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PER CENT CEASED AND LARCENY BEGAN.

WE STATED EDITORIALY yesterday that the Wells Fargo Express company had declared dividends in California amounting to 800 per cent. This was not entirely true, for while the commission showed that the earnings in some cases were that much, the actual dividends were only 136 per cent. The exact figures as given by the California commissioners are: "Total amount of money invested by Wells Fargo in the state, which includes the value of all horses, delivery wagons, depots and everything used by the company in its business in the state, is \$612,233. The earnings in the state, excluding interstate business entirely, left it a net profit of \$842,097.54. How does that strike you as a first-class cinch on the public? A clear profit of 136 per cent in a year, and the original investment still at work. This does not include its profits on interstate shipments which were no doubt greater than on its business within the state, for it ships California products by the carload out of the state, and much the greater part of its business is interstate. This is the company that wants to act as middleman for the whole United States. Wouldn't it have a snap when it got its grip on the food supply of the country?"

But this is not all of the company's profits, for the commission shows that the company besides paying these tremendous dividends has in a few years accumulated property in California alone that is valued at \$27,000,000. No other people on earth except the Americans could stand such robbery, and it might be added, that no other people would stand it.

The railroad commission has ordered a reduction, if it can be called that, of 90 per cent. It is in doing this that the express company has been charging \$1 for what it should have charged but 10 cents. In other words the commission says the company has been simply robbing the people of 90 cents on every dollar's worth of business it did for them.

On top of this the commission finds that the express companies are but leeches on the railroads, making the railroad managers parties to the crime. The railroads should do this express business themselves, and the earnings should go to the railroad companies if it were allowed to be collected at all, for this would help lower rates for freight.

The commission intimates that the railroad managers are the owners of the express companies, and that they rob the railroads they are supposed to manage, putting into their own pockets the earnings which the road should make, but which under cover of the express companies is turned over to them as their private rake-off instead of going into the funds of the railroad. The commission also finds that Wells Fargo & Company gather each year in the state of California alone, counting its interstate business \$2,500,000, which should go into the pockets of the railroads.

On top of this is the additional evidence furnished in the action of the interstate commerce commission which recently ordered a reduction of 16 per cent on all express tariffs to go into effect October 15.

The parcels post, for which the country has thank Oregon's senator, Jonathan Bourne, is responsible for the downfall of the express companies and the reduction of rates, for it demonstrated that the work could be done far more cheaply than the express companies were doing it.

The companies are howling like a Pinto squaw over the death of her man, but not for the same reason; for about all the benefit the man was to the squaw was that he provided something for her to work for and support. The companies are justified in howling. Who wouldn't cry over the loss of an investment presumably good for all time that yielded 136 per cent yearly? That, in fact, paid as we stated yesterday, and which the interstate earnings added to the earnings within that state show were in round numbers 800 per cent.

WHO IS THE TAXPAYER?

CONGRESS IS WRESTLING just now with the income tax problem. As usual the question bobs up: "Who pays the taxes?" The question seems easily answered at first blush, but a brief examination into it reveals that there is much doubt in some cases and that in the other the answer is "the consumer."

For instance the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company makes particular mention of the fact that its taxes are \$1500 a day, in defending its rates, intimating that it must be allowed to charge a rate that will pay fair returns after the operating expenses, etc., have been paid and also enough to pay its taxes in addition. In other words it would have the consumer, the patrons of the road pay its taxes. Who is there that will not say that this is only fair? Yet, when this is admitted, it results in the confession that the tax on railroads is only a surreptitious taxing of the people, the patrons of the road. It, like the tariff tax, simply gets the money with the least kicking, because the fellow who buys a ticket does not realize that he is paying a part of the company's tax when he does so. The consumer pays the tax.

It is so in every walk of life. The man who pays the tax ostensibly, as a rule, passes it along, charges it up to some one else and collects it, too. Suppose some man owned ten houses in the residence district which he rented to others, and he himself boarded at a hotel. He, individually, while supposed to pay the taxes on his property, takes the tax into account in fixing the rent, and the renter pays it. The property owner pays no taxes whatever only such as he pays incidentally in paying his share of the tax of the hotel keeper or the merchants whom he patronizes. His renter pays his tax, and he helps pay the hotel keeper's. Every one passes the tax along, if he can, but there are some that cannot do this. One of these is the farmer, and he is prevented from passing his taxes on to the next fellow, because he is the only producer on earth who does not fix the price of his products. That is fixed for him by the law of supply and demand, and the cold storage sharps. He takes what he can get and pays his taxes himself.

