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Graduated Single Tax

We have heard many comments on the single tax amendment which it is proposed to submit to the voters at the coming election. While most of these comments have been very emphatic in attitude, still some have not shown very great familiarity with the provisions of the measure. For this reason we print the amendment in full without comment for or against, but for the convenience of those who wish to enlighten themselves on the subject.

The Proposed Amendment

Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX.

Section 2. Provision shall be made by law for raising revenue sufficient to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal year, and also a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the state debt, if there be any. The word person as used in this section includes natural persons, trustees, agents, receivers, companies, partnerships and other associations for profit, estates, joint tenants, corporations and collective assessments to the heirs of deceased persons. The name public service corporation within the meaning of this section includes every corporation which has a franchise from the state or any municipality, or which in fact serves the public as a quasi public corporation, or which to enable it to serve the public, is granted the right of eminent domain. The word franchise as used in this section includes licenses, permits and all privileges granted to a corporation or person.

(a) To provide a part of such revenue the following annual graduated specific taxes are hereby levied:

First, upon every public service corporation on the total assessed values within the county greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), of all the franchises and rights of way under and by virtue of which such corporation operates in the county:

Second, upon every person owning land and natural resources and interests therein within the county the total assessed value of which is greater than \$10,000:

\$2.50 on each 1000 above 10,000 and not above 20,000; and in addition thereto:

\$5.00 on each 1000 above 20,000 and not above 30,000; and in addition thereto:

\$7.50 on each 1000 above 30,000 and not above 40,000; and in addition thereto:

\$10.00 on each 1000 above 40,000 and not above 50,000; and in addition thereto:

\$12.50 on each 1000 above 50,000 and not above 60,000; and in addition thereto:

\$15.00 on each 1000 above 60,000 and not above 70,000; and in addition thereto:

\$17.50 on each 1000 above 70,000 and not above 80,000; and in addition thereto:

\$20.00 on each 1000 above 80,000 and not above 90,000; and in addition thereto:

\$25.00 on each 1000 above 90,000 and not above 100,000 and in addition thereto:

\$30.00 on each 1000 on all above 100,000.

(b) The amount of said specific tax collected in each county shall be applied by the county in the following order:

- First, for the county's share of state revenues;
- Second, for the county general school and library fund;
- Third, for the county road and bridge fund;
- Fourth, for other expenses of the county;
- Fifth, for any public purpose approved by the voters of the county.

(c) The said specific tax upon the owners does not exempt any of the aforesaid values from the regular general and special tax levies of the taxing districts in which the property is located. Said specific taxes shall be collected by the tax collector at the same time and in the same manner that other taxes are collected. Any and all the assessed property of an owner is subject to sale for his unpaid taxes. On any total of assessed values to one person a remainder of less than one hundred dollars shall be disregarded.

(d) Water powers shall be assessed in the county where the same are situated on the value per horse power of the water claimed or appropriated and the assessed values thereof shall be listed by the county assessor in the assessment rolls separately from the values of the lands and improvements in connection therewith.

(e) The assessed value of all personal property and of all improvements on, in and under land in counties taxing such property shall be listed by the county assessor in the assessment rolls separately from the assessed values of the land.

(f) Every franchise and every right of way of a public service corporation shall be assessed and listed for taxation by the Board of State Tax commissioners, separately and apart from the assessed value of the personal property and improvements of the corporation. The proportion and amount of such assessed franchise and right of way values in each county in which the corporation operates shall be certified by said board to the assessor of said county.

(g) The Board of State Tax commissioners shall consist of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state. The governor is responsible for enforcement of the tax and assessment laws and for that purpose he is authorized to employ necessary assistance and to instruct and direct assessors and prosecuting officers. Said board is hereby authorized, subject to the general laws, to prescribe all convenient rules, forms and blanks to enforce the provisions of this section.

(h) Natural growths, deposits and other natural resources not expressly provided for herein shall be assessed as a part of the land on, in or under which the same are situated.

(i) The people of any county may at any time by a county law assess and tax personal property and improvements on, in and under land in their county, but except as such property may be assessed and taxed by and under such county laws the same is exempt from taxation in Oregon. Such local county law may be enacted, amended or repealed at any regular general election, or at a special election if such election is demanded by initiative petition of not less than 15 per cent of the registered voters of the county. The county court shall give at least 60 days notice of every such special election.

(j) No public service corporation owns or shall own a vested property right in its franchise, but every public service corporation holds and exercises its franchise and all its corporate rights, powers duties and privileges as a trustee for the people of Oregon and for the people of every county and municipality in which it operates or by which it is granted or allowed a any corporate powers, rights, privileges or franchises.

(k) If any person or corporation shall at any time in any manner transfer or convey any franchise or any land or other property or any interest therein or any part thereof to any natural person as trustee, agent or dummy with intent to evade or hinder the levy or collection of any tax, said trustee, agent or dummy shall thereby become the owner of such franchise or property; Provided that if any person or corporation shall convey any franchise or any land or other property or interest therein or any part thereof to any corporation or fictitious person for the purpose of evading any provision of this section the same shall be thereby forfeited to the state of Oregon for the benefit of the ir-reducible school fund.

(l) All provisions of the constitution and laws in conflict herewith or with any part thereof are hereby repealed in so far as they conflict herewith. This section is self-executing. Laws may be enacted to aid its operation, but not in any way to restrict its effect.

Northwest Clips

China pheasants are getting very numerous in all parts of the valley.

Dufur is to have a regular high school course when the school year opens.

Dallas is trying oil on her streets, and finds that for the first few days, "it smells."

Camps are being established preparatory to beginning work on the railroad from Eugene to the coast.

McMinnville according to the register has put up 48 buildings this year, most of them residences.

The Multnomah county court has let a contract for the erection of a public library in Portland. It will cost \$336,365.

The U. of O. glee club will make its annual tour this year about Thanksgiving time, instead of at Christmas time.

Lane county Socialists named a full county ticket and adopted a platform on which the doing away with the state senate is a prominent plank. It also endorses the income and inheritance tax schemes.

Excited by the running away of a team behind which she was riding, Mrs. C. H. Fuller threw her baby out. It was picked up a few minutes later, none the worse for its fall. No one else hurt, either. This at Roseburg.

RESULTS

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THE LISTING OF PROPERTY

is the first step to this end. To find a buyer, one must first have something to sell. With the almost unlimited amount of desirable farm property in the vicinity of Stayton, some of which is or will be for sale, we anticipate no difficulty in being able to list plenty of realty bargains. In fact, a number of splendid chances have already been placed with us. Here are just a few of them:

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4 1/2 acres near Sublimity, Ore., new 6 room house, new barn, poultry house 20x60, 1 1/2 acres young orchard, some English walnuts, 25 acres under cultivation, 9 acres of timber, balance can be readily cleared and cultivated, soring in pasture and well at house. Terms. Price, \$4,000

67 acres near Jordan, 16 acres under cultivation, 10 acres cleared but not cultivated, 15 acres can be readily cleared, balance timber, new 5 room house, and new barn, good fences. Terms. Price, \$55 per acre.

3 1/2 acres tract inside corporate limits of Stayton, good house, and other improvements, close to Stayton school. Terms. Price \$1,700

1 1/2 acres unimproved land, partly cleared, good location, just outside of city limits, 1/2 mile from City Hall, Stayton. Terms. Price, \$250

Desirable lots for sale on installment plan, small payment down, small monthly payment. Lots 50x100 for \$50 to \$60 each on above terms. Buy now, they will never be worth less. See or write

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S. H. HELTZEL, Manager

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Stayton, Oregon