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THE LONG DAY OF RECKONING.

Russia's long day of reckoning has come.

And at the hands of one of the smallest of the so-called heathen nations.

The despised oriental has become a lack of vengeance in the hands of the God of Justice.

Four hundred years of oppression has been obliterated in blood.

The iron-handed rulership of the czars is ended in shame and disgrace.

THE LAND OF THE KNOUT AND OF EXILE AND CRUELTY IS BROUGHT LOW under the heel of a mysterious conqueror.

Humiliated, defeated, degraded in the eyes of the world by being whipped by the armies of the little yellow man.

THE pride of the proud empire of the Caesars of the north, before whom all the nations of Europe shrank in terror, HAS BIT THE DUST.

The empire hat stretched across the north of Europe and Asia.

That was allied by marriage with the royal houses of England and Germany.

That had TEN OFFICIALS to any other official-ridden country's one.

The long day of reckoning has come.

That had TEN PRIESTS of the State church to any other country's one.

The long day of reckoning has come.

That had TEN MILITARY AND NAVAL OFFICERS to any other country's one.

The long day of reckoning has come.

The oppression of the poor, the imposed ignorance of the peasant, the injustice to the Jews, the revel of the aristocracy.

Your day of reckoning has come and your accounts will be balanced.

THE PROPOSED TAX COMMISSION.

The only possible revenue measure enacted by the late legislature was the bill for a tax commission, and that will probably not amount to much.

Three men are to be appointed by the state officials, who are to get up a new assessment and taxation code for the next legislature to pass upon.

These three men get a thousand dollars apiece for their work, and \$4000 is allowed for a secretary and clerical assistance, etc.

THEY ARE TO DIG UP NEW VALUATIONS, unearth property that has heretofore escaped taxation, and bring franchises and corporations under the tax collector's hammer.

What kind of men can be got to do this for one thousand dollars? What kind of men are needed to do this work? Already plenty are seeking the job, and their friends are pushing for them.

Who are the people who will crowd for places on this commission? The "haves" or the "have-nots"?

Certainly the representatives of wealth and the corporations and the predatory professions will get the job of framing a new tax code.

In the end the poor man's cow, the little home-owner, and the small farmer and his pigs and chickens will be listed for taxation.

The thousand dollar man, who gets five or ten times as much from the big interest, and who wants places at their hands, will not tax them.

The present farce of taxation by which all the wealth gets off for about one-fourth value, will be continued.

Oregon is too weak a state after property and put taxation where it belongs and relieve the home-builder and the small producer.

The man with the little business and the little home and the little farm and the big family will continue to be the patient burden-bearer of taxation, while the holder of speculative property and

THE BIG MONOPOLIST WILL ESCAPE WITH THE VERY LIGHT END OF THE LOAD.

If anything is to be expected of this tax commission it should be made up of an able constitutional lawyer, of an experienced assessor and an experienced tax collector.

By taking the best laws of several states they could make a code for assessment and taxation that would produce results.

But to secure three good men at a thousand dollars apiece, who will not take a couple of thousand on the side, and protect this big interest or that, is the question.

THEY WILL HAVE LESS WHEN THEY GET THROUGH WITH THE TAX COMMISSION.

THE WAR OF SHIRT VERSUS SHIRT WAIST.

Some of the drygoods stores continue to report increasing sales of men's shirts to women.

Is this a sign of the equality of the sexes before the drygoods counter?

There is no doubt but that for certain female figures THE MAN-SHIRT IS NOT UNBECOMING.

The negligee male shirt has pockets in it and that is probably the real cause of its popularity.

It admits of various styles of collars that are much more comfortable than the lace gawgaw collar worn by the ladies.

One would hardly expect the plain and unostentatious man-shirt to whip out the beautiful shirt-waist invented by the women.

IT IS TOO SLOPPY LOOKING. It will never knock out the shirt-waist.

Mark this prediction: As man becomes emancipated and more highly developed along lines of true civilization and culture he will become the victim of the shirt-waist habit.

In short, the shirt-waist will drive man to pull off his shirt and wear the cleaner, more artistic and healthier shirt-waist.

IT MAY TAKE THE REFERENDUM OF FASHION, the decree of some Napoleon among men tailors.

If that decree ever comes the shirt must go. The old fashioned rolling collar attachment to the shirt has gone.

Man will go a step farther and abandon the man-shirt altogether and adopt the more becoming shirt-waist.

SPRINKLE THE STREETS.

For the few months in the year that we have dust on the streets THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME WAY FOUND TO SPRINKLE THEM AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

Already the clouds of dust are rolling over everything in our principal streets.

To depend on private enterprise and two sprinkling carts to keep the streets of a city like Salem sprinkled is a farce.

BETTER GO WITHOUT SOMETHING ELSE THAN LET THE CITY BE COVERED WITH DUST THIS YEAR.

The streets are preserved and kept from being worn out and ruined by the use of water in summer.

Oil would make a still better street. But let them be sprinkled with something.

LET'S ALL IMPROVE.

Clean up the streets in front of your house.

Rake up the yard and trim the bushes.

Throw some lime on the roof, and then the rain will kill the moss.

Remove the old rattle fence unless you are a rich public official.

Let the county court house be given a coat of white paint.

Park the ground in front of your place.

