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## TAXING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

It has been claimed that public elementary schools sufficiently provide for the preservation of the State, and that young people who desire education beyond the eighth grade should themselves pay the cost of such higher

In the face of this argument, the legislature of this State has regularly made liberal appropriations for higher education, has permitted the use of state money for the manitenance of professional courses, and has even authorized the support of public libraries

On what grounds, asks Prof. Bennion, in the current number of the Utah Educational Review, "ean this practice be justified? It all this expenditure of public money necessary for the preservation of the State?"

The professor's answer to these questions is worth quoting:

"The men who discovered the use "The men who discovered the use of fire, the domestication or plants and animals, and the use of the simplest tools are, from the historical point of view the peers of Morse and Edison. But these things, once discovered and applied, become a priceless possession of the race, a race inheritance that is transmitted from one generation to another. \* \* So long as these discoveries are few and simple they can be transmitted through the family and tribal organisation; but as discoveries tribal organization; but as discoveries and inventions are multiplied, and as the ideal side of life becomes developed and expressed in literature and set, pure science, and philosophy, it becomes necessary for the preservation and transmission of these treasures that special institutions be established for this purpose. The school is such an institution, it is one function of the elementary school to transmit to chilelementary school to transmit to chil dren the simpler elements of this literary and scientific inheritance. But the spiritual wealth of the race has grown to such enormous proportions that to abolish the special means of its preservation, other than elementary schools, would be destructive of the most valuable elements of chilination. It is the would be destructive of the most valuable elements of civilization, it is the business of the university to preserve, transmit, and further develop the most precious spiritual possessions of the race. These possessions are not restricted to knowledge alone; they include also the highest ideals of life and character, which are likewise the product of many centuries of human struggle and aspiration."

As to the charge that has recently appeared in several of the orthodox papers of the country, to the effect that sollege life tends to immorality and that this is a natural consequence of the moral skepticism of college professors, the Professor makes a candid and sufficient answer. "How," he asks, we meet the anti-university sentiment? Not by a false patriotism that ignores the facts, nor by boisterous college yells that express nothing but a determination to be in the publi car. The answer must be found in the lives of college men and women. If these lives are characterized by purity of thought and nobility of action, no other answer is necessary; and, indeed, no other answer is possible,"

The test proceed is a fair one. It is reasonable and it is Scriptural. Any system is judged, as all people must finally he, by its fruits. Men do not gather figs of thorns nor grapes from chistles. And if it turns out, as it seems ought to be and, no doubt, is the case, that higher education stands not alone for economic and industrial efficiency but for ideals that have beome the inheritance of the race and for "the highest type of character, for nurity in thought, word, and deed." then institutions for higher learning have precisely the same claim on the public treasury that is freely and universally conceded to the public elementary schools.

### AT THE POLE.

The New York Evening Post would Uke to have further particulars as to the method by which Dr. Cook ascerfained his fathude at the Pole. In the poblished nazzative it is stated that "on April 20, the pedometer registered one nundred and twenty-one railes, and by our system of dead sectioning, which was usually correct, we should have been at latitude \$7.50, language 100. The naufical observations gave latitude as t longitude 97.42." The day before the Pole was reached, April 20, we are told that "the observation gave latitude 50 degrees 48.5 minutes, longitude 94 de grees 57 minutes;" and, finally, at the Pola Reelf, "the sun indicated local

Leaving out of consideration the question of how the latitude observations were made the day before reach ing the Pole, when the variation in the position of the sun must have been less ployer ascertained "local moon" at the Pole, and the Post believes that he ower the scientific institutions that have tak-

fact with which all are familiar, that at the Pole there is no direction but south. No matter which way you turn. standing at the Pole, you always face. south, and at the same time your back is turned to the south, and you have south on the left hand and on the right. and everywhere, South of the Pole we call it noon when the sun is due south. but at the Pole if is always due south and the long Polar day to therefore, always noon, while the sight is always midnight. "Lucai nuon" at the Pole is.

but may it not be taken for grantd that Dr. Cook used this expression meaning the hour indicated by his time siece rather than by the sun crossing the meridian?

#### RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

A circular sent out by the Pennsylcanla railroad contains the statement that treespasing on railroad property. in violation of the law, has been responsible for the deaths of \$7,416 peoole in the United States in the last 10 years. In the same period, it is said, more than 50,000 trespassers were in-

And the number of people killed while responsing is increasing every year According to figures published by the Interstate Commerce commission, is 1898, 4,062 trespassers lost their lives on American railroads; five years later the number was 5,000, and in 1907, the number killed was 5.612-more than 15 day. Figures compiled by the Pennylvania railroad show that 465 trespassers last their lives on that sysem's lines in 1899; 781 were killed in 1904: white in 1907 the number reached 915-an average of almost three for every business day in the year. In the ten years prior to January 1, 1969 exactly 7,240 people, who were on the Pennsylvania's right of way, in spite of thousands of warning signs along the railroad, were killed. During the first six months of this year 285 fromonssers were killed.

For this reason many of the roads have decided to make strenuous efforts to secure a rigid enforcement of the laws against trespassing, and thereby protect the people, as far as can be done by that means, against their carelessness or indifference. If the laws were enforced it is probable that this class of accidents would be greatly reduced in numbers. Fatal accidents not due to trespassing are numerous enough without this yearly increasing class. But success is dependent upon the operation of state and municipa authorities in the enforcement of the

Connected with this problem is the ramp problem. It is claimed that where the railroads vigorously drive the lobos away from the roads, they spread out into the rural communities through which the roads pass, terrorize the women, set fire to property, steal, and even commit murder. So obnoxious have the tramps become in Pennsylvania that the Blair County Pomon Grange, a few months ugo, passed a resolution protesting against the effort of the railroads to drive the tramps from the tracks, as an injustice. The tramp question will have to be taken up in connection with the problem of projecting the roads against tres passers. The tramp is a disgrace, anyhow, to the country. He ought te be put to work on tramp farms or on read building, and not be suffered to roam about and do mischief.

#### FARMING IN ALBERTA.

In the Canadian district of Calgary, Alberta, there are some three million acres of land being reclaimed by irri

This particular place, which is similar to others there which are better known to many people of Utah, was visited to cently by the editor of the Praine Farmer. This area of land is about 40 miles wide and 150 miles long, and the soil is very rich. Of its proved productiveness the editor says:

"Last season's crops were the first that Mr. Trego barvested in Alberta. With some reluctance he was made to confess that last year he harvested 1th acres of oats that averaged % bushels There outs were sold for 4 per acre. These oats were sold for the cents a bushel, bringing him the gross amount of \$40.42 per acre for the first crop on land that only cost him \$25 an acre. To a large extent this yield was due to the fact that the land is fundamentally rich and also to the fortunate circumstance that he was able to get water to it through his irrigation ditch-

In another place, at Strathmore, the editor saw some interesting examples of what can be accomplished by irrigation in the growing of vegetables. He found ome of the largest and finest cabbages potatoes, cauliflowers, carrots, turnips onlons and beets he had ever seen, al grown under trrigation.

The Canadian Pacific runs through hundreds of miles of land suitable only for dry farming because sufficient water for irrigation is not to be had. By means of dry farming, in which the land lies fallow every other season there were extensive greas being brought un der tillage in various localities. Muci of the hand being developed by irrigation in western Canada is under the direct ownership and supervision of the Canadian Pacific. Contrary to the general idea of opening up new lands for settlement, profit is not the first consideration in the Canadian Pacific irriga-

It is said that the managers, unde whose supervision these immense area of some 6,000 square miles of agricul tural land is being developed, are look ing forward to the time when this in tire area will be thickly populated with owners of productive farms, who are growing products which the railroun ill carry to market.

The railroad officials say they are no oncerning themselves with the good ble profit that might be made out of these lands. They are content, they laim, to place them upon the market at practically cost for the sake of the business that will naturally counthe railroad in additional traffic, and which will endure for time beyond measure. The great problem, they find or to convince the people of the possi bilities of this country and get them interested in it. The milrouds expect to be amply repaid in the years to comwith the additional traffic that th roads will be called upon to handle

For those who know how to handle such lands and are willing to undergo the labor and uncertainty of the first ew yours, we have no doubt that selying upon such opportunities as Alberta and other places present will righty pay in the end, all that may be laid out upon them is the period of the first struggle with these lands, though they are new and must be worked un-While we were to explain

While we were taking I noticed that
the general opened and shut a drawer
in his desk several times. At last, with
some sign of healtston, he took a leiter from the drawer. He turned to me
smiling—and his sinile was a very graclous and rotdial one always—and said.
"I have been wondering whether I
should let you know what is in this
letter. I think I will, but I can't give
you a copy of it, because copies are der unfamiliar conditions

All people lave haubles, only their Shieles allffer.

