Thirty Thousand Acres of Bottom Land Under The Warmsprings Project; Twenty-Five Thousand Acres of Fruit Land Under the Willow-Alder District; Ten Thousand Acres of Bottom Land Under The -Community District and Two Hundred Thousand Acres of Nitrate Land Being Developed With Vale in the Center Means That Malheur County Leads in Oregon and Oregon Leads the World.



Recommendation or Sugges-

tion Should Be Made To

Create Discussion and To

Cause Thought on Subject

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PEOPLE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

FOR AND AGAINST THE SINGLE TAX T. W. HALLIDAY

yet unexplained.

ployed are real markets.

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from the Oregon State Federation of Labor attested by E. J. Stack, which closes as follows: this question your unprejudiced and serious consideration which, if given, we know will contribute immeasurably to the proper solution of the problem and to the happiness of Oregon citizens." Further, they have requested the publication of the following argument, published to the left, with our comments on the right:

The measure NUMBER 306 on the [] them at far less than full rental valballot "FULL RENTAL VALUE ue. Wherein there is more induce-LAND TAX AND HOMEMAKERS' ment for a man to go on a piece of LOAN FUND" amendment contem- land and give all but a bare exisplates placing the burden of taxation | tence to the state rather than to go on land values and removing taxation on a piece of land wherein for less from labor and industry by taxing than the full rental value he may land at its rental value exclusive of hope to own a home, is not explained. its improvement. . . . crs and the state and government are

single tax. It is misleading in that men for farmers and prepare land citizen it draws a conclusion unwarranted for them. What further inducement from any knowledge or experience, increased taxation can give them is either present or past.

It will put a stop to land monopoly and land speculation. It will not confiscate private property. The security of title and possession of land will be just the same under the proposed constitutional amendment as it is

. . . It will undoubtedly put a stop to land speculation or land monopoly as now carried on except by the state ly created to utilize the excess proand government. It is absolutely duct of the established industry. It false that it will not confiscate private property. That is the intention of the law, and is so argued and stated. The security of title will not be the same as now, for at present title is secure and under this proposed law it is intended to tax it out of the hands of owners into the hands of the state. The full rental value will be strictly in accordance with location fore Oregon can secure any of it. him out. as to populous centers and no farmer will be permitted to profit from his have a housecleaning and outsweep- without affecting his geniality; lossthat full rental value of each individthat ilk before we may expect develual piece will be taken by the state. opment of land, of water power, of

on delinquent taxes to the amount of bor unless we furnish the funds and years old at the time of his passing. the taxes and no more. The cry of that is as unlikely as impossible. Mr. Halliday was one of eight childhave already confiscated the peoples' that wished "his enemies had but one Muskogee, Ohio, and R. C. Halliday, mess of pottage. Every known merights in natural resources. This neck that he might sever it at one of Rupert, Idaho, survive. amendment will restore those rights. blow?" Oregon, unfortunately, can-It is there for restitution and not con- not so bury her freaks by one great tion because every other civilized that, like the proverbial cat-"They years of age, he was three times farmer, the merchant, the banker pay country is dealing with the land prob- kem back." lem in much the salle manner.

FINDS REST Was an Honored Citizen of County---Had Held Im-

portant Offices.

Sunday morning about 6 o'clock fom Halliday passed to his final rest. For some years Mr. Halliday had been troubled with spells of heart leakage culminating in a fatal attack Sunday.

While not feeling well for a week past Mr. Halliday did not give up There are more lands now than farm- and take to his couch until Friday. The entire town of Vale is in mourn-This is single tax. It is confessed making every endeavor to educate ing for one of its best and best known

> In Many Enterprises. Interested in both banks and numberless other enterprises, owning a called the Malheur County Tax Roll. fine home in Vale and a splendid

