

A LONG ENDURED PLAIN SKIN GAME

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They shall be assessed separately from the land on which they are situated; that every franchise, and right of way shall be listed separately from the rest of the plant or property; that all improvements on land shall be listed separately from the land; that no public service corporation shall own a vested property right in its franchise, but that they shall act as trustees for the people of Oregon as in the matter of these franchises; that every taxpayer shall be exempt from taxes on three hundred dollars' worth of household goods.

This matter of Multnomah stepping in and taxing a rake off of about half the taxes on our county's big water powers and power plants is sheer robbery. That county has no moral or constitutional right to it, and common sense tells any man so.

By the same reasoning, if the electric lines should be extended south into Marion county, then that county would also be entitled to a piece, because the power that makes the wheels go round, generated in Clackamas county, is run over wires that go into Marion county.

By the same parity of reasoning, the threshing machine that comes into this county from Marion should pay taxes in both counties, because the wood it uses to generate steam was cut in Marion county furnished the steam to make the engine run in this county, therefore we should have half the taxation of the machine.

Charles V. Galloway of the state tax commission is taking this proposed bill up with the commission, and writes Mr. Schuebel that he is sending copies of the bill to each member of the committee, and that in case a majority is in favor of the submission of the bill, that he will take the matter up for further consideration, and that the matter of the assessment of the P. R. L. & P. company's assessment that he would take same up with the commission at its next regular meeting.

Mr. Schuebel says that in case he cannot have this matter righted by the tax commission, that in the event of his being elected to the legislature this year, that he will introduce a measure in the legislature and work hard for its passage. He says that the passage of his proposed bill would make a difference of about fifteen millions of dollars to Clackamas county.

This is a matter that should be of great interest to the taxpayers of this county, and one that the people should back up to a standstill. Clackamas county has taxation enough without helping Portland out. The present system is nothing less than simple, plain robbery.

EGGLESTON STOPS MR. KELNHOFER.

SPIKES HIS GUNS WITH HIS OWN ARGUMENTS.

NOT ASSERTIONS, BUT FIGURES

Facts From Assessment Books are Conclusive Arguments.

Portland, May 26.

In regard to A. J. Kelnhofer's long article in the Courier of May 24:

1.—Mr. Kelnhofer would write much less nonsense if he would write his own letters instead of signing letters written by a certain very wordy man in Oregon City.

2.—It seems strange that Mr. Kelnhofer is so much excited about the proposed Clackamas county tax exemption bill or single tax measure, when his name is not on the Clackamas county tax rolls. There is no record in the assessment books to show that he owns a foot of land in the county or pay a nickel in taxes.

Judge Charles H. Carey, a railroad attorney in Portland, the Oregonian, and other bitter opponents of the single tax, say that a man has no right to talk about or vote on tax measures unless he owns land and pays taxes on it. I don't agree with them, but Mr. Kelnhofer does agree with them on tax measures.

3.—It is a waste of time and your space to argue with a man who says that when one buys a piece of land with money he has earned, that piece of land is the product of his labor. If I should buy Mount Hood with the money I earn, would the mountain become the product of my labor?

4.—The only two Kelnhofers in the Land Book of Clackamas county are Theresa Kelnhofer and Karl Kelnhofer. Theresa Kelnhofer was assessed \$1,190 in 1910 on 30 acres of improved land at \$30 an acre and 160 acres at \$8.62 an acre; and \$475 on personal property and improvements. Total assessment, \$2,375. Her tax was \$35.63. Under the proposed Clackamas county bill she would have been assessed \$8.62 an acre on the thirty improved acres, and the same on the 146 unimproved acres. That would have made a

total assessment of \$1,260, and the tax would have been \$23.99. She would have saved \$11.64 under the system that A. J. Kelnhofer says would ruin the farmers.

