

SOME THOUGHTS FOR THINKERS.

THE WAY A GRANGER LOOKS AT TAX REFORM.

Facts and Figures Put up to the Voters to Think Over.

Editor Courier:— Eugene Palmer is a Granger turned land speculator on a small scale. He is overlanded with some empty lots in Portland that do not sell as fast as he would like and he is very much afraid of the single tax. Consequently he works for nothing and boards himself battling for the big trusts and land speculators in Oregon, for all his honest Granger soul is worth. In the organ of plutocracy published every morning at Sixth and Alder Sts. in Portland for the 14th he writes in agony over the awful peril confronting the people of Oregon because of the graduated and specific tax and exemption measure. Calm yourself, old hero. Your lots will sell faster than ever if Oregon is advertised to the world as the place where men can build homes and not be fined like criminals every year for doing so. Your declining years will be of peace and comfort if the people of Oregon decide to invite the home builders of civilization to come here and uphold and develop the state unmolested from any tax gatherer on any evidence of their labors. Otherwise, the tide of population and capital will be turned to California, British Columbia, or if we continue to trifle with opportunity another year or two most surely to Washington.

Friend Palmer bewails the passage in 1910 of the measure giving home rule to counties as the entering wedge of the awful single tax. It is, it is, old war horse for the people, S-U-R-E! But how can it be driven in without the consent of the people of a county? If they want to drive that wedge in for their own local revenue what harm to you? You do not own any property in any county in the state. Nor do you own any in any county in which it is proposed to apply the principle of exempting improvements from taxation. That measure was intended to enable the people of any county to PREVENT what you call the single tax from being established UNLESS and UNTIL they wanted it. That measure also enables the people of any county to repeal any such tax enactment if found to be otherwise, unwise or inapplicable. Why, then, do you hail it as the single tax? Would it not forever prevent the single tax if it proved a disastrous experiment to timber trustified Coos county?

Friend Palmer, it is apparent that the opponents of the exemption of improvements from taxation (for even a teny-winty bit) know very well that if ONE county tried it the others would observe it working so satisfactory in every way that they would likewise follow that ONE. Every line they write and every wail of anguish and fear they emit indicates that every last one of them... included, old Granger of many struggles... KNOW that is exactly what would happen. So did the last legislature. So did the railroad and timber trust. So did the water power trust. So did the big land speculators of every shade and degree. So they submitted a repeal of it to the people in fond hopes of getting them to repeal the powers obtained for the counties BEFORE trying it was possible. A trial would demonstrate it too thoroughly. In every county where local taxes have been levied in this way the people refuse to go back for a minute.

The single taxers know this, and the big speculators know it, too. Only a few grizzled and honest farmers in Oregon don't know it. In New South Wales, in New Zealand, in British Columbia and Alberta, the people never go back to the robbery of industry and thrift and the punishment of good citizenship through a tax on the products and creation of labor. And as the legislature submitted its 309 X No. the tax reformers submitted a state wide graduated, special and specific measure Number 364 X Yes on the ballot, that has in it the same successful features of graduation on big holdings that has proved so satisfactory in British Columbia and Australia. It preserves the right of a county to KEEP OUT THE SINGLE TAX if it so wishes. Of course, no actual and full application of the single tax in Oregon. The Federal taxes amount to half the taxes paid by American citizens. The state and local taxes will rest upon other things than land values if this measure passes. Inheritance taxes, fees, fees and income taxes will still continue, or be permitted. What is called the single tax in British Columbia is exclusive of all the taxes above mentioned. It makes the land speculator get a move on him, and they propose to hustle him some more, and perhaps a great deal more, in the near future. It has not confiscated any farms in British Columbia to take taxes from them. It has not made the state the landlord there to tax idle and speculative holdings in city and country. MORE and the home and the cultivated FARM lands. An idle tract there assessed at \$5,000

will pay \$50 tax, and if it has less than \$250 in improvement on it will pay \$7.50 MORE. The cultivated orchard along side, the bare land of which is likewise worth \$5,000, and the improvements \$5,000 more, pays \$50. That is in the township of Kent, and has been in operation for 22 years, with more home owners and fewer mortgages than in any similar agricultural section in Oregon. Compare this improved farm tax with any similar farm in Linn county, Bro. Palmer. Real estate men all over British Columbia, engaged in selling real estate, and not in speculation, are selling homes to thousands coming every month to settle. They are full of business, while in Oregon, with vast natural resources locked up and a lot of land speculators and mossbacks literally choking Portland back, Eugene Palmer is wrestling with the problem of how to dispose of a few lots and get even. Go up to British Columbia, Eugene, for a trip of a week, and you will come back sane in mind and younger than these ten years in body.

Fellow Granger.

Save Your County.

