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### MORNING PAPER ATTEMPTING TO DECEIVE

The Statesman is still juggling figures again this morning. It can do this because the postmaster will not tell the publisher of one paper what the postage of another publication amounts to.

We have asked the Statesman to give the amount of postage paid by the Daily Statesman for three months, and it refuses to do so.

It says the Statesman Pub. Co. paid a certain lump sum in three months, and this includes the morning Statesman, the Twice-a-Week Statesman, The Pacific Homestead, the Northwest Poultry Journal, the Teachers' Monthly and perhaps other publications.

Why is the Daily Statesman afraid to publish the amount of its postage bills for the past three months, or for any other time?

The Capital Journal reported to the postoffice department on April 1, in compliance with the federal law, that its circulation averaged 4141 copies daily for six months. Now it purposes to prove this statement beyond the question of a doubt by having the National Audit Bureau of Circulations audit its circulation and certify to the result.

The publisher of the morning Statesman, on April 1, reported to the postoffice department that its circulation had averaged 3179 daily for six months. Now, we dare the Statesman Publishing Co. to verify this statement by an audit of the Audit Bureau of Circulations. We don't believe that paper has as many subscribers as set forth in that statement; that it will fall short by several hundred.

As a matter of fact the Daily Capital Journal is giving the advertisers covering the Salem territory the only real newspaper circulation they have ever had the opportunity to take advantage of. It is a circulation, too, built up solely on the merits of the newspaper and has never been boosted by fake voting contests or other shady methods. That may be one of the reasons why the people like it.

### TAX REDUCTION IS EASILY ACCOMPLISHED

At a Portland hotel Saturday a State Taxpayers' League was formed, with the avowed intention of reducing taxes in all sections of the state. Thirty-two counties were represented, and officers elected, so that business could be begun at once. The story of the meeting said: "There was some disagreement as to how this result was to be accomplished," which is easily understood.

Taxes are undoubtedly high and are going higher. At the same time there are no charges made that the taxpayers' money has been, or is being squandered. This being the case, it would seem that about the first thing the league will have to consider, and the taxpayers with it, is "how to get along without many things we consider necessities. The cost of maintaining the public schools is steadily increasing, and there seems no end to it. Are the taxpayers willing to get along with poorer schools? Do they want the system of education changed and the science of teaching turned back to the three Rs?"

The demand for better roads is universal, and the cost is becoming greater each year. Do the taxpayers want the better road movement stopped?

Street paving and sewer systems, have added large sums to the indebtedness of the cities. Do the taxpayers want this expense cut out?

So it goes through a long list. City water, City lights, and sometimes City woodpiles all cost money and lots of it. Do the tax payers want these dispensed with? As to the wood piles the answer would no doubt be "yes," but how about the others?

In olden days the city dweller owned his own well, and did not need, or at least did not have sewers. If the city dweller wanted to stay out after dark he carried his lantern and a supply of candles. Do the taxpayers want to return to these systems?

In those days the roads did not matter much because every body was accustomed to "the rights of way the public traveled over when the weather permitted." The new system cost a-plenty, but does anyone hanker after the

"good old days" we read about, but do not admire in practice?

The reduction of taxes is a simple matter, all that is required is a corresponding reduction in what we consider necessities. If we insist on having all kinds of conveniences, we cannot blame our officials for getting them for us, and we should not complain if these things add to the burden of taxes.

The whole question resolves itself into this: Are the taxpayers willing to do without the modern conveniences which they consider necessities. If they are, taxes can easily be reduced. If they are not, the taxpayers' league will find that it is up against the proposition of "eating your cake and having it too."

We believe some offices and commissions might be abolished and certain other expenses of government eliminated, but this would have little to do toward reducing the levy. Roads, bridges, schools, fruit and livestock inspection, welfare commissions, regulation of everybody and everything—these are the things that cost money. How far are the people willing to go in the matter of curtailing these expenses?

While the situation in Mexico remains unchanged pending the meeting of Generals Scott and Obregon, to agree upon conditions governing further American pursuit of Villa, the feeling on the part of Mexicans grows daily more bitter toward the "gringos," and a clash is imminent. General Funston says the greatest danger of a break is in Sonora where Carranzista soldiers hold their officers' authority so lightly that they may attempt border raids. Another raid by bandits would not perhaps cause intervention, but if Carranza's soldiers should make such a raid, war would probably result. It would show that Carranza was unable to control his own soldiers, and this would mean that a lesson would have to be taught the arrogant and ignorant peons. War is always regrettable but in some cases it cannot be avoided.

The state taxpayers' league is on record as favoring the "abolishing of useless commissions." This has a familiar sound, and was heard quite numerous in the campaign two years ago. No doubt the legislators who believed in it then to the extent of using it as a slogan were honest enough; but the trouble lies in discovering which of the commissions are useless. Anyone who will take the trouble to ask of the different commissioners what his commission is good for, will be astounded to discover the state could not get along without it and will have a list of heroic and salutary acts done by it called to his attention that will make him forever after hold his peace. The "useless commission," like "pork," is the one the other fellow holds a job on. The indispensable commission is the one at home.

"Our troops are still on sacred Mexican soil, and will stay there," said General Funston yesterday. This does not look much like Uncle Sam was preparing to withdraw, but indicates his intention to stay until Villa is dead, captured or forced out of the country, he former contingent having the preference. This being the case, it is anyone's guess as to how long the "armed peace" now observed can be maintained. The outcome seems certain, the time only being in doubt.

