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WHAT A MAN'S HEAD TELLS HIM.

USE REASON, DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE SCARECROW.

TELL SHIELDS TO SHOW YOU.

Taxing Land to Its Value is but Siliest of Kid Nonsense.

"It takes so much to run the state," they tell us.

Sure Mike. We've got to dig it up.

Let us suppose that it requires $10,000,000 now, no more, no less.

Now the graduated single tax amendment proposes to raise this ten millions by more equalization. And that's all there is to the issue—stretch it or contract it.

They propose to ease the present heavy taxation of the few by putting it onto more shoulders—by making dead land, water powers, large land tracts, railroads, rights-of-ways and like concerns, pay MORE of the state's expenses and reduce taxation on the ownings of the man who works, improves and makes land worth more.

And you will have to talk to me some more before you can make me think this is injustice, and that it will ruin Oregon.

We will raise the $10,000,000 just the same, but the Willamette Valley won't pay about all of it. These millionaires who are holding out great chunks of Oregon, who have it practically locked in safety deposit boxes; the franchise holder, the water power thieves, and other leeches on our state, will have to pay their share of the expenses of Oregon. You have been paying it for them these many years.

Anything wrong in this idea? Anything to get scared at? Anything in this proposed reform to keep the state from developing?

And yet Mr. Shields told us in his speech here that taxes would increase and double, until they amounted to the worth of the land—when the state would take the land—confiscation.

Mr. Shields looked his audience in the face when he made these statements and his voice took the run for high notes, as the school boy declaiming "Excelisor!"

What in the devil is the state of Oregon going to do with all this money?

Under single tax they are going to make all these big concerns come across with more taxes—Mr. Shields admits that, and says it's wrong—and then in addition to this they are going to raise the present taxes to the value of the property.

What for? There is only ten millions to raise. Is this state going to run a sinking fund? Is it going to play some New Jersey corporation stock squeeze moves? Is the legislature going to pass a law that all tax money in excess of ten millions necessary for running expenses, be destroyed in order that Mr. Shields "confiscation" dreams may come true?

What rank nonsense to ask men to whom God gave reasoning powers to listen to!

What an awful nerve, to stand before thinking men and have this hemorrhage!

The single tax people contend that the extra tax on the present tax dodgers will allow us to exempt improvements from taxation, and then have the same amount of taxes we raise now.

Even if this did not work out, we would be just the amount ahead that these big concerns and speculators pay, and that much less for the present property to pay. Wouldn't we?

It can't go very wrong, can it? It would certainly ease some, wouldn't it?

They say it would drive the big capital investments out of Oregon.

Perhaps so, perhaps not; but let us look at it from both ends.

The man who holds big tracts of land he won't use, rent or sell, will either have to pay the same proportion of taxes on it that you do or let someone buy it, rent it, or work it to produce.

And either way, it will be a mighty good thing, won't it?

If a man wants to hold it dead, then let him pay live tax values; if he doesn't then live men will get it and make it produce.

The Courier editor advocates the reform because he honestly believes it is for the good of Oregon, and once tried would never be abandoned.

The Courier has never received one cent for advocating it; it has never received one dollar of patronage, job work, advertising,, or through any other source, from the single tax people, or the Fels fund—and their records will bear this out. It has never received a promise, implied or otherwise, of any compensation whatever.

We are for the graduated single tax because we believe it a big step for plain justice and a more even break.

It CAN'T be worse than the present system, which makes the FEW bear the tax burden—a burden which is nearing confiscation for some.

DIFFERENT THAN CHARLES' VERSION

WHAT AN OREGON CITY BOY WRITES FROM VANCOUVER.

DOES NOT DESTROY VALUES,

But Single Tax Increases Them in British Columbia.

(The following is a personal letter written by S. MacDonald, of this city, from Ocean Falls, B. C., October 16th. It was not written for publication, but as it is direct contradictory evidence of the statements of Chas. H. Shields, we print same, knowing that "Mac" will have no objections.—Ed.)