Of all the measures before the people at the November election none is more absolutely vicious and unjust than No. 348-9 on the official ballot providing for the DIVISION OF COUNTIES.

It is bad, unfair and unjust in many ways, but one provision alone is sufficient to condemn it without further consideration. It provides that in the organization of a new county out of one or more existing counties ONLY THOSE RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY MAY VOTE UPON THE PROPOSITION, and if 60 per cent of these be favorable the new county comes into existence. The people in the remainder of the county or counties so cut down are helpless, having no voice whatever in the matter, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY OUTNUMBER THE PEOPLE IN THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY TEN TO ONE.

If this measure should become a law not a county in the State will escape division. VOTE "NO" ON NO. 348-9.

CENTRAL OREGON.

Oregon still has a vast supply of homestead lands. A million acres would be a mere parcel of what is left. The land office figures differ from time to time as additional homesteads are taken up. It is estimated that at the present time there are close to 16,000,000 acres available or enough to accommodate 50,000 families with 320 acres each.

In most sections of Central Oregon along the railroad surveys and especially along the main county roads the lands suitable for agriculture purposes, and in many cases those only suitable for stock raising, are practically all taken. The Hampton Valley in Southeastern Crook County is one of the most prosperous sections of the interior. The Pringle Flats, which are just north of this fertile valley, is also quite quickly populated and the settlers are raising enormous crops of wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, etc. These two valleys, which together are about 20 miles wide and 40 miles long are destined to become one of Oregon's poultry raising districts and these industries are paying well.

For the most part the country in Southeastern Crook, Northwestern Lake and Northwestern Harney is comparatively level, being in the form of lowlands or valleys between rolling hills or plateaus. In most places mountains can be seen on the horizon, while in other places nothing but a stretch of level country can be seen as far as the eye can reach in every direction. The soil is a heavy, sandy loam, generally known as volcanic ash and is very rich and productive. Sagebrush, juniper and bunch grass constitute the growth. Right in the heart of this wonderfully productive territory has sprung up the town of Imperial, which is on the railroad surveys and also the main roads leading from Bend, Prineville, Burns and Harney County, Pringle Flats, and Lake County all leading to it. This makes Imperial the principal trading point in this part of the country. This little town also has many other advantages which the settler is glad to take advantage of, such as branch U. S. Land Office, U. S. Weather Bureau, Post Office, Free public library, etc.

As to the total number of homesteaders who comprise the various counties which are doing the marvelous empire building in the interior there is no available record. The Government offices have the number in the various sections, but there is no count on the total number of the entire interior. The number, however, will run well into the thousands. In addition to the raising of wheat and other grain crops as well as all root crops, one must not overlook the fact that this is one of the best stock and poultry raising sections of Oregon. Since the dry farming methods have become more generally known, the percentage of failures is very small and now only the man who is lazy and unwilling to work—and work hard—makes a failure in this part of the country. The railroads which are now building and which will soon reach this territory will mean cheaper transportation and therefore more larger crops.

GIVE TO WOMAN HER JUST RIGHT.

SPLENDID TRIBUTE GIVEN BY A SOCIALIST.

John Stark's Weekly Letter of Current Comments.

The time is now fast upon us when we will give voice to our ideas of government and place authority into the hands of men to carry out these ideas for the coming two to four years. Those policies will be to our welfare in proportion to the wisdom they express as related to true economic development. All government is an experiment and only changes that conform to the economic development are a part of wisdom in government. In industry we have discarded the hand scythe for combined machine driven by gas power, but in politics our minds still hark back to the days of the oar and we are attempting to fit a stage coach constitution to the era of the flying machine. We are no longer using the one-man implements in production; all factors are at least, in a general sense, collective in their operation; therefore it is necessary to have a public policy that is a political theory which is essentially collective. Such is the socialist party which

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"Honesty and Efficiency Above Lying and Selfish Motives."

TO THE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

On account of recent attacks made for political purposes on the standing and official worth of Sheriff E. T. Mass, I am impelled by a sense of fairness and justice to make reference in this public manner to the revolting crime that robbed me of a beloved daughter and her husband and two beautiful and innocent grandchildren that were the joy and sunshine of my declining years. I refer to the murder of William Hill, his wife and two children.

I desire to say as emphatically as it is possible for human utterance to make it, that in the official investigation undertaken by Sheriff Mass immediately following that foul crime, and which has been pursued with dogged determination and without intermission up to the present time, he has done all and more than could be expected of an honest, intelligent and efficient officer. More than this, he has accomplished that which, had he been given the support and assistance to which he was entitled by right and by law from the state's officials, would have enabled him to bring to justice the perpetrator of the foulest crime ever committed in the state.

