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### PUBLISHING THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST

The Capital Journal, published at Salem, was paid 32 cents a column inch, or a total of \$387.20, for publishing the delinquent tax list of Marion county this year. The Salem Statesman was paid a like amount, the total cost of publishing the list being \$774.40.

The Capital Journal is all wrought up over the initiation of the delinquent tax notice bill, which is to be submitted to the voters of the state at the November election, and which provides for the repeal of the law requiring publication of the delinquent tax list and the substitution of a direct notice of delinquency, sent by first class letter mail by the tax collector to the property owner whose taxes are delinquent.

The Capital Journal says of the proposed bill: "The initiative bill aimed at the publication of the delinquent tax list is a cold blooded attempt to put over a job against the tax payers and doing it all in the name of reform."

"The true facts," the Capital Journal says, "are that the tax lien speculators, abstractors who thrive on mixed titles and courthouse rings have been trying to prevent publication of the tax list for years. Session after session their lobby shows up at the legislature. They want the delinquent tax payer sold out in the dark without notice, that they may grow rich from the inside knowledge passed out by the official friends."

It cost the tax payers of Marion county \$774.40 to publish the delinquent tax list of that county this year. It has cost them proportionate sums for years back.

#### No Direct Notice.

The publication of the list is not a direct notice to the property owners of their delinquency unless—first, they were subscribers to the Capital Journal or the Salem Statesman (and there are many Marion county people who do not take those newspapers); and second, they were lured away from the editorial and news pages of the two papers by the scintillating interest of the delinquent list.

It cost the taxpayers of the county \$774.40 to be given this percentage of a chance of being notified of their tax delinquency by publication. It would have cost approximately \$108 in 3-cent stamps to have sent a direct first class mail notice to each delinquent property owner, one letter for each parcel of property contained in the list as published.

#### Example is Cited.

In other words, the Capital Journal was paid for doing half of the publication work, \$270.20 more than it ought to have cost the delinquent tax payers for the whole work of notification. The two papers together were paid \$566.40 more than it should have cost for notification of all property owners affected.

The case of William McGilchrist, a property owner of Marion county, included in the list as published, points in a very definite manner to the waste and injustice of the existing law; the reason why the Capital Journal does not want it repealed and the reason why it should be repealed.

Mr. McGilchrist is a prominent merchant and business man of Salem. He owns a business block, a prominent furniture store and quite a lot of real estate. He allowed the taxes to become delinquent upon 23 parcels of platted land. As carried in the delinquent tax list, these 23 parcels filled 11.5 column inches in each of the four editions of the Capital Journal and the Oregon Statesman, for which he was required to pay each paper \$14.72, a total publication charge of \$29.44.

Most people will believe that a letter written by Tax Collector Needham, addressed to Mr. McGilchrist at his place of business, telling him in detail that his taxes upon certain property, by description and with the amount stated, were delinquent and that the property would be sold to satisfy them at a certain time, would be a more direct and positive notice to him of his delinquency and its penalty than a list of the property published in a paper which he may not take and probably does not read.—Portland Daily Journal.

The reprint above contains the essential parts of a "news" story recently run in the Oregon Journal. The publisher of that paper, C. S. Jackson, is initiating, at heavy expense to himself or more presumably to the speculators backing him, a bill to abolish publication of the delinquent tax list in the newspapers.

It is a fair sample of the "stories" from different counties from time to time, and it is palpably intended to prejudice and mislead the public.

As a matter of fact the instance of Mr. McGilchrist's tax, given as an illustration, is a strong argument in favor of publication. Mr. McGilchrist had sold the land in question under contract and the purchasers should have paid the taxes but did not. Mr. McGilchrist had full notice through the newspapers of this fact, and, therefore, was in a position to protect his interests. Under the proposed Jackson scheme of selling out a taxpayer in the dark, he would probably have learned later that a tax lien speculator had title to his property from the sheriff for delinquent taxes paid and it would have cost him a good deal of money and trouble to get the tangle straightened out.