The squabble over Engineer Cantine continues. The last phase is the retention of Mr. Cantine despite the fact the supreme court has held that he had no job, and the statement of the State Engineer that he had no work for him. The Board of Control having voted to retain Mr. Cantine, the next step will be for it to find something for him to do.

A Portland dispatch alludes to Theodore Burton's visit to Oregon as a "whirlwind" campaign. Shades of Mike McGinne's cat, what a misnomer. It was as soft and gentle a zephyr as ever made tremulous the gauzy thistle down of Indian Summer.

Of the eight flying machines sent into Mexico, only two came back without aid. They should adopt Oregon's motto and then they might be able to fly with their own wings.



**Rippling Rhymes**  
By Walt Mason

**TOMORROW'S TANGLE**

"Tomorrow's tangle to the winds resign," old Omar said, and thus in one brief line, set forth more wisdom than most poets spring, in all the years through which they live and sing. With present griefs, man fearlessly combats; he pulls their ears and kicks them in the slats; and, like a knight in armor gone afield, he quite enjoys the tilting that they yield. But, having whipped the dragons of today, with manner bold and debonair and gay, he feels the ardor in his breast expire; "Tomorrow's dragons and chimeras dire," he mutters low, "will seize me by the throat, remove my scalp and bear away my goat." Tomorrow's dragons may be one inch tall; tomorrow's troubles may not come at all. If you today have fought a goodly fight, forget your fears, and sleep in peace tonight, and when you wake the good old sun will shine; tomorrow's tangle to the winds resign.

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### Undelivered Telegram Cost Company \$18,000

San Francisco, April 25.—An undelivered telegram cost the Western Union Telegraph company \$18,000 in Judge Van Fleet's court today. William Lange, Jr., and J. W. Hastings, plaintiffs in the suit alleged that they sent a telegram to a bank in Yarrington, Nev., asking that payment be stopped on a check for \$11,500 made out to a mining company. It was testified that the telegram was not delivered until next day, in consequence of which the money was paid. Judge Van Fleet ordered that the Western Union refund the \$11,500 to the plaintiff, and pay nine years interest on the money in addition.

### First Flax Is Sold from State Pen Plant

The first flax from the state penitentiary plant has been sold by the board of control and a deal has been closed whereby the California Cotton Mills, of Oakland, receive two carloads for \$6,400. The firm is said to be well satisfied with the flax which is put out by the pen plant and has agreed to pay a higher price if the price raised before the flax is received by the mills. The mill will probably take the entire output of the local plant if it can be used. Of the amount sold, 12,000 pounds of retted and scutched flax brought 29 cents, 12,000 pounds of No. 1 tow sold for 12 cents, and 24,000 pounds of No. 2 tow sold for 10 cents per pound. Shipment will be made May 11.

### Railroad Rates May Be Radically Changed

Washington, April 25.—The interstate commerce commission today opened its hearing of a case affecting railroad rates from the east to intermountain territory and the Pacific coast. Intermountain shippers are expected to plead that conditions are so changed that low rates on goods shipped directly to the coast discriminates against their territory. They want the rates equalized so they will have lower tariffs than coast shippers on shipments from the east.

### NOT SOLELY FOR SHOW

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The stout leggings worn by members of the United States Marine Corps are not a purely decorative adjunct to their very natty uniforms, as popularly supposed by civilians, but are a protec-

tion for the men against tropical diseases while in foreign service, naval surgeons said. Many of the most dangerous tropical diseases are transmitted by the bites of insects. Among these are malaria, yellow-fever, bubonic plague, hookworm, elephantiasis and tropical ulcer. Fleas and mosquitoes are the prime carriers and they make their first attack upon the ankles, thus working their way over the whole body. The leggings worn by the United States Marines afford splendid protection to the ankles against fleas, mosquitoes, and infected dirt.

### FOREST SERVICE NOTES

Portland, Ore., April 25.—It is estimated that automobiles carried to the Grand Canyon National Monument last year 40,000 persons, while the number of persons to reach the canyon by railroad was 22,000, or five times as many as in 1914.

That wild burros in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado are increasing rapidly is the report from a ranger on the Tusayan National Forest, who says that the little animals, in their search for forage, are finding their way to the top in such numbers as to constitute a nuisance. According to the forest ranger, there are already thousands of the animals in the Grand Canyon from Supai to the north of the Little Colorado.

Approximately 85 per cent of the losses of cattle on the National Forest ranges due to poisonous plants, is caused by tall larkspur. Death camas, lupine, laurel, sneeze weed, and rubber weed are responsible for sheep losses from such causes, while loco weed is the principal poisonous plant affecting horses. Last year the loss from these causes amounted to about \$300,000.

New York leads all the other states of the union in lumber consumption, with a total annual bill for timber of all kinds of over \$100,000,000.

**MAKE COMPROMISE OFFER**  
San Francisco, April 25.—Managers of coastwise steamship lines today awaited the reply to their offer of a \$5 a month increase to coal passers, oilers and stokers, who demanded \$10 a month. The demand increase of \$5 a month was granted to sailors, cooks and waiters.

### INDOOR LIFE MAKES FAT

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If you are 15 or 20 pounds above normal weight you are daily drawing on your reserve strength and are constantly lowering your vitality by carrying this excess burden. Any persons who are satisfied in their own mind that they are too stout are advised to go to Central Pharmacy or a good druggist and get a box of oil of korein capsules, and take one after each meal and one just before retiring at night.

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