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INDIRECT TAXATION.

The Development League has done good work in calling attention to the importance of indirect taxation.

Candidates for the legislature in Marion county, and candidates for the state senate are making that their first pledge.

In many other counties candidates are doing the same, and the result will be that there will be some laws enacted on that line.

Perhaps the next senate will not kill the indirect taxation bills that come before it.

There should be a state senate elected this time that would let a reform bill in the interest of the taxpayer get through once in a while.

Well, it is a good thing to have the men who want nominations making the people some promises in this direction, anyway.

The high state taxes the past few years have not been an inducement to have capital and homo-seekers come to Oregon.

The state tax should be wiped out entirely, and until that can be done cut it down to about two mills.

ARE OUR STREETS DANGEROUS?

It seems to us if the assault on Rev. Rader was genuine it shows an awful condition of depravity in Oregon.

It would indicate that a man following peaceful educational work for improving the public morals is not safe in this community.

It would indicate that a man of that stamp is followed by murderers at throats from Portland and then deliberately stabbed and struck down on the streets of our city.

If this is true it reflects on our city, on our police and on the whole state of Oregon. It is not true the authorities would say so.

If the police of this city are satisfied that there was an assault committed the city or county should offer a reward for their capture.

If they do not believe the statements of Rev. Rader they should say so, and let the world at large understand that Salem streets are safe.

That the assassins followed Rev. Rader to Salem to strike him down does not seem reasonable. They could have done it far better in Portland.

Our city should be cleared of this foul crime, if a reward has been committed, or else a reward should be offered for the criminals.

More Land Fraud.

The application of John DeLaittre for deeds to certain lands covered by certificates came up before the state land board yesterday, and after having heard evidence and arguments of counsel, found that the applications were each and all of them forged, and there fore void.

Once Was Enough.

Mrs. Crawford—Why doesn't poor Mr. Hemlock pluck up courage once in a while?

Mrs. Craddock—Perhaps he remembers the time when he plucked up courage and proposed.—Puck.

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Journal Man Sees Oranges lowans and Lots of Other Things

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 24, 1906.

We arrived here in less than a week after leaving Salem, and it proved a bright haven of rest after making almost the entire trip in the rain. The coast route down from San Francisco is one of the most interesting of the S. P. Co's many scenic lines. It passes through no large cities, the most notable ones being San Jose and Santa Barbara. We made the trip in the night this time, but know that the stretch of rugged coast is charming in its contrasts. With small stretches of the ocean and the occasional fertile valleys the landscape is sufficiently broken to lend interest and variety, such as charms the eager tourist.

Everything down here is green, as the result of the frequent rains, and really California looks quite respectable, thus clad in the raiment of alfalfa, clover and blue grass. It has usually been our fortune to find things dried up down here, as they are in Oregon during August, and the change is refreshing. The truth is they have had several years of good rain here, and farmers are about as prosperous as was ever known. They can get along with about one-fourth the rainfall we can in Oregon, and they have learned to use what they get to much greater advantage. In fact, every thimbleful is utilized and made to produce something.

There are scores of Oregon people down here, but we haven't had a chance to see many of them as yet. The first event to attract our interest after we arrived was the annual Iowa picnic which took place on George Washington's birthday. There were only 20,000 Hawkeyes present, and we didn't happen to know them all, but that made no difference, for everybody present insisted upon assuming an acquaintance if not a kinship with every other fellow that thronged the mammoth park. Each county had a headquarters, where people registered and looked up old friends. Here they spread their tables and made up parties of old-time friends that carried all back into the sweet millennium of the past. There was more solid comfort to the square yard than it was ever before our lot to witness, and really cold victuals tasted better to most of the old boys and girls than they had for years.

One of the first persons it was my good fortune to meet was my first school teacher, whom I had not seen in many years. She had lost the rosy cheeks that I remembered and was accompanied by a very attractive little granddaughter. We visited over the old days and relished many of the incidents that were dear to our younger lives. I also found the autograph of one of the ringleaders of the school days of our town, but failed to meet him. We had often conspired together to make life pleasant(?) for our teachers and otherwise advance the interests of education by giving our instructors some knotty problems to solve that were not exactly in our curriculum. But he is now preaching the gospel for a prominent church down here, and perhaps I had best not go into particulars nor reveal his identity.

