

FUSES THAT DO NOT HOLD FIRE

NICELY MADE, BUT SIMPLY WON'T DO THE BIZ.

A WET SEASON IN OREGON

And a Poor Time to Shoot Copy-righted Dynamite Bombs.

Under the heading "Some Single Tax Dynamite," Charles D. Shields issues a little booklet of little sayings. Let's touch off the fuse to a few of them and see what comes of it. Here's the first one:

"Under the application of the graduated single tax, \$95,000,000 worth of personal property owned by public service corporations would escape taxation."

Then WHY is every public service corporation in the state fighting a trial of it to the last ditch?

"All the holdings of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., would be exempt from taxation."

Then WHY isn't this corporation working FOR it, instead of leaving no stone unturned to defeat it?

"The holders of stock and bonds and mortgages who are gentlemen of leisure and who reap great returns by reason of the fact that they loan their money, all get off scot free—yet commerce can't get on without them."

Then WHY are the Ladds, the Corbets and other Portland millionaires putting up the money YOU are using to fight single tax? You admitted in your speech here in Oregon City last Saturday night these men WERE furnishing the funds for your fight and you yourself stated they were doing it for "their own preservation." If these men would get off "scot free" under single tax, WHY are they fighting to defeat it, "for their own preservation?"

"It is the man who deals in the necessities of life which would escape paying taxes under the Graduated Single Tax."

WHY SHOULDN'T HE? Doesn't the consumer pay his taxes for him? Doesn't the consumer pay the tax of every grocery store, every dry goods store in Oregon? Doesn't the consumer pay the advertising, the salesman's salaries and the trusts' profits?

"We may have reason to complain of the present system. Most certainly we will have reason to complain un-

der a system of tenantry. How do you know? Why haven't YOU presented an initiative bill to relieve the PRESENT system that we HAVE reason to complain of, if you are so interested in the tax burdened and poor men of Oregon? HOW will taxing water powers, franchises, land grants, railroads, and speculators bring you a tenantry system in Oregon?"

"Can you not see that the moment the larger land holders are broken up under the application of the graduated single tax, which evidently would be the case, there will then remain no graduated single tax but single tax?"

But wouldn't there be hundreds of producers on the large land holdings, men making the land into farms, and hundreds of men paying taxes where a half dozen pay now. Would there be any need of specific taxes when there are no large land holdings to levy them on?

"The burden will continue falling more heavily upon land—all lands—until the confiscation of the rent is secured, and the small landholder suffers equally as much as the larger."

It only takes so much money to run Oregon, and HOW are we going to impose taxes to the extent of confiscation? HOW are we going to collect any more than the state needs? What rot?

"Nowhere is there in existence any such a system as is contemplated in the graduated single tax."

Once upon a time there was no where in existence any such system as the Oregon system—and there never would have been if every state had waited for some other state to start it. Precedent is a petrification.

The little booklet the above extracts are taken from, Mr. Shields has had copyrighted. He was no doubt afraid his "dynamite" might get wet. It's great stuff—great arguments.

Now don't you let a grain buyers' trust in Washington tell you Oregonians how to vote.

Every reform that Oregon has secured through the People's Power League.

Every last one of these reforms had the same awful predictions of ruin, prophesied to follow them as the graduated single tax is deluged with now.

In his twenty years' work for the plain people of Oregon, did you ever know W. S. U'Ren to double-cross you? Do you know of a single measure of the many he has been instrumental in bringing about that was not for the greatest good of the many? Don't you believe you can trust him further than an imported Seattle grain dealer.

Vote 34X yes next Tuesday. Don't moan over present tax conditions, but play the first thing that offers relief.

Vote 36X Yes and 37X Yes. Vote for single tax and a change Tuesday.

WHY THIS CHANGE IN 21 DAYS?

ISN'T AN OCTOBER 4 QUESTION STILL ONE OCTOBER 25?

MR. U'REN WANTS TO KNOW.

Asks Mr. Noyer and Mr. Schnoerr to Kindly Explain.