The early way to forget one a troubles is to lose one's sund.

It is hard to patch up a quarrel that

Coal dealers nover charge for the dampness; they just throw it in. Mr. Henret is not a nireate candidate

but Judge Geyme to decidedly one. Whether it is too lete to mend de-

sends altogether on what is broken. Usually it is man's cupidity and no ils conscience that leads him astray.

Dr. Cook's enemy has not written book but he has issued a statement

Citizens who would vote must be found in the register of man if not in

The rich man is loved not for the nemies but for the money he has

And now ex-Minister Crune know that silence is the botter part o Hplomacy

The great championship basebal games look wonderfully like gate recipt games.

There are just as good salmon in he son as ever were caught but they are constantly growing fewer,

The words "for better or for worse" n the marriage ceremony stand for hope and despair. Most people are rewarded not ac-

cording to their merit but according to their pull. Commander Peary has given his case against Dr. Cook to the public

President Taft keeps insisting that he is an optimist. No one doubts it. He ooks and acts the part to perfection.

Now, for the answer.

er," it is rumored.

Very truthfully our Chicago name sake says that "playing the races and playing the fool are usually synony-

If the characters of the modern

chool children are at all like the

characters of their chirography, they are very questionable, J. M. Barrie, the novelist, is seeking a divorce. When he gets it, he will invoke the services of "The Little Minis-

Two European princes of royal blood are seeking the hand of George Gould's daughter. The Gould gold is not in their thoughts.

## INFATUATED WITH BRASS BUTTONS.

Justice Brewer.

With brass buttons and epaulets becoming more plenty, with constant talk of fighting and inventions of new weapns, this country must watch to pre-ent its people drifting into dreams of upire that can lead only to disaster. Many wars are simply caused by the political ambitions of men and the love of military action, and we must be careful not to use our great and growing prosperity as an excuse for building new navies and increasing standing armies beyond the point where they are still a more guard.

### JAPANESE AS PEACEMAKERS.

A Worcester man who has been building a new mill for an addition to an any extensive paper-making plant in New view

Theodore Roosevelt is familiar with

that curious destiny by which what

was meant to be a political plot to re-

tire him from New York politics result-

ed in his accession to the presidency by

succession and to his nomination and

election as president a little over three

Whenever I recall this incident I al-ways think of the moment when Ches-ter A. Arthur stood unconsciously at the parting of the ways—when, had he gone the other way, he probably rever would have sat in the presidential chair. Not until now have I tood the

inident, although I came into possession of the facts years ago, a few days

ofter General Arthur had been removed by President Hayes as Collector of the port of New York.

port of New York.

This occurred in 1877, and those who were in the Inner circle of politics of that day had reason to suspect that Arthur was removed as a part of the game of political circs which had for its object the nonunation of John Sherman for president to succeed Hayes. At that time the New York casten house was the most powerful

conston house was the most powerful political influence, in the series of con-trolling party organization. In the United States. If John Sherman were

s of the highest importance that if

New York custom house should not be infriendly to him. Gen. Arthur had been for years an intimate personal and political friend of Roscos Conking. The latter was apposed to the Sherman can

didacy, and under Gen. Arthur the cus

ton house could not be so employed politically as to aid in the proposed John Sherman nomination. So Arthur was removed as the ports collector, that one friendly to Sherman might wield

the given influence of the custom house. A few days after his removal by President Mayer I called upon Gen. Ar

thur at his newly opened law office He received me in a little room in which were a table, two or three chairs, an office deak and a few books. He was attling at the deak as I entered, and he asked me to draw a chair near him.

rice the noise of passing trains upon is elevated railroad made conversation membal difficult. We chatted for a

while upon his removal, freely upon his part, although confidentially. He would say nothing for publication He believed in the policy Lard Heatonsfield adopted in all his public life passety never to

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

By E. J. Edwards.

THE "NO!" THAT MADE ARTHUR PRESIDENT.

arises from a He made out of whole cloth.

The flower of the family may be a dough-head.

Key West was pretty well keyed up during the storm.

