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We're for Low Taxes, But--

FROM time to time, The Star has pointed out opportunities for economy in the administration of public affairs in city, county and state. This paper is against waste or extravagance in any public office.

The Star is for the lowest possible tax levy. So is every councilman. So is every honest citizen. What is the lowest possible levy? Here is where the differences of opinion occur.

Suppose there were a proposition not to pay the mayor's salary of \$7,500 in 1916 by levying the necessary tax for it, but, instead, we should go out and borrow that amount from some bank, paying the bank the regular rate of interest for the loan.

WOULD THAT BE ECONOMY? Would the city be saving money? It would certainly decrease the levy by \$7,500. And yet, in the long run, it would cost the taxpayers more money, because the mayor's salary would have to be paid some time.

If not next year, it would have to be paid the year after that—and in the meantime interest would be piling up.

By keeping the mayor's salary out of the tax levy one year, it merely means postponing the payment of a legitimate debt; it means that the year following there will be a higher tax levy, for then two years' salary would have to be paid in one.

That's the situation with one or more items over which the mayor and a majority of the council differ.

The mayor wants to postpone the payment of

Ben Reaches the Limit

Judge Ben Lindsey is mobilizing. A criminal libel suit filed against him a day or so ago, so enraged him that he publicly declares that he proposes to protect his name with a shotgun on the next person who slanders him.

That's the ticket, judge, but why wait. Just stick the scatter-gun out the window and pull the trigger. You'll get somebody that has it coming to him, all right.

The Wonder Age

Just a few years ago, when the theory of wireless telegraphy was first promulgated, it was jeered at by the wise ones as the dream of a visionary. The public was as slow to embrace the new invention as it had been to accept the telephone and the steamboat, generations before. Yet today is announced an invention by Professor Michael I. Pupin, of Columbia university, by which it may be possible to talk by wireless with every part of the globe. It is only a matter of months until the cable lines beneath the seas will have lapsed into disuse.

Only a foolish person will scoff at any new invention, these days of wonder-working.

Petroleum Dope

THE oil production in the United States in 1914 set a new high record, 290,312,353 barrels, at the well, being produced. The value was about \$214,000,000. California led with a production of 99,775,000 barrels, Oklahoma was second with 73,632,000, Illinois third with 21,920,000 and Texas fourth with 20,068,000. The biggest single oil well in the world, the Cushing, has lately dropped from 300,000 to 200,000 barrels per day, or an approximate earning capacity of \$150,000 per day.

debts which fall due in 1916. The council majority wants to pay them now and avoid the necessity of going later to bankers for favors—and incidentally to avoid payment of interest.

If the mayor's plan is accepted, the tax levy would be lower but the debts would still remain.

If the council majority's plan is accepted, those particular debts would be forever wiped out, but the tax levy would be a bit higher.

Mayor Gill's so-called lower tax levy would

not save the taxpayers a cent. He only proposes to postpone payment of legitimate debts.

The Star believes in SAVING taxes to the people wherever possible. It believes in the LOWEST TAX LEVY possible.

But in the present argument between the mayor and the council, there is much ado about nothing.

The mayor and the council differ in nothing except WHEN certain debts should be paid.

For National Prohibition

SEATTLE, soon to be the largest "dry" city in the United States, joins in the hope of the W. C. T. U. convention, which adjourns Thursday, that soon prohibition will be nationwide.

To be really successful, prohibition should be national in scope.

Many of the alleged objections to state prohibition do not lie against national prohibition, and in bidding the W. C. T. U. godspeed as they leave the city, Seattle hopes that the deliberations of the convention here will hasten the day when the entire country, instead of a few individuals states, will be dry.

Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel!

DID you hear recently how certain folks praised Reginald H. Thomson, the engineer?

"He's a wonderful engineer," they said, "one of the best in the country."

They were boosting him for the port commission, a position he did not ask, want or accept. "A great engineer," they said.

AND YET--

They are the ones who are forever damning the Cedar river dam, one of Thomson's greatest engineering accomplishments.

