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## INITIATIVE BILLS NEED PRUNING

**Wagon Measures Bear Vigorous Investigation. Spite Work Alleged by State Corporation Department.**

It is hardly probable that the \$1500. single tax measure will win its way through the coming election. There are too many people awake to its intent now. Between now and election a lot more information will be scattered relative to it.

There are several other measures that deserve attention. The bill proposed by H. D. Wagon and others, proposing a class tax on all valuations exceeding \$25,000 is not one of which there need be much fear. If such a measure were to pass it would be immediately held up by the courts as discriminating class legislation. Such a proposition may look good to a man like Wagon, who probably is so busy promoting political vagaries that he doesn't have time to be prosperous. But it also ought to appear to a man of his intelligence that social and business conditions and prosperous times depend on wealth, more or less disposed among certain of our citizens who have the training or natural faculty of using that wealth for their own, their employees, and the general public benefit. All the Wagon, U'ren, Cridge crowd are promoting a reverse condition. If it is not necessary for values to accumulate in the hands of a relatively small number of people that important commercial and public enterprises may be advanced why do we not hear of some of this class of agitators promoting some great corporate enterprise just now that will assist in distributing a little cash and relieve the business depression. No they are not doing that. Just the reverse, they are opposing business activity by opposing the accumulation of sufficient capital to conduct extensive business developments. They propose to levy a special tax on every hundred dollars of a capital in excess of \$25,000, and thus discourage aggregations of wealth. At the present rate of taxes a \$25,000 valuation pays about \$25 tax. Add 50c a hundred and you have \$125 more, or 750 or three percent. As large sums of money regularly draw a lower rate percent than small ones, the person with an excess of \$25,000 would probably draw an income of 2 percent a year above his tax levy. It would be evident at once that it would be more profitable to belong to the less affluent class, for incomes on investment there often run to 25 percent.

As to bill 338 and 339, State Corporation Commissioner Watson makes the following explanation. The bill is another Wagon production:

LEGISLATIVE BLACKMAIL  
"Bill Nos. 338 and 339 is on the ballot because the Corporation Commissioner refused to grant a permit to the Mutual Fire Company of Portland for the sale of \$100,000 of bonds. H. D. Wagon of Portland, Vice President of the company, made application for the permit. The company had no tangible property assets. The report of Paul L. Woolston, an expert actuary, shows that on October 31, 1913, the total liabilities of the company were \$344.28 in excess of its admitted assets. There was no basis for an issue of \$100,000 of bonds and the permit to issue them was refused. Wagon asked for a rehearing, and at its conclusion, the permit was again refused. Then Mr. Wagon said to the Corporation Commissioner, 'If that is your final decision, I will instruct my attorney at once to draft an initiative bill abolishing your office.'"

Fair minded voters of Oregon, friends and well wishers of the Oregon system, should not countenance such a prostitution of the initiative for the gratification of petty spite and personal malice. It is too sacred a weapon to be used in so base a cause. To enact the bill would be to say that a public official of the state, bound by his oath to sustain the law, must do the bidding of the wild catter and the floater of watered securities, contrary to his oath and his conscience, or be removed from office by the voters of the State. The presence upon the ballot of a measure such as this, born of petty spite and personal venom, is an affront to the dignity of the initiative ballot, an insult to the integrity and fair mindedness of the voters of the State. Inability to punish the perpetrator of such a fraud ought to make doubly sure the defeat of the bill.

"Bill Nos. 338 and 339, if enacted, would not consolidate the Corporation and Insurance Departments. Its only effect would be to substitute for the Corporation Commissioner a Deputy Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance

## AMERICAN NURSES ON WAY TO THE WAR



Photo by American Press Association.

A former Hamburg-American liner renamed the Red Cross recently sailed from New York with 120 nurses and thirty doctors who will care for the wounded in Europe.

## MISS OLGA BROOKMAN SUGGUMBS TO DISEASE

Miss Olga Brookman, sister of O. B. and G. B. Brookman of Mt. Scott, died September 29. She had been ailing for some time and the disease reached a dangerous stage a short time ago. An operation was attempted but she did not survive it. An unnatural constriction of the alimentary canal superinduced her difficulty.

The funeral was held at the Evangelical Church Thursday at two o'clock, Rev. Hornschoff officiating, and Kenworthy in charge. The burial was at Mt. Scott.