Mr. McGilchrist is not a victim of delinquent tax publication but a beneficiary. He is a firm believer in the advertising of the delinquent list.

This is only one instance among many in every county in the state where taxpayers are benefitted by the annual publication of the delinquent list. A large majority of heavy taxpayers are in favor of the present method of closing up the county's books at the end of the year. Only the petty speculators in tax liens and claims scalpers who infest most county court houses are advocating a return to star-chamber methods.

The tax list publication cost Marion county last year \$774.40 and half of that amount was paid to the Capital

Journal—for a wonder the Portland paper told the truth in this instance. But suppose it did?

Marion county does a million dollar business annually. What public corporation or private business concern would not jump at the chance to close its books, clean and clear, for that amount of money annually!

There is no other way to do it because taxpayers are only ordinary people and many of them are slow to pay; all business men can testify to this fact. When they face the penalty of paying or having their property sold, they pay. The publication of the delinquent list, moreover, straightens out every wrong assessment and all errors—it cleans the books as it could be done in no other way and it is open and above-board and inexpensive considering the amount of tax money involved. It is not an expense against the public treasury but is charged to the delinquent taxpayer. The Jackson method would throw the expense of collection of delinquent taxes upon those who have already paid and would be as unfair in this respect as it would prove ineffective.

The publication of the tax list means also a square deal for the taxpayer delinquent from any cause, lack of money, error or carelessness, because it seldom costs him over a dollar or two for advertising, and his property is sold only after full public notice.

Under the Jackson system, at one time followed in Oregon a few years ago, careless taxpayers quite frequently woke up to the fact that some tax lien speculator held a sheriff's title to their farm or home.

The abstract concerns, which thrive on mixed titles to property, and the court house speculators always have a strong lobby at the legislative session working for the abolition of the publication of delinquent tax lists in the newspapers. It would help their business to have Jackson's plan adopted. They may be paying the expenses incurred in the initiation of his bill.

The Capital Journal would not seriously miss the \$387.20, or thereabouts, that it receives annually for publication of this list in Marion county. Compared with our total business it is a trifle not worth troubling about. But the principle involved is a big one.

It is a fight for businesslike methods in public business on behalf of tax-payers who pay promptly; it is contending for the rights of the delinquent taxpayer whose property should not be sold without due public notice in the newspapers, which are the most thorough mediums of publicity in existence.

Find a man who wants to take advantage of some one by securing title to his property for a trivial percentage of its value, and you have an ardent advocate of Jackson's dark-room method of transacting public business.

The weather clerk predicts showers for the 24 hours beginning this morning. This indicates the eclipse may get by without being visible on this side of the Cascades. Well anyway a few good showers will prove far more benefit than the side show in the sky, for while all of us would like a peep at the solar combination we realize it would do nothing toward shortening the shortage in breadstuffs and the showers will.

The Americans did some real old fashioned fighting yesterday driving the Huns back for two miles along a front of two and a half miles. Reports of the battle say the officers had difficulty in restraining the men from rushing the German front along the whole American line.

It's looking darker for the kaiser every minute. President Wilson called out 40,000 negro troops yesterday.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

### CONSERVATION

That I may save the price of rations I've shaken all my poor relations. In olden times my aunts and cousins would come to see me, scores and dozens, and stay as long as I would feed 'em, but now I'm standing up for freedom; I've taken Hoover as my mentor, and so my uncles cannot enter the dining room when dinner's ready—I must conserve, so help me Teddy. I have old spinster aunts aplenty, I reckon there are ten or twenty, and they have come from distant places, at my expense to feed their faces. They'd come in spring and stay till autumn, and sometimes longer yet, dod rot 'em. They'd bring their cats and pet canaries, and eat my string beans and my berries, and in the pantry and the cupboard for pies and cakes they daily rubbeded. But yesterday my Aunt Deborah came to me, smiling like Aurora; she hoped to stay three months or nearly—she's pulled off stunts of that kind yearly. But now I met her at the portal, and handed her no smile or chortle. "I cannot feed you," said I, "auntie; I cannot board you in this shanty. I hope to save this threatened nation by flossy curves in conservation, and so no uncles, aunts or nieces, can visit me with their valises. You cannot use my roadster chummy, no prunes of mine shall fill your tummy; so take your birdcage and your knitting, and do some ground and lofty fitting." And thus, with fortitude unswerving, I'm spending all my time conserving.



