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PUT A DOLLAR ON WILSON

And Watch it Help Make a Democratic President.

"Here's a dollar for the Woodrow Wilson campaign fund, and it is from a man who has voted the Republican ticket for 54 years," said E. E. Baker of Parkplace to the Courier editor this week.

When a man who started voting for Abraham Lincoln has to quit the party this year, there is something radically wrong with the party and something very right with the opposing party.

But Mr. Baker is but one of hundreds, the only difference between him and many others in this county is that he has sand enough to come right out and take a stand with the cleanest man who ever ran for president, while many others will vote for Wilson, but are keeping quiet about where they stand.

Woodrow Wilson is depending on the individual subscriptions for money to run this campaign. He doesn't want and will not accept the money of the combinations.

Singly, a dollar is a weak sister, a trifle, but a thousand of them in the aggregate have a great power toward making or tearing down.

You can spare a dollar to change the administration of this country.

Get in with a little contribution for a cause that is worth while. A hundred years from now you will never know you gave it. If you do we will give it back.

The time is short. Only about five weeks now. Let us make the list lengthen each week.

You can't help by waiting. The dollars talk. Don't think but act, and act while the dollar will help Wilson.

The following is the list of contributions to date. Add yours to it next week:

- Judge Beale, Oregon City. \$10.00
- J. W. S. Owens Oregon City 1.00
- O. D. Robbins, Route 3. . . . 1.00
- A. E. Frost, Oregon City. . . 1.00
- E. E. Baker, Parkplace. . . . 1.00
- W. H. Timmons, Gladstone 1.00

Total\$15.00

Challenge to Mr. Dimick.

Oregon City, Sept. 26.

Hon. Grant B. Dimick, dear sir:—The Clackamas County Single Tax and Assessment Roll has now been in circulation for more than a month and I desire to renew my invitation to you for a joint discussion of the Single Tax measures before the people of Oregon for the Nov. election. I shall be glad to meet you in Oregon City at any time after Oct. 2nd.

Sincerely yours,
William S. U'Ren.

Where is the Joke?

What has the Burns Society of this city done to the Enterprise? Surely there is a nigger, if not a Scotchman, in the woodpile, or why this wood-be humor at the society's expense?

There must be something unusual, either in the society's membership or the proceedings of its meetings, else why this labored effort at being funny?

But then if the Scotchmen like it it's nobody's else business.

Hitting the Hard Places.

(Estacada Progress.)

Unless arrangements can be made with the P. R. L. & P. to accept city warrants to be cashed next May when this years city taxes are available, Estacada street lights will be switched off October 1, and the citizens will have to use lanterns to get about at night.

The council, at its adjourned meeting Monday night, discussed the loss of saloon license money and finding its finances cramped decided on rigid economy, first by ordering lights off Oct. 1, and setting the same date for terminating the salary of City Marshal Ames.

Splendid Fire System.

With the installation of the electric fire alarm Oregon City will have as perfect a fire department as is possible under the volunteer system. Chief Hanaford, of the department has been on the job every minute since election, and largely through his efforts the present high state of preparedness and efficiency has been attained.

New houses, with hose cart and complete new equipment, including the Home Telephone service, have been erected at Fifth and Washington streets, Fifth and South end road and Twelfth and Taylor streets.

The carts will be manned by the enrolled firemen of the city who live in their vicinities.

A Case in Proportion.

Courier:—Recently there appeared in the Portland papers a statement that the merchants must have 22 per cent profit for handling produce and such, and that the article must sell for \$1.47 to get this 22 per cent.

Now, if this is so, by the same reasoning, when a farmer puts 30 cents worth of feed into a cow, she must be some cow to make a pound of butter a day. Now if the feed cost 30 cents and one should have 22 per cent to do business, what would be the cost of the butter?

J. W. Woltrap,
Who lives just outside of town.

SCOTCHMEN DEBATE

Three Cornered Contest over Three Presidential Candidates.

Scot met Scot at Willamette hall Monday night, when William McLarty, Max Telford and Major C. S. Noble discussed the presidential issues from the three viewpoints—McLarty for Taft, Telford for Roosevelt and Noble for Wilson.