## INITIATIVE MEASURES TO BE DISCUSSED

Dr. C. H. Chapman will speak next Tuesday evening at the Friends Church, on topics relative to the initiative measures to be considered at the coming election. Dr. Chapman is one of the most popular speakers around Portland and Lents people should feel complimented that he will meet them.

### Moll-Kern Wedding

Mr. Henry Moll and Miss Minnie Kern were married Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Beutgen officiating. The families of the young people went to the bride's home for the wedding dinner. The young people will live at the Moll home at Powell Valley road and Buckley avenue, where Mr. Moll has recently built a very neat bungalow. They are well known in this neighborhood, since both grew up here and are happy in the possession of a large acquaintance and numerous friends who wish them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

### Doughty Berbers.

The ancient Berbers, who still live in the mountain territory of Kabylia, were never conquered by Roman, Goth, Vandal, Arab or Turk. They made their first obeisance before the firearms of the French under the second empire. Through all these millenniums they have lived in their populous villages perched high on the tops of steep hills. Around them in all directions is a zone of trees, with pasture above, beginning at about 3,000 feet, and the oft-conquered open valleys below. Here for unknown ages the Berber has lived among and from his trees. There are four staples of life in Kabylia—dried figs, olives, bread and meat. For miles there is one unending succession of villages set in this open forest of figs and olives—Argonaut.

Effie (finishing her devotions). And please bless father and mother and all of us, and give us everything good; and bless all our friends, and give them what's good for them.—The Sketch.

and Corporation laws would not be amended, harmonized or articulated, and the State would see a "Consolidated Commission," with two sets of employees, two sets of books, two systems of receipts and disbursements, and two funds into which the fees should go. It would be a Department partly sustained by legislative appropriation of \$15,000 per year, and partly by fees collected.

## REGISTRATION AT O. A. C. BREAKS FORMER RECORD

Twelve hundred and seventy-five students registered at the Agricultural College before the end of the second day. This is 64 more than were on the rolls at a like period last year, and an increase over any previous enrollment of 5.36 per cent. An interesting feature of registration is the large number of graduates of this and other institutions of higher learning who have come to study for the master's degree. But the feature of greatest interest to Oregon citizens in the number and quality of vocational students. There are 123 boys and girls, and men and women, registered for vocational work. Most of this number would find the regular eight years of higher education beyond their reach, but are here able to get in one, two or three years, the essential training requisite to high success in their chosen careers. One of the students in dairying is 40 years of age, and several others in different courses have passed 30.

In view of the fact that secondary work has been eliminated at the College, standards for admission to the freshman class raised one year, and business generally depressed by European war, the increased registration was something of a surprise to the College authorities. New buildings and equipment, and an increased instructional force, make it possible to handle the increase in a satisfactory manner.

## A FAMOUS OLD FLAG.

The Star Spangled Banner of Fort McHenry in 1814.

Hanging from the walls of the National museum in Washington is one of the most famous flags in the world—the star spangled banner that floated over Fort McHenry during the British attack in September, 1814. The flag measures no less than 26 by 36 feet.

At the time of the battle Fort McHenry, just outside the city of Baltimore, was in command of Major George Armistead. The garrison flag that flew from its ramparts was made by a Mrs. Mary Pickerskill, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Caroline T. Purdy. In the battle one of the stars was shot away by a British shell. After the war the banner became the property of Major Armistead and was left by him to his daughter, Mrs. Appleton. It was from the son of that lady, Mr. Eben Appleton, that the museum received it two years ago. The arrangement is that the flag shall remain permanently in the custody of the museum and must not be permitted to leave the building to be exhibited anywhere else. Time has somewhat marred the beauty of the banner, but no American can look at the fading and worn fabric without a thrill. That is the flag that gave birth to the national anthem of our country.—Youth's Companion.

The new vicar was making pastoral calls in his parish, and stopped to converse with a small boy at the garden gate.

"And where does your father go on Sundays, my little man?"  
"Well, on fine Sundays he goes golfing, and on wet Sundays he turns us all out to church so he can have a bit of peace in the house."

## WOODMERE SCHOOL HAS POP-CORN CONTEST

The results of the Woodmere school pop-corn test was placed on exhibit this week at the school office. About seventy-five children participated. Each took ten grains of corn in the spring, red and white, and twenty of them assisted in the exhibit. Lant, Woodyard, of the 7th A., took first prize and Elsie Graves of 7th B., took second. The first prize was a trip to the State Fair. Lant will go up to Salem Saturday.

