

## HICINBOTHAM TO MR. EGGLESTON

STILL HOLDS THAT THE IDEA IS DEAD WRONG.

And that the Single Tax Scheme Would Benefit the Rich.

Editor Courier:—

What is the real object of this graduated single tax measure? Is it intended to cause justice between the laboring man and the wealthy corporations and land speculators in regard to taxation? or is it just intended to fleece somebody that has got a little small piece of valuable property, and is trying to make an honest living off of it for himself and family?

What wrong has Harvey Starkweather and his two brother-in-laws done in leasing their little piece of property to the party that wanted it, and undoubtedly saw a good prospect of making good money out of the transaction? The man that leased the property was not a lunatic, was he? nor I don't suppose he was forced or fooled into the contract, but it was just simply a straight business transaction, and did not affect anybody but themselves, and the property is already assessed very high and perhaps paying every cent of taxes it should pay.

This Fels single tax league seems to be possessed of a very unfair spirit, that wants to pinch a person just because he has a little piece of valuable property. Mr. Eggleston showed the same spirit in regard to Mr. Pittick's lots, that he was already paying a heavy tax on, and not receiving any returns, and only just the increase in its value. And the whole single tax scheme shares the same unfair and unjust spirit on the part of its promoters.

Mr. Eggleston claims that my tax would have been \$50. less in 1910 under a single tax assessment than they were. Now under a single tax assessment there would be no attention paid to exemptions, but it would just be a straight land tax, and the assessments would all have to be governed by the quality and location of the land, and it would be necessary, in order to do justice to everybody, to have comprehensive plats of every section in the county, and every 40 or so, so as to be able to tell just what portion of every 40 is tillable and what portion is waste, or only fit for pasture land. Then after this information was obtained, the valuations would have to be obtained, the valuations would all have to be fixed by the board of equalization or by a special board just for that purpose, and the quality and location of the land would govern the valuations and all this does that the Fels single tax league have been handing out, pretending to show how our assessments would be, and how much less our taxes would be under the single tax system than they are now, is perfect rot, and is only intended to deceive the voters, that have not got the time to study the question properly.

All public service corporation franchises and rights of way, and all wild land in the county and all city lots, have already been assessed as high as the assessors thought they should be assessed, and as Mr. Johnson's statement shows there would be over \$8,500,000 taken off of the total valuations of the county for exemptions, under this single tax scheme, which would all have to be made up by higher rates or higher assessments on the property that has already been assessed as they thought they should be assessed and all your wiggling and twisting around to try to make the people believe that all these exemptions would be made up by extra taxes collected off of land speculators, public service corporations, franchises and such things, is all bosh, when you undertake to make them pay any more than their just share, you are going to hear from them. They will refuse to pay it and that will cause a costly law-suit that will heap up expenses on us, and cause deficits in our treasury, which will all have to be made up by extra taxes on the land.

Lots of land owners that are now paying a reasonable tax, would refuse to pay the tax when the assessment or rate was raised, and the land being practically worthless, nobody would want to take it and pay the taxes on it, and all such repudiations would have to be made up by the others and the assessments would keep going up and going up every year, just like they are doing in Edmonton, Canada, where they have been trying the single tax

for six or seven years, and to read the stuff that Fels and his hirelings send out, you would think that everybody was just crazy over single tax, and that it was just the stuff that suited everybody, while, if you will notice carefully, everything that comes in favor of it, comes from some business man, that I suppose is not having to pay any taxes on his property or business, or else it is some ideal dream of Fels' or some of his league. You may be assured that the rich business man will never get tired praising its good effects, for it will make the rich man richer, and the poor man poorer and if the voters of Oregon are going to listen to a lot of stuff that this Fels single tax league is handing out to them to try and hold their jobs down, I shall not pity them. I don't blame the boys for trying to hold their jobs, but I do blame them for trying to deceive the people. You had better hunt another job boys before the 5th. of Nov.; the winter is coming on. Farewell. —George Hicinbotham.

