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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The amended postal laws of the United States, which went into effect January 1st 1908, requires that no paper shall be sent through the mails, except upon the payment of transient second class postage unless it is paid up to within a year of the date of mailing. This makes it necessary for us to strike from our list all delinquent subscribers and, as rapidly as possible, put the subscription list on a cash basis, as, of course, we cannot afford to pay postage or violate the law to accommodate those who are in arrears. All papers have been given a reasonable time to adjust their business to this new basis so we trust those of you who know yourselves to be behind with your subscription will make an effort to settle up, and, if possible, pay one year in advance.

The Mist is now the official paper of the county, and it is also the biggest, best and cheapest paper in the county. We intend that it shall be better worth the money than at any time in its history. The court proceedings will be published in full, the real estate transactions given weekly, and all news of interest from all parts of the county will be found in the Mist. If you know you are indebted to the Mist aid us by sending in the amount due and one year in advance.

THE SINGLE TAX

The single tax advocates are endeavoring by initiative petition to secure the adoption of the Henry George system of taxation in Oregon. They offer to the farmers a bribe in the shape of exemption for their buildings and improvements, but propose to place all taxes upon the land. It is claimed that the adoption of this system of taxation will induce all the manufacturing plants hereafter located on the Pacific Coast to come to Oregon, but, of course, if such an inducement were offered California and Washington would probably bid a little higher, and our temporary advantage would be lost. No system of taxation that gives one class of property exemption can fail to be burdensome to all other classes. We are engaged in a struggle for equal taxation of all classes of property, and, despite many burdens and setbacks, we are making progress. Instead of exempting all property except the land, we want to see to it that every class of property, without exception, bears its full share of the public burden. Every amendment to the present law should be in this direction.

Evidently Mr. Richard Pearson Hobson is to be an excellent source of "copy" for the newspaper fraternity, if he cuts no wider swathe in the Congressional world. His latest proposition of a "court journal" is most unique and a not unworthy emanation of this rather eccentric man. Much as we admire this scintillating Congressman from Alabama, our conservatism forces us to differ with him in this instance and to bespeak a preference for our true and tried friend—the Congressional Record.

The latest report is to the effect that Mr. Bonaparte is running a gum-shoe canvass to make himself President. But why not, if he enjoys it? Certainly one more little boom "won't do no harm."

COMMUNICATED

VERNONIA, Ore., Jan. 7, 1908.

EDITOR MIST:

Having just received a letter from the Oregon Tax Reform Association, requesting me to circulate an initiative petition for an amendment to the constitution, I sincerely hope you will give me recognition through the columns of your paper to express my sentiments on this matter. They informed me in their letter that Mr. A. W. Caithorn, of the Oregon Journal, recommended me as the right man to circulate this petition. Had Mr. Caithorn known me he certainly would have known that I was the wrong man to circulate a petition of this character in a civilized community. We, as farmers and citizens, certainly do not want to be exempt from any just taxation. We do consider our buildings and live stock as valuable property and subject to a reasonable tax. We further consider the manufacturing establishments of Oregon as valuable property, and to exempt the same from taxation would be outrageous and would appear to me as a very one-sided affair. If the instigators of this scheme, who call themselves "The Oregon Tax Reform Association," would instigate some reform that did not have such a strong indication of "class legislation" we would feel more at liberty to aid the project and to assist in every way that we could to bring about an equal and just taxation. But, whereas the manufacturing establishments of Oregon are of vast importance to the State, we see no reason why they should be exempt from taxation. (and the appurtenances hereto, as stated in the petition, as this alone would cause untold litigation, in my mind) I heartily support the initiative and referendum, and would be glad to see all laws brought before the people in this way. But, when any man or set of men have the audacity to put their heads together to invent a scheme whereby they exempt from taxation all the costly residences of the cities, and, in addition to this, try to pull the wool over the farmers' eyes, by inserting in their petition the exemption of farm implements and live stock and furthermore asking the farmers to aid them in their contemptible scheme, I stand as one who will fight this proposition in my community, "teeth and toe nail." I believe it the duty of every citizen to be on the alert as to any ill disposed scheme to defile our excellent constitution. I would like to ask a few questions of any gentlemen of this committee: Are not the manufacturers of Oregon prosperous? I answer, yes. Why, then, do they proclaim unjust taxation? For example: If the timber industry cannot pay their share of the tax, with lumber at from \$30 to \$40 per thousand, how then can the land holder pay all the tax with wheat at 85c per bushel and potatoes at 75c per sack, and only part of their land cleared at that? Answer those questions and look upon such a petition with shame. Now Mr. Editor, I will not take up any more of your valuable space at present, but will assure you that this is only one barrel; but if this question is debatable through the columns of your paper I will give you the other barrel next week or any other old time.