Under this amendment, industry will go forward and will automatical- farm on the Malheur six miles bely create markets by employing men, low Vale; one of the pioneers of the terprise received this report for puband men steadily and profitably em- county; holding public offices of trust for many years in both town and tion of a statement made by the writ-

county; it is not surprising that the er that one piece of property under Under this proposition by starting communities of the county should join the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage district some industry and employing men; in sorrow at his departure from their was worth more than the \$64,000 askthe men employed will create a mar- midst and pay earnest tribute to his ed for by that district. The request

kct; Excellent doctrine if included worthy and honest efforts to advance was for the assessed valuation of the therewith a demand can be artificial- the interests of the county. Has Confidence of All. No citizen of any county or state perty which has changed hands twice

is thus that poor old Oregon must was ever honored with more com- within three or four years at a price bear the tremendous burden fasten- plete trust and confidence of his fel- of not less than \$100,000 was valued ed, Sinbad like, on its figurative low citizents than Tom Halliday. His for the purposes of taxation at less shoulders. Freak laws by freak law- charity was limited not at all and than five thousand dollars. makers. Attempts boldly to sieze his generosity bounded only by his that which has been gained by labor ability to perform.

and thrift and hand it over to the If Tom Halliday had an enemy lazy and shiftless. Great must be among the people with whom he has cy should be changed. If the entire the overflow of prosperity indeed be- mingled for 35 years no one can point

It will be necessary for our state to Gains and honors were received But the enire commonweath is in a

ing of U'Rens, Cridges, Littles and es were met with equinamity. Biographical. T. W. Halliday was born at Page-

The state will be authorized to bid flax, of anything which employs la- ville, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1857, being 65 Mr. Halliday was one of the early

pioneers of the west. Tramping vestor is used by them and opportuniwounded by Indians. After leaving a high interest rate.

H. ESPIE TO RETURN

WATER PERMITS

Antonio Bermiosolo, of Jordan Val-

Arizona he went into Nevada where From a foreign investor comes through peace and the activities of as classified.

HAVE RALLY U. S. Senator Fires Deadly Facts at Administration

and its Policies.

REPUBLICANS

The Republican rally at the Rex Theatre in Vale Wednesday night was well attended and the opening gun of the Republican campaign was fir-The report of the citizens commit- ed by Senator C. W. Fulton in a pow-

tee appointed by the chairman of the erful indictment of the policies of the taxpayers meeting held in Vale, Oct. 6, appears on this page. As stated President Wilson. The Senator's remarks and telling by the chairman of that committee, the report is incomplete, both as to periods were received with loud and

quotation of numberless inequalities, enthusiastic applause. inaccuracies and incongruities ap-The Senator was somewhat hoarse pearing on that anomalous creation

from his arduous work of the past herein. month, having spoken in Pendleton A peculiar circumstance, or co-inthe night before. His excuse for cidence is, that on the day the Enlication, inquiry came for substantiaand dust."

"The effect of this," continued the

The Tariff.

Idanha Orchards, Examination of The Senator dwelt seriously on the the roll disclosed the fact that a pro-Tariff and said: "Our only way of judging the future is by the past. Every time the Democrats have been in power they have passed a free trade tariff act. Every time it has the Mill Ditch and on the Upper Mal- which it is not. lions have walked the streets in hun-The method which forces property ger. Every time the Republicans into a condition worse than bankrupthave had control with their protective policy, there have been prosperous country is bankrupt we are not hurt times and a growth and prosperity in more than others if we too are broke. the United States never before known

in the world. condition of unbounded prosperity "We have prosperous times now and this county alone shows values caused by 20,000,000 laborers in Eu- farming lands generally are supposshrinking with a rapidity which would be alarming if we did not know it to

But can we convince the investor of confiscation comes from those who What bloodthirsty monarch was it ren of whom Dr. J. S. Halliday, of its falsity without giving him our If our prosperity must come through makes lands that will readily change drenching of the earth with rivers of hands for \$100 per acre and upward thod to depreciate values and secure loans on favorable terms to the infiscation. It is not "reak" legisla- and solid blow with the ballot but across the plains to Arizona when 17 ties greedily seized upon to make the grant that we never see such pros- thereby established would not be so

BETTER METHODS SHOULD BE he met and later was married to Miss these two questions, which one seek- peaceful interchange of products.

