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## IMPORTANT TAX QUESTIONS

### Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemaker's Loan Fund Amendment. Tax Limitation Means Lower Taxes.

There seems to be great confusion in the minds of some voters regarding the Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemaker's Loan Fund Amendment. It is a most complicated measure. After reading it through one is confused and hardly knows what it is all about.

There need be no confusion about this measure. It is a single tax measure, pure and simple, although a loan feature has been added. The doctrine of single tax is just this: That all income from land, exclusive of improvements, belongs to the state. "The Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemaker's Loan Fund Amendment" does this very thing. It calls the income from land "land rent," and under the amendment all this land rent must be paid each year to the state in the shape of taxes. Do you get the idea? It is just single tax under another name. Under single tax all income from land is taken by the state. In this proposed measure income from land is called "land rent" and all of it taken by the state.

Mr. Uren, who drew the bill, has repeatedly acknowledged that it is the same old single tax that the voters have repeatedly rejected at the polls. Everyone who has carefully read the bill agrees that it is single tax, but under a different name.

There is no need of any confusion or doubt about this measure. Those who are in favor of single tax and government ownership of all land should vote for this measure. Those who are opposed to single tax and believe in private ownership of all land should vote 307 X NO.

If there has been doubt in the mind of any voter about the wisdom of the Tax-Limitation amendment, it should have been removed by the events of the past few days.

The budgets of proposed expenditures for next year have been made up by the State and by the City of Portland. The budgets call for expenditures way in excess of anything which has been attempted before. Every State Institution has asked for big increases in appropriations, except one. The one institution which does not ask for an increase is the East Oregon Insane Asylum, located at Pendleton. Every other institution asks for big increases. Do our public officials feel that the tax-payers can afford to pay unlimited taxes? What is to become of the state if this annual increase does not stop. How can anyone afford to pay the tax bills. It is an outrage to ask the tax-payers for big increases in appropriations when it is so hard to get money. Taxes should be decreasing these times, not increasing.

But there is one big consolation for the tax-payer. It is unanimously agreed that tax-limitation will carry by an overwhelming majority. Every one admits it. This simply means that regardless of how high the state institutions or the legislature try to increase our taxes they will fail. There is a high-water mark above which they can not go. They cannot make our taxes for next year more than six per cent over this year's taxes. The same is true of the city of Portland. If the Tax Limitation Amendment carries, and it surely will carry, then the commissioners of the city of Portland will have to reduce their proposed expenditures 10 per cent.

Tax Limitation is a measure which has been initiated by the State Taxpayers League for the protection of the Tax-payers. It will carry by a big majority.

### Garbage Dumpers Liable to Arrest

People who dump garbage promiscuously are liable to a real interesting fine. Some one recently dumped a bunch of tin cans in the front yard of a 92d street home and drew down the wrath of the property owner. A repetition of the offense will be taken seriously. A certain number of people seem to think it is all right to dump rubbish in the street or along the roads. By doing so they are laying themselves liable to fines up to \$25. It is safer and cheaper to bury your tin cans and other unmentionables.

The Sheridan Sun, one of the best papers that comes to our exchange table, is meeting the high cost of print paper by dispensing with ready prints. Economy is not the only thing gained, however, for additional self respect goes with the absence of the patent medicine and other advertising which the ready print houses are apparently unable to do business without.—Monmouth Herald.

## MCARTHUR ADDRESSES LENTS AUDIENCE

A well filled room listened to addresses from A. A. Muck, George Taswell, Mr. Peterson, Pat McArthur and others, on Wednesday evening. It was a fine responsive audience. McArthur was late, owing to speaking at Linnton earlier in the evening. Mrs. Jos. Beverage and sister, Mrs. Frank Fleming, gave a couple of delightful solos. All the candidates acquitted themselves satisfactorily. Mr. Muck stated emphatically that he would serve the county without favor to any special interest. He spoke of his preference in giving more attention to lateral country roads.

Judge Taswell made a hit by outlining his views on the handling of delinquent children and placing more responsibility on the parents.

Assessor Reed was highly commended by one of the speakers. It appears the Portland Assessor's office has been rated as one of the very best in the country by specialists on this subject.