Dear Brown:—

You will recollect that I said I would look into the matter of single tax while in Vancouver. In the first place let me say that Vancouver is a very fine city, showing evidence on all sides of tremendous prosperity and advancement. Sky scraping buildings are in evidence everywhere, many completed and a great number in course of erection.

Far out from the city's centre homes are being built in such numbers that streets and walks can't keep pace with the growth. Wages are higher here than in Oregon City and board being from $6.00 to $6.50 per week.

I might say that way down in my heart was a feeling of satisfaction when my American friends remarked the enterprise, hustle and genius of this B. C. city.

This is a city of Scots and one might well imagine himself in Glasgow or Edinburgh with that "burr" in the speech of the passerby. Even on the "Camousan" officers, waiters, deckhands and passengers are Scotch mostly.

Every person to whom I addressed the query, "How does Single Tax affect conditions in Vancouver?" answered without hesitation: "Single tax is the best thing we know for Vancouver. I addressed my questions to owners of properties and realty operators, who of all people might be expected to be interested personally. Some remarked that if put to a vote it would result in two-thirds of the people voting for taxes on land values only.

"There is no objection to single tax," a man remarked, "as Vancouver is prosperous on account of it."

"All improvements are assessed and the city may tax them lawfully if necessary, but during the last two years land values only have been taxed," was the information given to me by one owner of property near Main street.

On the water front the G. N. Railroad has bought lots 25 x 100 and paid $15,000 per lot. These could have been bought a few years ago for $800 a lot. One corner on Prior and Park bought 6 years ago for $16,000 was assessed last year for $60,000. The owner refused to sell for $200,000. This was 57 x 120. On the corner of Prior and Main, the owner showed me property he bought for $50,000 three years ago. He refused $125,000. for this. Across the street property sold for $2000 a front foot.

Now, Mr. Brown, how does this agree with Mr. Shields statement that property values are destroyed; that the people of Vancouver are going to go back to the old system? You may feel like the Irishman did when he said: "I hate to call him a liar, bu tI know he is."

"Furthermore the people of Vancouver Island are deserting Victoria and coming to Vancouver to trade on account of the tax burden on the merchant at Victoria, which makes it impossible for him to compete with Vancouver prices.

Wish you could have heard an old Scotch millionaire on the boat who knows this corner of the earth like a book, tell why and how this single tax was putting Victoria in the background as a trading and business centre, and bringing Vancouver to the front.

Lastly let me say that I do hope that Clackamas county may vote solid for the graduated single tax.

I saw an elevator in David Spencer's department that would Spencer's department store that would be the real thing for the bluff. It was a carrier moving continually up an incline. The people stepped in and went right up or down.

Now must close as you are no doubt tired reading all this, and wishing the Courier success in its good work, standing for the best for all the people all the time.

Yours for Oregon,
"MAC."

ACTING UNDER ADVICE.

Mr. Gill Says Democrats Advise Him not to Take Stand.

Editor Courier:—

I notice you again call upon Mr. Schuebel, Mr. Schnoerr and myself to state for whom we shall vote for president. I have consulted some of my Democratic friends and they advise me not to state publicly for whom I shall vote and I shall follow their advice.

The only concern the public should have with us candidates is to know whether we will honestly and concientiously perform the legislative duties for which we are elected and perform them in behalf of Clackamas county and the people of the State of that. They can logically ask no more of me.

I notice also that the Courier states that Mr. Cridge and Mr. U'Ren had an open challenge for anyone to debate the single tax with them. Both Mr. U'Ren and Mr. Cridge are valued personal friends of mine. I have given the single tax much study and thot in the past two years and I am willing to meet either or both of these gentlemen in a discussion of the single tax question. I have no money to pay hall rent or car fare, as I need all I earn for a living for my family, and no one has offered me the use of any money in opposing the proposition. I did not know that such a challenge had been made as I do not receive the Courier, or I should have responded sooner. I am well aware that Mr. U'Ren is one of the very best debators in Oregon, trained and experienced, so that I am fully concious of the task I set myself in agreeing to discuss the question with him.

