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## County Official ...Paper...

### SINGLE TAX

We have received from the Oregon Tax Reform Association a request to give space to a column article advocating the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution exempting machinery and manufacturing plants from taxation. It is claimed that we should do this free of cost to the advocates of the measure in order that our readers may be informed as to the merits of the question. It is hard for us to understand that kind of reasoning. We are under no obligations to publish arguments in favor of this amendment, especially as, in the article sent us, there is far more assertion than argument. We will, however, give a few extracts from the article, and comment upon them:

"The single tax would make this land cheap to the man who wanted to make use of it."

This is the same as to argue that a tax on money will make it cheaper to the borrower. It might force the small holder to sell, but the speculator would pass the tax onto the buyer. Also, if, as is asserted, the exemption of manufacturing plants from taxation would induce many of them to locate in Oregon, this would so enormously increase the value of property as to be more than an offset for the tax, and the gross value of real estate would be so great that, unless the State inaugurated an expensive policy there would be no use for increased taxation.

"The single tax," says the article, "would settle the child labor question." Not so long as men desire to increase their profits. The law is the only way to settle that question.

The argument is also made that a great proportion of the land values of the State is in the city of Portland, and that farmers, if the land tax wins, would only pay about ten per cent of the taxes of the State. The farmers look upon this sort of argument as an attempt to bribe them to support an unjust law. They have no desire to compel the metropolis to pay more than its just share of the burden of taxation. They demand that no property shall escape the assessor, but that railroads, timber lands, manufacturing plants, farms and all other property shall be assessed at its full cash value. If the proposed measure carries, as we fear it will, it will be by the voters of the cities and manufacturing towns. The farmers, to whom an appeal is being made for their support, want none of it.

### OREGONIAN "ARGUMENT"

For concrete illustration it may be said that Republicans who object to Statement No. 1 do not like the alternative it may present of the selection of Mr. U'Ren for Senator as against Mr. Chamberlain.—Oronian.

What's it to you, anyway?

The Oregonian has announced that it don't care a whoop for Republican success this year. "What's she to Hecuba?" that he should be so busy with his advice. It's no his fanera. He's only a looker on. From the heights of his superior wisdom he shows with contempt the pitiful spectacle of a people attempting to choose a United States Senator by any than the old methods of direct and indirect bribery.

The people have had far worse alternatives presented them than U'Ren or Chamberlain, though under the direct primary system there is no such alternative. There are three candidates in the field for the primary nomination. Messrs. Cake, Felton, and U'Ren. Either of them, the Oregonian will prob-

ably admit, is far preferable to the choice sometimes made under the old system. It would be doing better work for the country (to say nothing of the Republican party) if it used its ability in educating the people to make a wise choice.

### GREATEST LUMBER CUT

More lumber was cut in the United States last year than in any other year in its history. The enormous amount of 37,559,736 thousand board feet produced, and the mill value of it was \$621,151,388. In addition, there were produced 11,858,260,000 shingles, valued at \$24,155,555, and 3,812,807,000 lath, valued at \$11,490,570.

On the whole, it is safe to say that the present annual lumber cut of the United States approximates 40 billion feet, and that the total mill value of the lumber, lath, and shingles each year produced is not less than \$700,000,000. These figures give some idea of how vast is the lumber industry and how great is the demand for its products.

A glance at the kinds of lumber produced shows very clearly the passing of white pine and oak, one the greatest soft wood and the other the greatest hard wood which the forest has ever grown. Since 1899 the cut of white pine has fallen off more than 40 per cent, while that of white oak has fallen off more than 36 per cent. Today yellow pine leads all other woods in amount cut, while Douglas fir—and this will be a surprise to many—comes second. Since 1899 the cut of Douglas fir has increased 180 per cent. Louisiana is the foremost yellow pine State, with Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas in following order. Washington produces by far the greatest amount of Douglas fir.

