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During 1912 there have been 17 cases of felony, either tried or to be tried. Seventeen men who have committed offenses which subject them to terms in the penitentiary. All of these crimes were committed in Columbia County and the expense thus far in prosecuting them will easily reach \$10,000 and before they are finally disposed of the amount will be doubled and perhaps tripled. Out of these seventeen men the tax roll of this county shows just one who is liable to pay a tax and that a personal tax amounting to \$1.96. This is a state of affairs which calls for serious thought on the part of the people and the law makers. An expenditure of perhaps \$20,000 to prosecute criminals who pay in taxes for the running of the government, the huge sum of \$1.96, and that delinquent.

This proves beyond any question of doubt that the criminal comes from the floating and non-taxpaying element. The good citizens of the country are paying out their hard earned money in taxes to protect society from a class of men who have no interest in the affairs of government, at least not enough interest to contribute one cent towards maintaining it.

There should be a remedy for this situation. There should be some means of taxing these fellows to help pay the expenses of taking care of them. The poll and head tax, which was in force for a number of years in this state, required every able bodied man to pay some tax but since that law was repealed they escape all taxation. It is not fair to the people who are working hard to accumulate a little money and a home to have to pay it all out in taxes to prosecute men who do not share the burden of government with them. There should be a head tax or poll tax or some other kind of a tax on every man who does not pay property tax, and it should be collectible too.

The definition of Single Tax as given by the Encyclopedias is: "A tax levied upon the value of land, irrespective of the value of improvements, and so regulated as to equal the economic rent, or unearned increment of land."

By taking the full rent of land, the government would, in effect, assume the ownership and become sole landlord. The economic basis of the Single Tax theory is that wages and interest in the land analysis are determined, not by the productiveness of capital and labor, but by the value of land and that as land becomes more valuable, that is, the economic rent greater, wages and interest will become relatively less. Therefore the only way to prevent the land owners alone from reaping the benefit of the increase in the value of land to the detriment of labor and capital, is to make land common property, and this best accomplished by the appropriation of all rent by the government in the form of taxation and thus obtaining for society the full benefit of increase in land values. The increase in land values is dependent upon population and general improvements in the arts and sciences and this increase in land values should properly belong to society as not the result of any individual's labor.

Thus it will be seen by the arguments in favor of the single tax that it means confiscation by the government of all land and will take away all private ownership of land, by way of taxation. These arguments are taken from a text book on the subject and we could give many more but this would seem to be sufficient

to convince any reasonable man of the unjustness and fallacy of the Single Tax Theory.

Reports from all over the State where Roosevelt Clubs have been formed must be rather discouraging to the followers of the Big Bull Moose. In Eugene, a city of 10,000 people, there were just 24 voters signed the roster of the club. In Roseburg and Corvallis less than 20 in each place became members. In St. Helens last week when the Club was organized as a Columbia County Roosevelt Club there were just 17 signatures to the roster. Other places show a very small membership of these clubs. This is certainly very significant of a different feeling among the voters than is claimed by the Moozers.

One of the characteristics of these fellows is to make a noise and a showing before the people, and if their strength was as much as they are claiming there would certainly be more members of the Roosevelt Clubs. There is considerable noise being made by the Moozers but it apparently is coming from a small bunch of ardent and over-zealous patriots.

In order to get all the best arguments before the people as to why each of the candidates should be elected for President, the Mist is going to offer a cash prize of \$10 for the best written article on why your candidate should be elected. The articles will all, or so many as we have room for, be printed in the Mist during the campaign and the judges will be selected from among the newspapermen of the county with the addition of one or two from Portland. It will be a fair trial with an equal chance for Republicans, Democrats or Bull Moozers. There is no chance conceded for either the Socialist or Prohibition candidate so this contest will be limited to Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson candidates. The contributor must be a resident of Columbia County and the article must have not less than 500 nor more than 1000 words. Full details will be given in our next issue.

The action of Governor West in removing District Attorney Cameron and appointing special officers to act in place of the Sheriff of Portland is causing wide spread comment. There are those who say that the Governor is performing his duties fearlessly and according to law and there are those who say that he is exceeding his authority and poking his nose into business where he has no right to; there are those too, and many of them apparently, who are not slow to say that the Governor is playing to the Grand stand for political effect. Whatever his object may be, Portland and Oregon are getting a lot of free advertising. To an outsider having no direct in-

terest in Portland, it certainly looks like going a little strong for the Governor to move his executive offices from the State Capitol into an armory in the City of Portland and practically declare martial law when he could accomplish his purpose in a much less spectacular manner, even if such action were necessary. But Governor West is doing it and we are all watching with interest.

For fear that there may be some misunderstanding about the political stand of the Mist in the present campaign, we will make this announcement. The Mist is a Republican paper; it stands for Taft and Sherman; it stands for the election of Ben Selling for U. S. Senator and W. C. Hawley for Congressman; it stands for the policy of the Republican party as enunciated in their platform adopted at Chicago in June. That should be sufficient to explain our stand politically so that all our readers will know where we are. During the progress of the campaign we are going to give our reasons for this stand and try to convince all good Republicans that we are taking the right course.

EXPOSITION OF EUGENICS
The Exposition of Eugenics and Child's Welfare Department which is to be made a part of the Oregon State Fair (week of Sept. 2nd, 7th) for the first time, promises to be made a part of the most important steps ever taken, looking as it does toward the better rearing and development of its children; the citizens of tomorrow. Prominent men and women of Oregon who are interested in the betterment of the human race are giving this movement their fullest support; among them being President Campbell of the University of Oregon; President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College Prof. L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Instruction, and Dr. Curtis S. White of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Kittie Plummer Gray, President of the Women's Medical Association, assisted by Dr. Bertha S. Swann of University of Oregon and Dr. Zoe Crayne of Oregon Agricultural College, with the united help of practically all the women physicians of the state, will have charge of the work of judging the children and the giving of lectures to parents.

Mrs. H. H. Tate, President of Oregon Congress of Mothers, working in harmony with a strong com-

mittee from the Oregon State Grange, will have charge of the Child's Welfare Exhibit.

As has been widely circulated, the State Fair Board is giving \$500.00 for expenses and cups in this department and any child of Oregon over six months and under four years of age may compete, physical fitness being the standard.

Entries and examinations will be made at the Fair Monday, Tuesday and up until noon Wednesday. Welfare Exhibit will be held entire week.

From all parts of Oregon arrangements are being made to send representative children to the Exposition; Albany, Eugene, Forest Grove; Oregon City, Astoria, Pendleton and Klamath Falls being some of the cities in line.

The Eugenic Pavilion will be the State Grange and they are particularly requested to come to the Fair and visit the Exposition.

We have one of the finest State Fairs in the United States and every man, woman and child who can should spend at least one day this year in helping to make it a huge success.
O. M. Plummer,
Supt. Exposition of Eugenics.

To the Taxpayers and Voters of Columbia County

Surveyor and draftsman on the Pacific Coast, from Southern California to Copper River in Alaska. Was engaged with County Surveyors in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties four years, principally on highway construction.

Having been located in Columbia county since December, 1911, I have desire to remain at least two years longer and if successful in securing the majority of votes in November will endeavor to so conduct work of the County in surveying and all other undertaking pertaining to said office to the satisfaction of the taxpayers within said County.
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