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ASSESSMENT REFORM.

The Journal presents a correct list of those who are assessed at valuations of $5000 or over.

It is a revelation, not of the number of our wealthy people, but of the way in which property generally fails to get onto the rolls.

What is the remedy? In Illinois there has been an immense addition to valuations by publishing the assessments before equalization.

Repeal of the $300 householder's exemption puts the last bit of property of the small holders on the rolls. They cannot hide their little.

But who can doubt that every person in the list printed gets off with $300 or even $3000 of unassessed property?

Rest assured the wealthy property owner knows how to get exemption from assessment. He owns large amounts of personal property that hides.

Publication before equalization would partially expose the evils of the present system. It would call public attention to the inequality.

If that were done systematically publicity would work a great reform, and the list of $5000 people would be doubled in Marion county.

THE NEW STREET COMMISSIONER

Lieut. Kurtz shows signs of appreciating the honor done him in making him street commissioner.

He is trying to get next to his job, while not disparaging what has gone before, he is trying to make progress.

In place of the old way of having a few men scraping up mud with garden hoes, he is trying to find a scraper with horses to do the work.

If he will cut out the ancient graft of filling streets and lots for abutters, and fill in only public grounds, he will take another great step.

Lieut. Kurtz is an intelligent young man. He has been a constant reader of The Journal for seven years. He has also read other papers.

He actually talks of putting broken rock on the streets and of using screened gravel in place of the mixture of silt and sand and mud that has passed for gravel heretofore.

If Lieut. Kurtz will insist on screened gravel, more of that material will be used than ever before on the suburban streets and roads.

JUSTICE TO MR. GESNER.

The Journal owes Alderman Gesner a correction of the statement that the rest of the street committee would not join in his report on paving. The fact seems to be that Alderman Churchill did sign the report.

Alderman Acheson refused to sign the report. The report recommended the purchase of machinery costing $5000 to $6000. This is on the old lines of buying machinery in place of doing work.

In one respect Mr. Gesner's report shows the cloven foot, and its real hostility to good roads and street reform:

"The impracticable enthusiast has done his work, and the road demagogue has kept himself before the public long enough for the good people of this city; let them pass on to other fields of labor. The time is ripe for the practicable men to come to the front, together with the people who furnish the money to pay the bills, and agree on the same system, or plan, that is practicable and lasting."

"The Road Demagogue" is one of Mr. Gesner's pet names for a man who does not play his political game. But Mr. Gesner has some good qualities, which, if rightly applied, can be made useful to the community. One way to show this is to get in and help make some road or street, no more than a rod, and with something besides your mouth.

THE TACTICS OF ABUTTER.

That everlasting anonymous newspaper correspondent who signs Abutter No. 1 and Abutter No. 2 is in reality all the same person, and should describe himself to the public as a bush-whacker instead of abutter.

He is one of those immensely enterprising rich men who has a mortal dread lest anything be done that will result in making Salem a city of modern appearance and a generally progressive community.

This class of people grow rich by publicly seeming to be square and fair and intelligent and favorable to progress. They will tell the mayor, oh, yes, bitulithic pavement is the thing, but knock just the same.

They tell a man of marked intellect and tendencies like Uncle Alonzo Gesner that a brick pavement is the thing. They tell an advocate of broken rock that the real stuff is macadam, and continue to knock.

Like General Grant's coyote, the abutter howls are really only one coyote howling. His howl comes from different parts of the brush. He dodges about, and there appears to be many of him when he is alone.

Why don't Abutter come out like a man and express his honest opinion against any and all kinds of improvements except those at public expense and for his own benefit? Them's his real sentiments.

Abutter should deceive no one. When he talks brick pavement he means mud. When he talks macadam he means mud. When he talks graft in connection with bitulithic he means he is not able to graft it.

The real name of Abutter is mud. At heart he has no respect whatever for the spirit of progress. He has pride in making this city clean and sanitary. He is always willing to take mud or benefits that others pay for.