To Whom It May Concern:— In Sunday's Enterprise and in some issues since then, there appeared a signed article from P. S. Noyer, of Molalla, democratic nominee for representative under the heading "Noyer Repudiates Paid Advertisement," which is as follows:

"To Whom It may concern: An article appeared in the Oregon City Courier of date October 25, 1912, marked "Paid Advertisement," and purporting to be signed by me, I did not authorize the publication of this article and did not pay for said publication. I make this statement in justice to myself and my friends." P. S. Noyer, "Candidate for Representative."

This ad interests me, not only because I ordered the republication of Mr. Noyer's letter in the Courier, and am having it republished herewith as a paid ad, but especially because of the nasty words "Purporting to be signed by me."

Mr. Gus Schnoerr, Willamette, Ore.

Dear Sir:— On your trial in September for libel, you stated under oath that Mr. Schuebel wanted you to sign the following statement to the voters of Clackamas county:

"It has been stated that I am under obligations to the corporate interests in Clackamas county and would work in their interests if elected as a member of the legislature. It is a fact that Gordon E. Hayes, B. T. McBain, Wm. Sheahan and other prominent citizens urged me to become a candidate for the legislature. They did not ask me for any pledge to support any legislation in the interests of the corporations or otherwise. If nominated and elected, I pledge myself to the voters and taxpayers of Clackamas county, that I will at all times work for such legislation that will tax the waterpower and public service corporation franchise in the same manner as other property; that I will at all times do all in my power to pass such legislation that will bring about conditions for the laboring men in the mills in Oregon City so that no man will be

compelled to work more than ten hours in one day or more than sixty hours a week."

You swore you refused to sign and said: "Christ, if I would sign this paper I would make a traitor out of myself. I can never do that."

On that trial you did not deny that you became a candidate at the request of B. T. McBain, Wm. Sheahan and Gordon E. Hayes. Mr. McBain was manager, Mr. Sheahan was superintendent and Mr. Hayes was political attorney of the Willamette Pulph and Paper Co.

To WHOM you would have made yourself a traitor by signing and publishing the above pledges to the people? WHAT obligations or promises did you make to the paper Company that would conflict with the above pledges to the people? Sincerely yours, P. S. Noyer.

LIVED FIVE YEARS IN ALBERTA.

WHAT A CLACKAMAS COUNTY FARMER HAS TO SAY.

OF HOW SINGLE TAX WORKS.

Here is a Letter That is Direct Evidence on the Single Tax.

Editor Courier:— If you will kindly give me space in your paper I would like to say a few words in favor of single tax for which you are making such a valiant fight, after reading such rot as confiscation of land, and the farmers and small land owners having to bear the burden of the taxes. I would like to tell my brother farmers how I liked it after living under it for five years.

What I liked was that in five years, I will never see our road law up there, as one of our fights here is good roads, and we get very little of them here. In Alberta the Province is divided off into districts of from five to eight townships, each of these districts are divided into three precincts. The first of each year they elect a council as they are called in each precinct, the salary of these men are not to exceed \$20 per year. Councilors advertise for some one to act as clerk and treasurer of the district, on a given day and levy a tax in their respective parts. The government will not allow less than \$2 per quarter section, and not more than \$8 per quarter section. Levied, this tax is due as soon as voted, but not collected until December of that year to be paid in the currency of the country, but the councilor will notify you that he will employ you at \$2 per day of ten hours, if you wish to labor. Perhaps you will say we did not get eligible work done by a lot of these salaries, but I differ with you, as to that, as we had the best men in the district and elected them to councilors. We did not have a man appointed against the petition of eighty percent of the tax payers as they did in our vicinity. The Province has one inspector who travels over the state giving estimates and helping the road work in general, being a civil engineer and appointed on his merit. I could say much more if space would permit, but in the meantime I will send you a copy of the road law. Districts are organized when there are ten pupils of school age. The government pays 70 per cent of the cost of building, also 70 per cent of the teacher's salaries, and their educational system is good. I still wonder how it was that I only paid \$1.97 on my quarter outside of my road tax which I help to levy myself, having good buildings on land well fenced, 25 head of horses and cattle and 40 acres under cultivation. I noticed when I first went to the country, that I had to pay \$200 for a horse and a cow. Also there was no sheriff, clerk, recorder, treasurer, county judge, commissioners, and the best of all no assessor. Then I commenced to understand. One set of men at Edmonton done all the work cutting out the \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 Court House and about \$15,000 each year for salaries of these office holders and their host of assistants. Do you wonder your taxes are high? And now they want a Lieutenant Governor, \$200 per year and they want to split this county so they can have another set of officers to pay and another Court House to build. I myself, rebel. You will say that if they don't have a sheriff how do they keep order and why do they go to execute the offenders? In districts about as large as this county there is a Justice of the Peace appointed and with the aid of the mounted police he tries the petty offenders, while other offenders are taken to Edmonton or to the Mounted Police don't get mileage either. Their salaries are \$15 per month and they act as game wardens, fire wardens and in the absence of the Justice of the Peace, can do his duty.

