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PENILESS WANDERING WALTER

Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, who came to Oregon a "peniless, wandering boy" and who now pleads with the good people of Oregon to help him finance his campaign with contributions of a "dollar and a vote," is the owner of 36 individual farms in Union county having a total assessed valuation of \$236,000, according to the records of the assessor of that county.

Atop this, Mr. Pierce, who has repeatedly characterized himself as a poor man, is afflicted with \$16,800 worth of personal property, the assessment records show. He is paying taxes on a grand total of \$253,000 worth of property.

How much of this small fortune is the accumulated result of the returns from the \$30,000 Mr. Pierce borrowed from the state's Irreducible School fund by proxy, perjury, and the use of the names of his relatives as dummies is not known but consistent thrift on the part of Mr. Pierce, such as his loan of \$20,000 of the money borrowed from the school fund to Mrs. Mary E. Cooley at 8 per cent and its renewal through the instrumentality of a demand note, is probably responsible for some of it.

Poor Farmer Pierce, who led Jesse Winburn, Ashland millionaire, into financing his campaign to the extent of \$5,000, pays taxes on the following farms in Union county:

- School District No. 1.—One farm assessed at \$2,240; another at \$2,710; another at \$480; another at \$2,560. School District No. 48.—One farm assessed at \$2,810; two farms at \$2,560 each; another at \$1,280. School District No. 32.—One farm assessed at \$2,280; another at \$2,240; another at \$480; another at \$640. School District No. 7.—One farm assessed at \$22,850; another at \$5,770; another at \$29,530. School District No. 10.—One farm assessed at \$2,250; another at \$7,620; another at \$5,530. School District No. 19.—One farm assessed at \$4,500; another at \$2,700. School District No. 61.—One farm assessed at \$1,120; another at \$8,800; another at \$24,000; another at \$280; another at \$19,780; another at \$2,880; another at \$4,480; another at \$1,890; another at \$560; another at \$3,840; another at \$2,400. School District No. 46.—One farm assessed at \$25,480. School District No. 43.—One farm assessed at \$16,320; another at \$19,200. School District No. 39.—One farm assessed at \$960; another at \$480 and another at \$240.

It would be interesting to know how many of these 36 farms were secured as the result of foreclosures of farm loans made by Walter M. Pierce, the poor farmer's "friend."

WILL PIERCE CUT COLUMBIA COUNTY TAXES?

Walter Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, is endeavoring to create the impression that if elected governor he can cut taxes in two. The claim that he can reduce taxes 50 per cent is simply a vote-catching extravagance upon which to ride into office. Let us see how much a governor has to do with Columbia county taxes.

The total amount levied on Columbia county property this year is \$756,733. Of this \$1 per cent was levied by county and local authorities for schools, roads, city and town purposes, including drainage district tax of \$54,947. How could any governor cut this local part of the tax bill in two? Reduction of these local taxes is up to the voters in the local districts.

When cornered, Mr. Pierce admits his 50 per cent tax cut promise is intended to apply to state taxes only. Let us see how this works out on Columbia county.

Only 19 per cent of all Columbia county's taxes this year were state taxes—for soldiers' bonus, 2 per cent; for market roads, 2 per cent; for state aid to elementary schools, 4 per cent, and for state higher educational purposes, 5 1/2 per cent, the latter including the educational aid to the soldiers and sailors, as well as all the millage bills and appropriations for Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon.

Senator Pierce introduced several of these tax measures and supported all of them. Which one will be cut out?

The balance of the state tax, 5 per cent of the total Columbia tax bill, goes mainly to support institutions caring for the insane and other afflicted, besides paying expenses of state government. Even if Mr. Pierce cuts this amount in two he would reduce Columbia county's tax bills only 2 1/2 per cent; yet even this amount could not be cut in two without turning insane, feeble minded, orphans and other dependents out upon the public for charity.

The claim that taxes can be reduced 50 per cent or any other substantial amount by a governor or through his influence, is so preposterous that it is obviously intended only for campaign purposes.

The problem of tax reduction is mainly a local one, up to the people of the various taxing districts.

Of the total tax bill of Oregon this year, \$19,473,906, only 22 per cent or \$9,373,376, was levied as state taxes. This amount included the soldiers' bonus millage necessary for market road millage, millage for state aid to elementary schools and all the millage and appropriations for state educational institutions, including the soldiers' educational aid.

Only \$2,514,080, or 6 per cent of all taxes paid in Oregon this year, were for general state purposes outside of roads and education, while 94 per cent were taxes voted by the people of the state or of local taxing districts, or for purely local expenses under control of the people of each county and locality.

As state senator, Mr. Pierce introduced more bills than any other member of the kind that increase taxes. He voted for practically every appropriation and millage bill that came up and has caused high taxes by his bills and votes more than any other member of the legislature in the state of Oregon in 20 years.