F. M. Gill.

A LAME DUCK CIRCULAR.

Portland Bunch Telling Sapheads How to Vote.

Last week circular letters poured into Oregon City—and no doubt every voter in the state got one. It was sown broad cast and in drills.

It is against the single tax measure, a re-hash of the Shield's dope. Sig Sichel and G. W. Joseph, two precious political old time gangsters of Portland are the authors. Signed to the circular is the name of a capitalist who has no money on the assessment rolls. This is a habit of capitalists in Oregon, time. None of the lot are assess- They are always broke assessment time. None of the lot are assessed for any personal property to speak of. One of the lawyers signed up is down for some office furniture. In other words this capitalist and the politicians and lawyers and good men are single taxers so far as escaping taxes on their personal belongings are concerned, but not on other people's—especially that of working people. They pay no taxes on money, altho posing as moneyed men. They speak in the name of property owners but dodge all the taxes they can.

The list of names as a whole is enough to damn the circular with any man who knows the bunch, the one or two decent and respected names in the bunch are simply "good dog Trays," in mighty bad company.

Notice.

To the stockholders of the Ogle Mountain Mining Co:

The annual meeting of said company will be held on Monday, November 4, 1912 at 1 o'clock p. m., at Knapp's hall, Tenth and Main street, Oregon City, Or.

Ogle Mountain Mining Co.
By J. B. Fairclough, Pres.

OUT FOR MOOSE FOR ONE DAY.

ENTERPRISE MAKES LIGHTNING QUICK CHANGE.

AND THEN JUMPS BACK AGAIN

And the Wonder is Where will it be Next Week.

Last week the Courier asked where the Enterprise would be next.

It is "next" to Roosevelt, or was Tuesday. Next week it will no doubt get around to Debs, and come out for him.

For a fun maker and amusement producer, this sheet is certainly 18 karats in this campaign.

After running yards and yards of tailor-made, Taft editorials, and telling the people Roosevelt was "down and out," Tuesday morning's paper came out with five big three-headed articles booming Roosevelt for a fare-you well.

Here are some of the headlines:

"Candidates for state offices named at Bull Moose Convention are all noted for efficiency and true principles."

"Wilson approves Roosevelt party."

"Portland business men turn from old party to Progressives."

"Colonel's election assures prosperity in the West."

"Roosevelt vote looms immense."

And so on with five columns of boosting as the closest disciple of Roosevelt could even hope for.

Oh, but the ways of the Enterprise are funny—funny as a tombstone.

Condemning Selling in April and supporting him in October.

Eliminating Roosevelt as a factor October 2, and giving him five columns of loyal boosts Otober 21.

Favoring Hawley for re-election and then booming Moose convention candidate.

Pleading with the people to stand by Taft two weeks ago, and telling the voters "Colonel's election, assures prosperity to the West" this week.

Whether this 11:30 somersalt was a joke, or whether Candidate Clark (who was in the city the other day) "converted" Editor Brodie to the Strenuous One, is to guess at. But as there is no explanation of this very "sudden" change, "conversion" would seem to be the natural theory.

We would suggest that the Taft Republicans get together and verify the political latitude and longitude of the Enterprise's business office, for if the policy of the paper keeps on with its weekly "breaks" it won't have any more influence on its readers than would a drop of dew on a forest fire. There is certainly something wrong with the exhaust.

U'Ren—Shields Debate Dates.

There certainly will be some great crowds at the coming joint debates between W. S. U'Ren of this city and Charles H. Shields of Portland, on the issue of the single tax. Following are the dates:

Portland, October 23.
Hood River, October 25.
Oregon City, October 26.
Salem, October 28.
Portland, October 29.