Congressman McArthur received the ovation of the evening when he arrived about 9:30. He spoke for about 45 minutes and was repeatedly cheered. He discussed the Democratic record on the Mexican question, on peace, preparedness, the child labor law, and the recent eight hour law. He called attention to the fact that over 285 American citizens had been killed in Mexico and along the border during the Wilson administration, without satisfaction on the part of the Mexicans. He recalled the men who were slain at Vera Cruz: the colored soldiers who were shot down at Carizal, the looting of numbers of border towns, the despoiling of homes, and the degradation of women. His portrayal of the Tampico affair where the commander of the U. S. Fleet was unexcusably ordered to leave port and 1500 American citizens were left at the mercy of a riotous mob, or saved by English and German naval vessels. He showed how the president had ridiculed the idea of preparedness until it was forced on him after which he claimed the honor of promoting it. The same was true of the naval program. He explained the so-called eight hour law, showing it was a mere subterfuge that would ultimately result in injury to the working men and the country.

Pat made some votes for himself and Hughes Wednesday evening.

## EVENING STAR HAS REGULAR MEETING

A very pleasant and instructive program was rendered at the last meeting of Evening Star Grange. Solos were rendered by Misses Eva Zimmerman and Marian Bennet and Mr. Richard Mulford, all of whom kindly responded to encores.

Mrs. F. A. Ward gave a very instructive talk upon the subject of "Modern Methods of Instructing the Deaf." She told of the efforts being made to teach the deaf child to speak, thus doing away with the sign language. Her little boy, ten years of age, showed how he could talk, understanding all that was said to him.

"The Effective Ballot" was the subject of a talk by Mr. Alfred D. Cridge.

"The Ship Tax Exemption," an initiative amendment to be voted upon at the November election was thoroughly explained by Geo. M. McBride. This bill proposes to exempt all but state taxes upon the ships of Oregon. The states of Washington and California exempt the taxes on their shipping, and they have a large number of ships at the ports of San Francisco and Seattle, while Portland has almost no vessels of any size or worth. It is a good law and all should vote for it if we wish to encourage and have any commerce in our own ships.

A beautiful tribute to the memory of our late brother, Mr. John Mock, was read, and the charter draped, while the audience sang, "River of Time."

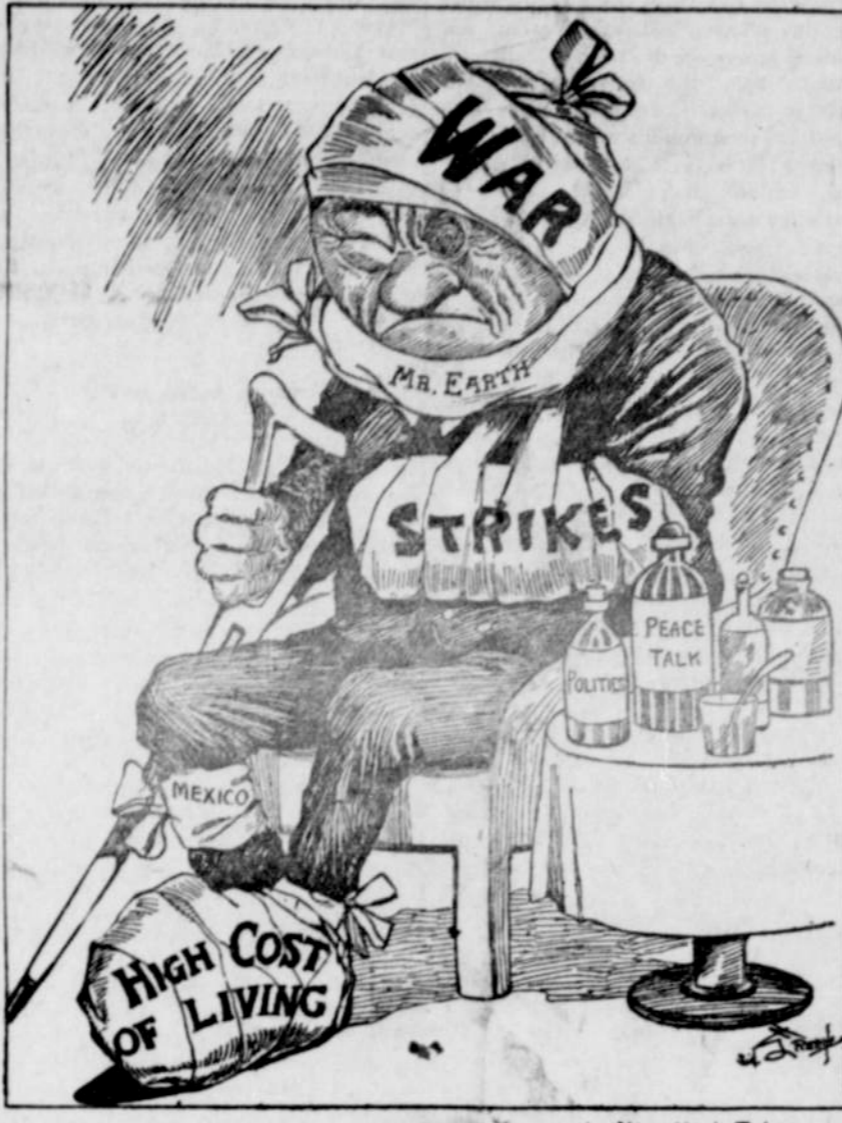
The Gold Hill News says: "Whenever we have a great national strike, be it railroads or otherwise, the common people are always the goats and their bleats of distress are consistently ignored by both sides."

