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The indirect tax for Oregon as proposed by Frank T. Wrightman who asks the Republicans for nomination for secretary of the state, says the Baker City Herald, editorially, is one of the best propositions that any candidate for state office has yet offered to the people. Mr. Wrightman is sincere in his work and his long connection with the office of secretary of



state has given him an opportunity to study the conditions and work out a solution and the solution he offers is the indirect tax. In our opinion there could be nothing better and people who are interested in the tax question will find Mr. Wrightman's proposition of more than ordinary interest to them.

For years, well ever since the state government was organized, the people have been bearing the heavy burden of taxation for the maintenance of the state administration. It is true that a small income has been secured from a sort of indirect tax but that has been only during recent years and the success of these small ventures points clearly to what

could be accomplished under a system of indirect taxation.

There is one notable illustration of the success of this system. In his message to the legislature of New Jersey, recently convened, the governor advocated a lower license for corporations and other sources of indirect taxes for the reason that the state of New Jersey was getting so much more money on hand than was needed that the administration was becoming extravagant. Think of that! Too much money for a state. But it is a fact. New Jersey has not for years taxed her people one penny for the maintenance of the state, all the money for that expense coming from the indirect tax levied against corporations and the state has pulled out of debt and now has too much money on hand.

Other states are doing the same thing and why should not Oregon. Mr. Wrightman has the facts and figures and knowledge sufficient to introduce this system in Oregon, depending of course upon the legislature, and for the benefit of the commonwealth it should be given a trial. It costs, roughly speaking, \$700,000 annually for the state. Of this amount a half a million is collected from the taxpayers of the state, the property owners who pay county taxes. In Baker county it costs every taxpayer from three to six mills on the dollar annually. Cut this out and it leaves a lower rate of taxation throughout the county and state. Oregon is now out of debt and running on a cash basis. In fact this state has about a million dollars lying idle, tied up by the referendum vote on the omnibus bill and it is a question as to what action on this bill the next legislature will take.

STOCKS IN DEMAND

(Scripps News Association)
Canton China, Mar. 14.—The stock of the Hankow-Canton railroad is being offered for sale today. The rush of applicants is so great that the streets near the offices are blocked and the soldiers are being called to manage the crowds.

REPORTED MISSING.

(Scripps News Association)
New York Mar 14.—The British ship Daylight, which sailed for Japan from New York August 28, has been missing since September 29 and was posted on the Marine Exchange today as missing. She carried a crew of 37 and was 1 of the largest sailing vessels in the world, and was carrying a cargo of refined oil for the Stannard Oil Company.

ST. JOHN IS RELEASED; RE-ARRESTED

Boise, March 13.—Vincent St. John, president of the Burke Miners Union held the penitentiary for 23 days for the murder of Steunenburg was released this morning on a writ of habeas corpus. The court held that he was imprisoned without authority of law since March, when he was to have had a preliminary examination. By its failure to do so the probate court lost its jurisdiction over the body of St. John.

RE-ARRESTED

As the released man stepped out of the court room, he was re-arrested on a warrant issued by the justice of the peace of Canyon county, charging him with murder and he was placed in jail here and will be taken to Caldwell tomorrow, for examination.

Sheriff Rutan, of Telluride, Colorado, is here today with a requisition for St. John, for the murder of Mine Superintendent Collins, and will endeavor to take him back with him. St. John's removal will be resisted by the attorneys of the Western Federation, who are preparing to apply habeas corpus proceedings, when the warrant is served.

BAY STATE FRUIT CROWERS

(Observer Special)
Worcester, Mass., March 14.—Prominent fruit growers of Massachusetts gathered here today for the annual meeting of their state association. The sessions, which last two days, are being held in Horticultural hall, and in conjunction with the meeting there is a representative display of choice products of the orchard and garden. Talks by horticultural experts make up the most of the two days' programme.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, March 14.—Wheat opened at 78½ closed 77; corn opened at 42½, closed at 43; oats opened at 29½, closed at 29½.

UNIVERSITY HEADS IN CONFERENCE

(Observer Special)
San Francisco, Cal., March 14.—The Association of American Universities assembled here in seventh annual conference today as the guest of the University of California and Leland Stanford, Jr., University. The sessions opened this afternoon at Mark Hopkins Institute and will continue through the remainder of the week. The institutions represented include Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia, Chicago, Wisconsin, Virginia, Harvard, Pennsylvania, John Hopkins and the Catholic University at Washington.

BLISS IN CONFERENCE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, March 14.—Cornelius H. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican national committee, has just been in conference with Attorney Jerome for an hour. It is supposed the discussion was with reference to the political contributions of insurance officials.

OPPONENTS ARE READY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, March 14.—Senator Aldrich who is representing the opponents of the Hepburn Bill, announced that they were ready to vote. The challenge was not accepted. Many speeches against the court review are scheduled. It appears that the administration forces are sparring for time.

McGOVERN UNDER WEIGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Philadelphia, March 14.—McGovern is reported to be somewhat under the weight required. His trainers say that he is in the pink of health. Nelson continues to be the favorite at three to one in betting circles.

PEOPLE AFRAID TO VOTE

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, March 14.—The actions of the national party is slow. The people are afraid to vote. Many liberals elected were immediately banished to Siberia.

