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THERE MUST BE A LIMIT.

There is great complaint about high taxes, and there is ground for it.

The state and county taxes are too high. The Oregon tax is HIGHER BY FIFTY PER CENT THAN IT SHOULD BE.

The county taxes are too high in nearly every county in the state BY FROM 25 TO 50 PER CENT and should be reduced.

The Journal believes the only way to stop taxes going higher, and to bring them down to what they ought to be is to put up the bars.

We have put on a limit in our cities, and there should be a limit put on the amount that may be levied for county purposes.

In our cities at present the limit is ten mills, but under various pretexts there are additions made to this so that the levy is higher.

The county levies have been slowly increasing. MARION COUNTY IS NO EXCEPTION. The old limit of \$40,000 per annum has been exceeded.

This is not the fault of the county court entirely, as there are constant demands made on the court for new appropriations.

If a limit is placed on the amount they shall levy THEY CAN TURN DOWN ALL DEMANDS IN EXCESS of what they have to go on.

If there is no limit there is a constant temptation to yield to this demand, and that demand and the result is new impositions.

If there is a special necessity for a new tax for a bridge or new machinery, or this or that, let the people vote it, or go without.

But the unrestrained resort to direct taxation must be checked in some way, or the political game will be played over the heads of the taxpayers, and at their expense all the time.

THE JOURNAL FAVORS PLACING A LIMIT ON THE COUNTY LEVY AND CUTTING THE STATE LEVY RIGHT IN TWO IN THE MIDDLE, AND LET THEM HOWL.

DIRECT PRIMARY UPHELD.

The Portland courts have upheld the direct primary law, and it will be given the first trial at the June election this spring.

Judge George intimates that THE ACT MAY BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL and it will probably be taken to the supreme court.

That would carry it over so that it would not be made to apply to the spring city election at Portland.

The law may now stand the tests of the constitution. But it should be upheld and applied and put into effect.

If it is not taken to the supreme court LET IT BE GIVEN A FAIR APPLICATION AND FULL AND FAIR TRIAL.

There are many who believe it is not properly drawn and not as practical as it should be, and should be amended.

We are of that class, but we stand for the principle of a direct nominating system, and propose to uphold this law.

Let all be prepared to not under its provisions, and there will be experienced gained to enable us to amend the law and make it better.

Let the friends of direct nomination sustain the law as it stands.

ADVOCATE OF AGE LIMITATIONS.

Dr. William Osler, whose latest book, "Science and Immortality," has gone through five editions in its many months, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Commemoration day exercises at Johns Hopkins university on February 22. Dr. Osler made a stirring speech in which he advocated a peripatetic life. He considers that college presidents and professors ought to move about to prevent becoming self-satisfied and narrow. Two of his fixed ideas are that men over 40 years of age are comparatively useless, and that those above 60 should retire as a matter of course. He will himself be 56 years old next July. His speech was in the nature of a valedictory address, as he expects to sail for England about the middle of May to begin his work as Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford university. A marble bust of Dr. Osler is now being made for presentation to Johns Hopkins university.

IMPROVE SOUTH COMMERCIAL STREET.

There has been an agreement on the grades of South Commercial street, and there should be no delay in the improvement of that street.

The people should be satisfied with NOTHING LESS THAN A BROKEN ROCK IMPROVEMENT AND THE CAR LINE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.

If the city would agree to furnish the broken rock it would seem as if the

property owners could afford to do the grading and put on the material. Some such adjustment should be made. The cemeteries should pay part of the improvement. The county probably cannot legally contribute.

The whole burden should not be made to rest on the owners of the abutting property. THERE SHOULD BE A JUST DIVISION OF THE EXPENSE.

That will be one of the finest streets in the city, and should be constructed this summer. There should be a parking on each side of the street, and a first-class 40-foot roadway.

But everybody should give up the idea of spreading on a little more gravel. The ditches on each side should be closed, and a tile put in. These ideas are thrown out for what they are worth, and merely as suggestions.

THE CRIME OF CLEVELAND.