WALT MASON

## The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

### AN UNDESIRABLE VISIT.

#### CHAPTER XXVIII.

George was really quite ill for days. I had to change my mind about some things, during that time. In one thing, George had surprised me; he was very patient, very gentle with me, and not at all hard to wait upon. At home, when either father or the boys were sick, they were terribly unreasonable. I told George so, and he replied:

"I am glad I have them beaten in ONE thing; they are ahead of me in so many"—which showed that he realized that I had compared him to them to his disadvantage.

Julia Collins called up several times, during the week George was in bed. She always offered to come over and sit with him. I as regularly denied her the privilege. I was sure she had written him. Two or three letters postmarked "Narragansett" had come with the other mail, but even in his softened mood I dared not question him about his private affairs.

Then, one day, she called. I was sitting with George. He was up for the first time. Celeste announced her.

"Tell her Mr. Howard is not yet receiving visitors," I said with all the dignity I could manage, determined that she should not see him if I could prevent.

"No, let her come up! She is always full of lively chatter; it will cheer us up."

"Very well, Monsieur!" Celeste replied, glancing at me in a commiserating way which I at once resented.

#### A Gushing Entrance

"Oh, you poor, dear boy!" Mrs. Collins exclaimed, absolutely ignoring me, until she had rushed to George, shaken hands, and inquired solicitously how he was. Then she turned to me, shaking her ringed finger at me: "You were a bad girl to try to show what a good swimmer you were! You should choose a time to do those things, when someone beside George is around to risk his life trying to save you."

"I told you over the telephone, Mrs. Collins, that I was taken with cramps—something that is liable to happen to anyone," I returned very coolly.

"Helen is a perfect fish in the water," George broke in. "She has gone out much further, often. She never had any trouble before."

"There's always the first time, you know," our visitor responded. "And it is always at such times that we put the lives of some one who cannot be spared, in danger."

She was, as usual, trying to anger me—to make me lose what little poise and dignity I possessed. "She shall not succeed!" I thought as I rang for a cooling drink and some cakes.

"It is quite a trip for you to take in the heat," I said, as I proffered the refreshment. "We are flattered that you should take it. We know your popularity, and that you have your time all filled."

Her eyes snapped, George smiled. Not a real smile, with his lips, but his eyes laughed, and his mouth twitched. I knew I had scored.

"My time is never so filled that I should not take part of it from someone else to see George!"

#### A Sparring Match.

From that time on, during her entire visit—which lasted for over an hour—we kept up a sort of sparring match. I knew George was amused, and so long as I kept within the bounds set by my being her hostess, I was sure he would not be displeased.

When she rose to go, she said: "I am coming over every day, now, until you can come and see me. You won't be going to the Harbor for some time, will you?"

"Yes, indeed!" I returned, not giving George a chance to reply. "Our plans are all made; we shall go as soon as Mr. Howard is able to travel. The doctor told me this morning we could go in two or three days, at the most."

I always took particular pains to speak of George as "Mr. Howard" when the women he had known before we were married, addressed him as "George."

"I see that I shall have to make my visits to you at Bar Harbor, then," she returned undismayed. "I shall be there now, almost as soon as you are. Your accident has made our plans similar."

Were we never to be rid of her? I started to say something, bit my lip, and let George answer:

"That will be delightful! As we are not apt to be as popular there as we have been here, so I shall have more time to devote to my friends. The yachting, here, has taken a great deal of my time. You will have to help me introduce Helen to Bar Harbor. It is an old stamping ground of Julia's," he said turning to me.