CHINESE REBELS KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Hong Kong, March 14.—Kwang Sei, the rebel leader and three followers, have been beheaded for the attack on Dr. Andrew Beattie's family, the American missionary at Fati. At the time of the attack, clothes and jewelry worth \$1000 were stolen.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE

Judge E. B. Watson of Portland is the latest aspirant for the office of United States Senator. This makes five candidates and possibly there are several more precincts to hear from.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

As Mrs. O. Kirkpatrick in Company with Miss Lizzie Foust were returning to their homes in Island City last evening from a visit to friends here, when near Mr. Brown's residence they met the incoming Elgin train, the smoke from which frightened the horse they were driving causing him to run away and the buggy in which they were riding to collide with a telegraph pole, throwing both its occupants violently to the ground, and entirely demolishing it. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was very badly and painfully bruised about her body, her face being severely injured, blackening both her eyes and otherwise disfiguring her. She was rendered unconscious for more than an hour. The train stopped and the train hands assisted her to Mr. Brown's residence where she received every attention. When she recovered consciousness she was conveyed to her own home where she is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. It was certainly a close call for both the ladies and a wonder they were not instantly killed.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

J. R. Warnstaff, who has a farm on Fox hill, was an OBSERVER caller today. Mr. Warnstaff has resided on his Fox hill farm for the past eight years, during which time he has, by hard work and intelligent effort, been able to make a farm which would be a credit and a pleasure to anyone of a pastoral turn of mind. He has an orchard, which being far above the frost line, is a sure bearer and his timothy meadow is far famed for the splendid quality of its timothy. The past season he found, not one, but many, stalks, the heads of which measured fourteen inches. Mr. Warnstaff will place his Fox hill farm in competition, though it is a thousand feet above the valley, with any valley farm in the state. Mr. Warnstaff states the snow is now two and a half feet deep on his meadow land

MINERS GATHERING FOR CONFERENCE

(Observer Special)
Indianapolis, Ind. Mar 14.—Practically all the delegates are here for the national conference of the United Mine Workers of America, which will be called to order by President John Mitchell in Toplinson Hall tomorrow morning. No definite idea seems to exist among those already on the field as to just what action the conference is likely to take in regard to the strike proposition. President Mitchell will make to the delegates a full report of the recent New York conference with the operators and ask that the demands framed by the Indianapolis convention should be again carefully considered. If any changes are decided upon they will be presented to the joint conference with the operators next week.

THEATRE COLLAPSED

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Mar. 14.—The new 16th Street Theatre that is being built, collapsed this morning, with a deafening roar. No fatalities reported. In a frame building adjacent, Dr. E. Dryer and his aged mother lay asleep and were buried under a pile of brick and mortar, but both miraculously escaped. The theatre was to have been ready for occupancy in June. The loss is \$20,000.

REPORTS CALLED FOR

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Mar. 14.—The senate today passed a resolution calling upon Secretary Taft to send the senate reports of the communications between the department and the officers, respecting the recent battle in the Philippines, at Jolo.

POWERFUL SPEECH

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Mar. 14.—Senator Rayner, of Maryland, this afternoon made one of the most powerful speeches of the session in favor of government rate regulation.

FRIENDLY FEELING

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Mar. 14.—Prince Tse and fellow Chinese commissioners sailed for Europe. He stated that he believed the friendly attitude of the two nations would promote a good understanding, and that their differences will be amicably settled.

MAY BE SPOONER

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, March 14.—It is predicted here that if Secretary of War Taft decides to accept the office of Associate Justice of the supreme court, that United States Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin, will succeed Taft.

RUSSIAN TREACHERY EXPOSED

St. Petersburg, Mar. 13.—A conspiracy among the reactionists to oppose Minister Witte, by inciting counter revolutions has been discovered. Witte at today's cabinet meeting insisted upon suppression of the "Black Hundred." The conspirators include Trepoff, Vonderlaunitz Durneve and other high officials.

It is the plan of the Reactionaries to provoke riots and Jewish massacres in order to justify their position before the Czar of the necessity of still more repressive measures and to set at naught the Liberal manifesto of October. Witte's opponents in the cabinet are in control of the governors, throughout the empire. Through them the soldiers in the meantime are threatening another outbreak along about Easter.

CANAL CONTROL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Mar. 4.—It is understood that in case Secretary Taft retires from the cabinet, the affairs of the canal will be placed under the supervision of the state department, with Assistant Secretary Bacon in direct control.

BATTLE SHIP AFIRE

(Scripps News Association)
Manila, March 14.—Fire today broke out aboard the battleship Ohio, Admiral Train's flag ship, in this harbor. The damage was \$4,000.

ABOUT TO ADJOURN

(Scripps News Association)
Indianapolis, March 14.—The officials of the miners' conference, preparatory to adjournment are considering the possibility of averting the strike. The personal difference between President Mitchell and Vice President Lewis is not to be allowed to endanger the miners to fight against the operators.

FIVE THOUSAND STRIKE

(Scripps News Association)
Paris, March 14.—Following the mine disaster at Courdiers, five thousand miners have declared that they will strike.

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