The Portland Advocate, one of the Afro-American papers of that city, owes this editor an apology. The Advocate comes addressed to this paper as "The Cleveland Journal" and that he must retract or there will be a job for the colored undertaker at the metropolis one of these days. We consider the Cleveland bond issue that gave the Morgan-Belmont syndicate their start as the one grand incubating crime and mother of the steel trust and all the other trusts that are robbing the consumers and producers of our country in a hundred different ways. Only the other day the Morocco leather trust had a meeting and advanced the price of that commodity so as to add three million dollars to their net profits for this year of our Lord. Let us hope the Lord does not belong to the trusts but is still the God of the people, and every white or colored man or their children who got to pay that trust. This system of trusts that was established under the Cleveland administration will come nearer overthrowing free institutions and destroying government by the people than any one act of any man—and Cleveland was the father of it all—than anything ever done in our country. It will make socialism almost an inevitable necessity. It may produce civil war and anarchy.

PUBLISH THE ASSESSMENTS.

The Oregon press asked the legislature to pass some legislation appertaining to their line of business that was by no means a graft, but which has proved of great benefit to older states that have passed the same law, says the Gervais Star. "We refer to the bill proposed to publish assessment rolls by precincts in papers published therein, so far as possible. It is estimated that it would cost Marion county not to exceed \$150 per annum and it would unquestionably uncover thousands of dollars worth of untaxed property, but the legislators in their wisdom unwisely turned down all requests from the state press. A small proportion of the money squandered by our legislators if used to pass beneficial laws to the state and press would be more to their credit." Go Whit! friend Clarke, did you expect legislators who ride on passes and collect full mileage from the state to pass a law which would brand every mother's son of them (with perhaps one of two exceptions) as blooming liars every time the assessor comes around. Just thank the Lord the capital is still at Salem, and let it go at that.—Hillsboro Independent.

ATONING FOR ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH.

The magnificent university, founded and maintained by the Stanfords, is a rebuke to other rich people who have remained miserly, penurious, parsimonious, selfish in face of all the crying need of the world, for such institutions. The useless fortunes now being accumulated by the American millionaires can never do them any lasting good. The very presence of such massive fortunes will only serve to intensify the class struggle now going on in this country. If the rich would follow the Stanford example and invest some part of their vast fortunes in institutions which would be a permanent benefit to mankind, place an education within reach of the poor boys of the country, and help in advancing the banner of universal enlightenment, the socialist and communist doctrines now growing in this country at an alarming rate would be somewhat placated. Notwithstanding the means employed in taking a large part of his early fortune from the people, through the Pacific railroad graft, the final disposal of Stanford's fortune from the people, through the Pacific railroad graft, the final disposal of Stanford's fortune somewhat equalizes the wrong done society in acquiring it.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

OREGON SLAPPED IN THE FACE.

Almost in the same breath comes the positive announcement from Washington that the Mitchell bill dividing the state of Oregon into two judicial districts is dead and that the house has now concurred in the senate amendments to Representative Jones' bill dividing the state of Washington

into two judicial districts and the bill now lacks on the signature of the president to make it a law.

What a deadly parallel. And has it come to this that all Oregon is to suffer for the sins of its representatives? It looks that way.

What a striking contrast between Oregon and Washington? It is evident that the administration proposes that Oregon clear itself of the odium cast upon it by its representatives before it need expect any favors from the national government.

Evidently the president has been shown sufficient proof of rascality in land matters to warrant his withholding any favors from Oregon until the Augean stables have been cleaned.

Otherwise the President may feel that in making appointments or recommendations he might make mistakes, the charges of land frauds being so far reaching that it would be difficult for him to select an appointment that was not tainted with scandal.

There is little doubt that the failure to secure an Eastern Oregon federal district is due to the land fraud scandals and until these are cleared up there will be little use in expecting any favorable result in this matter.—Baker City Democrat.

THE TRIAL OF JESUS.