These statements are made by me with a full and intimate knowledge of the facts. That which is done cannot be undone, and no human agency can return to me and mine the loved ones so brutally slain. But I can and do render the tribute of appreciation to the honest worth of Sheriff Mass. As a sorrowing father and grandfather I thank and honor him; as an old time resident of Clackamas County I commend him to my friends and to those residents of the county who hold honesty and efficiency in an official above the lying utterances and selfish motives of petty politicians.

Thomas F. Cowing. No. 334 Worcester Bldg. Portland, Ore.

October 12, 1912.



TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

Being a candidate for re-election and believing my first duty to be to attend to the duties of the office to which I was elected and therefore being unable to interview the voters in person, I take this method of familiarizing the public of an outline of what has transpired in the sheriff's office.

I desire to call attention to the fact that the 1910 tax roll was \$75,000 larger than 1909, the 1911 tax roll \$150,000 larger than 1910 that owing to the increase of population, etc., of the county, 1,000 more tax receipts were issued in 1910 than in 1909 and 3,500 more than when my opponent was last chief deputy sheriff. Therefore this office waited on 1,000 more tax payers than did the sheriff of 1910, and 3,500 more tax payers than when my opponent was last chief deputy.

There were 30 more cases in the Circuit Court in 1911, not including County Court cases, such as non-support of family or contributing to the delinquency of minors, etc., that there were 20 more in jail in 1911 than in 1910. As shown by the records kept by my opponent, there were only four men in jail in four years when he was last deputy sheriff, against 81 in my first year. The fees for serving civil papers in one year were one half more than the whole four years my opponent was deputy last.

That owing to the increase of population there was a general increase in crime. There were two blind murder cases, one very brutal and atrocious, in which I made every honest and possible effort to apprehend the guilty parties, for which effort I was commended by the grand jury in their final report and the foregoing letter which I herewith submit if you approve of this record. I solicit your support for re-election.

E. T. MASS. Sheriff. (Paid Adv.)

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came into existence with the great industrial achievements belonging to the last half of the past century. The two old parties were oppressive of the industrial workers contemporaneous to their formation, but do not respond to the evolution of industry in society. Therefore every voter who comprehend that condition will vote for socialism at the next poll instead of capitalism as in the past, and not because the person on the ticket affords better men, personally, than the others. All the good men are in the cemetery and this is now the place for capitalism, while socialism is the living idea for the industrial and political hive of human effort. Whereas every voter who fails to grasp this fact will vote for capitalism or the more advanced will call it by that vague but charming word "reform."

Then when you are brought to your bed of pain she glides lightly to care for you, sooth you with her caressing hand, anticipating your every wish and when the mists of the dark river rise about you a gentle hand wipes the dew of death from your brow. Always is woman the prime factor in your life. Do you think the race would suffer if you would grant her equal opportunities with your self? Surely it is not a manly act to express fear that she will harm you in that she might become your superior if opportunities equal with you, were opened to her. Give her the ballot on election day and it will become a useful implement in her hands. JOHN F. STARK.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For a group there is nothing that excels it." For sale by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Oregon.

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"Honesty and Efficiency Above Lying and Selfish Motives."

TO THE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

On account of recent attacks made for political purposes on the standing and official worth of Sheriff E. T. Mass, I am impelled by a sense of fairness and justice to make reference in this public manner to the revolting crime that robbed me of a beloved daughter and her husband and two beautiful and innocent grandchildren that were the joy and sunshine of my declining years. I refer to the murder of William Hill, his wife and two children.

I desire to say as emphatically as it is possible for human utterance to make it, that in the official investigation undertaken by Sheriff Mass immediately following that foul crime, and which has been pursued with dogged determination and without intermission up to the present time, he has done all and more than could be expected of an honest, intelligent and efficient officer. More than this, he has accomplished that which, had he been given the support and assistance to which he was entitled by right and by law from the state's officials, would have enabled him to bring to justice the perpetrator of the foulest crime ever committed in the state.

These statements are made by me with a full and intimate knowledge of the facts. That which is done cannot be undone, and no human agency can return to me and mine the loved ones so brutally slain. But I can and do render the tribute of appreciation to the honest worth of Sheriff Mass. As a sorrowing father and grandfather I thank and honor him; as an old time resident of Clackamas County I commend him to my friends and to those residents of the county who hold honesty and efficiency in an official above the lying utterances and selfish motives of petty politicians.

Thomas F. Cowing. No. 334 Worcester Bldg. Portland, Ore.

October 12, 1912.



TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

Being a candidate for re-election and believing my first duty to be to attend to the duties of the office to which I was elected and therefore being unable to interview the voters in person, I take this method of familiarizing the public of an outline of what has transpired in the sheriff's office.

I desire to call attention to the fact that the 1910 tax roll was \$75,000 larger than 1909, the 1911 tax roll \$150,000 larger than 1910 that owing to the increase of population