Karl Kelnhofer was assessed in 1910 on 20 improved acres at \$50 an acre, and \$15.50 an acre on 20 unimproved acres, making an assessment of \$1,310 on his 40 acres. He was assessed \$50 on his personal property and improvements, making a total assessment \$1,360, and his tax was \$21.76. But under the proposed bill that A. J. Kelnhofer is making such a roar about, Karl Kelnhofer would have been assessed \$620 on the community-made value of his 40 acres at \$15.50, and his tax would have been \$15.75. He would have saved \$6.19 by the system that the railroad attorneys say would "ruin the farmer."

5.—Mr. Kelnhofer, living among farmers, ought to know what he is talking about, but he does NOT know what he is talking about when he says that the personal property and improvements of farmers, IN the land as well as ON the land, are not worth talking about. The attorney who wrote the letter signed by Mr. Kelnhofer has twisted the words I used into words I did not use.

Under the proposed Clackamas county bill, Theresa Kelnhofer's assessment would have been \$1,145 less than it was in 1910. Isn't a reduction of assessment from \$2,375 to \$1,230 "worth talking about?" And isn't it worth while for Karl Kelnhofer to talk about and think about a reduction of his assessment from \$1,360 to \$620? Are not the \$11.64 that Theresa Kelnhofer would have saved and the \$6.19 that Karl Kelnhofer would have saved "worth talking about?"

6.—Mr. Kelnhofer is right in saying that "it is the social obligation of any government, as a social organization of civilized people, to protect any and all human creatures from any and all harm whatever through others." Then he contradicts himself by saying that each one should pay for his protection according to the value of his possessions.

Now what's the use of trying to argue with a man who admits that every person has a natural right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and then say he is under obligations to pay a part of his earnings to enjoy that right?

7.—Mr. Kelnhofer says that you fellows tell us that personal property DOES pay taxes in the form of rent." Where did he, or the lawyer who wrote his letter, get the nonsense?

8.—Mr. Kelnhofer says "they have the single tax system up in British Columbia." But they have not.

9.—I did not write in a former article that "the best argument in favor of the single tax is the fact that corporations and the monied interests are opposed to it." I did say and do say that railroad and other big corporations and big land speculators are opposed to single tax, and I say that the reason for their opposition is not because they love the farmer.

10.—Mr. Kelnhofer says the farmers cannot afford to hire men to oppose single tax. They don't have to. The railroads and other big franchise corporations and the big land speculators and the millionaire land owners of Portland are now hiring men to oppose single tax, and to oppose exemption of personal property and improvements from taxes; and to help them they have the Oregonian, whose chief owner, H. L. Pittock, is a millionaire land speculator.

Now if Mr. Kelnhofer has any questions and will ask the questions instead of signing his name to a political lawyer's stump speech, I'll try to answer them in as few words as possible.

W. G. Eggleston.

MEMORIAL DAY THOUGHTS.

WHAT THE PAST SHOULD TEACH THE PRESENT.

A Future Day When Wars and Strife will be No More.

Maple Lane, Ore.

Editor Courier:— "Each fought for what he deemed was right, And died with sword in hand, One sleeps beneath Virginia's hills The other in Georgia's sand."

Perhaps you can remember this poem, so popular about fifty years ago. When I read it first, as a child, I wondered how anyone could be mistaken between right and wrong. I was sure that the boys in blue were good and those that wore the grey bad. But it was a question of environment which determined the actions of the people, that while some of the north joined fortunes with Lee, such instances were comparatively few, and there was nothing in the goodness or badness of men, but only opinions as the dividing lines of actions, just as now you will often hear of getting "good men on a ticket." To me now it is only a question of getting good ideas for men to stand for.

I can still recall being attached to the brass buttons on my father's clothes when he came marching home again. I recall some of the war stories of hardship in the campaign in Tennessee, of the long trenches where were buried many of the noblest specimens of

manhood "Under the sod and the dew; Awaiting the judgement day, Under the laurel the blue Under the willow the grey."