Very respectfully,
E. E. NICKERSON,
Vernonia, Oregon.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

(By ADA GEORGE, St. Helens High School)

A child who is to enter school should be well disciplined at home. The parents should send the child to school every day, unless he is ill, and see that he leaves home in time to reach school between eight thirty and nine o'clock. He should go to and from school in a civil and respectful manner. The parents should instruct the child to obey his teacher implicitly, which is the greatest panacea toward the prevention of all school difficulties. If a child is punished it is because of disobedience, and he, and not his teacher is at fault. Wise parents bestow the blame where it belongs and all trouble is averted. The child on reaching the school house should go quietly to his room, speak to his teacher, take his seat and begin his work. His conduct in school should be of the best, he should not drop pencils and books as it is an annoyance to the others. When signals are given he should obey them quickly and quietly. In walking to and from the black board he should go quietly so as not to disturb the other pupils who are studying. He should not look out of the window or turn around in his seat, unless commanded or permitted to do so. He should use good clean language only. His hands should be clean, and his hair combed. In fact he should have a

neat and tidy appearance. He should not scratch or mar his desk, keep the floor around his desk free from papers and pencil shavings, he should not mark or tear his books. He should have each lesson prepared when called upon to recite. He should not whisper or write notes without permission. If in any way he should deface or destroy any school property he should replace it at once. He should be polite, kind, and obliging. He should never be rude or noisy, especially in the house. He attends to his own business strictly, and in the quietest possible manner. The child is taught that the school house is not a playhouse or a place of mere entertainment, but a place where he is to work for the benefit of his future. One daily intermission is best which should occur between eleven thirty and one o'clock. But as a legal requirement it usually comes between twelve and one o'clock. This intermission must be well supervised. Calisthenics should be given twice daily, which acts as a rest, and tends towards a muscular development.

It Does the Business

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island Dealers.

It is gratifying to learn that the Congressional Post Commission is going to take up in earnest the modification and revision of the postal laws. The first Federal postal law was enacted in 1854 and as the country has expanded additional statutes, chiefly in the form of amendments, have been enacted until the present laws affecting the service have come to be so complex that the traditional Philadelphia lawyer could not tell what they mean and members of the commission describe it as a sort of legal crazy quilt.

Real Estate Transfers.

The entries for the past week including the date upon which each instrument was filed for record.

- Jan 7—J and T Appleton to R P Langenbacher and E W Gubben w hf blk 3 Dobbins add Rainier.....\$ 350
- Jan 11—E Blackburn to Ellen Peterson and hf int sw qr sec 29 7 2..... 1750
- Jan 11—A E and J B Brown to Laura H Crook 1/2 of 929.97 a. 1
- Jan 7—Columbia Lum Co to I G Wikstrom land in secs 26 and 35 4 2..... 7000
- Jan 11—E L and E Davidson to H B Nicholas part of nw qr sec 14 6 2..... 1
- Jan 7—E L and W J Deitz to E P Wirtz land in Rainier..... 100
- Jan 6—F O and H M Frymire to Lulu E Boyd eight lots in blk 45 St. Helens..... 200
- Jan 7—G W Kyser [by executors] to John E Larson nw qr sec 14 7 3..... 350
- Jan 10—C L Lyons to T N Nelson, part of Wagner dic..... 1
- Jan 13—H M Loukkannen to John Mursu lot 1 sec 1 8 4..... 125
- Jan 7—C A and A Malmsten to S V and M Malmsten lot 3 blk 6 Rose add to Vernonia..... 1
- Jan 7—L and O Malmsten to S V and M Malmsten sw qr of sw qr sec 34 5 4..... 1
- Jan 6—C W, G G and M E Mager to J E and E R Schenck..... 2850
- Jan 11—J and J G Muekle to G D Bonney sw qr of ne qr sec 35 5 2 except timber..... 200
- Jan 7—E J Nusbaum to Frank Bishop and hf lots 13, 14, 15, 16 blk 9 Goble..... 1
- Jan 13—Jonas Nystrom to Carl Snider 60 acres in sec 24 4 2..... 585
- Jan 7—S Peterson to The Church of God, lot 8 blk 38 Moeck's add to Rainier..... 375
- Jan 7—N and S A Poston to Wm E Purdy lands in sec 35 4 2..... 1
- Jan 9—J P Price et als to Geo W Price and 2/3 of ne qr sec 27 5 4..... 2000
- Jan 10—C W Resimus to O R and A Olsen 15 acres in sec 12 4 2 (bond for deed)..... 1000

The judges appear to be doing everything in their power to create in the common people a feeling of contempt for the manner in which the law is being administered in this country. No technicality seems too flimsy to offer an avenue of escape for criminals.

It is claimed that Secretary Taft's new horse cost \$1,000. While it is not a race horse, it might be reasonably expected to make a first class showing in an endurance contest.

The latest freak decision is that of an Oregon judge who overrules the plain letter and intent of the law by refusing to permit the facts to be pleaded as a defense in a libel suit, holding that a verdict of "not guilty" in a case where the defendant was accused of assault is a bar to such pleading, notwithstanding the fact that the verdict may have been secured by perjury, the unavoidable absence of a witness, or any other cause.

The Pure Food Law

Secretary Wilson says, "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest but the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

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A Higher Health Level

"Have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Houlton, Warren, Scappoose, and Deer Island dealers. 25c.

The weak spot in the currency that has long existed will soon be remedied, which will be a fine thing for the busiest of nations.

Lame Shoulder Cured

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

The suggestion that Congress authorize the representatives of the treasury to receive certified checks in payment of dues instead of insisting on cash payments smacks of sound common sense. By such an arrangement the government would be accommodating itself to up-to-date methods of business.

A new precedent has been established by the Idaho courts, viz: that nobody can be convicted upon the testimony of Harry Orchard.

The financial situation is rapidly clearing, with a prospect that it will shortly be better than ever. It is hard to keep a good country down.

Alliances of American fortunes with impecunious princes, counts and earls have always proved disastrous. The money might better be devoted to hospitals, libraries and the good roads movement.

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LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER.
Steamer Hassalo leaves Portland daily, except Sunday, at 8:00 p. m. Saturday 10:00 p. m. for Astoria and way landings. Returning, leaves Astoria at 7:00 a. m. daily, except Sunday.
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