### LOGAN.

It seems from reports that Logan has been fortunate in the way of threshing, as many other sections of the state are behind and have badly damaged grain. Of course there is some badly damaged here, but only a few cases.

We extend congratulations to the newly-weds, George Eadon and bride. May they have the maximum of happiness and success and the minimum of sorrows and failures of life.

Mrs. Lulu Ward and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kirchman.

Harry Babbler has returned to Logan and is finishing the threshing work here.

The Grange committee is preparing its exhibit to the county fair, and everyone should take a hand in and help make it a success. Bring your articles to the Grange hall on Saturday, September 25.

L. W. Foster will give the Grange hall and barn a coat or two of paint.

### PROHI COUNTY CONVENTION.

Citizens of Clackamas County, Attention.

Remember the County Prohibition Convention at Oregon City in Willamette Hall on Saturday, Sept. 14th.

The Convention will be called at 10 o'clock. There will be speeches, a council of war, the nominating of a County ticket and plans for an aggressive campaign against the liquor evil. In the afternoon, O. A. Stillman, Prohibition Candidate for Congress from the First District, will address the public in the evening.

The chaotic condition of old party politics, the number of candidates for each office who will not recognize the demand for an expression on moral questions, but who are bidding for the "undesirable citizen's" support, and the need of officials who will enforce moral laws—which need Governor West is bringing home to every decent man of us, have given us our present opportunity in Oregon and Clackamas County.

We call upon all citizens of Clackamas County who are agreed with us in the desire to overthrow the Liquor Traffic, to meet with us and help in the attainment of that victory which only our own neglect can prevent.

Clackamas County Prohibition Committee.

C. W. Clark, Sec., 421 Benke-Walker Bldg.

### UNION MILLS.

"Mike, do yez think it'll stop rainin'?" "Well, Tim, it always does."

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Searson, a fine daughter of ten pounds. Grain is still unthreshed around here, and some is yet uncut.

Charles Albright expects to commence building his house in a few days. Also Mr. O. Davis.

Ties are being delivered from the Twilinger mill to the Southern Pacific, a little way below Liberal.

A railroad lost. Finder please deliver to Molalla by October 1, 1912.

School is to commence in this district the 13th of this month. Ray Welch of Oregon City will handle the birch.

### Uncle Ezra Says

"I don't take more'n a gill uv effort to git folks into a peck of trouble" and a little neglect of constipation, biliousness, indigestion or other liver derangement will do the same. If ailing take Dr. King's New Life Pills for quick results. Easy, safe, sure, and only 25 cents at Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Ore.

## WOMAN'S TRIALS.

The burdens a woman has to carry through life are many but they can be lightened if she will turn to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. A soothing and strengthening nerve—subduing nervous excitability, prostration, hysteria, hot flashes and the many symptoms which may be caused by distressing the peculiar craves. Tried many remedies but found only transient relief until I was persuaded by a friend to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After giving this remedy a fair trial, I found that it would do just what it is recommended to do. I used it all seven bottles. I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Pierce's remedies for all female derangements.



Mrs. M. M. Morrill.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate liver ill.

## SKIPPING 9TH COMMANDMENT.

Mr. Starkweather Says Eggleston has Small Regard for Truth.

Milwaukee, Ore, Sept. 10, 1912. In the Courier of September 6, I notice that Mr. Fels' hired man says that my opposition to single tax is due to our interest in a certain lot in the city of Portland. He states that under the graduated single tax we would pay \$833.00 more tax than under the present system. In this he is either mistaken or wilfully perverts the truth. Any land tax ordinary, or extraordinary, under the terms of our contract, which may be levied will be paid by the tenants, so our net income will be precisely the same under either system of taxation during the continuance of our present 50 year lease.

