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To the Public.

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perform any service that does not require special records.
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The British Labor party has decided to commence the publication of a daily paper, devoted to the interests of labor. The necessary funds for the undertaking have been subscribed.

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TAX QUESTION

Library Commission	9,000
Geo. H. Williams Commission	500
Law Commission	4,000
Insurance Commission	15,000
Fisheries Commission	25,000
Historical Commission	8,000
Public Utilities	35,000
Labor and Workshops	8,000
Horticulture	17,000
Railway Commission	55,500
Tax Commission	22,000
Desert Land Commission	8,000
Wild Animals	30,000
Portage Railway	25,000
Banning Department	10,000
Bureau of Mines	1,000
Sheep Commission	2,500
Public Buildings	150,000
Water Board	50,000

State Penitentiary	\$647,700
State Militia	202,200
Printing	111,000
General Summary.	
Homes and asylums	1,580,500
Education	1,215,000
Officers' Salaries and Expenses	623,000
Fairs and celebrations	260,000
Administration Boards	646,700
State Penitentiary	202,200
State Militia	111,000
Printing	180,000
Bridges	80,000
Claims and Incidentals	70,000
Continuing appropriations from former legislatures	100,000

\$ 5,048,400

Continuing annual appropriations are made for 16 agricultural societies and besides the foregoing 30 boards and commissions there are boards of regents and supervising board over all the departments of our educational, charitable, penal and reformatory institutions.

The salary of commissioners when not constantly employed is generally \$10.00 per day and mileage and for regular officers and members of boards the salaries are \$2,500, \$3,000, \$3,500 and up to \$5,000.00 per annum while jurymen and common witnesses get \$2.00 per day.

County Expenditures.

For the year ending April, 1911, these show the amounts as grouped under the following heads:

Circuit and other courts	\$ 20,419.61
Officers salaries and expenses	21,624.67
Roads and bridges	47,890.00
Schools of Union county	146,041.08
Poor Farm and charity	13,286.09
General expenses	8,351.50
Elections	3,872.85

State Laws Prescribe.

In county and state business everything is presumed to be done in pursuance of law enacted by the legislature. The salaries of all officials are fixed by legislation. The county court can use no discretion in making assessments only in the matter of roads and bridges. Some small reduction in expense might be made but with the division of authority among the different officers in making bills against the county it is impossible for the county court to manage affairs in a business way. There are too many who sign vouchers to bind the county. The control that a county court can have in saving expenses and reducing taxes is so very small that at the best said court could only save each taxpayer a few cents or a few dollars. The large expenditures are for education, litigation, asylums, charities, prisons, and administrative boards and executive officers of the state.

Now the question arises: "Who is responsible for the condition of affairs as we find them."

Primarily the people themselves are to blame, but the legislature, as the active agent of the people, has created by law the excessive burden of taxation that we are complaining about.

The questions to be considered are: Have we got the kind of government we want?

Are we spending too much for roads and bridges?

Have we too many officers and administrative boards and useless commissions?

Are the salaries too high?

Are our institutions of learning too elaborate and our buildings too costly?

Is there too much division of authority?

Are special interests exploiting our government for their own benefit?

Are we getting the most efficient service?

Can we reduce the cost of caring for the unfortunate and criminals?

Can we reduce the cost of litigation?

Is System Worth the Price?

Has what is known as the Oregon system increased our expenses and is it worth the price?

Has log rolling, graft and bribery added to our burdens?

Have we adopted the right system of finance so we can build for the future without overburdening the present?

How are the people going to get a legislature to carry out their wishes after it has been decided what must be done?

The legislature is the least expensive of all the functions of government, even when it spends all it can. It costs us less than one per cent of the gross expenditures of the state.

The thing to do is to get at the facts, formulate a program and then proceed to get results and never mind the kicking.

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La Grande, Ore., March 1st, 1912.
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Co., La Grande, Ore., until 2 o'clock p. m., March 10th, 1912, for the construction of their canal which heads about one mile east of La Grande, Oregon. This work consists of the excavation of about eight miles of main canal, involving the excavation and embanking of about 45,571 cu. yds. of material, mainly earth.

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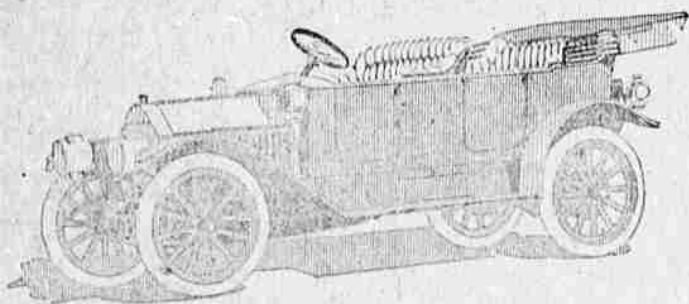
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