When this class can no longer have the monthly crops of river sand and mud scraped from our streets and hauled to fill swamp land lots in the Ferry street red light district, they will sing Old Grimes is dead, the jig is up, streets have got to be improved at the expense of Abutter.

SOME JAPANESE CHARACTERISTICS.

An interesting bit of gossip is furnished by George Kennan in the Outlook that has a bearing on the characteristics of the Japs in wartime.

Kennan was allowed to visit the prisons at will. He talked with Russians by the score, ate with them, investigated the treatment they received at the hands of their captors.

And as a result he has nothing but kind words for the Japs.

The Russian officers are fed on bread, fish, vegetables and have tea, sugar, salt and some luxuries. Their allowance of clothing is ample, and every two officers are allowed to have one servant from the ranks, and on giving their simple word not to attempt to escape the prisoners are permitted to wander about the adjacent country with a guard. The Japs are so courteous that they do not speak of the officers' place of detention as a prison. Instead, it is an "asylum."

Further, there is no embargo on mail, and the officers may receive as many letters as they choose, money at will, and spend it as they like.

At Tokio there is a special bureau of prisoners, and once in 10 days there is sent to Russia a detailed report on the health of prisoners, both officers and men, with full particulars.

In closing this most interesting description Mr. Kennan says: "Japan treats her enemies better than Russia does her subjects."

While the treatment of prisoners may have no bearing on the ultimate result of the war, it does emphasize national characteristics and shows why the sympathy of the civilized world is with the little nation in the great struggle.

A people that are kind and humane from principal, and courageous in the face of great disadvantages, at least deserve to become powerful in the affairs of the world, and the nation that attempts to coerce them reaps the condemnation of humanity.

MUNICIPAL FARMING IN NEW JERSEY.

In the board of aldermen of East Orange, N. J., there are some economical and far-seeing men.

The city owns some waste land. For years it has been little more than an eyesore.

So a committee of aldermen had it fertilized and tilled and raised enough hay and oats to supply the horses of the entire fire department, with enough surplus to pay the cost of the labor.

There is an idea that would scare the average individual who believes municipal ownership is a species of sin.

But why shouldn't a municipality embark in such enterprises?

Why should it not go further and arrange to cultivate as many waste places as possible? Certainly a field of growing grain is much to be preferred to a plot where the tin can and old boot flourism, and where unassisted nature supplies only weeds.

There are those who believe that it would pay a municipality to set apart a section of its greatest park and there raise farm products on an extensive and scientific scale for the purpose of proving to the public that much can be done with ground, even in a city, and inculcating habits of industry, and also for the purpose of supplying public institutions with the produce grown.

The scheme of inviting the public to farm plots has not produced great results. It seemed little more than a fad and the poor have failed to appreciate the opportunity.

But with a municipality to set the pace, demonstrating results and teaching all who might apply the principles of truck farming, who shall say that much of the poverty could not be driven from cities?

There is land enough to supply good food for every hungry person. There must be some way of securing its tillage for the benefit of those who are in need.

Perhaps these East Orange aldermen have pointed the way.

X-RAYS

Weather brite and fare—on all but the speakership.

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As usual, the Marion county senators are late in getting into the combination.

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Dolly Dorpee, who will play the part of Tom the newsboy, Monday night, is the ideal Little Lord Fauntleroy.

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Monday the legislature convenes and The Journal gives the newsboys a benefit at the Grand Opera with free seats in the boxes.

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T. L. Duggert starts in for another year on the Santiam News. He should change his name to Digger, as he is one of the hardest diggers after local news, and to get down to the facts of the case editorially among the Oregon press.

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Marion county is full of men in all parties who are ready to help tar and feather a grand jury that will indict a man like Mayor Williams for malfeasance in office, because he did not enforce some law framed by some person with wheels in their cranium.

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E. M. Mays has been appointed postmaster at Elk City, vice J. H. Blair, who has served for over 12 years. There were no charges against Mr. Blair, and he has made an excellent official, if he did once in a while read a postal card that some school ma'am sent to Marsh Simpson. The new postmaster is one of the old historical pioneer Mays family. He is hotel keeper, store keeper, station agent and dealer in chittim bark. In fact that part of Lincoln county could not get along without his services. His wife is one of the best cooks in Oregon.

