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THE INCOME TAX.

The Commoner: It looks as if events were about to vindicate another democratic position. The press dispatches report that Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has introduced an income tax amendment to the tariff bill, and it is claimed that he has secured the support of enough republicans to pass it with the aid of the democratic vote. It will be remembered that the democrats passed an income tax law in 1894 over the opposition of the republicans. In the campaign of 1906 the democrats endorsed the income tax principle and it was in the platform of last year. The republicans have never mentioned the matter in their platform, but Mr. Roosevelt endorsed the principle and President Taft has also given it a half-way endorsement. It is said that the democrats of the senate will be a unit in support of an income tax amendment. This is gratifying news and it is to be hoped that enough republicans can be found to secure the adoption of this just provision.

A tax upon consumption is necessarily unjust to the poorer members of society, for people do not eat food, wear clothing or purchase other taxed goods in proportion to wealth or income. It takes as much food to sustain the poor man as the rich man, and as much clothing to keep him warm. While one may spend more than another for food and clothing, the difference is not at all proportionate to wealth or income. As all taxes are paid out of the income, the tax upon consumption is in fact a graduated income tax—the largest per cent being paid on the smallest incomes and the smallest per cent on the largest incomes. A direct tax on income is, therefore, a tax to equalize the burdens of government, and a graduated income tax makes a still nearer approach to justice.

The income tax is needed to correct the inequalities in internal revenue taxes as well as to correct the injustice in tariff taxes. Internal revenue taxes are collected on liquor and tobacco, and these taxes, too, are more burdensome to the poor than to the rich for men do not use either liquor or tobacco in proportion to wealth or income. While it is proper to tax liquor and tobacco should be taxed, it is only fair that those who are under taxed through the internal revenue system should be taxed in some other way so as to compel them to bear their share of public expenditures. The income tax is the only tax in sight which will give any approximation toward justice in the matter of federal taxation.

As is being pointed out at Washington, it is not certain that any income tax measure will be able to run the gauntlet of the supreme court, and for that reason the democrats ought to insist upon an amendment to the constitution at the same time that they urge an income tax measure so that in case of adverse action by the supreme court there may still be a chance of securing an income tax in the future. It is intolerable that our government should be so restricted in the taxation of wealth, and so unlimited in its power to call for the personal services of the citizen. The president can summon every able-bodied citizen to military duty. The husband can be taken from his wife, the son from his mother, and the father from his children; their lives can be required of them if the country's welfare demands it. Why should the property of the citizen be so hedged about by constitutional guarantees—or by judicial decisions—as to make it impossible for the government to collect a tax for its support while it protects property? Congress ought to have the power to collect an income tax whenever in the judgment of Congress that tax is necessary, and to make sure of this power we ought to have an amendment of the constitution specifically authorizing the income tax. Now that the need of a tax is apparent, the amendment should be pushed.

GRANGE SEES FUTURE.

Fears New Constitution Would Kill Direct Legislation.

McMINNVILLE, Or., May 12.—A growing attendance marked the second day of the Oregon State Grange session, many visitors arriving on every train. Much grange legislation is being introduced and several important matters of public interest are coming up.

Following are the salient features of the report of the state master, all of which will be approved by the Grange:

"In the matter of the defense of the initiative and referendum in the courts, satisfactory progress has been made. The pending suit has been argued before the state supreme court and the full constitutionality of the initiative and referendum again upheld. The forces are now being marshaled for the final struggle in the United States supreme court.

"Our executive committee has engaged what is believed to be the most competent legal talent within its reach. Efforts were also successfully made to interest others in the cause. George H. Shibley, of Washington, D. C., president of the Peoples' Rule League of America; Senator Hoar and J. Harry Carner, of Washington, D. C., have rendered valuable service by the preparation of a supplementary brief which was submitted in ar-

gument before the state supreme court.

Danger to New Constitution.

"The last legislature submitted to the people the question of calling a constitutional convention for the purpose of correcting several alleged weaknesses in our state constitution. Anyone familiar with the leading factors in the movement, or who listened to the discussion in the legislature when the matter was under consideration need have no hesitancy in saying that one of the prime motives that has inspired the movement is a desire to eliminate direct legislation from our system of government. A constitutional convention would have to be very closely watched if it is to be prevented from being so packed or so manipulated that our system of direct legislation be not stricken out entirely, or so modified as very materially to cripple its usefulness. Hence the people should be very wary about voting for the calling of a constitutional convention.

"But the opposition to the initiative and referendum will not down. Great care must be exercised in the use of the system if public sentiment is not at length sufficiently aroused to secure its modification. "One of the strongest points of opposition among many not otherwise unfriendly is the fact that under the present system the constitution is so loosely guarded. It is a fact that matters now stand, the constitution can be amended far too easily for the safety and security of the state. I venture to call attention to this matter again this year merely to suggest that it would be well for friends of the system to give consideration to means of its modification in this particular before more sweeping changes are forced by its enemies."

Single Tax Fight Again.

Concerning the taxation measure which will be submitted to the people, in line with suggestions made in the state grange last year the state master says:

"This will be one of the most important matters coming before the voters of the state at the next election and it will be the business of the state grange to conduct a campaign of education in the interval between now and election time. The situation is going to be complicated by the fact that the single tax people, backed by considerable monetary support, are determined again to submit a single tax amendment probably much more radical than before. No compromise is probable and their amendment will almost certainly be put forward through the initiative."