THE LURE OF WALKING.

Edward Payson Weston walked his way into fame long before most of us were born. He is now in his eighty-fourth year, and surely entitled to "slipped ease" if anybody is. Yet he has just done a pedestrian trip from Buffalo to New York City, making 500 miles in 30 days, as per schedule.

That is about 17 miles a day. Some days he made 20 miles. Who of our young fellows can do that?

There is hope, though, for anyone ambitious to follow in Mr. Weston's footsteps. "The first mile in the morning," he says, "a man feels that he has all the diseases flesh is heir to. He wants to sit down. The second he finds he was mistaken. After the fifth he wants to do a hundred before he stops."

So any young man or woman of the new generation who cares to undertake such a novel pastime as walking may find with surprise that feet are just as good for that as they are for pressing automobile pedals or sliding over a ball-room floor.

But there is one fatal thing about the walking habit that any prospective candidate should consider carefully before committing himself. It is likely to create a demand for shoes which, instead of conforming to conventional beauty standards, concord to the shape and size of the human foot. Anyone who cannot accept the strange doctrine of good pedestrians that shoes should be made for feet instead of feet for shoes, should never take the fatal first step.

How would you like to have to send to Chicago when you wanted a repair of some kind in a hurry? How proud you would feel of your home city if you had guests drop in unexpectedly and you had to make excuses for your meal that you had no grocery stores? How would you like to make a trip to a city 20 to 30 miles away to get a prescription filled while a sick one at home might need the prescription to preserve the spark of life? The way to have all of these things at your door is to trade at home, to read the ads in your home newspaper, and buy from wide-awake home merchants.

King Alfonso of Spain has forbidden any person who has eaten garlic to come in contact with him. Well, the king is apt to be seriously annoyed if his contemplated trip to this country materializes.

Some women who marry for money take it in the form of all-money.

Men who wear knickerbockers look as though they were dashing into their second childhood via tailor shops.

Golf can never be successfully played in China because they do not have any profanity in their language.

The presence of the bride-groom may be considered among the useless gifts at any wedding.

Most telephone operators would be worth a lot of money if they profited by their mistakes.

With the return of the knickers, it looks like Willie's pants will soon fit "Pop."

The humor game is now worked with "whiskey," instead of a "gold brick."

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Taxes and the Governor

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In this campaign, Walter Pierce has gone about the country melodramatically tearing tax bills in two by way of illustrating what he will do to taxes if elected.

The voter, then, should analyze the tax matter to the extent of becoming informed as to just what part the governor plays in imposing or reducing taxes.

In the first place, the voter should know that the total levy in Oregon for 1922 is \$40,473,906.

This is a reduction of over \$1,500,000 from last year, so that it will be seen the high cost of government following the war is already receding.

Of this 1922 levy of 40 million, over 31 million was for county, city and school district purposes, over which the governor could have no possible control whatever.

Of the remaining 9 million for state purposes, only 3 1/2 million are taxes over which the legislature has any discretion, and of this amount, only 2 1/2 million are for the actual expenses of state government and might, therefore, in even the remotest degree, be charged to the methods employed by the governor in administering the state's affairs.

In passing, it should be noted that this state levy is an increase of 41 per cent, since 1916, and not several hundred per cent, as stated on various occasions by the democratic candidate. It should also be noted that less than half of this 41 per cent occurred during Mr. Olcott's administration. This ability to keep down the cost of the state government to so small an increase, when living expenses in the ordinary home in the same period increased over 100 per cent, is a most creditable showing.

MR. PIERCE'S TAX RECORD

It is proper at this point to examine Mr. Pierce's own record on taxes and see if past actions as a legislator square with his words. Of the \$9,376,289 of state taxes for 1922, which include the millage taxes, MR. PIERCE SPECIFICALLY HAS APPROVED OF \$8,564,039, or 92 per cent. He had no chance at most of the other 8 per cent.

Of the 1922 state taxes, Pierce introduced bills amounting for \$1,429,126, or 15 per cent. In addition to this, he voted for tax bills introduced by others to the amount of \$6,114,109, and he has given his public approval on numberless occasions of measures passed since he was returned from the legislature causing taxes amounting to \$1,020,804 making a total of state taxes approved by Pierce of \$8,564,039, or 92 per cent of the total 1922. There is no telling how much of the remainder he might have approved if he had had a chance, and it may be significant that the state taxes have decreased over 11 per cent since Mr. Pierce was retired from the State Senate.

Mr. Pierce has always been a consistent tax booster. He voted against only three per cent of all the appropriations of the 1919 session of the legislature and voted for all the appropriations of the 1920 special session.

In 1917 Mr. Pierce introduced a bill to exempt money, notes, mortgages and accounts from taxation. Yet he poses as being anxious to take the burden off real estate!

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