FOWL FARM IN SOUTH

Twenty thousand ducks in one flock, confined on a regular duck farm and in all sizes of growth, from the egg to the mature duck ready for the roasting pan, is one of the sights that an Oregon man saw while on a recent trip to Virginia and Washington, D. C.

The duck farm was being conducted near Norfolk, Va., and was a model of its kind. There was a supply of 20,000 fowls on hands at all times in every stage of growth from the incubator to the eight weeks old bird, fat and plump and ready for the oven.

The ducks were hatched in incubators at the rate of about 2500 per week, and every two weeks the young ducks were advanced from one pen into another, as they grew and became strong, until at the end of the eighth week they were picked and dressed and marketed, as fine specimens of poultry as could be found in any market.

The Roanoke river is especially adapted to duck culture, having numerous sloughs, bayous and ponds along the banks, which afford an ideal climate and surroundings for the fowls. The farm was elegantly fitted for the propose and was one of the curosities of the state.

The young birds were "forced," from the time they left the shell of the egg until they were packed in the boxes for market at the end of the eighth week, and while they would not attain full growth in that time under normal conditions, yet they were so stuffed and crowded by artificial processes and by specially prepared foods and careful treatment that they appeared to be full grown and fat and were sold as rapidly as they could be packed and shipped.

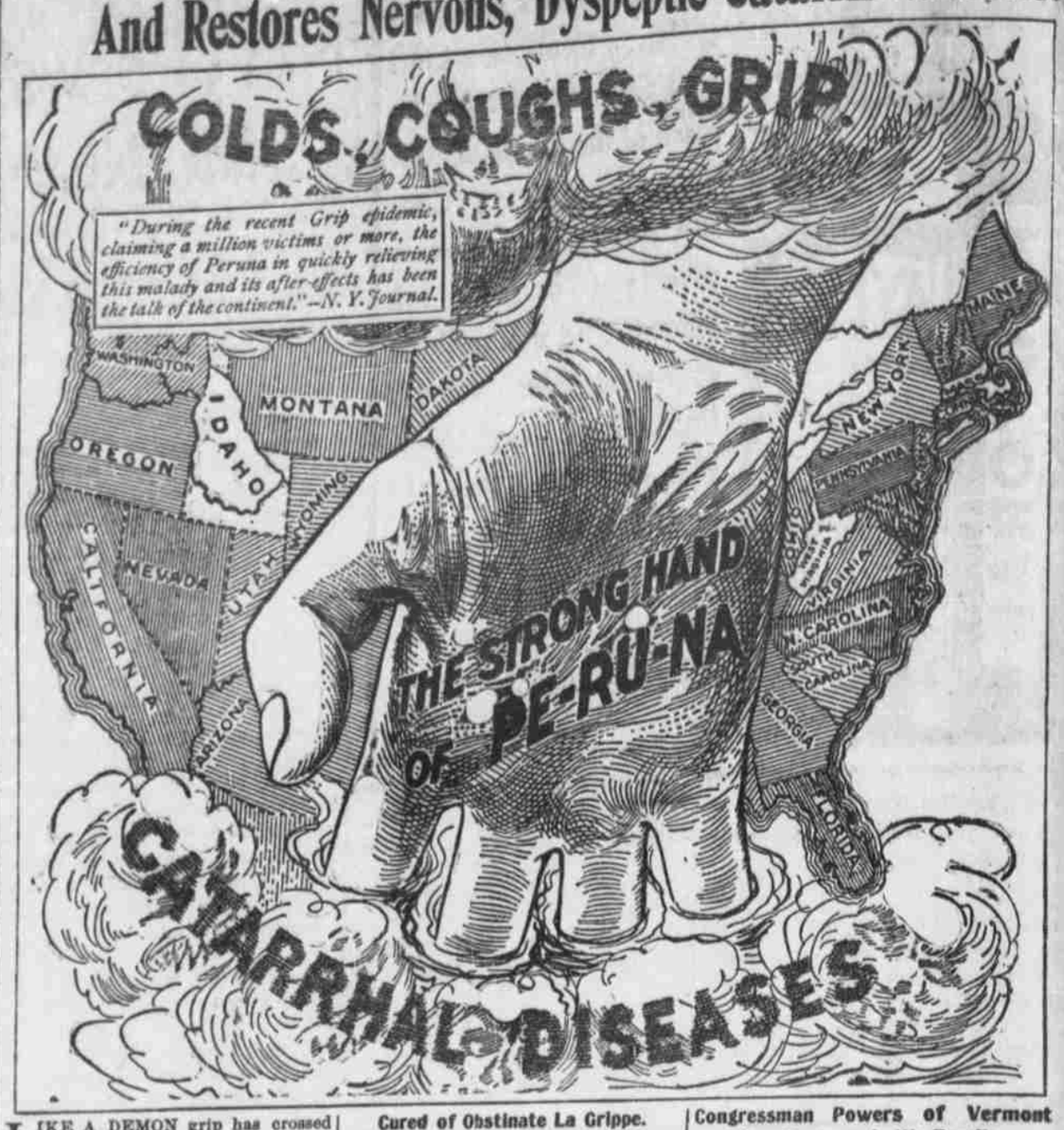
A favorite dish in Washington city, and, in fact, in all the Atlantic coast cities, is roast duck, and the market prices quoted in the current numbers of papers from time to time from these cities show that dressed ducks during the holidays are worth from 18 to 22 cents per pound.