ONTARIO, Oreg .- To the Taxpay- of land is below these standards it the Malheur county taxpayers to report on the inequalities of the assessment roll and classification of land

throughout the county, beg leave to state as follows:

amination of the roll and impossibil- roll: Joseph Conselmo, on the 116 ity of doing anything to relieve the acres constituting the Idanha Orsituation, believed to exist, on account of closing up the affairs of the \$100,000 is assessed at \$4,640, which Equalization Board at an early date, places a acsh valuation on this great Democratic administration and of prevent our report from being as full property of \$11,600. This property as it should be in order to do justice changed hands at \$100,000 prior to to every one concerned.

eral condition, we will make note \$4,000.

Laying the foundation for a brief hoarseness, however, was that he call attention to the varied classifica- falfa lands at \$40 per acre. The rode from Heppner to Pendleton the tion of land within the county: Owy- Famous Willis orchard at Brogan is day before and suffered from "Demo- hee lands are classified at \$40 per assessed at \$560 and we find a notacratic campaign material-hot air acre making the supposed cash value tion on the rolls of curtivated land "The effect of this," continued the Snoestring Ditch hands at a cash val-Senator, "is not lasting, mainly af-facting the throat and lungs." In the unit of \$37.50 er acre. Dead Ox Unit of \$37.50 er acre. Dead Ox

> heur, between Vale and the Canyon, are classified at \$20, making a cash Section 17 and Section 8 in 18-45 but valuation of \$50 er acre. Lands on Sec. 8 is exactly similar to that of Willow river, in and around Brogan the E. O. L. Co. in 17-44, two miles and Jamieson, are classified at \$20 per distant. Both Sections 17 and8 were acre, making a cash valuation of \$50. are supposed to be assessed at the change in the condition of the land.

rope ceasing the work of production ed to be assessed at \$3.00. Non-tillof exchangeble commodities and go- able land in all localities at a \$1.25 ing into the business of destruction per acre. While your committee canof property and killing one another. not concur in a classification which

human blood; through destitution and pay taxes on a valuation of \$15 per of less value, adjoining are assessed starvation of children; through the acre or about 16 per cent of the acweeping and wailing of widows; God knowledged cash value, the inequality perity again. The prosperity offered glaringly apparent, should all land by the Republican party comes similarly situated be assessed exactly

> Town Property. Again, real estate in towns and per acre under similar classification. cities, paying on a forty per cent val-C. S. Handcock in Lot 1-17-47 in uation, as against a sixteen per cent assessed in 1916 for 38 acres at \$6 valuation elsewhere would not be so per acre while in 1915 nearly six glaringly unequal, were property sim- times as much. This is on the Snake ilarly situated under similar classifi- river on Dead 9x. cation be equally assessed, which is Andrew Jensen, on Sec. 32 in 18-44. not the case as may be seen by some was classified in 1915 and in the past few comparisons herein. at \$3 and \$1.25 land, or a total val-Also personal property, stocks of untion for 320 acres of \$727. There is goods, etc., assessed at 25 per cent and can be no water for this properof their supposed value, as against a ty, the classification appea ing fair. sixteen per cent valuation of lands, In 1916 the same land win raised to seem to be over valued, but if Owy- a total valuation of \$6200 while land hee lands are taken as a basis, are lower and adjoining raising large fairly valued. crops of hay is assessed at \$20 per

> mittee appointed at the meeting of should be so classified on the rolls and assessed in accordance with the classification. Orchards Undertaxed.

Orchards came under the classification of cultivated land. There is no classification of orcearos as such. The limited time given us for ex- Now note where this leads us on the chards, which have changed hands at

construction of their great dryer There certainly exists a very large which they claim to be the largest number of inequitable assessments, a and most complete in Oregon and few of which illustrative of the gen- which is assessed as improvements at

Comparisons.

Compare this assessment with resume of the roll, we wish to first Dead Ox lands at \$15 or Owyhes alon a forty per cent valuation, \$100. of this orchard of \$15 per acre. Oth-Shoestring Ditch lands are classified er lands in the district are assessed

lands, under the Payette-Oregon 18-45, of the O. W. C. Co., is assess-Slope system, are classified at \$15 ed at \$20 per acre while that of the per acre, making a cash valuation of E. O. L. Co., two miles distant in 17-\$37.50 er acre. Lower Malheur lands 44 is assessed at \$3 per acre. These under the Nevada Ditch, are classified lands are similar in every respect, at \$30 per acre, making a cash val- one classified as dry which it is; the uation of \$75 per acre. Lands under other as cultivated, and irrigated,

No discrimination appears between raised over the 1915 assessment from Cultivated and uncultivated lands \$3 in 1915 to \$20 in 1916 with no same rate, similarly situated. Dry In fact one piece was assessed at \$40 per acre or more than double any other land in that district.