The professional man, provided he has anything to pay taxes on, is another who pays a part at least of his own taxes, but never more than he can help. Congress, legislatures and city councils all get busy trying to make everything bear its just burden of taxation, and in the greater majority of cases, at least, all they do is to levy a tax which the broad-backed consumer pays. They simply add to his burdens.

For this reason the inheritance and the income tax are both ideal. They

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levy a tax that the person supposed to pay it, actually pays. They are of the few taxes that cannot be passed along to some one else.

There are daily more than 500 street cars crossing the Oregon Electric road in this city. There are less than a dozen electric trains, yet to accommodate these, all the street cars must stop, the conductors run up to the track, tell the motorman there is nothing in the way of his crossing the track other than a blamed fool order of some pin-headed official, and order him to try it. The system is almost foolish enough to make one believe it might be the result of a city ordinance. The order, however, emanated from the railroad commission. The dome of the capitol was the only thing big enough to give the idea birth.

The army and navy together have demonstrated that New York can be captured, but then it must be borne in mind that it was our own army and navy that so easily made the capture. We fancy that if some other army and navy tried the same thing, there would be a different story to tell. Some things work out on paper much more satisfactorily than in actual demonstration, and capturing cities with a lead pencil is quite different from taking them with real guns.

The former king of Portugal has been forced to sell his father's decorations in order to keep from going to work. So long as he doesn't have to dig up his revered ancestor's bones and sell them for knife handles, or something of that kind, he is not in real distress.

Sir Oliver Lodge, of England, asserts his belief in "an ultimate continuity of existence before and after death as essential to science." Of course, Sir Oliver cannot demonstrate the truth of his belief, for to do so would require that he furnish a "solution of continuity," and the doctors will tell you that this would be impossible for Sir Oliver.

SEVENTEEN DRILL TEAMS IN GREAT EXHIBITION

Knights Templar Spectacle is Most Brilliant Since Present Conclave Began.

OFFICIAL BANQUET OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT TONIGHT

Plates for Several Hundred Have Been Arranged, and It Promises to Be Big Affair.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Denver, Colo., Aug. 13.—Seventeen drill teams representing all parts of the United States, today began the greatest competitive military exhibition ever held at a convalescence of the Knights Templar. The spectacle was the most brilliant presented since the thirty-second triennial convocation began. The largest number of teams entered in any previous convocation was eight. It will require two days of drilling to dispose of all the maneuvers and evolutions on the program.

The best drilled team will get the coveted silver 12-gallon punch bowl with 39 cups and ladle. It is worth \$5000, and is one of the largest made. It is beautifully engraved and etched with scenes of Colorado. The second prize is a silver loving cup four feet high, cost \$2500. There are a dozen other magnificent prizes.

The drill teams entered are: Chicago Commandery No. 19; St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago; Englewood Commandery No. 59, Chicago; Columbia Commandery No. 63, Chicago; Woodlawn Commandery No. 76, Chicago; Joliet Commandery No. 4, Joliet, Ill.; Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee, Wis.; Raper Commandery No. 1, Indianapolis; Columbus Commandery No. 2, Washington, D. C.; Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, Newton, Mass.; Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St. Louis; St. Aldemar Commandery No. 10, St. Louis; Oriental Commandery No. 35, Kansas City, Mo.; Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 12, Wichita, Kan.; New York Commandery No. 9, Newton, Kan.; Seattle Commandery No. 2, Seattle, Wash.; and California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco.

The official banquet of the grand encampment will be held tonight at El Jebel temple. It will be given by the local convalescence committee. Plates for several hundred, at \$12.50 per plate have been arranged for. This evening the famous battalion drill corps of Detroit Commandery No. 1 will give an exhibition at the stadium. The Detroit organization is the best known drilling association in the country. Fifty-one of the knights are more than six feet tall. They cannot compete for the prizes, a state law prohibiting it. One of tonight's features will be a concert by a cowboy band of 100 pieces from Fort Dodge, Kansas, the same that led the parade in the Templar convocation 21 years ago.