Mr. M. E. Gaffney, the Democratic nominee for County Recorder, for Clackamas County, is the only candidate for that office whose name will appear on the official ballot at the general election, that was regularly nominated at the Primary Election, held on April, 19th, 1912. Mr. L. E. Williams, the Republican nominee, elected at said Primary Election, having failed to file his acceptance of said office as required by law. The Democratic party should be commended for placing upon their ticket the name of M. E. Gaffney for County Recorder, as he is one of the best qualified men in the county for that office, and if elected will personally attend to the duties of the office with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to the tax payers of the county.

Mr. M. E. Gaffney is the son of one of the old and most respected pioneers of Clackamas county, and has resided in this county almost his entire life. His occupation is that of a farmer, and has continually made that his business up to the present time. He has taken the advantage of acquiring a thorough education in our schools and is a graduate of one of the best business colleges in Portland. A vote for M. E. Gaffney for County Recorder on November 5th, 1912 will certainly be for the right man in the right place, and an honor to one of Clackamas County's native sons.

R. B. BEATIE.
Chairman Democratic Central Com.
(Paid Advertisement.)

A Correction.

Last week's Courier re-printed an article criticising Charles H. Shield's Salem speech, and stating that there were more single taxers after the speech than before, etc., and then credited it to the Statesman. This was a case of the pencil writing the wrong word. The article was taken from and should have been credited to the Salem Mesenger.

NOT TIME OR PLACE.

Story of Dead Girl Should not be Told from Pulpits.

Editor Courier:—

Oregon City was treated to the disgusting indecency this past Sunday of having two ministers of the gospel gloat over the awful tragedy of last week. It was not enough that every man, woman, and child in town is thoroughly familiar with the ghastly details; that the officers of the law have taken up the case; that the young men in the concerned were still in the shadow of the courts, waiting for the trial which was to determine their guilt or innocence—but these two must sieze upon the incident to attract a crowd to their Sunday evening meetings.

The circumstances attending the shicide of the girl pointed their own moral, and sent the terrible lesson home to every boy and girl in the city. Certainly these two preachers could not add to it. But to men ignorant of the fitness of things, it was an opportunity they couldn't resist. Not a thought for the families most concerned; not a care for the influence such talk might have, should the case come before a jury—but instead a golden opportunity to talk to a lot of young people—especially girls, on a suggestive topic.

And the irony that lies in the fact that one of these preachers was the dead girl's pastor! I wonder when he saw her last? If she was careless in her church duties, what did this pastor or his church ever do about it? Yet the child had professed conversion and was on the church rolls.

To the man on the sidewalk it looks as though one preacher at least could have left the girl out of his sermon, and substituted himself and his church. The girl has paid the price. Let her rest. But what do her fellow converted ones on the church rolls think of it?

THOMAS DIDYMUS.

Gilbert L. Hedges, candidate for District Attorney, has practised law in Oregon City for the past fourteen years. He occupied the office of District Attorney for two years under appointment by Governor Chamberlain. He believes under his oath of office, that the laws on the statute books of the State must be enforced. He prosecuted with vigor all cases that came before him before his incumbency. Mr. Hedges tried nine men for murder during his term and convicted all but one. He personally investigates all matters that come before the office and will see that all complaints receive their due consideration. If Mr. Hedges is elected to the Fifth Judicial District o fthe State of Oregon, embracing the Counties of Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia and Washington, the people will, under all circumstances, protect the public.

R. B. Beatie, Chairman Democratic Committee.

Paid Advertisement.

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Locals and Personals.

Hear the U'Ren-Shields single tax debate Saturday night.

At the Congregational Church on Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. Geo. Nelson Edwards, will speak on "What is a Christian Church?" In the evening the subject will be "Who is responsible for the Liquor Traffic?"

Charles Boylan, formerly of this city and Miss Anna Owens, both of Seaside, were married Monday at the bride's home.

Manager O. E. Freytag of the publicity department, will take an ehibit from this county to the land show in Minneapolis next month.