There is a little story that leaks out that McLarty was pressed into the service of his president—that his position was forced upon him—and that he had to make his head answer for his heart. The story has it that he is a Wilson man all over, but that the program called for a Taft champion and the committee on arrangements got to Mr. McLarty before he could get his fingers crossed. But he got away with it. He made a forceful speech considering where his heart was, and the morning paper stated the applause "indicated Taft had the largest number of friends in the audience." And the leak says there were three Taft men present.

Max Telford told the audience what he thought of Col. Roosevelt and his talk wasn't made for the occasion. He's an original Roosevelt man and for the Bull Moose all over and his support of the aggressive one just rolled out.

Major Noble is just as strong a Wilson man as his Scotch brother is for Roosevelt, and he hadn't got started when time was called on him and his twenty minutes were exhausted.

There was a good crowd present and every minute of the debate was intensely interesting. Rev. Landsborough was chairman of the meeting.

Another meeting of like character is being arranged for next month, and it is a certainty that admissions will be sought for.

Portland's Aid Society.

We are building a public library for Oregon City.

A Portland architect draws the plans.

A Portland contractor builds the building.

A Portland librarian will have charge of the library.

We are raising Mains street.

A Portland firm has the contract.

We are putting in sewers.

A Portland firm is doing the work.

We are repairing the Barclay school.

A Portland firm is doing part of this work.

What's the matter with This Man's Town?

Is it a Portland Aid Society?

Walter Pierce Next Week.

Judge Beale reports that Hon. Walter M. Pierce of Hot Lake, one of the best Democratic campaigners in Oregon, will open a series of speeches in this county, commencing next week. Other prominent speakers will also come into old Clackamas and there is going to be an aggressive campaign waged from now on.

CAN'T YOU SEE THIS?

A Clackamas County Farmer Puts up a Proposition to You.

Oregon City, Route 3, Sept. 24. To the Courier:—

I have read the many articles published in the Courier and elsewhere in regard to the graduated single tax with a good deal of interest. Many of them have been amusing, rather than instructive. For example Harvey Gordon Starkweather's effort to prove that he wants to pay even more than his just share of the taxes, but is prevented from doing so by that terrible corrupting Fels fund in the hands of his enemies. And Mr. Hieinbotnam's idea that all the valuable property is going to escape taxation and a few poor men's farms will have to bear the whole burden of government support. And that that awful U'ren is working both and tennial to bring about just such a deplorable condition of affairs. And Brother Shields that disinterested philanthropist with his pathetic cry of R-U-L-N, R-U-L-N. Oh dear, it is to laugh. And the rest of that bunch trying to make it appear that the whole thing is gotten up to aid corporations and Big Business' to escape paying their just share of the values and make the poor man who is trying to hew out a home among the stumps, pay the bill.

Now I don't wonder that the home builder is suspicious of everybody and everything in that line for he is the one that usually gets it in the neck. He hasn't time to read and digest all the so-called arguments pro and con that are offered to prove each side's contentions. But there is one thought that he can grasp at of it, that should settle the question as to which side he should be on in this controversy. Let him remember that there is not a corporation or Big Business combination in this whole country that doesn't understand more fully the effect that any legislation will have on their business than any private individual can have, because they employ especially trained men and minds for that very purpose and they of course favor what they know will be to their best interests and oppose what they know will be detrimental.

Don't you know that if the interest thought that the graduated single tax would lower their taxes they would be for it with might and main.

And don't you know that there is not a single corporation or Big Business interest that isn't fighting it? Don't you know that it is the same identical bunch that has always opposed every progressive measure that has ever been made in this state are the leaders in this opposition?

Don't you know there is another fund besides the Fels fund that is being raised to take from the people the power to control the tax laws and make it impossible for them to have anything to say about who shall be taxed or what should be taxed?

Now honestly friends, do you believe that if the interests thought that if the graduated single tax law was enacted it would lower their taxes, they would spend their time and money for the benefit of you and that way, you, they are not built that way.

Now friends just think this matter over and decide for your own best interests. It don't seem to me it would be hard to do so if you will look at it in this light.

Yours,
A. J. Lewis.