In the year 1896 Giovanni Rosadi, a Florentine lawyer, reputed to be one of the most famous criminal lawyers and parliamentary leaders of Italy, delivered a lecture upon the legal aspects of the trial of Jesus Christ. It was instantly assailed both on the ground that his idea was irreverent and that he had attempted to present Jesus simply as a social reformer, and thus give expression to his own socialistic views. Feeling that his reply should be adequate to the importance of his subject, Rosadi has spent seven years in preparing a book which contains the complete development of the idea suggested by his lecture. To the preparation he has given unstinted enthusiasm, the fruit of a wide legal training, and a very thorough knowledge of Roman law. The work will be published this spring by Dodd, Mead & Company.

Rosadi condemns the trial of Jesus as a miscarriage of justice, judged merely by the standard of Roman law. He also sees in it the most notable example of the typical injustice of society, which is always striving to protect its selfish interests. He is filled with burning indignation, and writes with a fiery enthusiasm which renders his book religiously stimulating to a remarkable degree.

X-RAYS

Kansas has seceded from Rockefeller.

This year everybody and his wife are coming to Oregon.

Each session of the legislature is "the most expressive."

Heavy incorporations on paper—Oregon has enough of such.

Albany is to have Queen Esther. Albany is always having new things.

Build a new bridge on South Commercial street, and build one to stay.

The Japs are the equals of any European or Asiatic race when it comes to fighting.

The Portland papers are doing their best to promote the big bankers' graft by stirring up the Referendum.

We live only to help Portland. As for the rest of the state we knock, stir up strife and raise all the h—ll we can.—The Portland Papers.

A 50-foot steel bridge, on stone piers, with a concrete roadway would be a good style of structure for South Commercial street. At least it would not rot.

The laborers on the Lewis and Clark fair grounds have struck again. They probably don't like all the grafts and payrolls padded with relatives of the fair board.

The way the Portland papers are knocking the rest of the state on all occasions, no man can show his head for a high office, but there will be plenty to take a whack at it.

The Washington legislature killed a local option law copied after the one adopted in Oregon. Washington will not fall behind in development as a state on that account.

By all means let us help the money-lenders of Oregon to graft the taxpayers out of \$150,000 interest on state warrants by means of the referendum on the general appropriation bill. It will be such a snap to loan the people

their own money to run all the state institutions with.

Medford Mail: The home girls of Weston, Oregon, have decided to boycott young men who keep company with girls attending the normal school. The local girls claim the interlopers have monopolized all the manageable young men.

The Salem school board in constructing the high school should not expose themselves to the criticism which was true of the one other Salem school, that the architect and superintendent of construction and contractors made independent fortunes.

Having got their fair appropriations, the Portland papers want the referendum on everything else and want to tie up all the other appropriations in the interest of their big banks that will employ the state's funds to speculate in warrants.

Over 1600 loads of dirt, off the streets, have been hauled onto Wilson avenue, to grade up that public park. Under former policies this material was "grafted" at public expense to fill up private property. No wonder men roar at public ownership.

When the senate killed the house bill to put the normal schools under a joint board of regents and on a business administration it killed the goose that laid the golden egg. But what could be expected of the senate.

Hood River Glacier: The Salem Pish Club is anxious that a meeting of the Willamette valley commercial clubs be held in the Capital City prior to the meeting of the Development League in Portland in April. This has the spirit of enterprise spread over the whole state.

Independence West Side: The state appropriations for the Agricultural college and state university aggregate \$302,500 against \$113,000 for the four normal schools. The total for the university, Agricultural college and four normal schools is \$415,500. This is nearing the half million mark or upwards of \$200,000 a year outside of the support the state is giving the public schools. It is against this growing amount and the manner in which it is obtained, the people are protesting.

The money lenders of Oregon will be quick to sign petitions for the referendum on that million dollar appropriation. They know that all the state institutions will be run just the same; that state warrants will be issued for the next two years on which they can make a fat thing in discount and interest. If the referendum should be put into effect the people who live off the interest they accumulate through just such snaps will draw down at least \$150,000 out of the taxpayers' pockets while the taxpayers will have to foot all the bills—Eugene Register.

