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TAXING TIMBER LANDS

In the April number of the Timberman, the organ of the timber interests of Oregon, appears a very interesting article by H. D. Langille, which should be in the hands of every farmer in the State of Oregon and should be thoroughly discussed by all granges and labor organizations. Mr. Langille's opening paragraph is the keynote of the timber land monopolists, and therefore we give it in full:

"There is a growing tendency among the people of Oregon, and particularly among the residents of heavily timbered counties, to assail the so-called 'timber barons' and compel them, through taxation, to contribute as largely as possible to the maintenance of the county in which their holdings are located. I do not say that taxes levied upon timber land at the present time are maliciously burdensome, but there is a tendency in that direction, and it is the duty of the STATE TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS WILL PREVENT OVER TAXATION OF FOREST LANDS, before the evil of such a system shall have caused irreparable injury to not only our State, but the vast territory which is, and will become more and more, dependent upon us for forest products."

This is probably the first instance on record where a band of predatory capitalists have had the nerve to demand that the State take steps to protect them from paying their just share of the burden of taxation, for that is what this specious plea means, and nothing else.

Timberland speculators have made millions out of Columbia County, and they now have it so bottled up that the actual settlement of the county has been retarded. The statement that the timber baron must go before the actual settler is false. The Nehalem Valley had more residents twenty five years ago than it has today, but many of them were the tools of the timber speculator, who gave them to understand that he would take their claims off their hands as soon as final proof was made. The actual settler is still in the valley. He has prospered and has a good home and in many instances a comfortable bank account. He needs roads and he needs schools. He is willing to pay his full share of the tax necessary to secure these blessings, but the men for whom Mr. Langill pleads use all their influence against him.

We remember in the early days when the citizens of St. Helens asked for funds to hold a longer term of school the mill men here voted their crew in opposition to this demand and defeated it, notwithstanding they should have been able to appreciate the blessings of education. The only reason for their course was that they had no children to send to the school and that they would derive no direct benefit from the tax. Such a thing as altruism is altogether beyond their comprehension.

The timbermen to-day are actuated by the same selfish motives. Many of them are non-residents. They care nothing for the county or the State. The problem with them is to squeeze it as dry as possible, in order that their families may travel in Europe and their bank accounts rival those of the railroad kings. It would be far better for the county if these monopolists could be compelled to either pay their just share of the taxes and assist in building roads and school houses, or sell their holdings.

But they appear to oppose every effort to compel them to do justice. They fight every man who has the temerity to stand for the right.

The railroads pursued the same course and now they are sorry for it. The timbermen may understand, so far as this paper is concerned there will be no let up and we promise that the fight will spread over the State until it becomes the most important issue before the people.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of Columbia County, Oregon, on the 31st day of March, 1908.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Of the County Clerk of Columbia County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court of said County, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of October, 1907, to the 31st day of March, 1908, both inclusive.

On What Account Allowed.	Amount of Claims Allowed And Warrants Issued
County Court and Commissioners.....	\$ 853 39
Circuit Court.....	1739 53
Justices' Court.....	164 20
Sheriff's Office.....	1402 65
Clerk's Office.....	1338 10
Treasurer's Office.....	300 00
Coroner's Office.....	104 00
School Sup's Office.....	599 10
Assessor's Office.....	1263 09
Assessment and Taxation.....	293 95
Tax Rebate.....	32 91
Current Expenses.....	807 47
Court House Expense.....	861 20
Jail.....	22 00
Care of Poor.....	1400 18
Indigent Soldiers.....	50 00
Reform School Commitments.....	3 00
Election.....	70 80
Roads and Highways.....	1323 29
Cruising Timber.....	2020 49
Total	\$ 14609 35
Outstanding unpaid County Warrants, March 31st, 1908.....	\$ 6721 33

STATE OF OREGON,) ss
County of Columbia)

I, W. A. HARRIS, County Clerk of the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amount of claims allowed by the County Court of said County for the six months ending on the 31st day of March, 1908, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appear upon the records of my office and in my official custody.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said County Court of said County this 15th day of April, A. D. 1908.
(Seal of County Court)

W. A. HARRIS,
County Clerk.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the financial Condition of the County of Columbia, Oregon, on the 31st day of March, 1908.

LIABILITIES.	
October 1, 1907, Amt. outstanding unpaid Warrants, Gen. Fund.....	21807 06
Amt. issued, Oct. 1-07 to Mch. 31-08.....	14609 35
Total	36416 41
Amt. paid.....	\$ 29815 08
Amt. unpaid Mch. 31st, 1908.....	6721 33
Road Fund—	
October 1, 1907, Amt. unpaid.....	\$ 667 56
Amt. issued Oct 1-07 to Mch. 31-08.....	7906 12
Total	\$ 8573 68
Amt. paid.....	7847 57
Amt. unpaid Mch. 31, 1908.....	725 11
RESOURCES.	
March 31, 1908.	
Cash in hands Treasurer General Fund.....	\$ 5860 21
Cash in hands Treasurer General Road Fund.....	21373 40
Amount of liens on land bid in by County.....	2465 97
Amount taxes paid on liens.....	94 79
Amount delinquent tax, 1888 to 1902.....	2633 94
By Current Taxes 1907 general fund.....	19650 79
By Current Taxes 1907 road fund.....	7925 74
By court house, jail and fixtures.....	35000 00
By rock crusher and engine.....	2000 00
Total resources	\$ 97213 84
RECAPITULATION.	
Resources.....	\$ 97213 84
Liabilities.....	7446 44
Net resources	\$ 89767 40

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of Martin White, sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon, of the amount of money received for taxes, and amounts paid to the County Treasurer, by the Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon, for the semi-annual term ending March 31st, 1908.