Grange Wants Investigation.

The Milwaukee Grange claims that the county court is not complying with the state law in not filing with the county court a sworn statement of the bridges built in this county that exceed \$500 in cost; that bids were not asked for, and that the county is spending large sums on bridges and slighting its roads.

Saturday last that Grange after reciting in detail the several complaints, passed a resolution appointing a committee of three or more members to examine into the number of steel bridges, and approaches constructed, ascertain the value thereof and from whom each was purchased, the amounts paid therefor, whether bids were asked for their construction, if sworn statements were filed of the cost with the county clerk, etc.

E. D. Olds of Oak Grove presented the resolutions.

Congregational Church Recital.

Oscar Woodfin, the baritone, will give a recital at the Congregational Church next Monday night, assisted by Miss Louise Huntley, pianist.

Mr. Woodfin is one of the most talented pupils of Rose Coursen Reed of Portland and will sing in three languages.

THE KIND THAT COUNT.

The Difference Between soft Soap and Real Goods.

Politicians come and go. When they come they pat the editor on the back, tickle him under the chin and tell him how everlastingly and unforgettingly they are obliged to him and they will return the favor, etc and so on—you know how the old song runs. Why their gratitude is an inch thick in spots.

But the most of them will forget in a minute the obligations of years, when a newspaper strikes a false note to their political dogology, and then they will stick the knife in and twist it around to see him writhe.

But the other day the Courier received a letter from a ladies society not a hundred miles from this city thanking this paper for the stand it was taking for the enforcement of the liquor laws and the observance of the Sabbath.

The letter expressly requested that it be not published, that it was written in the sense of appreciation and not in the way of advertising.

And somehow there was no sarcasm to our smile as we read it. It was honest. It meant just what it read, and there were no suggestions of a sixty day loan in the expressions.

The Courier editor has been in the newspaper game for some time, and he has had many expressions of undying gratitude and promises of remembrance poured over him. They weren't written, you know, just whispered when there were none around to hear. But this little record of appreciation from this little band of women is worth more than all the political promises.

OPENING THE FIGHT

Both Sides of Taxation Reform Start Campaign Here

The campaign on taxation is of far more interest than on politics in this city and Tuesday night the fight opened from both sides of the fence, in favor of the graduated tax amendment and against it.

T. S. Alexander of Portland, made the address against the proposed measure and his talk was along the line of confiscation. He said the adoption of the measure was bound to take away from the farmer his farm, the lot owner his lot and the home owner his home.

This, anyone knows who knows anything can only be accomplished when taxes are 100 per cent, the value of the property, and no doubt the property owner will wonder how this can be brought about when the proposed measure exempts the owners' improvements, thereby reducing his taxes.

And then this does not seem to fit in with the article of F. M. Gill, representative in the legislature, who also talks "confiscation," but who stated in an open letter in the Enterprise, "Your taxes may be less (under the graduated single tax) for a while." And if for a while, why not all the time?

H. D. Wagon, nominee for assessor in Portland for the graduated single tax people, J. V. Benbough the famous cartoonist and E. F. Coulter, spoke from an auto to a big jamb of people at Seventh and Main streets, and if the big crowd and close attention count for anything, there are a lot of people in this city who favor the graduated single tax.

The Enterprise says, "no embarrassing questions were asked." This was decidedly considerate and courteous, inasmuch as the single tax advocates invite them. And the Enterprise also observes "it is doubtful however, if any converts were made." We wonder just how that newspaper arrived at these "doubts" from what line of reasoning they evolved, and what grounds they were based on.

Stands by the Governor.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the Congregational church of this city on September 22, 1912.

Whereas, the Hon. Oswald West, governor of Oregon, has opened a crusade against immorality and vice in Portland and other parts of the state, and

Whereas, we the members of the Congregational church of Oregon City, recognize the immense and difficult task the governor has undertaken and that he will need the moral support of all good citizens.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we extend to the governor our heartfelt wishes for the success of his efforts in such a noble cause and that we assure him of our support and prayers in such an undertaking and commend him for his manly determination against such odds as all citizens know are arrayed against him.

Resolved further: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor West and the local newspapers.

Why Leave the Farm?