A comparison of the lumber producing States shows that since 1899 there have been many changes in their relative rank. Washington, which in 1899 stood sixth, now leads, while Wisconsin, which eight years ago led all others is now third. In the same period Oregon, Louisiana, Mississippi, Idaho, and California made great strides as lumber producing States, though, on the other hand, the amount produced in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio fell off anywhere from 29 to 64 per cent. The highest priced native woods are walnut, hickory, and ash, and the cheapest are larch and white fir. From the fact, however, that since 1899 the average increase in the price of lumber has been 49 per cent, it will not be long before cheap woods are far and few between.

Figures upon the lumber cut of the United States in 1906 are contained in Circular 122 of the Forest Service, which can be had upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The amended postal laws of the United States, which went into effect January 1st 1908, requires that no paper shall be sent through the mails, except upon the payment of transient second class postage unless it is paid up to within a year of the date of mailing. This makes it necessary for us to strike from our list all delinquent subscribers and, as rapidly as possible, put the subscription list on a cash basis, as, of course, we cannot afford to pay postage or violate the law to accommodate those who are in arrears. All papers have been given a reasonable time to adjust their business to this new basis so we trust those of you who know yourselves to be behind with your subscription will make an effort to settle up, and, if possible, pay one year in advance.

The Mist is now the official paper of the county, and it is also the biggest, best and cheapest paper in the county. We intend that it shall be better worth the money than at any time in its history. The court proceedings will be published in full, the real estate transactions given weekly, and all news of interest from all parts of the county will be found in the Mist. If you know you are indebted to the Mist aid us by sending in the amount due and one year in advance.

Tokio's attention is called to the fact that New York's late issue of bonds, amounting to \$50,000,000 was oversubscribed six times. This is the last straw that breaks the back of the financial flurry.

### Suffering and Dollars Saved

E. S. Loper, of Morilla, N.Y. says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklin's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I ever found." Heals burns, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at Houlton, Deer Island, Warren and Scappoose.

## COUNTY COURT

Monday February 17th, 1908.  
Court came pursuant to adjournment.  
Hon. R. S. Hattan, judge; Hon. H. West, Commissioner; W. A. Harris, clerk; M. White, sheriff.  
Due notice being made the following proceedings were had:

In the matter of the bids for special road work on road from Houlton to Bachelor Flat road in rd No. 4

The court after examining the road to be improved, and being advised in the premises, it is ordered that the bid of the Benignus Lumber Co. for the clearing of the one mile of road of all brush, logs and stumps and grade the same as per specifications for the sum of \$780.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and it is further ordered that a contract be entered into with said company for the said improvement.

In the matter of the petition to divide road district No. 14.

On this day it is ordered by the court that said petition be, and the same is hereby denied.

Whereupon court adjourned.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The entries for the past week including the date upon which each instrument was filed for record.

- Feb 24—G B Case to Ronald Maaten 15 acres in sec 12, 4 & 5 750
- Feb 21—F E and L A Curtis to Lynian Merrill lots 2 and 12, blk 22 H Caples add 300
- Feb 17—Northern Pacific Ry Co to Frank Miller lots 5, 6, 7, sec 7, 7 2 402
- Feb 15—E D and G G Tichenor to U D Kelly, connecting deed 50
- Feb 24—N A and W K Tichenor to Vivian Tichenor lots 7 and 8 blk 1 Tichenor's 2nd add 50
- Feb 24—E D Tichenor to Nancy A Tichenor 6 acres in lot 4 sec 8 7 4 15
- Feb 24—J and K Tolva to Charles Karast, part of blk 11 Bryants add to N. Clatskanie 150
- Feb 24—I G Wikstrom (by sheriff) to Eastern Investment Co lots in 19, 5 1

A statement No. 1 legislature will take about thirty minutes to elect a United States Senator in obedience to the expressed will of the people, whereas it has taken Oregon legislatures many days to accomplish this work and in one instance the opposing faction prevented organization and put the State to a needless expense of several hundred thousand dollars. The people do not wish to return to the old system, and we do not believe they will vote for men at the primaries who favor it. The opponents of the statement are very busy, but its friends are also wide awake, and before April 17th the people will be fully informed as to its merits and demerits.