It seems strange, when you come to look at it, that men should go forth with gun in hand to hunt their fellow men as they would hunt the wild beasts of the jungle—men whom they had never seen, with whom they had no quarrel. You all recall how graphically it is portrayed in Sartor Resartus and Professor Heschreck asks "Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the devil is, not a particle. Why then, should they desire to kill? Why you blockhead, their rulers had gotten into some dispute. Instead of settling it among themselves had the cunning to get their helpless subjects to kill one another."

When we see loving hands place flowers on the graves of those who took part in that great struggle, wherein the chains were stricken from the bodies of four million blacks, giving them personal freedom; when we see the brigade of grizzled veterans whose lines are getting shorter year by year, and whose steps are growing a little more feeble as the hand of time presses heavier upon their shoulders; when one by one answers the last bugle call, as has the writer's father years ago, to rest in the national cemetery at Fort Leavenworth, we still must look up with pride and admiration upon these unselfish heroes of the first half of the 60's and drop a tear of sorrow that such noble manhood, no matter whether they wore the blue or the grey, should thus be slaughtered. We cannot help but wish for the "good time coming when the pen shall supercede the sword, and thoughts a weapon stronger, we'll win the battle by its aid. Wait a

moment and you will see that this nation went through a travail of fire and blood and a new nation was born. The solution then also came on the political field, only the question was obscured by indirect issues, so that when Lincoln was elected it was by a chance plurality, the popular vote was about 1,700,000 Had there been a clear majority the war would have been avoided. Then the slave holder could not see that capitalistic methods were far simpler than the feudalistic, just so today. The capitalist can only see one alternative, that of being exploiter or being exploited. When once he sees that comforts and luxury may be had through national co-operation, which at the same time would insure him against the fear of want, he too, will work for such a state of society, even as some of the slave holders voluntarily gave their slaves up to freedom. A few quite wealthy men see the question clearly and act accordingly, however all changes for universal betterment of the human race must come from below, that is the lower economic strata of society must fight the battle for themselves, just as they fight all the other wars in the interests of their economic or political masters. Steam transportation has practically removed national boundaries so far as the ruling class is concerned.

The working class is the only class which still clings to national prejudice, and the ruling class still traffics and profits by keeping that outworn prejudice before them, and as the working class is the only one to suffer pain, poverty and death, it is up to us to follow the example of our superiors and form a universal brotherhood of workers take for our watchword Workers of the World. Unite! You have a

LOGAN.

That was a narrow escape for two of Gus Froehner's children and two of Frank Sprague's when they went over the dam in a boat recently. It took quite a while to resuscitate one of the boys. One girl was behind the waterfall and stuck her hand through the water to attract attention, as she could not be heard. Kirchum Brothers tell of a man who went over the dam in a boat on a bet but nearly lost out, as the boat turned over on him and he was hit on the head.

Apples were hard hit in the writer's orchard this year, and prunes are a minus quantity, which is a general complaint throughout this section, although there are prunes in places.

Some clover fields are beginning to bloom and are heading too short to make much of a crop, and we hear of winter wheat beginning to head. The soaking rain we have been having ought to bring things out.

L. H. Kirchum has finished painting O. D. Robbin's house and it looks more lustrous now.

Supervisor Henry Swales had a large force of teams hauling gravel last week. It was being put on the rock road in the Cromer-Tracy neighborhood. We hear there is \$1400 for this district, which is some showing for the high taxes.

The Logan boys were outclassed or unfortunate, or both, in the game with the Weona team from Portland. The score was 19 to 3.

There was quite an attendance at church last Sunday morning and evening.

The county seems to be following the lead of Harding precinct, as Taft got three votes here. The horse was recommended to be halter broken and bridled, but the former owners say he was

SPRINGWATER.