Praise for Thomson, but knocks for Thomson's dam.

Why? Because the dam is a municipal ownership project.

AND BRYAN thought that a man busy at sparking a widow couldn't be trusted to preserve peace!

A Married Man's Troubles



By Allman

Bulgaria's Entry a Good Thing, Says This Writer

BY R. F. PAINE Bulgaria is in it. All the Balkans will undoubtedly have to go into it. It is a good thing. The features of Europe requires that this war make a thorough clean-up.

Germany's triumph would mean the admirable German system and control of the great passage between the Mediterranean and Black seas. The allies' triumph mean an end of the bickering, jealousies and wars of the Balkans and an end of Turkey's control of the Dardanelles, a control due to old-time fear of each other on the part of the great powers.

It is as many illustrious thinkers maintain, this war is finally an issue between autocracy and democracy, let there be a thorough clean-up. Most all progress is, directly or indirectly, paid for with human blood or other sacrifice.

These Balkans are but the ramifications of the cancer that has long been eating Europe and an operation that did not include them would be superficial and productive of no lasting relief. We see the peoples of both Greece and Bulgaria divided against their kings, on the awful question of war. It is time to snuff out the business of the setting up of kings for peoples. People led unwillingly into war by their kings breed democrats ever after.

The war may be worth to humanity all its cost. It has already knocked much of the anarchy out of England. It has elevated to real manhood more Russians than are in the lists of dead and missing. It may cremate the "divine rights" of the royal puppets who have ruled and ridden the Balkan peoples.

AGED GROCERYMAN BEATEN UP BY THUGS

They entered the store with revolvers drawn and with handkerchiefs over their faces. One of them marched Delaware to the rear of the store while the other two opened the cash till. Delaware suddenly swung on his guard and felled him. Then he reached for his revolver. But it stuck, and, before he could extricate it, the other two were upon him and knocked him into insensibility, after which they escaped with \$34.

The Ginger Ale Ruby—Or, Walt Carrigan's Fall—A Transcontinental Adventure.



BY BLOSSER

Outbursts of Everett True



HERE and ELSEWHERE

STELLA SORGHUM SAYS: Most women don't care how their ball-rooms are decorated so long as there are no "wall flowers." Many failures in business occur because they had a poor loss when they started to work for themselves.

Teddy says he and his sons are ready to go to war. But how about Alice? She always was a good scout.

Francisco fair. Jack Fogstrom, 30, 3628 Bagley ave, missing since Monday afternoon. Had \$100 on him when last seen.

NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF. The centurion was being eagerly interviewed by reporters, and was asked to what he attributed his long life and good health.

"Wall," the old man replied, slowly. "I'm not in any position to say right now. You see, I've been bargaining with two or three of them patent medicine concerns for a couple of weeks, but I ain't quite decided yet."—Argument.

Victor Bolesta, 4703 29th ave. S., hit by auto driven by N. Jaffe, 4242 Wallingford ave., Wednesday night. Hurray for the last legislature! Excessive tuition fees reduce registration at university from 2,872 last year to 2,787 this year.

Longshoremen protest to port commission that one barge at Stacy at pier was handled by non-union men.

Don't take five-dollar bills! That is, don't take the new counterfeits that are being passed in large numbers on the Coast.

Adolfo Bracons, Seattle resident 30 years, appointed consul here by republic of Panama.

Members of U. of W. chapter of Delta Chi banqueted at Washington hotel Wednesday night.

"Cotton futures" act declared unconstitutional by Federal Judge Hough of New York.

Driving rod of engine snaps and breaks leg of Engineer James Costella near Elma, Wash., on N. P. line. Costella keeps his head and saves train from wreck.

James Kingston cleared in murder case of Louis Schonborn, found dead in Chisana, Alaska, December 26 last.

W. L. Marks of Albany elected grand chancellor of Knights of Pythias at Portland convention.

AND YET THEY WONDER WHY THERE'S CONTENTMENT OF COURT Miss May Graham, a witness, blew a kiss at Judge Carroll Bond of Baltimore, and was put in jail for five days. What the Judge said: What is it they want, bricks?