York state, says that the visitors who inke the most pains to look the work over are Japanese. They come often though he is not sure that they are the same men each time. They ask questions about construction, and he gathered from them that they may build paper mills in Japan, where the pulp can be made of bambon waste on a very cheap basis. With that well applied, the Japanas where the pulp can be made of bambon waste on a very cheap basis. With that well applied, the Japanas where the pulp can be made of bambon waste on a very cheap basis. amore might supply the world with

#### INCITING WAR.

It is conceivable that Germany and Great Britain, with no real cause for animosity, may be induced to spring at one another's throat. The surest way to Incite such a conflict is for conspicuous Englishmen and conspicuous Germans, as they travel abroad, to coninus ding-dong talk of its possibility.

#### THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D. It is a great mistake for rug himself into business ork under the influence of stimulants If you have more work than you can do without the artificial strength produced by stimulants, you had better do less work. If you require slimulants now what will become of you with increased business in five or ten years better? You will not grow with increased business in five or ten years hence? You will not grow stronger with advancing years, and working on stimulants will ultimately make a mental and physical wreck of you. It is not work glone that impairs health so much as the "bracing it," on stimulants. Many men do themselves more harm by their recreations than they do by strict attention to business. Automobiling at record speed, sitting up all night and coming to work in the meraing unrested and unretreshed gambling; too much society, too much and too rich food all tend to impair the health. When a man has reached the age of When a man has reached the age of 15 he has entered upon a period of ife in which certain accidents are lable to occur. He should be careful, for he is now a middle-aged man

#### JUST FOR FUN.

"Bobbs writes a great deal of fugi-ve poetry, doesn't he?" 'Yes, and I wonder why, for nobody sems running after it."-Baltimore

"Remember, son," said Uncle Eben,
"you mus' have judgment as well as
onthusdasm. Good intentions is responsible fon some o' de worst singin'
in de choir,"—Washington Star.

"I fired frown this morning. He was incompetent" Later Brown was heard to say: 'I resigned my position with Green this morning. His business methods to be a supersonable." Indeed, Fine are unbearable."- Detroit Free

The One-I married at the age of 21

40 and it was a case of marry at leisure and repent in baste."—Chicago Daily News.

'Yes, and he is doing really splendid

Mental or athletic?" "Why, he poses for all these pictures of perfectly dressed young men in the clothing manufacturers' circulars."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"And you're drawing \$4 a week? "Yes, sir."

"Do you know, young man," said the lawyer, with forbidding sternness, "that when I was your ago I was re-ceiving \$2 per week."
"No at I didn't know it " and the boy. Then, after a moment's reflection, he added, quite respectfully, 'but then, sir, perhaps you weren't worth any more.—'Spokane Spokesman-Re-

tet anyone take a copy of it."

Having said this, he drew the letter from its envelope and read it to me.

It was a communication from Wash-ington, in which Gen. Arthor was in-formed by John Sherman that, if he were willing to accept the mission to The Hugue, or to Belgium, or to Suitz-erland, or even to Denmark, the presi-

dent would be very glad to appoint him.
As he read the letter I realized it.

great importance, and when he had finished I assured him that I would carefully guard the missive if he would let me take it away and show it to Charles A. Dana, the cittor of the New York Sun, who was then and always a new personal friend of Great

ways a warm personal friend of Gen.

Arthur.

No." said the general. "I had rather not let the letter go out of my hands, but you can tell Mr. Dans what it contains, and say to him that I will gradly show it to him if he will call here."

Have rou answered it. I said that a would prefer to remain a private citizen and return to the practise of law in New York, rather than to live outside the United States."

That offer was made so as to present the necessity of removing you as collector of the bort." I said.

Gen. Arthur returned the letter to the envelone. Then, booking at me with a whimsleaf scale, he said. "It is capable of that loference."

Had Gen. Arthur fallen into the pa-

Had Gen. Arthur fallen into the pa-litical trap, so to speak, set for him by the Hayes administration, to keep it from having to perform the disagro-able work of removing him as collector

able work or removing him as collector of the part of New York, he would have been out of the country when the Republican national convention of 1880 met. He would have been our minister at other The Hague, Heighum, Switzerland, or Damaark of three years' standing. Its would have lost his immediate personal grib on New York politics. He would nor have beaded the New York.

could not have headed the New York relegation to the convention. He would have been "out of sight, out of mind." And became of this fact, in all prob-

ability, when the New York delegates were given the privilege for selecting the candidate for vice president, the

name of thester A. Arthur would not have been considered. And so another han its morer would have succeeded James II. Garfield as president of the United States.

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The Other I didn't marry until I was

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