C. E. Spence, Master of the State Grange, says the People's Land and Loan measure on the ballot this election spells confiscation for the farmer.

The State sold 25 tons of flax at 7 cents a pound to California Mills. The same was produced with convict labor. The state is handling 750 tons.

Salem is getting the one-man street cars, made necessary by jitney competition.

## CRIPPLED.



Moore in New York Telegram.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

A case of infantile paralysis has been discovered near Amity.

Arrangements are rapidly being completed for the erection of a cheese factory at Stanfield.

Total registration in Multnomah county this year will aggregate approximately 94,600 votes.

It is estimated that the prune crop in Linn county will total about 1,500,000 pounds, dried, this season.

Fire in the Schmidt building at Pendleton gutted several stores and offices, causing damage estimated at \$100,000.

Details of the cost of paving the Columbia river highway from Sandy river to the Hood river line show a total of \$486,703.17.

The supreme court of Oregon has held that a justice of the peace was a judicial officer and his term covers a period of six years.

There were reported to the state industrial accident commission 274 accidents, of which one was fatal, during the week ending Thursday.

With more than 35 undertakers in attendance, the 12th annual convention of the Oregon Funeral Directors' association was held in Portland.

An increase of 25 per cent in new students of all classes and of 31 per cent in the freshmen class is reported at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Apple growers of Linn and Benton counties are expecting to market the biggest crop of apples that ever reached the consumer from that district.

The 40th annual reunion of the Society of Southern Oregon Pioneers was held at Jacksonville Thursday with more than 300 members in attendance.

Records compiled by the state insurance department show that during September fires occurred in 43 Oregon towns, causing a total loss of \$335,310.

A grand market and rummage sale held in Medford last week for the benefit of wounded French soldiers made a net profit of more than \$1200 in two days.

According to the report of State Treasurer Kay for the three months ending September 30 there was on that date a balance of \$1,138,802.80 in all funds.

Johnnie Stump, of Monmouth, probably won more prizes at the state fair than any other boy in the state. He won a dozen prizes of different kinds, valued at over \$1000.

An eight-hour day for employes of the Northwest Steel company, Portland's giant shipbuilding plant, was announced Friday by J. R. Bowles, president of the concern.

Sale of 25 tons of flax tow from last year's crop to the California Cotton mills of Oakland, Cal., for 7 cents a pound, f. o. b. Salem, was authorized by the state board of control.

The car shortage situation reached the high water mark Friday. The total number reported short on the Southern Pacific's lines to the public service commission was 1739.

Receipts of the state industrial ac-

cident insurance commission from November 5, 1915, to September 20, last, were \$1,437,581.49, according to a statement issued by the commission.

The proposed early establishment of a second steel shipbuilding plant in Portland is the latest development in the already rapidly-growing marine construction programme of this port.

Several hundred delegates, representing women's clubs throughout the state of Oregon gathered Monday at Seaside for the 16th annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The state board of control has appointed a commission of three to investigate and report to it upon the needs of the Oregon state training school for boys and the state industrial school for girls.