"It is nice to be so familiar with all the resorts," I said, inwardly boiling. "Perhaps, when I reach your age, I shall know as much. In the meantime, it is delightful to have everything so new and so entertaining. I cannot become bored as do you older people."

"We're Methuselah's," according to your wife, George! she laughed maliciously: "I am as much as seven years older than she."

(Tomorrow—It's Experience That Counts)

An American newspaper man in France has been made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor. And the Dallas, Texas—News comments obviously that the office carries no salary.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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## Assistant Highway Engineer Goes South

J. C. McCloud, assistant state highway engineer, and family arrived here Sunday from Salem by automobile. Mr. McCloud stated that Pass Creek canyon is in good condition and safe for motorists. He made the trip from Salem easily in a day and traveling leisurely, stopping at Cottage Grove and other places. The bulk of the grading in Pass Creek canyon is all completed and that piece of road will not give so much trouble in the future. Mr. McCloud will spend several

weeks inspecting the work on the Pacific highway between here and the California line, as he is the district engineer for this section of the highway. In regard to the work around Riddle and Myrtle Creek he said it was progressing nicely, and that construction was going ahead well on the two bridges at Dillard. Mr. McCloud left yesterday for Myrtle Creek to view the work there.—Roseburg Review.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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## YOUR HEALTH

By ANDREW F. CURRIER, M. D.

Shingles.

A. K. J.—Am much interested in your health talks and would like to have you explain about the Shingles.

This disease, also known as Herpes Zoster, is painful and supposed to be due to some kind of infecting poison. It is an acute, inflammatory disease, usually following the course of some nerve distributed over the skin.

It begins with general discomfort, loss of appetite, perhaps with a chill and fever (like so many infectious diseases) and with great sensitiveness in the skin.

Its constant feature is a blister-like eruption along the course of the infected nerve.

These blisters are usually only on one side of the body, become inflamed, and leave scars which are sometimes prominent and disfiguring.

The disease occurs in children, in young adults, and the aged, often persisting with the latter for months and years.

The fever, with which it begins, lasts three or four days, the pain being sometimes dull and sometimes sharp. Sometimes the pain subsides after the eruption appears, but recurs from time to time.

This pain is severer in the old than in the young, and often is worse at night.

The blisters come in successive crops for four, five, or six weeks, and suppurate, discharge, and at length scar over.

The eruption may follow exposure to draughts of cold air, or mental or physical exhaustion, and may occur as an epidemic.

The fluid in the blisters is first clear and watery, then turbid, bloody and purulent, and the resulting sores may resist healing a long time.

On the chest the eruption follows the course of a nerve between two

adjacent ribs; on the face it may result in paralysis of the side affected, and the eye may be destroyed by it. It resembles chicken-pox, erysipelas, and psoriasis, and is most frequent in cold weather.

A patient with this disease should remain in bed, and should fret and worry as little as possible.

The bowels should be kept open with castor oil or salts, and the diet should be simple, including milk, soups, eggs, cereals, fruits and no meat.

The eruption must be carefully dressed every day, and the blisters must not be broken if this can be avoided.

Gauze moistened with alcohol, or any suitable antiseptic lotion, may be used to protect the surface.

When possible, it is better to have the advice of an intelligent physician than to depend on self treatment.

This is especially important with the view of obtaining as little ultimate scarring as possible.

Questions and Answers.

J. K. B.—I am a woman in middle life and have milk in my breasts. Is this an evidence of cancer? There is no pain there. Is it possible that fibroid tumors may develop in the breasts?

Answer—1. The appearance of fluid in the breasts, such as you experience, is not particularly unusual. I am not sure that it is milk, in your case; and, as any disturbance in the breasts is always a matter of great importance, I should advise you to consult a skilful surgeon and determine whether your condition is one that demands an operation, or not. 2. It is possible for fibroid tumors to appear in the breasts, though this is not a very common occurrence.

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