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EITHER BARON or Madame Tassaud ought to secure Lady Florence Dixie's corset.

SENATOR EDMUNDS is worth a half a million and has an income of \$50,000 or \$75,000 a year.

THE fossil who finds himself swamped in the mud of Omaha street crossings need expect no sympathy.

THE mayor of Philadelphia has declined to sign the ordinance permitting the stringing of telegraph wires in that city.

Of the 17,000 immigrants that arrived in this country in January, 5,044 came from Germany.

SEVERAL leading lawyers of St. Louis have pronounced the Missouri high license law unconstitutional.

DR. MILLER, of course, located the Union Pacific terminus at Omaha and after Omaha donated \$200,000 in bridge bonds.

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EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT.

The organ of the tax shirkers raises the cry that an increase of our assessed valuation will cause great distress to small property owners.

No one knows better than the editor of the Herald that a fair equalization of assessments will have exactly an opposite effect.

A glance over the books of Omaha assessors is only necessary to show that our men of moderate means are paying and have been paying for years a good deal more than their just proportion of taxation.

Recent real estate transfers and new buildings give the assessor every facility for making up his lists. There is little to conceal and for this reason, if for no other, concealment and a fraudulent assessment is not possible.

The tax shirking class is not our "smaller property owners." It is composed of men who reckon their real estate within the limits by the acre for purposes of assessment and who sell it by the lot to the smaller property owners at from fifteen to fifty times the assessed valuation.

An equalized assessment will reduce taxes in Omaha. It will decrease the tax levy from one to three per cent, and still give us more revenue than we now have.

By doubling the present assessed valuation our tax levy would be reduced from over four cents and a half, as at present, to a little over two per cent.

The Herald insists that "taxes are high enough now in all good governing conscience." No one will deny it for a moment.

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WANT AN EFFICIENT CITY GOVERNMENT.

Select the very best men even if all of them should reside in the same ward. This narrow gauge system of ward nominations at large is absurd and tends to keep the city in its old ruts.

DENVER has just entered upon a city campaign that reminds us very much of the fight we had in Omaha with the "Holly ring" three years ago.

MONTANA cattle men are satisfied with the condition of their herds. The principal dealers in the Yellowstone valley place the percentage of losses as less than five per cent and report that the conditions this spring peculiarly favorable to stock.

THE state of Illinois is blessed with a very wicked legislature. The lower house of that body has adopted a joint resolution to abolish the penitentiary chaplain. This would indicate that the clergyman who draws five dollars a day for opening the house with prayer has forgotten in his bountiful stupidity to instruct the Lord to secure an appropriation for his faithful servant who grinds out prayers for the salvation of wicked convicts.

THE frontispiece is an engraving from the portrait of Washington Irving by Gilbert Stuart Newton, and is published apropos of the centenary of Irving's birth.

PHOEBE EARLE GIBBONS' "English Farmers" is a close study of rural life in Sussex, and Mr. Reinhardt's sketches of the subject are delightful.

GEORGE H. BOUGHTON'S fourth paper on Holland is even more interesting than those which have preceded it, and the illustrations have the same quaintness and novelty that characterize the text.

COLONEL HIGGINSON, in the sixth chapter of his "American History," entitled "An English Nation," gives a concise and comprehensive review of the early English settlements in this country.

MISS WOOLSON'S "For the Major," and Black's "Shannon Bells" are both concluded in this number; and a very strong short story is contributed by "A Working Girl."

POEMS are contributed by T. B. Aldrich, R. H. Stoddard, and John B. Tabb. Besides these, there is a quaint little story in verse, entitled "The Little White Beggars," by Helen W. Ludlow, illustrated by Dileman.

THE EDITORIAL Departments are full of timely and interesting matter. The Drawer this month is conducted by its earliest editor, Dr. S. I. Prime.

MAJOR BEN. FERLEY POORE has written for the April Center a note on the "Capital at Washington," containing many reminiscences of events that have taken place within its walls, as well as a history of the building.

THE Modern Age for April is as bright and interesting as usual. Among the contents are "A Fable and a Poem," by Ivan Tourgenieff; one of Theophile Gautier's incomparable stories, entitled, "Diomed's Daughter," and an amusing tale by the late Greenville Murray, better known to the American public as the author of "The Bonnets of Cabal" and "The Member for Paris."

Now we hope that this will be done away with in the coming election. Ignore ward boundaries and pick the best man regardless of where they reside. In the school board we have nothing to do with wards. Our educational system embraces the whole city.

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