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GRADUATED TAX IS SINGLE TAX

WRITER EXPLAINS NATURE OF AMENDMENT.

Points Out Points Not Always Understood by the Laymen.

La Grande, Sept. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Much is being said through the press of the state and upon the street corners, upon the various constitutional tax provisions, submitted, either by the legislature or by the initiative, to the people of Oregon, to be voted upon at the November election, and not a little of the talk is calculated to befog the mind rather than enlighten it. A few days ago I heard one, who is supposed to be well posted as any in the state on this question, declare that the proposed Graduated Land Tax is not a single tax measure. Since such error exists it is well that the people understand exactly what these proposed constitutional amendments are, and what would be their effect.

At the November election in 1910, the people of the state by a majority vote, adopted an amendment to the state constitution, forbidding poll tax to be collected in Oregon and incidentally taking away from the legislature all power to pass any act touching the question of taxation in this state. This constitutional amendment also forbids the people of the whole state, by initiative, from passing any law on the subject of taxation which will apply to the people of the whole state, but delegates to the people of the several counties the power by initiative to pass any law that they please on that particular county. In other words, that constitutional amendment passed two years ago establishes thirty-four little states in this commonwealth with power to raise the public revenues in the manner in which each sees fit. And based on this amendment the counties of Clackamas, Multnomah and Coos have initiated measures to establish the single tax in each.

The last legislature of this state found its hands tied by this constitutional amendment, so that neither it or the people of the state as a whole had the power to pass any law for the levy and collection of taxes, uniform throughout the state, and submitted to the people of the state three constitutional amendments, which will be voted upon at the November election: The first of these was Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, found on page 15, of the pamphlet recently sent out by the secretary of state, containing all of the proposed measures to be voted upon. This measure is No. 304 "Yes" and 305 "No" on the ballot, and those who want this amendment adopted will vote 304 "Yes." If this amendment is carried the legislature of the state or the people through the initiative may provide uniform rules of taxation throughout the state, and will have the power to fix special taxes on franchises if they desire.

The second amendment, submitted by the legislature, is found on page 18 of the pamphlet, and those who want to adopt this amendment will vote 306 "Yes" and those who oppose it 307 "No." The purpose of this amendment is to prevent the power of taxation from being contracted away to require taxes to be levied for public purposes only and to require taxes to be uniform throughout the state, and of course would have the effect of preventing each county from having its own system of collecting taxes different from the other counties.

The third of these proposed amendments, submitted by the legislature, is found on page 20 of the pamphlet, and is simply a repeal of the single tax constitutional amendment adopted at the last election under which the proposed Single Tax laws have been initiated in the counties referred to. Those voters who favor this proposed amendment will vote 308 "Yes" and those who oppose it 309 "No." All three of these measures are in direct conflict with the proposed Graduated Land Tax amendment, found at page 22 to 229 of the pamphlet.

This proposed constitutional amendment has all the details of a statute, and is the Single Tax pure and simple applied to the whole state. Those who favor this bill will vote 304 "Yes"

and those who oppose it 305 "No." Those who do not carefully read the measure are likely to be misled as to its provisions. Simply stated they are these: That all land in the state shall be taxed, as provided for by law, but in addition to the regular rate of taxation levied on all land, if the holdings of any person shall exceed \$10,000 the tax on such excess shall gradually increase from a \$2.50 per thousand up to \$30 per thousand for the larger holdings, in addition to the tax on all holdings, in addition to the tax on all; if a person is unfortunate enough to have a water power, whether he uses it or not, a special tax is levied against it. This proposed amendment in subdivision "1" exempts from taxation all personal property and all improvements on real estate, but allows any county that wants to to initiate a law applying to that county alone, to tax improvements and personal property. But if this amendment is carried the state will be immediately under a special tax system, and if any county thereafter adopts a special law, taxing improvements and personal property, such county will have a different method from the other counties of the state, and will be punished by having to pay about 50 per cent more than its share of the state's taxes. So it is hardly probable that any county would want to be the first to assume this extra burden, and it is safe to say that if this proposed amendment is adopted by the people of this state, that we will have Single Tax for keeps. The immediate effect of adopting this measure would be to place the new method immediately in force, and all the work done by the assessors in preparing the tax roll for the coming year will be thrown away. Under the present plan, improved property is assessed as such, and improvements are not assessed separately except on unimproved lands. It is hard to see how the county courts could make a levy under the amendment, if it carries, without first having the lands of the county assessed over again, under the provisions of this measure. The last subdivision of this proposed amendment repeals all provisions of the constitution and statutes in conflict, and provides that this amendment shall be self-executing; that other laws may be enacted to aid its operation but none to restrict its effect.

This proposed amendment is very skillfully drawn by people who thoroughly believe in the single tax idea, and if it carries they will have all they desire; if it fails, and they succeed in carrying the single tax measures in either of the three counties, that particular county will be in position to escape about one-third of its present state taxes at the expense of the other counties of the state. In

these measures the single taxers are in position to make a strong appeal to self-interest for voters to carry the last measure and defeat the other three, because less than one-third of the voters in the state of Oregon own any interest in lands. The people who favor the single tax idea will naturally vote against the three amendments proposed by the legislature, and vote for this so-called Graduated Land Tax measure, while the people who are opposed to the single tax notion will naturally vote for the three measures proposed by the legislature and against the amendment proposed by initiative.

The people of many states have their attention turned towards Oregon, anxious to see how their experimental medicine will work. Like the experimenting physiologist, they want

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