In the Jamieson section we find the celebrated Fotheringham hog ranch is nearly all assessed av \$1.25 per acre being classified as non-tillable, while other lands of similar character, but at \$20 per acre.

We compare the W%SE% of Sec. 6-18-47, owned by Kahout and Nelson, assessed in 1915 at \$2400 or \$30 per acre while in 1916 at \$240 or \$3 per acre. Lend surrounding this property is assessed at from \$30 to \$40

as to possible results and didactically disclaiming confiscation which is to support that rash statement.

Colorado is leasing its state lands on exactly the same basis as this bill provides for the leasing of the state even in the most unravorable sealands. Washington is leasing its school lands. In England the prob- do it? lem is being handled in the same way. In Letchworth Village, 40 miles from London, the crown lands are being leased and the title does not pass away from the Government, Denmark is doing the same thing. Germany is meeting the problem by leasing its land and taking the land increment for governmental expenses.

Of course Colorado is leasing her land for what they can get. So will any other state that leases at all. England is not handling her lands in the way proposed nor is Denmark nor Germany. Crown lands, are lands owned by the ruler of England, and are doubtless leased to the best advantage to derive the greatest income from them. So as to Denmark and be planted about the first of May. It of Montana. Germany or to any other country, not excepting the United States which leases grazing land. None of these states or nations are connscating private land nor are they contemplating any such nonsense.

the interest of all the working people plowing or after plowing before the voir in Sec. 4, T. 33 S., R. 45 E. of the state, whether they be professional men, business men, farmers, or served to plant their corn in the dry supplemental supply of lands already day laborers, because it provides for the use of the peoples' credit by the germination, try to "irrigate" it up. neople. It will relieve unemployment These are poor methods, for the development of 50 horsepower, diby opening the lands to the people for ground is either in poor condition or vertifig water from Owyhee River in use, doing away with the congestion the adding of the water cools the soil Sec. 22, T. 25 S., R. 44 E. in industrial centers and consequent and wets it unevenly, resulting in a suffering where there are more men this uneven stand. than jobs.

forming. Lands are now open to ed and kept moist until the corn is

millions of people who do not take well formed. The corn should be

the avowed object of the law. The profitable school if attention is paid have since resided. latter statement of the paragraph is to its teachings. Many corn growuntrue. Every other civilized coun- ers have had a hard lesson brought to and Mrs. Halliday adopted and raised Also they will ask: How much CULtry is not dealing with the land prob- them by an unfavorable, and short Wilbur A. Halliday, now in business TIVATED LAND HAVE YOU? Unlem in much the same manner and no season. The cold season and the ear- at Baker, Ore., and Pearl Halliday, cultivated land assessed the same as

fields immature, but there are a few sa. fields that were mature far ahead of Mr. Halliday has been sheriff of the

the frost, showing that by the right methods corn can be produced here neur county and the city of Vale. Burial services were by the Masonic sons. The question is how did they Fraternity at the home in Vale. In-

Corn is a lover of warm moist soil, where the mother of Mr. Halliday and we must practice such methods as rests. Vale attended the funeral services will produce these conditions so as to make early planting possible. The en masse and at Ontario an unusual corn ground should be plowed in the concourse attended the interment. fall or early spring, and worked down B. L. Milligan came rrom Walla so as to form a mulch to retain the Walla for purpose of preaching the moisture. This mulch will also re- funeral sermon.

tain much of the heat that otherwise would go for the purpose or evaporating the much needed moisture. This mulch can be retained and many weeds killed by harrowing a few times before planting time.