Following is a list of the most important matters which the state grange will take up as a part of its work during the coming year:

The enactment of legislation conferring upon the several counties of the state the control of purely local matters such as the regulation of salaries of county officers, creation of new offices, election of road supervisors, passing of laws regulating local affairs, etc.

Renewal of demands upon the National Congress for the creation of postal savings banks and parcels post.

Regulating the speed of automobiles in cities to six miles an hour, and in the country to 12 miles an hour, and providing punishment by imprisonment for violations.

Opposition to the State of Oregon taking any part in the construction, operation or ownership of railroads.

Establishment of a denatured alcohol plant at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Fixing a uniform rate of fare upon all railroads, not to exceed 3 cents per mile.

Providing for two biennial sessions of the state legislature, the first to convene on the second Monday in January and the last 25 days, at which only the introduction of bills and proposed laws shall be the order of business. The second session to be held on the third Tuesday in May and to last 15 days. At this session no new business shall come up, but the business of the former session shall be disposed of. It is provided that the governor may call an extra session, to hold five days, for any specific purpose.

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It is proposed that initiative laws shall be adopted only by a majority vote of all the voters of the state. Referendum measures shall be subject to the same law.

Constitutional amendments, adopted by 60 per cent of the legislature before they can be of force.

State Lecturer Johnson, in his report, says:

"During the past year there has been much interest shown in the educational work of the order. When I first assumed the position it appeared to me that a most beneficial thing would be to arrange the work so that we could have the fullest use of our state and county libraries. The proposed plan was presented to State Superintendent Ackerman, Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the state library commission; Dr. James Withycombe, Miss Isom and Miss Fox, of the Portland Library, and it met with their support and co-operation. "A year's trial in this part of our work has justified the beginning and all that remains is to lighten the work somewhat and make it better adapt itself to local conditions."

CARLTON GRANGE FAVORS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

CARLTON, Or., May 12.—Carlton grange, No. 291, Patrons of Husbandry, at their last regular meeting passed a resolution indorsing the action of the legislature of the state of Oregon in appropriating a sum of money for the support of the Oregon Agricultural College and most heartily condemning the action of the state normal schools, who failed to receive such an appropriation, and it met with their support and co-operation. "A year's trial in this part of our work has justified the beginning and all that remains is to lighten the work somewhat and make it better adapt itself to local conditions."

CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given all parties holding county warrants issued by Douglas County, Oregon, and endorsed "Not paid for want of funds" prior to and including the 25th day of May, 1909, to present the same to the county treasurer of said county for payment, as interest will cease thereon after the date of this notice. Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 25th day of April, 1909.

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In order that the forest rangers may cover the large area contained in the district, it is very necessary that a system of trails be constructed along routes which give the best control of the areas to be patrolled. In many districts telephone lines have been built between the supervisor's office and ranger headquarters, and to prominent peaks which are used for lookout stations to observe fires.

To fight forest fires effectively it is of the utmost importance that a force of men be rushed to the fire as soon as possible, as these fires can be controlled and put out if taken when they are small, where it would be almost impossible to check them after they had spread over a large area.

For this reason the telephone lines and trail systems are of vital importance and have played a small part in the patrol system which has resulted in the remarkably small area burned over since the forests have been under government supervision.

Among other necessary improvements provided for, the service takes up the matter of the betterment of range conditions. First, by the construction of drift fences, which are for the purpose of keeping stock within the area allotted to them and to save the time of the herders; second, by the improving of springs and watering places. In many sections of the west large areas have been of no value on account of the lack of water during a large portion of the year.

By the fencing and piping of the springs and providing adequate storage, the service has been able to conserve a supply of water which enables these ranges to be used throughout the season; third, by the fencing of bog or mire holes. As fast as possible, placing where the loss of stock

from miring in bog holes has been heavy, are being fenced so that the cattle can not get into them; fourth, by the fencing of poisonous areas. In certain sections of Colorado there is a poison larkspur which, during the spring season, will poison stock that graze on it. These places are being fenced and the stock kept away from the areas until the poisonous season is over, when they are opened for grazing.

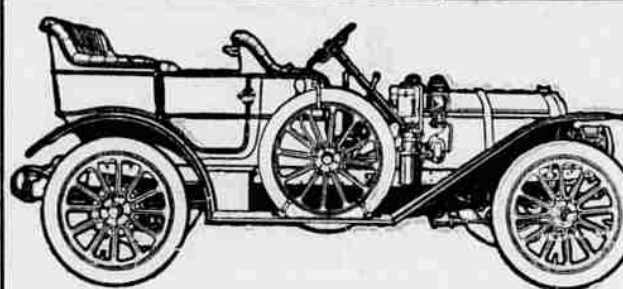
All of the National Forests are divided into districts which are under the direct supervision of a forest ranger who looks after the timber cutting and grazing matters, and patrols his district to detect and prevent forest fires. As the National Forests are located in mountainous and timbered country and have but few settlements within their boundaries, it is necessary to provide these rangers with quarters convenient to the districts over which they have charge. These quarters consist of a small house, a stable for his saddle horses, a fence enclosing a pasture for his stock, and occasionally, the fencing of a small garden patch and a small piece of hay land to provide fodder for the stock during winter.

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