This county would have three mounted police detailed from the regular army. We have to clothe and feed them and why not use them as they do up there, and we would have a police service that would be equal to Canada and if you have read much about them you will find them the terror of evil doers. I am not writing this in regard to the government of large cities as they are in a class by themselves. But Edmonton grew from a town of 3000 in 1902 to 55,000 now and Calgary from 5,000 to 65,000 with a graduated tax on incomes, they do not seem to be on the retrograde much and then they have the Torrens system of registering deeds and for the sum of 50 cents one can find out if the title to a piece of land is good as all liens, judgements, and mortgages are recorded on your papers and being destroyed. You don't have a host of lawyers and abstractors to pass on your papers and pay all the way from \$10 to \$100.

I believe one good business man, or clerk with assistants at a reasonable wage, under the single tax, handle the State with but little more trouble than in one county under the present laws, at least with all these offices cut out and no assessor to come around and fine you for improving your property.

One of my neighbors built a fine barn this summer, I think the best in the county, with gas

HACKETT'S "ECONOMY." Wants to Know Why This County Couldn't Have Paid Expense

Mr. Hackett, republican nominee for sheriff, wants to know why Sheriff Stevens came up from Multnomah county and took Robert in our vicinity. He said he had a automobile) to that county and tried him.

This is rather an embarrassing question to other candidates on the republican ticket, and no doubt if Mr. Hackett had consulted with them, he would not have asked it.

Sheriff Mass says there are two reasons why Roberts was tried in Multnomah county. The shooting occurred in this county and the death in Multnomah county—either county had a claim to the murder.

"Sheriff Stevens told District Attorney Tongue's deputy, Fitzgerald, in my hearing, that he did not like the attitude of the district attorney in this district, and that he wanted Roberts to have "his hearing in Multnomah county. That's one reason," said Sheriff Mass.

"Another is that if Multnomah county wanted to bear the expense of this murder trial I could not see any reason why the county should not pay it out. Mr. Hackett will read the editorial in the Portland Journal following this trial, and showing what it cost Multnomah county, it would seem that his "economy" campaign was a little weak in its joints. Roberts was tried and convicted. It cost Multnomah county thousands of dollars. Is Mr. Hackett sorry this county could not have paid this expense?"

An Explanation. To the Editor of the Courier:— There appeared in the Oregon City Enterprise a denial that an article appearing in the Oregon City Courier of date October 25, 1912, was signed by me. I want to state that the second appearance of said article in the Courier was unknown to me and I did not authorize its publication. I did not intend in any manner to reflect upon the editor of the Courier or anyone connected therewith. Mr. M. J. Brown undoubtedly ran the article as a paid advertisement and the publication of the same was authorized by someone known to him. I appreciate the Courier's support and it was far from my mind to give offense.

P. S. Noyer.

Next Tuesday—Kill It. A minority, a small few, in Eastern Clackamas, want to make a new county Tuesday.

More public buildings, more taxes, more office holders. There is only one chance of it carrying, that just you fellows who are reading this will not vote on the proposition at all.

The voters outside of this county as a general rule will pass this up entirely—because they don't know anything about it.

The voters who are trying to split this county will vote to a man.

And the danger is your negligence. Every voter in this county wants to get busy with the "X."

Get the full vote out in Oregon City, and EVERY man get on the job between now and Tuesday.

You can bet the other fellows are hustling.

"BLUE RIBBON BREAD." The loaf with the nutty flavor. Your grocer sells it for 10 cents.

