,000.

It was a dear lesson in punctuality.—Harper's Young People.

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