Mrs. Alice Wilcox of Springwater, departed this life May 25. The funeral was held at Eagle Creek the 28th. The funeral sermon was preached by the Presbyterian minister. She was 48 years of age and is survived by her husband and five children, Gerald, Ray, Guy, Margaret and Sadie. Mrs. Wilcox was a devoted Christian, a good neighbor, a kind companion and a good mother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lewellen, May 25, a fine seven pound son.

Mrs. Gutridge and son's new house is nearing completion, and it will make a fine residence.

EAGLE CREEK.

Mrs. Ed. Douglass, accompanied by her brother, Charles, went to Molalla Saturday to make her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chester, a short visit.

Miss Mary McWillis of Estacada, was the guest of Miss Bina Douglass a couple of days last week.

J. P. Woodie was visiting with relatives in this neighborhood last week.

Mrs. R. B. Gibson was entertained at dinner last Wednesday by Mrs. Katie Douglass.

Mrs. Mary Woodie is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Howlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Miss Meda Murphy, Perry Murphy and Mrs. Ray Woodie made a brief business visit to Barton Saturday.

Ed. Chapman went to Barton Saturday, returning Monday afternoon.

TWILIGHT

Recent rains have brightened ranch prospects materially. Nature steadies under such influences becomes extremely interesting.

The com-unity extends a hearty welcome to Marshall J. Lazelle a returned missionary. Here's hoping that he left the natives of Oregon City in condition to properly control the municipality.

Miss Bertha Bullard has returned to the Rose City, anticipating an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Henry Scheer is convalescing in Portland.

Miss Laura Hilton is visiting her mother in Salem.

Should the name "Rose Lawn" or "Rose Hill" be adopted in lieu of "Twilight" how applicable it could be made by a profusion of roses in front of each residence throughoutfare. If the change in name is effected an effort is to be made to interest our people in the above idea.

The family of Mr. Verhus from Springwater, will shortly occupy their home in our locality.

Are not the stockholders of the defunct Oregon City Fruit Association entitled to a statement of the liabilities? Dividend air-casate promoters have long since abandoned their occupation.

The continued showers is delaying public highway improvements.

Mrs. Shinoll, Mrs. Charles Caldwell's mother, died recently at the home of her daughter in Portland. This community, of which they were but recently a part, extends its sincere sympathy.

J. H. Black carries the distinction of marketing the finest strawberries of the season, from this neighborhood closely followed by G. M. Lazelle and Mr. Finnigan, and the quality is excellent.

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WRECK OF AN ACTOR.

Macklin's Last Attempt to Play Shylock as His Mind Failed. Macklin, the famous English actor, made his last appearance on the stage as Shylock. He came ready dressed for the character into the greenroom, where all the performers were assembled and prepared. Looking round, he said:

"What—is there a play tonight?" All were astonished, and no one answered.

"Is there a play tonight?" he repeated.

"Why, sir, what is the matter?" said the Merchant of Venice, "you know," said the actress who was to play Portia.

"And who is the Shylock?" asked Macklin.

"Why, you, sir—you are the Shylock!" "Ah!" said he. "Am I?" and sat down in silence.

Every one was very much concerned and alarmed. The curtain went up, however, and the play began. Macklin got through the part with every now and then going to the side of the stage, lifting up his hair with one hand and putting his ear down to the prompter, who gave him the word. He then walked to the center of the stage and repeated the words tolerably well. This occurred often through the play. Sometimes he said to the prompter:

"What is it? What do you say?"

From that time Macklin's great talents were lost to the public. His memory gone, he spent most of his time in an elbow chair in his home in Covent Garden, where he died—Kansas City Star.

"Doan's Ointment cured me of eczema that had annoyed me for a long time. The cure was permanent." Hon. S. W. Matthews, commissioner of labor statistics, Augusta, Me.

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"Where a man is a man who is willing to toil

And the humblest may gather the fruits of the soil." Today a great conflict is shaking not only this nation but the whole civilized world. This time it divides people on economic lines, where in 1860 it was principally geographically, conse-

world to gain. When that happy day comes then will we see the day

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