Grade the lot and the street and pave it. This last does not apply if you have business property that brings you in fifty to one hundred dollars a month.

The city and the county cannot be made to look too well this year of the Lewis and Clark fair.

DEVELOPMENT CONVENTION MARCH 23D.

Indications are that the Development Club convention at Salem, March 23d, will be a great gathering for the uplifting of Western Oregon.

Tom Richardson reads word that there will be a large delegation up from Portland on that occasion.

While this is a Western Oregon convention, the Portland people are showing the right spirit in making the gathering a success.

I. Geilinger has been invited to come up and give the convention a talk on the subject of a branch line to Dallas.

Invitations have been sent out to principal men in several of the counties to be present and discuss vital matters.

The Commercial Club of this city has been offered the use of the parlors and

large waiting room of the office of the Hotel Willamette.

Let all unite to make this gathering a success, from the standpoint of proper entertainment of our visitors.

Salem, as the second city of the state, owes it to the rest of the state to take the lead in development.

WAS A BUSY CONGRESS.

The last session of congress was a busy one, but the number of things done that ought to have been done was out numbered by the things that were left undone.

The senate, against the advice of the President, amended the arbitration treaties, and this work is not at a standstill.

District Court Judge Swayne was acquitted on articles of impeachment voted by the house.

The Philippine tariff was revised and an act passed to encourage railroad building and other developments in the islands.

The laws of Alaska were codified and the appointment of an additional judge authorized.

Two new battleships were provided for in the navy appropriation bill.

Jurisdiction of the forest reserves was transferred from the interior to the agricultural department.

By resolution of the house the department of commerce was instructed to begin an investigation of the oil trust.

The secretary of war was authorized to return union and confederate battle flags to the states from which they were originally borne.

The American National Red Cross society was incorporated.

A river and harbor bill was passed carrying an appropriation of nearly \$31,000,000.

There was a failure to pass the measure for the immediate opening of the south half of the Colville reservation.

The bill reducing the membership of the Panama canal commission and giving the President larger directory powers failed.

The Esch-Townsend bill for the regulation of freight rates by the interstate commerce commission was passed by the house, but died in the senate.

The statehood bill which, as it passed the house, admitted Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as separate states, was amended so as to admit Oklahoma, and Indian territory as a single state and New Mexico, leaving Arizona a territory. The house refused to accept the changes and the bill died in conference.

There was a refusal of the demand of the people of Alaska for a delegate in congress.

SAFE THIEVING.

"Though the resentment of riches," says Collier's for March 4, "is part of the feeling against such men as Rockefeller, it would have small force were it not combined with the belief that they have grown rich in defiance of the statute laws, to say nothing of the laws of Him whom some of them profess to follow. It is no mere class hostility that gives momentum to the effort to regulate ruthless competition. Legislators attack one thing in the same breath that they admit the evil lies in something different. But under whatever confusion and whatever unfair prejudice there may be, lies the unescapable truth that for centuries the human race has been contriving penalties for crimes committed by the poor, and has done little toward arranging for the punishment of the rich. Petty larceny receives at least as much attention as it deserves from the machinery of justice, but a man may go through life giving huge bribes, thinly disguised, to get him special privileges, arranging corners in wheat or cotton, or contriving monopolies which by law make him a criminal, and he is in small danger either from officers of justice or from the social powers. It is because great theft is so much safer and more respectable than smaller theft that so much well-founded moral feeling enters into the agitation for stricter regulation of what we call capital."

NO MORE LIEU LANDS.

Two and a half million acres of timber land will be saved to the government by the operation of a short act to which President Roosevelt affixed his signature during the last moments of the 58th congress. The act prohibits the selection of timber lands in exchange for lands which have been included within forest reserves. It was in 1897 that the "lieu law" was enacted. It had no restrictions, simply entitling persons holding lands in forest reserves to make selections elsewhere in exchange for their forest reserve lands. In 1900 these lieu selections were limited to surveyed lands. Since the passage of these acts, nearly 2,000,000 acres of forest reserve lands have been exchanged for other lands, and almost universally has the exchange been made for timbered lands outside of forest reserves. Nearly half of this land so exchanged is owned by the land grant railroads.

A report to congress from the commissioner of the general land office



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X-RAYS

Auto-sparker—really it sounds like advice. . . . Too much brite and fare. Oh, for a little rain. . . . The grown he-goat might be called a raised bill. . . . Hearts courageous—a straight flush of that suit. . . . Soon the license hunter will be abroad in the land. . . . The holy stocking might tell a few worn-out yarns itself. . . . Beautify your premises is the best way to advertise this city. . . . The Russians naturally became shaky about their position on the Shakhe river. . . . Sure-sign of Salem's getting a move on—the real estate man is becoming numerous. . . . By all means, if anyone undertakes to connect with state sewer, or any other sewer, stop 'em. . . . Saturday's Journal will be a home-seekers' number, a Greater Salem number, a good number to send away to your friends. . . . An unregenerate punster wants to know if the other stars heard Saturn's rings; also if a canal system Mars the harmony of the singing stars. . . . The number of dogs that romp and

tumble on the court house square, would indicate that the public had provided that place especially for their benefit.

The man who will drive a long-legged horse at a good gait, and let his short-legged dog chase him for miles ought to change places with the dog for a while, and learn something.



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