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THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?

Six years ago U'Ren and his associates submitted single tax to the people of Oregon. In no uncertain terms did people show by their ballots that they were unqualifiedly opposed to this socialistic propaganda. Realizing that it would be impossible to foist single tax on the entire state, U'Ren and his associates endeavored to have it adopted in one or more of the counties of the state. To this end they submitted, four years ago, a constitutional amendment which provided that each county should have the right to adopt single tax if they so desired. They did not, however, openly offer an amendment which was worded in a manner that would be clear to the voters. They adopted a subterfuge. Under the guise of a bill to abolish the poll tax, they succeeded in getting the voters to adopt this constitutional amendment. Mark you this, there was nothing in the constitutional amendment which would indicate that its purpose was to make it possible to have single tax adopted in any county. It was merely a contemptible, sneaking and underhand way of getting the voters to adopt something they did not want. Two years ago, under this constitutional amendment, U'Ren and his associates endeavored to have single tax established in three counties of the state—Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties. In each case, the measure providing for this local single tax was overwhelmingly defeated by the voters of these counties.

In addition to this, a single tax measure affecting the entire state of Oregon was again submitted, and it was also overwhelmingly rejected by the people at the polls. The constitutional provision which the people had unwittingly passed in 1910, was re-submitted to the people of Oregon, and it was repealed by a tremendous majority.

Not being satisfied with the verdict of the people whereby the single tax was rejected in 1908 and 1912, the single taxers have again submitted single tax in the form of the \$1500 exemption bill. Single tax has twice been beaten in every county, in every city, in every town and in every community in Oregon. Knowing full well that single tax will never be adopted by the people of Oregon, these office-seeking politicians are endeavoring by underhanded subterfuge to give the voters of Oregon something which they do not want. They do not call it single tax, but they call it the Homes Exemption Bill. They exempt up to \$1500 on all classes of property excepting land. They exempt the stock of railroad corporations, and they call it a "Homes Exemption Law." They exempt notes and mortgages, and call it a "Homes Exemption Law." They exempt merchandise stock, and call it a "Homes Exemption Law." They exempt diamonds, pearls and automobiles, and call it a "Homes Exemption Law." They exempt pool halls, saloons and near-beer dives, and call it a "Homes Exemption Law." When sovereign people of the State of Oregon have twice spoken on a question, shall their decision be accepted as final, or shall they be compelled to again and again repeat their verdict? Shall the Oregon ballot continue to be cluttered with measures which the people have rejected? Shall the initiative be misused and discredited by its enemies, who endeavor to give us single tax under another name? At the coming election the people will again overwhelmingly reject the single tax, which is being submitted to them under the title of the \$1500 exemption bill. Will U'Ren and the other single taxers, who are seeking to prostrate the farmers of Oregon, accept this verdict as final, or will they continue by stealthy, underhanded political methods? Shall U'Ren dictate or shall the people rule?

—Tax Liberator

Every registered voter of Oregon has probably received from the Secretary of State the pamphlet containing all the 29 measures which will appear on the ballot at the election next month in which also appear arguments for and against the measures by people directly interested for or against the various measures. This week we print some of these measures, taking them in the order in which they come on the ballot. Following these next week will appear some more until the entire 29 measures have been printed.

It will be interesting to note as these measures are read by the voters, that nearly half of them are fathered by Mr. U'Ren, Mr. Wagon and other well known faddists, while

some of the measures which were gotten up by other people are opposed by the same Single Tax crowd. So many theories have been put up to the people by Mr. U'Ren and other theorists that the people are beginning to look with suspicion upon any measure which they advocate and to study carefully the measures which they oppose. In the list of 29 to be voted on this fall it will be found that a great number of them are backed by this crowd and it is most certainly the duty of the voters before casting their ballots to look them up carefully. It may be that some of these measures are good ones but the fact that Mr. U'Ren has fathered so many freaks and fads is sufficient cause for careful study. Every voter who has received a copy of the State pamphlet should by all means read over the bills and the arguments for and against them so that an intelligent vote may be had at the election.

Already there are too many freak laws in Oregon which are doing more harm than good and it is now up to the people to guard the interests of the state by a most searching enquiry into the proposed laws so that the progress and prosperity of the state will not be further hampered by the passage of theoretical bills which can in no way help the progress of the state and may be the means of retarding it. Of the particular bills which will appear on the ballot the Mist will have more to say as the campaign progresses. We are making a study of the bills and will give our readers our conclusions after such study is completed. In the meantime we would be pleased to have the people discuss any or all of the measures through the Mist and we offer the columns free to all who care to do so.

THE DAWN OF PROSPERITY

By Major F. W. Barber

The optimist is coming into his own. The dawn of prosperity is in sight, and the beacon that lights the way to greater activity becomes brighter day by day.

Manufacturers of the United States are receiving many inquiries from over the seas from great firms who are looking to us for the goods which heretofore they have purchased in Europe.

Unless all signs fail they will accumulate and swell and assume greater proportions until our fair land is one hive of humming industry; with work in plenty for all and a spirit of peace and contentment resting upon the land.

In years gone by the allies have bought from the Germans and the Austrians and the latter have purchased from the former and from each other. It was an interchangeable system of commerce.