The only property which we own that could be in any way adversely affected would be our Clackamas County holdings consisting of our home farm of about 100 acres at Risley Station and a seventeen acre tract which I own near Naef station. This would be affected about the same as other lands in Clackamas County if single tax is adopted.

Now as to the imputation that we desire to escape our just share of taxation, I would state that on the above mentioned lands and our personal property we paid a tax this year in Clackamas County of \$452.00. In this connection I would further state that I was Chairman of the school board which recommended the levy of a ten mill special school tax, which was unanimously adopted. I would further state that I acted as secretary of a district road meeting at which we endeavored to levy a special road tax. This road tax was defeated, but we hope to do better next year.

I have also favored both in the Pomona and State Grange and before the automobile club the enactment of a law which would place a specific tax of one dollar per horse power on all automobiles, said tax to be used in building state roads; said tax to be levied in addition to the regular tax now levied.

Our friends of the soap persuasion would exempt automobiles entirely from taxation, and would have you believe it to be in the interest of the poor man.

Under the same pretense they would exempt all railroads from paying any tax on their rails, ties, poles, wires, grades, bridges, power houses and machinery. And then by figures compiled by an imported expert would seek to show that the railroads would pay more tax when thus exempted.

Now in view of the careless disregard for the truth by the parasites of the soap-man, I would infer that it is not in their contract with Mr. Fels that they shall keep the ninth commandment.

Yours truly, Harvey G. Starkweather.

### STONE.

Our people are busy since the wet spell left.

The Road boys have been hauling dirt and gravel to fill in the Clear Creek bridge, next to the concrete that the steel bridge rests on. The company has been pumping water from the north end of the Clackamas river bridge, that they might get down to a solid foundation to build concrete, but now they are driving iron piling.

The Clackamas Power & Navigation Co. is drilling in the river above the U. S. fish hatchery for the purpose of putting in a dam. They are working day and night.

Clackamas county is coming to the front in opportunities. There are three opportunities being looked after by capitalists here. There is a possibility of a transcontinental railroad in this vicinity.

The Logan country people are busy hauling their farm products day and night.

The Redland farmers go by with lamps lighted.

The oil wells have been opened up and a capitalist will furnish the money if the company will agree to the terms.

If Clackamas county does not come to the front it is not because there are no push people in this part of the county.

The people of this part of the county undertook to start a creamery and they did start one. It has paid them well from the start and it still pays. Now our people ought to start another project, from Portland or Gladstone or Clackamas station. Who will call a public meeting at Stone school house? All that is necessary is for the people to push this proposition and it will go.

Now Mr. Editor, can't you give this railroad an eye-opener? And then there is the oil well proposition that should be pushed. Strike while the iron is hot.

### The Men Who Succeed.

As heads of large enterprises are men of great energy. Success, to-day, demands health. It's utter folly for a man to endure a weak, run-down, half alive condition when Electric Bitters will put him right on his feet in short order. "Four bottles did me more real good than any other medicine I ever took," writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvania, Ga. "After years of suffering with rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach disorders and deranged kidneys, I am again, thanks to Electric Bitters, sound and well." Try them. Only 50 cents at Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Ore.

### M. B. A. LODGE.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, at 8 p. m., Willamette Hall. S. R. Green, President, B. F. Sheehan, Secretary.

## CLARKES.

Sam Elmer is thrashing for Mr. F. Lindau.

Miss Ida Bottemiller spent Sunday with Miss Irene Lee.

Dave Moecke thrashed for Mr. Tallman last week.

Mrs. J. T. Grace and son Dewey were in town on Monday.

Gustave Haag is improving from his illness.

Dave Moecke thrashed for Mr. William Marshall last Friday.

G. Marquardt was in town last week.

Mrs. C. H. Bergman was in town last Saturday and brought her sister back on a short visit.

Mr. C. Haag was in town on Monday.

Sam Elmer thrashed for Mr. Hayner last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cummins went back to eastern Oregon last Wednesday.