Turkeys are second class luxuries where ducks are made the leader, and Belgian hare has also given place to roast duck on most of the fashionable menus of the east.

Earthquake Shock.

Gibraltar, Jan. 7.—An earthquake shock was felt at 5 o'clock this morning, and lasted a few seconds. No damage resulted.

The Hand That Wards Off Coughs, Colds, Grip And Restores Nervous, Dyspeptic Catarrh Wrecks.



LIKE A DEMON grip has crossed our country, leaving behind scores of physical wrecks.

Victims of catarrh of the head, catarrh of the throat, catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the pelvic organs, are to be counted by hundreds of thousands.

Grip is epidemic catarrh, and sows the seed of chronic catarrh within the system.

This is so true that few grip sufferers are able to make a complete recovery until they have used Peruna.

Never in the history of medicine has a remedy received such unqualified and universal eulogies as Peruna.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Cured of Obstinate La Grippe.

Henry Distin, the inventor and maker of band instruments for the Henry Distin Mfg. Co., at Williamsport, Pa., is probably the most active old man in Philadelphia to-day. He writes from 1441 S. 9th street, Philadelphia, Pa.:

"I write to inform you that I had a bad attack of la grippe last December which lasted more than three months, and which left me with catarrh, and several of my friends advised me to try your wonderful medicine, Peruna.

"I began with a bottle the first week in March and it certainly did me a great deal of good.

"I was so well satisfied that I purchased another bottle, and followed your directions which you furnish with every bottle, and I am glad to say that it has cured me. I shall certainly recommend the Peruna to all my friends."—Henry Distin.

Congressman Powers of Vermont Uses Pe-ru-na in His Family.

Hon. H. Henry Powers, writes from Morrisville, Vt.:

"Peruna I have used in my family with success. I can recommend it as an excellent family remedy, and very good for coughs, colds and catarrhal affections."—H. Henry Powers.

Pe-ru-na For Catarrhal Nervousness and Stomach Troubles.

Hon. W. J. Purman, ex-member of Congress from Florida, writes from 1422 Q street, N. W., Washington, D. C.:

"From representations to me, and from my own experience, I feel justified in recommending your Peruna to any and all persons suffering with catarrhal nervousness or stomach troubles."—W. J. Purman.

Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Goodbye Parties.

Two very pleasant social functions of the season were the parties given by Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Epley and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Olmstead at their respective homes during the past week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Downing, who left on Thursday for an extensive pleasure trip through California.

Dr. and Mrs. Epley enertained on Tuesday evening about 20 of their friends, and Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted received on Wednesday evening.