But the bitterness engendered by the war is effecting a vast and mighty change.

All are turning to America for their wares until Europe recovers from its paralysis.

And from South America comes the cry for goods—more goods—and plenty of them. This trade in the past has been given to Europe, but the nations at war have practically no merchant ships upon the seas and are unable to supply the demand. Hence the Latin race turns to its big brother of the north.

And once this commerce of South America is secured by the United States, it is doubtful if it could be wrested from us by any other means than force of arms, and that of course would not come until the warring nations have recovered from the physical and financial exhaustion, although eventually that is the inevitable with which we will be forced to contend.

But in the meantime we will manufacture goods and ship them to the nations of the world, and gold will pour in to us, and the laborer will have fuller dinner pails, and the farmer will have better markets for his products, and the business man will feel such prosperity as he has not known for many years.

It will not come in a day, or in a week, or in a month. But it will assume greater proportions step by step until we have reached the pinnacle of a nation's prosperity.

Unless all signs fail.

Wist men are big listeners. Fools are big talkers.

"Small, hot bullets cause little pain", comes the word from the front. Make ours a bird shot.

"What kind of a girl makes the best wife?" inquires a demure, dainty and dimpling young damsel. That easy. One with sense.

The rulers of Europe are all linked together by marriage, which is proof positive that a family jar is about the worst brand of scrap on record.

If all of the money in the United States was equally divided among our citizens each person's share would be about \$32. And we'd like to have ours right now.

The fellow who has nothing to lose is always losing something.

MY NEIGHBORS CHILD

She is not more than three years old, But they have gone and bobbed the gold

That crowned her darting little head, Her wavy hair.

Two blue eyes brimful of mirth, Sweetest baby on the earth, But the folks who own her do not seem to care.

She comes limping around the place, Dirty hands and dirty face, But her little rose-bud mouth is awful sweet, And I don't care who is her Ma, And I don't care who is her Pa, She is the sweetest little girl who walks the street.

If you have a spell of blues, Hold pessimistic views Of life and every mortal on the earth, Just appreciate the smile Of that happy little child; She'll teach the art of living with her mirth.

It certainly is a bliss, To have known her dewy kiss; How I'd love to teach her to say her little prayers.

For she's got a way divine, That has touched this heart of mine, Got a way of showing me she cares. But the folks across the way, If they could have their way, Though they do not seem to love her, they would be

Mighty angry at my love For the little girlie dove, The little girl who has won the heart of me.

So I'll let the baby play In her innocent childish way, And I'll watch her lest she come to any harm.

But she'll be taught to hate, Never mind it is my fate, But I'll keep the memory of that baby warm.

E. B. E., Scappoose

TWENTY YEARS AGO

It is claimed that a vein of pure soda water has been found at Vernonia, this county. If this is true, and we have no doubt as to the veracity of the story, it will tend to stimulate matters over on the Nehalem.

The one-half mile trotting race at Scappoose last Saturday attracted considerable attention in this vicinity. The contestants were Ad, owned by John Downing; Prince, owned by Dr. H. R. Cliff and Mr. Herman's sorrel gelding, of Portland. A King was at the starting post and W. Meeker and D. C. Tedford as judges. In the first heat the Portland horse won, Dr. Cliff's Prince breaking in this tart, but coming in a close second. In the second heat the Dr.'s horse got away to a fine start with the sorrel horse slightly in the lead. At the half distance Prince was in the lead, which position he kept to the finish of the heat. In the third heat the relative position of the trotters were the same as the second; the sorrel horse broke several times making an easy victory for Prince; time 1:20. The betting, after the first heat, was about two to one on the Portland horse, but after the second heat the money could only find takers even up. There were about 400 people present who testify as to the merits of the horses, and express themselves as confident that Columbia County can produce as good horse flesh as any part of the state.

Articles of incorporation of the Vernonia Publishing Co., were filed with the County Clerk, Wednesday, with G. L. Hall, Charles Davis, Dave Davis and W. H. Braden as incorporators. The capital stock is \$5000 at \$100 a share.

Judge Moore has been very busy of late working on the right of way for the Goble-Astoria railroad. There is no longer any doubt as to the building of this road. The projectors of this scheme mean business this time, and at no distant day actual clearing of the right of way and grading will be commenced.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Standing of contestants pu to 11 A. M., Wednesday, September 30. Next weeky zprei—One half dozen tea spon.

Only two more weeks.

Watch for these special deals during closing week.

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Miss Edrie LaBare	264,305
Miss Ethel Drew	138,470
Miss Barbara DeVroy	105,780
Miss Martha McCauley	60,105
Miss Mona Adams	33,000
Miss Lillian Marks	32,640
Miss Nora Walters	23,575
Miss Alma Doucette	17,495
Miss Alice Hall	22,545
Mr. Russell Stirland	16,700
Mr. Christ Mathelson	15,180
Miss Edna Harris	15,875
Mrs. A. M. Ecker	14,450
Miss Minnie Antone	17,395
Miss Mary McKie	11,025
Miss Beatrice Lake	7,865
Mrs. Brought	11,905
J. E. Quinn	2,475



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