## WOODMERE PARENT-TEACHERS MEET TUESDAY

The regular meetings of the Woodmere Parent-Teacher Club are on the first Tuesday and third Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the school assembly hall. The meeting next Tuesday will be entertained with a good program. All parents are urged to come and visitors are welcome.

## CLANNISH MANXMEN.

They Still Use Their Own Tongue in Promulgating Their Laws. The Isle of Man is in the Irish channel about equidistant from England, Scotland and Ireland and is famed for its lovely scenery, excellent climate and the quint old world flavor of its places and people.

Home rule has been enjoyed by the Manxmen for many years. Although there are fewer than 100,000 Manxmen they have their own parliament and courts. The house of keys and the house of lords hold annual sessions in Douglas, the capital, and the laws they pass are read aloud every year from Tynwald hill. The statutes are proclaimed in the Manx tongue, a language as distinct from English as Italian or German.

The Isle of Man was long a bone of contention among the kings of Northumberland, Scotland, Norway and England. The government, as it is in operation today in Hall Caine's island, was established by Orgy, a Scandinavian adventurer who made himself king of the island. He divided his kingdom into six shendings, and this division, with four municipal districts, still serves in the election of members of the house of keys. The bishopric of the Isle of Man is declared to have been founded by St. Patrick, who stopped off and established the see while on his way to Ireland.—New York World.

Seddy Boarder—Haw! You—haw—may not believe it, don't you know, Polly, but I was born with a—haw—silver spoon in my mouth.

Polly—Well, fancy! An' me an' mother thought you spoke like that on purpose.—Sydney Bulletin.

Wife—Do you like this pudding dear? Mrs. McBryde gave me the recipe for it. Hub—No; but I guess you can get square with her by giving her your recipe for mince pies.

"To remove rust from a knife, plunge the blade in an onion," says a household hint, evidently written by a woman who has no proper appreciation of the higher usefulness of the onion. Louisville Courier-Journal.

## PARENT-TEACHERS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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## WIFE BEATER GETS TIME

Lents Junction Man Separated From Wife, Returns Home and Attempts to Beat and Choke Wife to Death.

While present attempts to beat his wife to death, the brutal language he used in her presence and before his neighbors, resulted in a divorce. The divorce was granted on the grounds of cruelty and non-support. Mrs. Olson was given the property at Lents Junction, consisting of a small store, the home, and one or two lots. This was hers by rights anyway as her money was invested in it.

The same afternoon Olson secured his release from the district court and returned to Lents. He gave out the excuse for returning home that he wanted to secure some eye medicine, but he had hardly reached his former home until he started trouble. He had made previous threats so his conduct was not unexpected.

Shortly after six, a neighbor and old time acquaintance, Mr. Kelly, living at the car line and Agate street, called at the Olson store to congratulate Mrs. Olson on securing her freedom. When he entered the room he heard a peculiar noise and investigating in the next room found Mrs. Olson on the floor, and Olson with his knees on her breast and his hands around her neck. She was in the last stage of being choked to death. Kelly knocked Olson off, and Mrs. Olson, reviving escaped into the yard. Shortly after this Olson left the house. Kelly went out the front way and around to the rear and again he found Olson trying to kill her. He freed Mrs. Olson, again and then he and some neighbors took care of Olson until an officer came. Olson was brought up to Lents and placed in Dr. Nelson's office. He stepped out the back window but was shortly taken by the officer, put in a machine and taken to the city. On Saturday morning he was confronted with his former wife and Kelly and other neighbors. Mrs. Olson was in a spirit condition. Her face was scratched, her eyes were black and blue, and she was badly bruised all over her neck and shoulders. The court made short work of it and Olson was sent to the Rockpile for many days.

Mrs. Olson is reporting. She was able to be about Tuesday morning and is recovering her speech. She still bears the marks of a narrow escape. Olson is making some bad threats. Not only Mrs. Olson but several of his neighbors are reported to be the mark of his line. He says he will "get" all of them. Mrs. Olson's trouble seems to be too much for her. He has been infuriated for the last four years. No one seems to think he ever sees a sober moment. In fact some of the neighbors seem to think he is mentally unbalanced by his continued dissipation.

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