Monarchy vs. Republic.

What was probably the most exciting debate of the school year was held at the High school yesterday afternoon, the question involved being, "Resoved, That a Monarchy is better than a Republic." Those taking the affirmative side of the question were Winona Savage, Helen Miller and Harry Landon. Their opponents were Edwin Haslam, Mearie Roberts and Glen Cooper. Negative won.

Classes were dismissed at 2:30 and the entire High school congregated in Miss Shepard's room for the debate, which was exceptionally interesting. Each side defended their position well, but Edwin Haslam and Glen Cooper may be mentioned as having done especially well. They carried their audience with them as they debated with the skill of Oregon legislators. Miss Sherpard, the literary critic, is a teacher in the High School, instead of a grammar grade, as was reported in a former write-up.

Christian Endeavors.

At their regular business meeting, last night, the Christian Endeavorers of the First Christian church re-elected the entire staff of officers for the coming year:

President—L. S. Rowland.
Vice-President—Jennie Williams.
Corresponding Secretary — Celeste Liston.
Secretary—Adda Reed.
Treasurer—Bessie Smith.

The society is in a very prosperous condition and under the leadership of these officers more and better things are expected. One of the special plans of work for the next few months is making preparations for the evangelistic meeting to be held by Dr. S. M. Martin in the church beginning May 1. Dr. Martin is a man of renown throughout the East and has held several noted meetings in Oregon. He has held two meetings of Dr. Errett at former pastorates in the East and the Salem church is confident of a successful meeting here.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of the late Clara Blanche Vail, only child of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Vail, of this city, was held from the home yesterday. A large number of the friends gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the little child. A quartet composed of Misses Elma Byrne and Nina Bushnell and Messrs. H. S. Gile and W. Foster rendered several appropriate pieces. Rev. F. Cliffe, pastor of the First Baptist church, spoke a feww well chosen words of comfort for the bereaved parents.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, which shows the love in which the little child was held. The entire room of little Clara's school-mates were present with their teacher, Miss Emma Kramer, and at the grave each child passed by and dropped in a small bouquet, which was indeed a touching scheene.

Mr. and Mrs. Vail have the sympathy of a large circle of friends who sympathize with them in this hour of their great bereavement.

Visited by Grand Master.

Last evening the Masonic fraternity of Salem enjoyed a visit from several distinguished brethren from abroad, among them the grand master, Thomas Gray; Mr. Williamson and Phil Metschan, all of Portland.

The members and visitors enjoyed a delightful banquet at the close of the meeting.

Lost Her Purse.

Miss Anita Allen, a member of the Florence Roberts Co., while on her way to the depot this morning, had the misfortune to lose a small money purse. On the return trip of the depot car to the city, the purse was found, and it will be forwarded to her tonight at Eugene.

STATE NEWS

E. M. Mays has received the appointment of postmaster at Toledo, Lincoln county, J. H. Blair retiring.

Roseburg's city debt was liquidated, to the extent of $4000, the past fall.

There have been but few applications thus far, only 18 having been received by the faculty.

Peo, chief of the Umatillas, is insane and is being taken to the government hospital for demented Indians at Canton, South Dakota. Major J. J. McCoin, superintendent of the agency is in charge of the patient.

A third proposition for a mountain system has just been offered the Corvallis city council. The new bidder is the Rock Creek Water Company, and its offer is the third to be laid before the council.

Pacific University will have an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair, $1000 having been set aside for that purpose.

G. E. Peterson was arrested in Eugene Wednesday for stealing a slicker from a second-hand store. He afterwards confessed that he was a deserter from the United States Navy, having left the cruiser Newark in South American waters.

The First Christian.

The First Christian church, corner of High and Center streets. Preaching by the Pastor, D. Errett, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "How to Succeed as Christians." Evening: "An Answer to David B. Ogden, and Some Objections to Christian Science." Bible School at 12 m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

We wish a happy and prosperous New Year to our patrons and friends. Our resolve is to give you the best in food and service, and our prices are reasonable.

MAC SMITH'S CAFE