Kenneth Lee Spent Sunday with Alva Gard.

The farmers are all happy again because the sun is shining again, so they can thrash again. Thrashing is late on account of the rain.

Grandmother Elmer is on the sick list.

Mr. W. H. Bottemiller is helping Mr. Lindau thrash.

## TWILIGHT.

Albert Scheer spent Sunday with his parents in the hop yards near Aurora. Mr. L. J. Hyllon tarried over the Sabbath with his daughter near Estacada.

A tom cat nursing a bunch of kittens is one of the singular things to be witnessed on "Totem Pole" ranch.

Marshall Lazelle is at home after a summer passed at Seaside and was in attendance at the State fair Saturday, the closing day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calwell and children, of Portland, passed the latter part of last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harvey, returning home Sunday afternoon. A social gathering in their honor, Saturday evening, was participated in by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lazelle, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmeitke and Tom Kelland.

And that reminds me that country life could be relieved of much of its dullness if the people mingled more freely together in a social way.

A two piece suit of under-clothing reminds me of some people trying to see how far apart they can get.

Nothing can be more welcome than bright sunshine, after a summer's rain, in Oregon.

Oliver Bailey, after three weeks spent in the vicinity of Molalla, engaged in carpenter work is again at home and expects to improve his five acre tract, purchased recently from H. L. Scheer, this coming winter.

Miss Marie Harvey left for Portland Wednesday, where she will take up a three months' course in music.

Mr. F. M. Thompson is beautifying his home by the use of paint, an example others in this neighborhood might follow with equally good results.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Black are in Spokane this week on business.

It is rumored that both the May and Kantz families, who recently disposed of suburban homes in this vicinity, and removed to California, are dissatisfied with their present surroundings. It might be well for others, contemplating similar transfers, to reflect a moment before giving up a comfortable home in Oregon.

## GLAD TIDINGS.

Hop picking is progressing nicely in the Bentley and Ed. Shannon yards. They will finish the later part of the present week, the work in all lasting 16 or 18 days, giving employment to all the neighbors who wish to work. All are making good wages, and a number from \$2.50 to \$3 per day. A more quiet and orderly crowd could not be found in the valley. The Bentley Bros. are noted for their kind treatment to their pickers—in fact their gentlemanly deportment toward all with whom they come in contact is proverbial in this community.

Happy Pearson fell from a wagon, sustaining a fracture of an arm, which throws him out of commission for a time.

C. A. Bengli is doing some carpenter work in Canby.

Herman Bros. are finishing threshing the stacked grain in their neighborhood, and in a few days their clover huller will start their clover huller again at Mr. Pierce's, where the separator and huller has stood silent since August 28.

A number of farmers talk of buying up hogs and turning them in their grain yet standing, believing they will derive more profit, taking into consideration the condition of the grain at the present time. Some grain cut and shocked early is badly damaged, while grain cut later and yet standing in the shock will of course be badly colored, though sprouted but little. So after all, conditions could have been "just a little worse."

So cheer up, "Guthbert!" for the sun is shining.

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## EDUCATION NOTES.

The sand bin, the slide, the giant stride, the horizontal bar, indoor baseball diamonds (for boys and for girls), courts for volley ball and tether ball, running track and jumping pit and a skating rink where the climate permits—these are some of the desirable features of an up to date school playground as planned by Mr. Henry S. Curtis in a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of education. Mr. Curtis shows how the attitude of the public has changed in the last ten years since the great play movement burst upon us. The typical school playground used to be as bare and forbidding as a prison. The modern spirit requires that it shall be roomy, inviting, well cared for, open at all times to the children and equipped with every safe means for enjoyable, profitable play.

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A really effective kidney and bladder or medicine must first stop the progress of the disease and then cure the conditions that cause it. Use Foley Kidney Pills for all kidney and bladder trouble and urinary irregularities. They are safe and reliable. They help quickly and permanently. In the yellow package.—Huntley Bros.

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