Captain George H. Dunbar, formerly master of the dredge Chinook, but during the past four years master of the government survey steamer Arago committed suicide at Astoria by shooting himself in the head.

To keep pace with its new era of agricultural and industrial development, Josephine county within a year plans to have completed in Grants Pass, its county seat, a new courthouse to cost between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

W. D. Jones, engineer on a thresher operating at Malin, was instantly killed when he started the engine for the day's run. The engine was on center and he attempted to throw it off by jumping on the spokes of the big wheel.

Completion of extensive improvements now under way at the United States fish hatchery grounds at Clackamas station will give Clackamas county one of the best fish hatcheries in the United States. At the present time a hatchery building 58x100 feet is under construction and a large force of men has been at work on the grounds for several weeks.

The Oregon City locks around the falls of the Willamette, bought by the federal and state governments at a cost of \$300,000 from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, are practically useless at the present time, because of the shallowness of the lower lock chamber at the present stage of the river.

Engineers' maps of the channel of the Columbia river and the Willamette, and also of the mouth of the Columbia, showing the new 40-foot depth that has been obtained, will be published by the Portland chamber of commerce and circulated widely in shipping circles to advertise the merits of the port.

At the end of the first year of cooperative shipments of livestock by the farmers of Lane county under the direction of C. J. Hurd, marketmaster of the Lane county Pomona grange, 50 carloads of livestock and 40,000 pounds of wool, valued at \$100,000 have been sold in the Portland market, according to figures submitted by Mr. Hurd.

## PROHIBITIONISTS HOLD BIG RALLY

There was a well attended Prohibition Rally on the streets of Lents on Tuesday evening, at the junction of Main street and Foster road. The speakers were Rev. John Riley, pastor of the Friends church, Rev. Robert H. Clark, pastor of the Free Methodist church, Hon. A. W. Lafferty, candidate for Congress from the Third District, and J. Sanger Fox, Executive Secretary of the Prohibition Party. Instrumental music was supplied by the Bradford Trio, Messrs Paul, Harold and Mark. The audience joined in some spirited singing.

Mr. Lafferty announced himself as a believer in National and State Prohibition and a large part of his address was devoted to this issue. He declared that he would endeavor to have the "Chamberlain-McArthur" Land Grant bill repealed in the interest of opening the O. & C. Land Grant to actual settlers. He spoke in favor of the Adamson Eight Hour Law and Rural Credits.

Mr. Fox pointed out that there was no material difference between the platforms and candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and urged his hearers to vote for J. Frank Hanly, the Prohibition nominee. He suggested that the balance between the two parties would not be changed if Republicans and Democrats would pair their vote for Hanly. He showed how the primary law had been changed from time to time to prevent minority parties from nominating their candidates by the primary plan. He drew attention to the fact that a vote of 20 per cent of the vote for Prohibition Presidential electors would place the Prohibition Party on an equality with the others.

Rev. R. H. Clark, who has but recently come to Lents made a very favorable impression in his appeal for Prohibition votes.

### Lents Grange Saturday

The following program for Saturday's Grange has been arranged:

Piano solo, Miss Sanders; Instrumental Duet, Marcella Voight and Eva Walrod; Recitation, Dorothy Farley; Piano solo, Mrs. Schutnam; Vocal solo, Mabel Sweet; Folk Dancing, Winifred Smith and Virginia Andrezzi.

The different amendments to be submitted to the voters next month will be discussed.

The public is invited at three o'clock.

## PARENT-TEACHER'S PROGRAM OCT. 20

The ladies of the Parent-Teacher's Circle have arranged an interesting free program for the evening of October 20th. The women of the district, particularly, will be interested in hearing some of the initiative measures discussed. Everyone is invited. The program to be offered follows:

Piano Duet, Dorothy Sells and Esther Mitchell; Song, Nina Peterson; Solo, Mr. Carol Day; Quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Sells, Ralph Spearrow; Prohibition Amendment, J. Sanger Fox; Single Item Veto, Normal School, H. A. Darnall; Anti-vaccination, Lora C. Little; Full Rental Value, Henry E. Reed, county assessor. J. P. Newell will be secured to speak on the Brewer's amendment.