on Little Willow creek near Jamie-It will take approximately 120 son, will go to Bozeman on business, days to mature corn in this section, returning later to take up his resiand as there is danger of frost after dence in Malheur county, the climate the first of September, corn should being better suited to him than that

will be necessary to follow the above method of "warming up" the soil in order to plant by May first or earlier. The method too often followed is to let the corn ground go unplowed until all other spring work is out of

the way. The ground is then hard ley, for the irrigation of 100 acres. The loan feature of the bill is in and dry, and must be irrigated before diverting water from Mud Flat reser-F. V. Maher, of Jordan Valley, for corn is planted. Some have been obsoil and then after getting a small having a water right. Herbert Steven, of Watson, for the

With all due regard for Mr. Burns, It is perhaps better to irrigate the Old Nick Carter and Sherlock Holmes land before plowing than after, in the ablest detective probably is a tion or suggestion made in order to The loan feature of the bill does case the land has been let go until it woman. not provide for the use of the peo- has become too dry to plow good, =

for money to loan to those who have be easier to irrigate than after plow- day they should be trrigated. Too the full rental fund taken from the usual type of soil, there should be and prolongs maturity. This method land is to be loaned in small amounts enough water in the soil at planting of irrigation will of necessity require meeting of Oct. 6 were heeded. for improvement of land by those who time to carry the corn until ft starts cultivation at about ten day inter-

know nothing about either work or tasseling, then it should be irrigat- vals to hold the moisture. W. W. HOWARD, County Agricultural Agent.

This is again stating a conclusion FOLLOWED BY CORN GROWERS Emma Ferguson, Sept. 15, 1880. In ing loans mus answer, and must tell Through construction rather the the spring of 1882 the Hallidays mov- the truth, for the truth is of record struction; through friendly inter-Experience is a hard school, but a ed into Malheur county where they and public: What is the assessed val. course and united effort; through prouation of your property and how tection of labor and the products of

Method. Faulty.

Investor Takes Advantage.

be false.

Having no issue of their own, Mr. much taxes did you pay last year? labor. proof has been, nor can be, adduced by frost caught many of the corn now Mrs. Horace Burbidge, of Nys- cultivated is a dead loan and not con-

sidered good security. What in 1917, shall a man on Dead Ox say? "I ounty and treasurer or both Mal- paid taxes last year on a forty mill rate (not far from the mark this season) I have 160 acres and of that 90 acres is assessed at \$15 and 70 acres terment was in the Ontario cemetery at \$1.25. Of the 90 acres I have 60 cultivated." How much money can

he borrow? Unused Land A Dead Load. Some of our radical economists

say: "Good! We ought not to be able to borrow anyway." To this argument there is no reply. If a farmer has a piece of raw land on which he must pay taxes as though culti-

vated and has improved to the extent of his capital and ability and don't care to borrow, or cannot borrow, he can deed his raw land to the Henry Espie, who has a homestead

state or his friends-or punish an enemy by giving it to him-the sooner he gets rid of it the better. One thing sure he cannot sell it with a tax rate of forty mills and a valuation of \$15.

It is noted and to be regretted that the committee made no recommendation as to how to remedy the unfortunae condition we have reached in our financial matters; how to stem the tide of depreciation and get into the band-wagon of prosperity; enable ourselves to get some of that munition money at a low rate of in-

terest. The chairman of the reporting committee said: "We have no recommendation to make as there was nothing in the order creating the committee asking for recommendations."

Committees Proposed.

The Enterprise feels that there should be some kind of recommendacreate discussion and cause som

thought to be put on this important ple's credit by the people. On the for it will require less work to get watched, however, and whenever the subject. It is to be noted that in contrary it proposes to tax the land it in condition for planting, and it will corn leaves begin curling afly in the 1913 the recommendations of the powerful committee were put into efneither money nor land. One-third of ing. Where there is not some un- much irrigating promotes suckers, fect. It may be noted that the recommendations of the Taxpayers

> It is therefore to be supposed that if there were powerful and represen-

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in de

When War stops.

"What will we do when this war ceases, as it will soon 7 Europe is a trained camp of industry. Men, women and children have been taught rigid economy and intense application. Women have taken the place of men in almost all avocations of production When the war ceases we have but two ways to meet this crisis, for crisis it is. We must come down to their rigid

economy, and intense effort, not only for foreign markets but to preserve

our own for ourselves, or we must have protection of our industry and of our labor. If you elect the Democrats you are certain of a continuance of free trade, you have endorsed free trade, which has wrecked us every time it has been tried; if you elect Hughes you will have a moderate protective tariff scientifically applied. Which do you wish?"