A traveler saw a boy hoeing potatoes in the hot sun. He rode up to the fence and asked: "What do you get for hoeing potatoes?" The boy wearily raised his sunburned head and replied: "Nothing if I do, but hell if I don't."

Painless Printing.

Much of the printing you get these days gives you a pain in the eye. The Courier does painless work, the kind that pleases, but does not pain the eye. Try us with the next job.

To Settle Labor Troubles.

Courier:—The following outline of legislation is my idea of the best means of settling labor troubles. I would be glad to hear from others on this subject:

Pass a minimum wage scale law of not less than \$2 nor more than \$5 for eight hours' work.

Allow all corporations interest on actual invested capital not less than 4 or more than 6 per cent.

Allow a percentage of wear and tear, not more than 2 per cent.

Let the balance of profit go into a fund for old age and for disability contracted in employ of factory or corporation.

This I believe would be legislation favorable and acceptable to both capital and labor.

H. S. Glyde.

Socialist Meetings.

The Socialist party will make a thorough campaign of Clackamas county and deliver addresses at the following places on the dates that follow: M. V. Thomas, and other Socialists will speak. They announce that candidates of other parties are cordially invited to these meetings and that a division of the speaking time will be given them.

October 2, Hyland; October 3, Clarks; October 4, Beaver Creek; October 5, Mullino; October 7, Molalla; October 8, Needy; October 9, Macksburg; October 10, Barton; October 11 Canby and October 12, Maple Lane.

If He Ran a Newspaper.

Editor Courier:—

There isn't a well to do farmer in this community whose taxes would not be lowered by the iniquitous Fels Single Tax, and on the other hand there is not a new beginner whose taxes would not be raised by the same bill. Moreover we have well to do farmers here who claim that it is easier for them to pay \$75 to \$80 taxes now than it was for them to pay \$8 or \$10 twenty years ago, when they were opening farms here. Then you would exempt all our four mills and factories who use our roads and courts of law more than anyone else. And I notice that you have much to say in your columns about robbing the taxpayers, but if I were running a newspaper in the interest of a millionaire soap manufacturer and his paid hirelings, I would speak easy about what the interests are doing to the "Deer Peepul." This in answer to your criticism in last week's Courier, of my letter in a recent number of the Canby Irrigator.

J. S. Yoder.

Live Wires After Them.

Four weeks ago the Courier took up the matter of the circulation of a pamphlet in the interests of those who want to divide this county, and showed that it was evidently a clear violation of the corrupt practices act, in that it did not give the place of publication of the circular nor had any signatures.

The matter was taken up at once by some of our citizens, and Deputy Stipp, and Tuesday it was taken up by the Live Wires.

President Latourette of the Wires stated that the circular was apparently a direct violation of the law, and William Hammond of the firm of Cross & Hammond was appointed to make a thorough investigation of the matter and report to the club.

First Baptist Church.

Rev. W. T. Milliken, D.D. Pastor. Services next Sunday morning and evening. In the morning Dr. Milliken will speak upon the topic "Christian Adaptability." The evening topic will be "The Prayer and the Tempest, an episode in the Life of Elijah." Song service before the evening service. Bible school at 10. H. E. Cross, Supt. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.45. The topic this week will be missionary. Those having no church home are always cordially welcomed.

Prayer and Praise service on Thursday evening. This is the regular Covenant service and a large attendance is desired.

The annual election of officers will be held on Friday evening of next week.

The People's Paper.

From page 1 to 8 this paper is filled with interesting letters on many subjects from its readers. It shows interest on the many life matters; it shows appreciation of a newspaper whose columns are long enough for any man's opinions and both sides of questions; it shows life, interest, and we are glad to get them.

We invite you to use the Courier's columns. They are yours for any honest opinions on any topic. The Courier is going some these days, it is covering Clackamas county like an umbrella and it is your writers who are doing much to make it popular.

But get in early with your communications. When they all come in the middle of the week, some must be left out.

Woodrow Wilson Campaign Fund

TO THE OREGON CITY COURIER:—

Herewith I inclose.....for the Woodrow Wilson Campaign fund.

(NAME).....

(ADDRESS).....

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