Gov. Lister announces appointment of W. El Combe and W. L. Dimmick to succeed two of the recalled county commissioners of North Yakima. They are to appoint a third.

Big rush for banquet seats at Aberdeen to hear Prexy Suzzallo Friday noon.

Serget. D. J. McLeod, of Fort Gibbon, Alaska, given award of merit by President Wilson for bravery in saving soldier from drowning.

A LAWYER ALL RIGHT OAKVILLE, Wash., Oct. 14.—A. P. Wilson, attorney, was fined \$15 and costs by Justice Pettibohn for using his auto as a jitney without a license. Wilson drove his machine to convey a party of clients to the county seat. He then charged them for the trip.

Difficulty encountered in salvaging liner Calcha at Port Townsend. Co-operative merchandising stores condemned by Miller Freeman of Seattle, at grocers' convention at Tacoma.

A. R. Mellis, farmer near Portland, kills 19-year-old son, mistaking him for deer.

DIDN'T YOU SEE THE SIGN ON THE STEPS, "NO AGENTS"? YES I DID, BUT LISTEN—THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

YES IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY, ALL RIGHT, AND ONE I'M NOT GOING TO MISS!

TESTIMONY IN the Indianapolis election fraud cases is that blocks of votes were sold at 10 cents each. Tammany, on reading this will realize the fortunes it has wasted in the past.

LET'S HOPE another Austrian grand duke isn't assassinated for a million years!

YE ED MUST ME A TEND GUY (From the Bismarck, N. D. Tribune) While dodging a pretty woman who acted as if she intended to kiss him, Editor Lindstrom fell over a barrel of salt on the depot platform at Langdon, and then Lindstrom discovered that she had her eye on another fellow all the time.

Taking ways landed Jack Honako, bootblack at First ave. S. and Washington st. in the city jug. While brushing Peter Bostram, he is alleged to have slipped his fingers in to Bostram's pockets and lifted \$1.25.

Council public safety committee urged by Woman's Civic club to investigate plan for women's detention home at Kent.

A couple of armed thugs climbed into the depths of the pockets of Charles Repp, of Ballard beach, and got \$50 Wednesday night.

Senator C. A. Sulzer, of Alaska, brother of former governor of New York, is in town with Mrs. Sulzer.

Four vessels of Alaska Steamship Co. brought in 54,000 cases of canned salmon Wednesday.

Ten beads of various departments of Frederick & Nelson honor Henry J. Gullixson, Oriental rug expert, who has been 50 years in the business.

"The City," photograph of Seattle water front scene, wins prize at San

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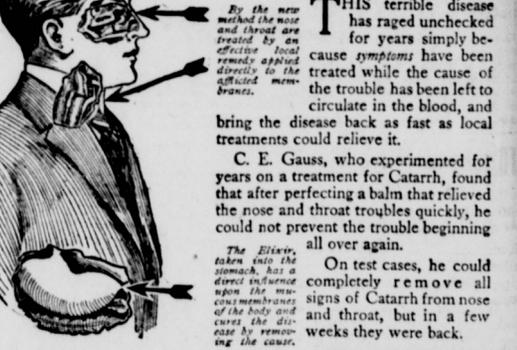
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Removes the Cause and Immediately Gives Relief to the Nose and Throat

Reese Jones, of Scranton, Penn., says that after trying many other treatments, he used this new method and his nose is now entirely clear and free and is not bothered by the disease any more. "The New Combined Treatment is worth its weight in gold."

Temporary relief from catarrh may be obtained in other ways, but the New Combined Treatment must inevitably be accepted for permanent results.

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Goes to the Root of

Stopped-up noses Constant "frog-in-the-throat" Nasal discharges Hawking and spitting Snoring at night Bad breath Frequent colds Difficult breathing Smothering sensation in dreams Sudden onset of sneezing Dry mucus in nose and any of the other symptoms that indicate approaching or present Catarrh