The Salem school board are Socialists. That explains it all. Having a \$50,000 high school building to erect they ask all the competent architects to give them the benefit of their best ideas of construction. That is to show the people that they want to find the most noted school house builder in Oregon so that the Capital City may have the most perfect up-to-now high school building on the Pacific coast and one that will be the pride of all the people. Then they demand that all the architects make estimates on what their plans and specifications will cost, and thus secure the best possible construction for the money of the people. That is Socialism for you, and the public schools being for the common people what is wrong in giving the people the best possible result for their money? That is in the line of progress, and does away with bossism and favoritism at the taxpayer's expense. That is Socialism.

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Spray Your Fruit Trees.

Persons having fruit trees and ornamental trees that, under the state law, are required to be sprayed at this season of the year, are requested to leave their orders at F. A. Wiggins' implement house or with the Oregon Nursery Company. The expense is very small, and the increase in fruit and quality will more than repay all cost to the owner. Or apply to E. C. Armstrong, manager of the city spraying outfit, who will at once attend to the matter.

SOCIAL EVENTS

McElfresh-Ewing.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing, at Alto Park, Portland, was the scene of a beautiful wedding Friday evening, February 24th, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, to Fred McElfresh.

A wedding bell of feathery green moss, with white satin rosabuds and tulle streamers, was suspended from the ceiling, and beneath this the ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Jones, of Portland.

The parlor was decorated in harmonious shades of green, from the dark shining garlands of ivy which almost covered the ceiling to the lighter shades of ferns and Oregon holly. Red tones mingled with the green enhanced the beauty of the other rooms. Dozens of red candles shone through the rosy shades on the table, where the bridal supper was served.

At 9 o'clock the stately Lohengrin wedding march was played by Miss Georgia Ewing, and the bridal party descended the starway and took places beneath the wedding bell, where the double ring service was performed. A solid wall of ivy, embellished with white carnations, formed an effective background for the scene.

The bride was a winsome picture in a gown of white organdie, with chiffon trimmings. She carried white bride roses, with tulle ornaments. Miss Helen Jane Ewing, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor and Miss Jennie Ewing was bridesmaid. Both were becomingly attired in white, and carried arm bouquets of pink roses. Elizabeth Stevens, the tiny cousin of the bride, was ring bearer, and Mr. Fred Wallace, of Salem, acted as best man.

About 90 guests, several from Eastern and Southern Oregon, were in attendance. Many beautiful and costly gifts were received.

After the ceremony a delicious supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. McElfresh left for Portland amid showers of rice and good wishes from the guests. They left Saturday for a three weeks' trip through California. During the supper an original poem was read by Oscar Eaton, and Miss Nettie Kingree sang a solo in an effective manner.

Both the bride and groom are prominent in Oregon Agricultural College circles. The bride was one of its most popular students and was salutatorian of the class of '02. Mr. McElfresh was the former instructor in zoology at the college, but resigned to become superintendent of the beautiful "Willows" farm, three miles out from Salem, where they will make their home after April 15th.

"A Real Hop."

A hop-house dance is something which the young people of Salem are not often treated to, but no dancing party of the season was more thoroughly enjoyed than one given Friday evening at the Lewis Savage hop house, about four miles northeast of Salem. The hosts were Geo. Miles and Arthur Lang, and nothing was left undone by them to make it one round of pleasure for their guests.

The hall was decorated in fits and mistletoe in a most artistic way. After dancing had been indulged in for some time, all were served with a most delicious lunch, such as only can be found at farm homes. Mrs. Lewis Savage and Mrs. A. M. Miles prepared and served the lunch.

A large number of invitations were

issued, and all those going from here were loud in their praises of the hospitality. The boys are to be congratulated on their success.

A Week-End Party.

Misses Mabel and Ilda Jones entertained a week-end house party at their country home, "Lalish Meadows," party returned to their homes last evening. Those enjoying their hospitalities were: Miss Love, of Honolulu; Miss Bessie Church and Daisy Freeman, of Corvallis; Miss Mable Withycombe, of Corvallis; Misses Lela Herren, Era show and Ruth Gabrielson, of Salem; Messrs. Fred and Edward Thielson, and Chauncey Bishop, Samuel Young, W. H. Burghardt, Paul Wallace and Anderson Cannon.

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