AGREE ON POLICY OF AUTONOMY FOR ALBANIA

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

London, Aug. 13.—Sir Edward Grey, foreign minister, announced yesterday that the powers have agreed on a policy of autonomy for Albania and for the disposition of the Aegean sea islands captured by Greece from Turkey. He said he expected Turkey would heed the wishes of the powers regarding Adrianople, and intimated that the powers had hinted that the Balkan states could demand a cash indemnity from the Porte if it disregarded the will of the powers. He also warned the Balkan peoples that they must not assume that the failure of the power to interfere to date would not mean that they would not intervene if there is sufficient provocation.

The extreme of woman's foolishness may be partly disclosed by her fool clothes.

THE ROUND-UP.

The Portland postal savings bank now has more than \$800,000 of deposits and this increasing at the rate of \$1000 a day.

Six hundred little tots in the folk dances at Peninsula Park, Portland, yesterday delighted a gathering estimated at more than 15,000.

Harold Randall, 23, drowned while in swimming at Holton Saturday.

J. H. Woodyard, a prominent resident of Meecham, died at his home there Sunday. He was 81 years old, and his death was due to paralysis.

Work has begun on the new buildings at the Eastern Oregon asylum for the insane. They will cost \$20,000.

Dr. McNary has purchased 30 fine Holstein cows for use of the branch asylum at Pendleton.

Histon Mooney, 10 years of age, was shot and almost instantly killed by his brother, Floyd, 11 years old, near Leona, Douglas county, Sunday. The older boy pointed an "empty" shotgun at his brother, and pulled the trigger. The charge took effect a few inches above the left hip, and death resulted ten minutes later.

Sutherland is preparing to resume work on the sand stone quarries at that place.

La Grande's popular swimming resort in the city park was destroyed Sunday night, when some vandal worked a hole through the dam, starting the water, and letting it wash the dam away.

The Heppner school directors refuse to accept the new high school building just finished, claiming the workmanship is defective.

Grants Pass is in earnest about the railroad to Crescent City on the coast, and her citizens to a man are going in their pockets for the money necessary to keep the good work going.

Metolus' new school house contract has been let, at \$6735.

The Baker Democrat says that Baker county farmers are stacking the biggest hay crop for many years.

The Medford Sun can be quoted as saying that all the University of Southern Oregon needs now for a good start is some var-colored hatbands and a good college yell.

The new town of Ferguson, on the P. E. & E., already has a commercial club of 50 members and, in the language of the Eugene Guard, is "a center of social and industrial life in the community."

With the new train service to Monroe promised in less than a month, and to the Siuslaw country by the end of the year, the Register is delighted to note that Eugene's trade zone is expanding rapidly.

SAYS HE IS EMPEROR AND WILL SEEK TO TAKE CHINA

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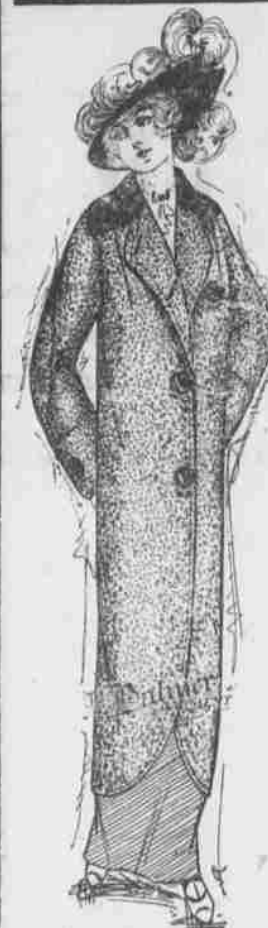
London, Aug. 13.—Peking dispatches received here say General Chang Hsun has declared himself emperor of China and will fight his way to Nanking, which city he has selected as his capital. Reports also are current in Peking of a coming uprising in which the Manchus will attempt to recapture the imperial power.

Minister Praises this Laxative.

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Success to your up-to-date feature. Respectfully yours, MRS. I. HAGEN, 11 Napa Street, Spokane, Wash., Aug. 11, 1913.

STARVATION DOCTOR MUST SERVE TERM IN PEN

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Olympia, Wash., Aug. 13.—The state supreme court yesterday upheld the conviction of Mrs. Burfield Hazard, known as the "starvation doctor," who was tried for first degree murder in causing the death of Miss Claire Williamson, an English heiress in Kitsap county, and convicted her of manslaughter and sentenced her to from one to twenty years in the state prison.

Mrs. Hazard appealed from the verdict, which was returned at Port Orchard, February 4, but the supreme court sustained the lower tribunal on every point. Miss Williamson was a patient of Mrs. Hazard and the prosecution alleged that death resulted from starvation and lack of proper medical attention.

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