A little indication of the growth of this county is the registration gain of 1317 since two years ago. The total then was 5,849 and now 7,166. The Republicans have a gain of 608, the Democrats of 445, Socialists 125, Prohis 6, Independents 92.

WHO FOR THE LEGISLATURE?

DO YOU WANT TO GET WORTH OF YOUR VOTE?

THEN VOTE FOR THE MAN

And What he Stands for—Forget the Party and STag.

When you spend your vote on November 5, you ought to be just as particular in getting its worth as you are for the dollar you lay on the grocer's counter.

All eyes are on Oregon. She and her famous "system" are on trial, and her state legislature is being watched as the cat watches the canary.

One week from next Tuesday you men are going to send three men to the state capital, and these men are going to boost or pull back on progressive legislation.

And do you know which?

Are you as much interested in what you will get for your vote as you are in your dollar's worth of groceries.

There are four candidates before the people—three shall be taken and one left.

It doesn't so much matter which ones shall be left as which three shall be taken.

Peter Noyer, a farmer of Molalla, is the democratic nominee. Noyer has been to Salem before—and his enemies can't say anything against his record. He is a progressive Democrat, but a careful man. He is for the Oregon system, for all the power the voters can get, and he is for economy and the elimination of useless commissions and political jobs.

The Courier knows you won't go wrong on Mr. Noyer. What our legislature needs is more of his calling. The Courier knows hisv otes will be on the popular (the people's) side of the many measures to come up at the coming session. Never mind your party. The party doesn't vote at Salem. Vote for the man.

C. Schuebel is a republican nominee, endorsed by the democrats, but so far as the party goes pass it up and see what he stands for. He proposes to work for legislation that you and I want, it doesn't matter two tinkers' darns whether a man is a Christian Scientist or a reform speller, a single taxer, an anti, or a suffragist—if he delivers the goods the majority want.

Mr. Schuebel says he will introduce a bill to permit farmers to burn slashings and clear land between June 1 and October 1. Now we close the season to the farmer and employ numerous fire wardens to guard the timber barons' tracts and the Southern Pacific's big holdings.

Mr. Schuebel has prepared a bill to abolish school supervisors. The office is as needless as an extra box at the postoffice—and abolishing it will save tax burdened old Clackamas $4,000 a year. The sentiment for doing away with this office is almost unanimous.

In a public letter and draft of a bill recently published in this paper, Mr. Schuebel showed how a "joker" in a bill passed at Salem, allowed over 250,000 water horse power to be appropriated from the falls here, and the most of it escapes taxation. His proposed bill provides all shall pay the same license fee, and he declares that if it becomes a law, it will give this county $125,000 in license fee from the falls here alone. Mr. Schuebel says if this bill passes, it will add at least $15,000,000 in value to this country's tax rolls. Portland now collects taxes on $1,000,000 of property now located in this county.

And he stands for and is pledged to work for a workingman's day, not to exceed ten hours, and a week not to exceed sixty hours.

No candidate for the legislature (so far as this paper is able to learn) has ever presented to the public, before the election, the law he stands for as Mr. Schuebel has done. These measures are all of interest to the tax payers and common people of Clackamas county and state of Oregon. Men should vote on their common sense and not their prejudices, regardless of political affiliations in this case.

The Courier is a democratic paper and supports the democratic ticket but is broad minded enough to support a man who comes out before the public and stands for a square deal and for the principles and measures that are in the interests of the tax payers of this county and state.

And the Courier will do it, every time.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Cornelia J. Boyles, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of Clackamas county, state of Oregon, and that the Judge of said Court has set Monday, the 25th day of November 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Court Room in the Court House at Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, as the time and place of hearing any and all objections thereto.

Any and all persons having objections to said report are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and present said obthey have.

Dated October 18th, 1912.

P. M. BOYLES
Administrator of the estate of Cornelia J. Boyles, deceased.

Dimick & Dimick, Attorneys for Administrator.

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