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TAXING THE BACHELOR.

In taxing bachelors for the benefit of babies, Memphis is doing by a rather unconventional "tax" system, there is a crude justice that will appeal to most married men and women. The wedded members of society especially when they happen to be rearing children, are acutely conscious of the difference in income caused by the extra demands on the pay envelope. To them it seems that bachelors get off very easily. Thus, while actual discrimination against unmarried men is rare there is an undercurrent of public sentiment which undoubtedly would favor special taxes for them.

When any such tax is levied there is no better way to spend the proceeds than for the comfort and health of babies. In Memphis there seems to be a general agreement on the part of the bachelors to waive any constitutional rights they may have to contest such a tax and instead of kicking they contribute cheerfully to what all must admit is a good cause. Certainly the actual good which is being accomplished there, has justified the experiment.

The bachelor has such an easy, carefree existence that it is no wonder modern society is thinking of ways and means to make him give up some of his surplus wealth. He feeds one where the married man with children feeds several. He clothes one—usually in ultra gorgeous raiment—where the married man is lucky if he gets a new suit of clothes after the wife and youngsters have been suitably arrayed. In fact, there is good ground for believing that he slides through the world altogether too pleasantly and gracefully. Besides having all he earns to lavish on himself he has no small advantage in the economic race through being able to move from place to place at will, thus being able to increase his income in a way that a married man, often tied to one spot through family considerations, cannot. In fact society is just hard hearted enough today to adopt almost any

feasible method of requiring the bachelor to pay for his freedom.

The Mexican border is an imaginary and some of the correspondents camped along that line have imaginations which are keyed up to the last notch.

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Annual Bar Association.

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period has political divergence prevented this fact from being strikingly apparent. Where the letter of their law is different, the spirit is yet the same.

"It is this identity of spirit, largely due to a part, which the lawyers of this group have inherited jointly, that not only forms a bond of union, but furnishes them with an influence that can hardly be reproduced in other nations.

I take my stand on facts which are beyond controversy and seek to look ahead. I ask you to consider with me whether we, who have in days gone by moulded their laws, are not called on to try in days that lie in front, to mould opinion in yet another form, and so encourage the nations of this group to develop and recognize a reliable character in the obligations they assume towards each other.

"For it may be that there are relations possible within such a group of nations as ours that are not possible for nations more isolated from each other and lacking in our identity of history and spirit. Canada and Great Britain on the one hand and the United States on the other, with their common language, their common interests and their common ends, form something resembling a single society. If there be such a society, it may develop within itself a foundation for international faith of a kind that is new in the history of the world. Without interfering with the freedom of action of these great countries, or the independence of their constitutions, it may be possible to establish a true union between sovereign states. This union will doubtless, if it ever comes into complete being, have its witnesses in treaties and written agreements. But such documents can never of themselves constitute it. Its substance, if it is to be realized, must be sought for deeper down in the life of the people.

"I have never been within the boundaries of the district benefited and affected by said proposed improvements as follows: Corner of the northeast corner of the Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon; running north 10 feet west of the corner of lot 4, block 4, addition; running

thence due south to the north line of "C" avenue; thence running east to the southeast corner of block No. 10, Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande; thence north to the place of beginning, the same consisting of and including the following described real property: Blocks 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 31, 40, 41, 50, 51, 58 and 59 of Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande; the east half of blocks 74, 75, 88, 89 and 95 of Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, and blocks 11, 10 and 1 of Arnold & Dray's addition to the town of La Grande (now the city of La Grande) and the east half of blocks 4 and 5 of Arnold's addition to the town of La Grande (now the city of La Grande), and the east half of block 4 D street, of the original town site of La Grande (now the city of La Grande), and the east half of that certain tract of land lying and being between Third and Fourth streets, and "K" avenue, known as the school house property, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said proposed improvement is \$40,000.00. You will further take notice that said city council will meet at the council chamber in the city building of said city on the 3rd day of September, 1913, at eight o'clock p. m. of said day to consider making said proposed levy and will then and there grant a hearing to any and all persons feeling aggrieved against, or on account of, said proposed assessment.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon this 16th day of August, 1913. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON, By LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. Daily, Aug. 23 to Sept. 3 10 t.

Mother of Eighteen Children.

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 168 pounds. I can eat anything I want to and as much as I want and feel better than I have at any time in ten years. I refer to anyone in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by all dealers.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that the commissioners appointed by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said council, which report has been received by said council, and is on file in the office of the recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said council to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving Fourth street from the south line of "O" avenue to the north line of "C" avenue, by laying thereon Gravel Bitulithic pavement, according to the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by said council and on file in the office of the recorder of said city.

The real property included in the boundaries of the district benefited and affected by said proposed improvements as follows: Corner of the northeast corner of the Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon; running north 10 feet west of the corner of lot 4, block 4, addition; running

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 1st day of September, 1913, a special election will be held in the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the purpose of electing qualified voters thereof, the proposition of adoption of an Act entitled: "An Act to Provide a New Commission for the City of La Grande, in the County of Union, in the State of Oregon," in the office of the City Recorder of said City on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1913, which was proposed by initiative petition, and a requisite number of legal voters, and submitting the same to the voters of said City for their adoption or rejection, at a public meeting to be held therein on October 1st, A. D. 1913. The places designated for said election and the judges and clerks appointed to conduct said election, are as follows:

- FIRST WARD—Polling place at Court House. JUDGES—M. McMurray, W. N. Monroe, Geo. J. Wagner. CLERKS—Mrs. Wall Lane, Mrs. J. W. McAlister. SECOND WARD—Polling place at Council Chambers. JUDGES—H. W. Stoner, O. R. Coolidge, J. K. Wright. CLERKS—C. M. Humphreys, N. J. Mansger. THIRD WARD—Polling place at Donahue House, Corner 3rd and Washington Avenue. JUDGES—J. M. Hiltz, C. C. Pennington, B. W. Grandy. CLERKS—Howard Davis, Will Hamilton. FOURTH WARD—Polling place at Little Brick School House. JUDGES—John Ladd, E. S. Brasel, R. A. Masterton. CLERKS—Will Thompson, Jr., Wm. Randall.

Said election will be held and conducted and the returns thereof filed as provided by law in the case of general city elections in said city. The polls at said election will be opened at the hour of 7:30 o'clock A. M. and closed at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M. on said election day. The Ballot Title of the Act aforesaid has been prepared by the City Attorney and filed with the City Recorder of said City, in the manner and time required by the laws of the State of Oregon governing the Initiative and Referendum in Cities.

All qualified electors of said City will be permitted to vote at said election. BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF SAID CITY OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. Dated, July 25th, A. D. 1913.

LEE WARNICK, City Recorder.

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