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EXPENSIVE REFORMERS.

A great many of the bills before the county court at this time are for cases in justice courts and inquiries before grand juries, fees of witnesses and prosecutions that never resulted in convictions.

It is well known that the editors of the Independent and Democrat were before the grand jury on various quizzical efforts to purify public morals and the morals of others, principally their competitors in the newspaper business.

Of course no attention was paid to their trials of personal abuse of men who unfortunately for themselves have to say they are engaged in the same business. Their principal stock in trade is charging others with perjury, blackmail, plundering the treasury and robbing the people.

The prosecuting attorney informed him quietly that times were too hard to give him all that free advertising for nothing and mad with disappointment and rage because he could not have some one branded at expense of the county he left the court house in disgust.

THE TAXPAYERS OUTLOOK INTO THE FUTURE.

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The state officials elected next June will take their seats the January following and hold until January, 1899. It will be March 4th, 1897, before the Cleveland administration will be at an end.

of money and a high rate of taxation. The income of the heavy taxpayer is going to be reduced. The outgo of direct taxation will be enlarged. The small taxpayer will feel this doubly onerous condition still more.

The latter can sell land to meet the demands of the taxpayer, and unless there is a material reduction in the expenses of government more property will be sold to pay taxes in the next few years than ever before.

The farmers taxes are entirely too high and unless something is done farmers can not raise their tax money for next year, to say nothing of still higher taxes in the next four years to come.

Unless there is some way by which the condition of the taxpayer can be improved upon the taxpayer can be expected to resist on less the taxpayer might as well take no part in politics.

If the taxpayer outnumbers the taxpayer the people ought to know it, and let the latter understand that before he becomes a slave of the former. If there be no just government without the consent of the governed, it is time those who pay the fiddler began to withhold their consent before it entirely slips away and they have neither consent to give or money to pay.

The state of the taxpayer is worse in Oregon than in almost any state in the Union so far as state tax goes. The state tax is seven mills, while in many states it is only two to four, and yet in many states nothing whatever.

The condition of the taxpayer here is also aggravated by the fact that there is so much wild, unimproved, unprofitable and unassessable land so that the burden falls especially heavy on that which is employed for agriculture.

TWO MISTAKES CORRECTED.

Fossil Journal: Last week the Journal contained a paragraph regarding the beautiful things to be seen in Oregon forest in autumn, copied from the Salem Journal, to which we inadvertently neglected to give the proper credit.

In the said introduction the Mountaineer man perpetrates a base slander on the beauty and wealth of our surroundings, and at the same time betrays his ignorance of this section of country, which is a portion of Wasco, his home county, for many years during which time he edited the principal paper of the county, and the one that most largely circulated here until the Journal made its debut upwards of seven years ago.

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Stranger Than Fiction. The probate court today decided a curiously romantic will case. Thirty years ago Mary E. Wallace was engaged to marry an old schoolmate. They quarreled and parted. The girl, after her lover's marriage to another woman, in the course of time became the keeper of a notorious house in Lincoln under the name of Lydia Stewart.

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The Dumb Speaks. Last week Miss Nellie Bullard was dumb. Today she talks fluently. The cause of her being speechless was cleft palate, a misfortune from birth. Her voice is clear, and her words are uttered distinctly.

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Tricky Canadians. It is generally believed in official circles here that Canada has got the best of the bargain in the Behring sea arbitration. By the decision at Paris the killing of seals with firearms or explosives was prohibited during the month of August, but for some unexplained reason the idea does not appear to have entered into the minds of those conducting the American case.

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