## CANNING OF FRUIT MAY BE DONE IN OVEN

A very simple and labor-saving way of canning fruit is by the oven method. The bottom of the oven may be covered with asbestos, or a shallow pan with a small amount of hot water in it, may be used to protect the jars from breakage. Thoroughly sterilize the jars, covers, and utensils used in packing the jars in boiling water. Prepare the fruit as for any method of canning. Make a syrup of any desired density—usually the proportions used are one-fourth to one-half cup of sugar for each cup of water. Each jar will require one-half its capacity of syrup. Pack the fruit in the jars, pour over the syrup to overflowing, and put on lid. Cook in the oven ten to twenty minutes—depending on the kind of fruit. If the screw tops are used they will have to be tightened when the jars cool. By using this method it will be found that the fruit will retain its color, shape and flavor very satisfactorily.—M. H.

### Losing Ground.

"My wife is in a fix about her garden party."

"What's wrong?"

"Declinations are coming in about as fast as she can send invitations out."

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Myrtle Creek prune crop will approximate 2,000,000 pounds.

## FARM LOAN BOARD REPORTS PROGRESS

### Board Recently Visiting Portland Reports Visits Made and Progress Made. Banks to be Located Soon.

The Federal Farm Loan Board recently named to put into operation Uncle Sam's new rural credits act has returned to Washington after holding 27 hearings in the northern half of the United States. The hearings were held to determine in what sections of the country Federal land banks are most badly needed. Farmers were invited to the hearings to tell their financial needs, and cities were invited to present their arguments for the location of the 12 Federal land banks which are to be established.

Testimony of farmers indicated that interest rates on first farm mortgages in the northern half of the country range from 5 per cent per annum to 5 per cent per month. Even in many cases where 5 and 6 per cent per annum are charged commissions also are exacted ranging from a flat 1 and 2 per cent to 1 to 3 per cent per annum. Loans are rarely made for more than 5 years and farmers constantly face the danger of foreclosure.

Testimony indicated that farm development had been hampered in the United States as a result of short-time credits; prospective farmers were unable to borrow to purchase land and productivity of farms suffered because farmers could not get sufficient credit with easy terms of repayment to make necessary improvements and buy livestock.

Farmers in nearly every State visited assured the Board that the long time amortized loan at a low interest rate, as provided under the new Farm Loan Act, would be a great contribution to the prosperity of the country; that it would stimulate agricultural development; check the increasing percentage of farm tenantry; increase the percentage of farm investment in improvements and livestock, and thereby result in more intensive farming, smaller farms, more farm population, and more farm prosperity.

The Board will leave shortly for a similar investigation through the South. It expects to establish the twelve Federal Land Banks by January, 1917.

### In Memory of Wallace Fairbank

The funeral of Wallace Fairbank was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning, at Kenworthy's, Rev. W. B. Moore officiating. The burial was at Mt. Scott.

Wallace Fairbank was born in the village of Herman, New York, on July 27, 1848. While young his mother died and he moved to Wisconsin. He lived there until he was 15 years of age, when he enlisted in the army in March 1864. He served in the First Wisconsin cavalry for several months. He was injured in an engagement from which he has suffered ever since. He married Miss Jennie Honey at Fillmore, Nebraska, on Dec. 3, 1872, and came to Oregon via "Prairie Schooner" in 1878, arriving just in time for the Indian trouble between Ogden, Utah, and the Grand Ronde valley. He lived in the Grand Ronde valley until 1904 when he came to Portland and settled down at Lents. In November 1913 he moved to Newberg returning to Firland in December 1915. A week following a trip to Newberg he suddenly died on Oct. 5, 1916.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, a son, A. R. Fairbank; three daughters, Mrs. L. C. Fleck, Mrs. J. F. Baker, Mrs. C. E. Eatchel, three grand children, a brother, Randolph Fairbank, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Sheldon.

The employer must realize that not all the profit should come to him. His workmen are entitled to a fair division when they give their labor. They are entitled to protection of their health by sanitary conditions, by safeguards around machinery and by reasonable hours. On the other hand the employees of the nation must come to a realization that when the business interest suffer, foreign competition comes upon the scene to underbid the American manufacturer.—Salt Lake Telegram, Ind.

Much legislation will come up before the next session of Congress which will be of vital importance to the Northwest. One of the most important measures having to do with our industries will be the passage of a bill under which water powers may be satisfactorily developed. A prohibitive government tax in addition to the state taxes would discourage investors in these enterprises.