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INSECT TAX

From time since man began to live in communities and per necessity had some form of government to maintain, the burden of taxation has been heavy upon the people. But taxes were imposed by the big men and the great rulers and the people could derive some satisfaction by grumbling at their rulers whom they could see and sometimes kill and in occasional instances revolution or the threat thereof brought a slight reduction of the annual tributes demanded. The heaviest tax by far that is imposed and relentlessly gathered from man is that levied by beings so insignificant in size as to be scarcely visible, even with magnifying glasses. These tax imposers and gatherers for want of better names we call insects and fungi. They go into our orchards, growing crops, herds, wardrobes and bodies and appropriate the things created by man's labor to their own use to a degree that would be startling were the values thus taken from us be expressed in dollars and cents.

Dr. C. V. Riley, though no bug eater himself, yet a close observer of what bugs eat, and considered of the highest authority in the country on the habits of insects, estimated the average annual loss in the United States from the ravages of insects alone at not less than ten per cent of the total value of all crops grown. This he describes as "a tax upon agriculture much greater than the combined levies for the support of schools, and maintenance of our municipal, county, state and national governments."

The United States census gives the value of the products grown on the 5,739,657 farms in the United States in 1900 as worth \$5,764,177,706. The ten per cent insect tax on this would be \$576,417,777 which was paid to the bugs by the 10,438,219 persons engaged in agriculture that year not counting the losses of animals on the farms which in the year 1903 were valued at 5,102,515,540.

There are a few farmers who grumble because the state authorities of Oregon insist that they should spray their orchards and dip their scabby sheep to get rid of this enormous bug tax.

A GOOD AMENDMENT

Among the several constitutional amendments to be voted on at the coming general election is one which proposes to relieve the legislature of the work of

amending city charters and leave the matter with the electors interested.

This measure should be unanimously adopted. No matter in which the legislature has dabbled for all these years since Oregon became a state less properly belongs to that body than the amending of city charters, changing of county seats, and kindred matters. They are foreign to the interests of the legislative assembly, and bills relating to them are generally converted into trading stock regardless of their merits. The gentlemen from Jackson or Josephine care not the job of a black lamb's tail about a measure amending the charter of Dalles City, whether it be that Front street shall be lighted in red or green, or whether bill boards shall be on the hospital heights.

The disposal of these questions should most certainly be left to a vote of the people directly interested.—The Dalles Chronicle.

COVE CULLINGS

A. B. Conley has returned from a brief trip to Portland. He was jarred and considerably shaken up in the wreck near Bridal Veil.

Henry Parsons, a former Cove boy, has been up from Elgin, visiting friends the last week.

The Misses Alma and Ivy Long have been here from Cricket Flat, visiting relatives a few days.

The Ladies Guild gave a very pleasant Washington social at the Maccabee hall Thursday evening. A guessing contest was one of the features of the evening and afforded much entertainment. Dancing was then indulged in, for which Bert Coon's gramophone furnished some excellent music.

The Missionary Society of the Adventist church gave a very pleasing entertainment Thursday evening, consisting of recitations, songs and tableaux. Some excellent music was rendered, and all present spent a very pleasant evening.

The Woodmen gave a grand ball at the Maccabee hall last Friday evening, which was largely attended. A fine supper was served by the Royal Neighbors.

Miss Ethel Booth and Mr. Harry Cochran, two of Cove's popular young people, were united in marriage at La Grande, Feb. 17, 1906. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Bessie Lay entertained the Ladies of the High Five club last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. E. C. Rees was the recipient of the prize. After cards the charming hostess served a dainty luncheon which all enjoyed.

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