After the spread there were speeches of an informal nature by such old-time friends as Minister Conger, Prof. Gates and others of less distinction in the public eye, but who are just as dear to the loyal Iowan. It was a great event, and fully emphasizes the necessity of the Oregon Hawkeyes resuming their organization and holding their annual reunion. Pasadena is the ideal city for tourists, and there are always thousands of them here in the winter months. The place has grown wonderfully since we were last here. There are more hotels here than in any place of its size in America, and most of them are of a high order. In fact you can spend all the money you want to here, and I guess you always get your money's worth. In fact they say the climate alone is worth it. It is a clean, well kept sanitary city. Every resident seems to vie with his neighbor to have his place in the best order, whether it is a small cottage or a hundred thousand dollar mansion. This no doubt produces a civic atmosphere which necessitates public improvements and utilities in keeping with the surroundings. There might be a good hint in this for Salem or other places. As we know public sentiment cannot rise higher than that reflected by the individuals who constitute the public it might be better to begin at the bottom and

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work up than to expect the municipality to set the example to the individual. But this is an endless subject, which I shall not endeavor to thrust upon The Journal's patient readers at this time. We could, however, learn many lessons from such towns as abound in California, and I may take further occasion to sermonize a little upon subjects that impress me as of importance to our good home town. We go to Long Beach tomorrow.

A. F. HOFER.

IN DEFENSE OF MRS. EDDY.

Pulpit Criticisms are Replied to by David B. Ogden.

Portland, Feb. 26.—(To the Editor.)—A prominent clergyman of this city of late has conceived it his duty to discuss at length from his pulpit, on two recent occasions, the subject of Christian Science, and to make certain derogatory statements regarding the leader of this movement, Mrs. Eddy. As a synopsis of his remarks has been given the public through the columns of your paper it seems but just that Christian Science be given opportunity to enter earnest protest and a word of defense on behalf of this good woman. Mrs. Eddy is accused of being "a despot," of allowing "nothing to be read in a Christian Science meeting place without the stamp of her approval"; of receiving profit from the sale of her published books and of not making a public declaration of her charities to the world.

To Christian Scientists, Mrs. Eddy's wise and loving leadership in the government of a church of almost unprecedented growth is in no sense despotic and the critic of Christian Science must not mistake the unity of action and willing obedience by its adherents to the counsel of one who has been tried and found worthy of trust, for blind submission or arbitrary control. Christian Scientists have no apology to offer for the trust and fidelity to the honored leader of this movement and those familiar with the rules and government are appreciative of its unity and democracy.

The services of the Christian Science church throughout the world are uniform, and it is true that the sermon for each Sunday service is confined to readings from the Scriptures, together with corroborative references from the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures," by Mrs. Eddy, and it is possible that this uniformity and simplicity of the prescribed form of service is the stumbling block of our critic. These sermon references, emphasizing the practical healing and saving promises of the Bible, are read by two members, selected from the church for this purpose, and the general interest with which they are received and the good resulting therefrom in the lives of men

is ample justification for their continuance.

Even the much honored services of the Protestant Episcopal church are largely confined to that order, though the sermons from its pulpit are not restricted to the gospel promises and their application.

The exaggerated estimates of Mrs. Eddy's income from the sale of her books is a favorite avenue of attack for those who disapprove of her doctrine; however, it is noteworthy that those who purchase these books and understand their meaning, even in a degree, through application to human needs, will appreciate their value and very gladly accord their author the well earned compensation she receives from their sale.

Some of Mrs. Eddy's charities are known to those familiar with her daily life of doing good to humanity. She does not, however, believe in proclaiming her public charities. Mrs. Eddy lives modestly in a country home near Concord, N. H., and is actively at work for the cause she has founded. She has declared that she has no desire to accumulate great wealth while there are so many poor in the world.

Mrs. Eddy's right and title to the authorship of her book, "Science and Health," was legally confirmed many years ago when an attempt was made to deprive her of her copyright. The time worn efforts which recur every now and then to discredit her authorship must come to but one end.

Christian Science rests its care upon good works. The abundant evidence of practical good shown through the sick healed, the wrongdoer reformed and the sorrowful comforted, are the fruitage and would indicate the tree of this growing to be good.

DAVID B. OGDEN.

Outing for March.

This magazine is different from other publications in that it has got away from exposures of graft and corruption in political and financial life and is publishing "The Builders," by Ralph D. Paine—a series of articles dealing with the economic growth of the country, the development of its resources, and the character of the real men who are building the America of tomorrow. The first one in the series is entitled "Peopling the Prairie," and opens the March number. Somehow one has more confidence in the future after reading how these twentieth century pioneers are seeking homes in the northwest—lately opened to settlement by new railroad lines.

Caspar Whitney in "The View Point" compares the reliability of American and foreign built cars and tells about the 1906 model. "The A B C of the Automobile" will appeal to every one, regardless of the ownership of the machine. "A Day in Babylonally" is a day well spent. "A

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