To amount collected during the months of	
October, 1907.....	\$ 1704 15
November, 1907.....	836 35
December, 1907.....	359 58
February, 1908.....	10619 21
March, 1908.....	109416 00
Total	\$122926 29
By amounts paid Treasurer during the months of	
October, 1907.....	\$ 1704 15
November, 1907.....	836 35
December, 1907.....	359 58
February, 1908.....	10619 21
March, 1908.....	109416 00
Total	\$ 122926 29

STATE OF OREGON,) ss
County of Columbia)

I, Martin White, Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true, as I verily believe.
Witness my hand this 4th day of April, 1908.

MARTIN WHITE,
Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the County Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon, showing the amounts received and paid out during the six months ending March 31, 1908.

To amount on hand from last report.....	\$ 24045 18
To amounts received from Sheriff..... General Tax.....	64319 31
To amounts received from Sheriff..... County Road Tax.....	25387 14
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Special School.....	16344 47
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Special Road.....	15246 22
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Special City.....	1198 29
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Penalty.....	213 85
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Interest.....	182 27
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Cost.....	34 74
To amounts received from Sheriff..... Fees.....	132 00
To amounts received from Clerk..... Redemptions.....	14 85
To amounts received from Clerk..... Fines.....	70 00
To amounts received from Clerk..... Fees.....	1907 25
To amounts received from School Supt..... Institute Fund.....	73 50
To amounts received from Clerk..... Special Deposit.....	76 75
To amount received from road district 12, tax refunded.....	15 00
To amounts received from..... Liquor Licenses.....	1100 00
Total	\$150500 82

By amount paid out on County Warrants.....	
By amount paid out on Special School.....	
By amount paid out on Co. Road Warrants.....	
By amount paid out on Special Road warrants.....	
By amount paid out on School Orders.....	
By amount paid out on Soldiers' and Sailors'.....	
By amount paid out on Institute Fund.....	
By amounts paid out on County General School Library.....	
By amount paid out on Special City.....	
By amount paid out on State Tax.....	
By balance on hand School Fund Appt.....	
By balance on hand School Fund not Appt.....	
By balance on hand County Road Tax Fund.....	
By balance on hand Special Road Tax Fund.....	
By balance on hand Special School Fund.....	
By balance on hand Institute Fund.....	
By balance on hand Co. Gen. School Library Fund.....	
By balance on hand Special Deposit Fund.....	
By balance on hand Indemnity Fund.....	
By balance on hand Soldiers and Sailors Fund.....	
By balance on hand Special City Fund.....	
By balance on hand General.....	

STATE OF OREGON,) ss
County of Columbia)

I, Edwin Ross, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and on hand, in the County Treasury of said County on the 31st day of March, 1908.

EDWIN ROSS,
County Treasurer.

Steamer Iralda

C. I. Hooghkirk, Master.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Charles English, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed Executors of said estate by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia and have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to said executors at the office of the County Clerk, for said County of Columbia, Oregon, in St. Helens, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly certified as required by law, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published hereof February 7th, 1908.

DAVID B. ENGLISH,
JOHN A. ENGLISH,
Executors of said Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned was by an order duly made and entered in the county court of Columbia county, State of Oregon, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1908 appointed administratrix of the estate of Frank Payne, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified, to me at my residence near Scappoose in said county and State, within six months from the first publication hereof.

ANNIE PAYNE,
Administratrix of the estate of Frank Payne, deceased.
First publication March 27th 1908.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, the County of Columbia.

Alice R. Sharp plaintiff.

vs

Ernest D. Sharp defendant.

Notice is hereby given that the above named defendant, Ernest D. Sharp, is hereby required to appear and answer a complaint filed against you in the above titled 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 4th day of March, 1908, and to file an answer to the complaint for the relief prayed in her complaint on the merits, to-wit: First, free of divorce from the defendant and such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet and equitable.

This summons is published by order of Hon. Thomas A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and said order was made on the 14th day of January, 1908, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 24th day of January, 1908.

H. S. PAGE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned as executor of the estate of James Muckie, Sr. deceased, that he has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County the final account of his administration upon said estate, together with his final report and petition for distribution thereof, and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has appointed the 10th day of May, 1908 at one o'clock in the afternoon thereof, as the time, and the courtroom of said court in St. Helens, Oregon, in 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.

JAMES MUCKIE, JR.,
Executor.

Notice to Bidders

Plans and specifications for special road work in road district No. 8 will be found at the Mayor's postoffice, Delena postoffice, and with Ira Parcher, and at the Hudson postoffice.

R. S. HATTAN,
County Judge.