Students of economics are already wondering what the America millionaires will do with their surplus money when the stock of foreign dukes, counts and princes shall be entirely exhausted.

Use DeWitt's Little Early Risers, pleasant little pills. They are easy to take. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

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It cost Count Boni de Castellane \$20.20 to spit in the face of Prince de Sagan. The experience will be a good lesson to both of them, the prince will be admonished to hold his tongue and the count to hang on to his life.

### The Jumping off Place

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Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

**SUMMONS**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.  
Alice R. Sharp Plaintiff  
vs  
Ernest D. Sharp defendant  
To Ernest D. Sharp the above named defendant.  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court on or before the expiration of six weeks from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the 6th day of March, 1908, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.  
This summons is published by order of the Hon. Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and said order was made and dated the 14th day of January, 1908, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 24th day of January, 1908.  
B. S. PAGE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**SUMMONS**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia.  
C. A. Butler, Plaintiff  
vs  
Spruce & Fir Lumber Company, a corporation, defendant  
To the Spruce & Fir Lumber Company, a corporation, defendant.  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court on or before the 7th day of March, 1908, that being the day fixed in the order of the court for you to appear and answer, and more than six weeks from the first publication of this summons and if you fail to so answer and answer the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$25.00 with interest thereon from June 29, 1907 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and the costs and disbursements of this action.  
This summons is published in "The Oregon Mist" once each week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, dated the 26th day of December 1907.  
First publication Jan. 24, last publication March 9, 1908.  
W. H. POWELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned as executrix of the estate of Ernest Horgren, deceased, that she has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County her final account of her administration upon said estate, together with her final report and petition for distribution thereof, and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has appointed the 28th day of March, 1908 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, as the time, and the courtroom of said court in St. Helens, Oregon as the place, for the hearing and settlement of said account, report and petition, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections in writing to the same or any part thereof.  
ANNIE HORGREN, W. H. Powell, attorney for executrix.

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**NOTICE OF SCHOOL INDEMNITY SELECTION**  
United States Land Office, Portland, Ore. January 18, 1908.  
Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon, on January 14, 1908 applied for the 1/2 of section 16, T. 4 N. R. 13 W. and the 1/2 of section 17, T. 4 N. R. 13 W. and the 1/2 of section 18, T. 4 N. R. 13 W. in which is located said land, and the list is open to the public for inspection.  
Any and all persons claiming adverse above described land or any legal interest therein, or claiming the same under the original laws, or desiring to show and have their claims considered for mineral and agricultural purposes, or to object to said selection on legal grounds, should file the claim or affidavit of protest or objection in this office on or before the 2nd day of March, 1908.  
ALGERNON W. DENNIS, Register.  
GEO. W. BIRCH, Deputy.

**SUMMONS**  
In the Justice Court in and for Union County, Oregon.  
In the County of Columbia, State of Oregon.  
Victor Farris, Plaintiff  
vs  
Spruce & Fir Lumber Company, a Corporation, Defendant.  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court on or before the 28th day of March, 1908, that being the day fixed in the order of the court for you to appear and answer, and more than six weeks from the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so answer and answer the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$25.00 with interest thereon from June 29, 1907 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and the costs and disbursements of this action.  
This summons is published in "The Oregon Mist" once each week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Hon. H. P. Wainwright, Justice of the Peace for Union County, State of Oregon, dated the 15th day of December 1907.  
First publication Jan. 24, 1908, last publication March 6, 1908.  
W. H. POWELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**SUMMONS**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia.  
James Drinn, Plaintiff  
vs  
Nellie Louise Drinn, Defendant.  
To Nellie Louise Drinn the above named defendant.  
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court on or before the 28th day of March, 1908, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint and further relief as to the Court may seem meet and equitable.  
This summons is published pursuant to an order made by the Hon. Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and said order was made and dated the 14th day of January, 1908, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 24th day of January, 1908.  
The first publication of this summons is the 24th day of January, 1908, and the date of the last publication is the 24th day of January, 1908.  
J. F. POWELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.