"Silly Slogan."

The Senator proceeded to attack the "Silliest of all slogans; he kept us out of war. Why, the President could not get us into war with anyone but Mexico and we have been in open war with Mexico ever since Wilson has been in control and are in open war with Mexico today, if invasion of a nation, killing their citizens and ocsupping their territory is war. It had invaded an English port, killed 101 Englishmen and wounded 300 others, besides having 10 of our own soldiers killed and 60 wounded."

Refugees on Foreign Ships,

The Senator attacked the treatmen of the 1300 American refugees at WATER FILINGS SHOWN creek in Sec. 4, T. 18 S., R. 37 E. Tampico, who were taken out of Tamico by English and German men of war and placed on American vessels. 'When a committee called on Jose-

phus Daniels to protest against their States would neither protect their According to these permits it is proproperty nor their lives. You are posed to irrigate 8,354 acres of land, Incky to get out alive !"

Senator Futon is an excellent and develop 702 horsepower. logical speaker and the large attendance indicated interest in political

tario The meeting was presided over by

band and male quartette.

Mortgage Taxation.

vors such taxation.

The question of Mortgage Taxa-Dave Dunbar on the NW4 of Sec. tion, arising before your meeting; the 16-18-46 is classified as non-tillable committee investigated the matter, and assessed at \$300 for the 160 and have concluded that as long as acres. "i.a property changed hands other western states fail to assess some time since at \$6400. mortgages the result in Oregon would

acre.

Wrong Classification.

be certain to drive capital elsewhere Your committee is of the opinion and compel borrowers to pay double that the present classification is oretaxes. Of the Board of Equalization, ative of unsatisfactory conditions; two members object to mortgage tax- giving neighbors ideas of inequality ation at present, and one member fa- and creates a difficulty in estimating values by outside investors and pre-If classification is made and then vents Malheur county f.-rmers from examination and assessment made as making satisfactory loans.

Dry Land Discriminated Against.

to producing ability; cost of manipulation and cultivation, making the Homesteaders are discriminated classified price the maximum of a against by having their lands assesscertain district, we see no way in ed at a rate much closer to the real which equality can be secured. In cash value than are other lands in the the opinion of your committee, if county, for \$3 per acre more nearly lands of a district are to be classifi- represents the cash value of dry land would certainly have been war if we ed, such classification should be ad- homesteads than does \$15 represent hered to. Cultivated land is cultivat- the cash value of alfalfa lands on ed land and uncultivated land similar- Dead Ox and under the Shoestring ly situated is, in the classification of Ditch.

> B. B. WOOD, Chairman

L. J. Mustard, of Westfall, for stock use, diverting water from State Engineer John H. Lewis, issprings in Sec. 4, T. 18 S., R. 37 E. sued 144 permits for the appropria-R. J. Prewett, of Vale, for irrigatreatment he told hem that 'if they tion of water, including 9 for the con- tion of 195 acres, diverting water were in Mexico to create property, to struction of reservoirs, during the from Sagebrush and Darkey Rock better their condition, the United quarter ending September 30th, 1916. Gulch, in Sec 27, T. 21 S., R. 44 E. S. W. Prewett, of Vale, for the irrigation of 5 acres, diverting water store 4,129 acre feet of water and from Sand Hollow in Sec. 28, T. 31 S., R. 44 E. L. C. Marsters, of Fangollano, for domestic app

springs in Sec. 21, T. 25 S., R. 38 E. Mrs. Ida Glascock, of Brogan, for

storage of 40 acre feet, in Sec. 4, T.

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The following permits were issued in Malheur county: E. W. Turner, of Riverside, for do- from springs in Sec. 16 T. 15 S.

the district, and should have the same

assessed valuation. If a certain piece

mestic supply, diverting water from 40 E. L. J. Mustard, of Westfall, storage

has M. Crandal. Music by the Vale of 3 acre fest for stock use, diverting water from springs and Jerry