The Best Light At the Lowest Cost

ELECTRIC LIGHT is the most suitable for homes, offices, shops and other places needing light. Electricity can be used in any quantity, large or small, thereby furnishing any required amount of light. Furthermore, electric lamps can be located in any place, thus affording any desired distribution of light.

No other lamps possess these qualifications, therefore it is not surprising that electric lamps are rapidly replacing all others in modern establishments.

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. MAIN OFFICE SEVENTH & ALDER. PORTLAND. Phones Main 6688 and A. 6131

CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT.

There are five candidates for Congress from which the voters of the First District must choose when they vote next Tuesday; Hawley, for re-election on the republican ticket; Smith, democrat; Campbell, progressive; Richards, socialist; Stillman, prohibitionist.

Mr. Hawley has truly represented the people of this district there is no need for a change, but has he? Mr. Hawley consistently supported "Uncle Joe and "Stand pat" policies. He voted the ardent dodger when the measures which were championed by the progressive element in the last Congress were presented. That program may satisfy the predatory interests, but it is an insult to "progressive" Oregon.

Smith, the democrat, has not even been supported by the remocratic papers, and has made no campaign. His trouble with the federal authorities has made his election undesirable.

Campbell, the Progressive, has only been a resident of the state for two years. He is not known over the district and has no space in the state pamphlet.

Richards, the socialist, has no chance of election, does not expect it, and would do no more for the laboring man than Stillman, the prohibitionist.

O. E. Stillman is a true progressive. His actions while in the railroad construction work, his words of promise to the voters the voters of this district during the campaign, and his knowledge of economic and social conditions, make him a desirable representative for progressive Oregon.

Mr. Stillman's candidacy on the Prohibition Party ticket proves that he is not a mere office seeker. He fearlessly recognizes that the liquor question is a vital issue even though he is sure to lose the votes of the "undesirable" citizen.

Elect Stillman to congress and show to the nation that Oregon is not only consistently progressive but does NOT demand that her representatives keep silent on great moral questions.

Stillman's effective campaign all over the district, the fact that he is endorsed by the most prominent old party men in the district and the inactivity of the other candidates, makes him the logical candidate to defeat Hawley.

If you believe in the rule of the people, VOTE FOR STILLMAN. (Paid adv., Congressional committee, First District.)

CHANGE IS COMING. Old Barn Storming Ways are Being Relegated to the Past.

The time is drawing near when men won't listen to men who get up and tell them what a devil of a fellow he will be and what wonders he will perform if the "dear people" will only boost him with their votes.

The time is coming, it's really here, when the only way a public speaker or a candidate will be able to get an audience will be to bring the other fellow with him, his opponent, to the case and let the people decide.

During the campaign now closing, the problem has been to get audiences, and many a nominee for office has talked his head off to a dozen people.

The voters simply won't go. But the United States debate Saturday night proved two things, that the single tax issue in Oregon, and the biggest question in Oregon, and that people will listen to argument. Altho this was held on Saturday night, with counter attractions of street speeches, public dances, etc., yet the big opera house was nearly full.

And it was a contest that any man knew the more for the hearing, for both men had something to say and knew how to say it. One man could not drag in an assertion by the heels and get away with it, for he knew the cross questioning would come and he would have to show down.

The general opinion is that Mr. U'Ren had Mr. Shields going from the first round, hanging over the ropes in the second and down and out at the finish.

Mr. Shields is a bright man and a forceful speaker, but his side of the tax issue is the money side, and it is a hard position to defend under the present high taxes and popular unrest in Oregon.

And Mr. U'Ren had the side of the masses, the plain people, and he had back of himself twenty years of hard work for these people, and these with his sound, convincing talk gave him the game from the start, and there was no use for the score cards which Mr. Shields had given out at the door.

The U'Ren-Shields debate was a decided success, and you may be sure that in the coming campaign the people of Oregon are going to insist on these two sides being shown at the same time, or they are going to let you candidates talk to empty seats.

Just a Word. Before you vote Tuesday just think a couple of times—you fellows who are feeling the punch of tax extortion.

Fifteen per cent of the voters can call a special election and do away with the graduated single tax—if it does not make good.

Isn't that enough guarantee against Slick Shields "confiscation" scarecrow?

The single tax will take taxes off from farm improvements— from the products of hard work—and put it on the incomes of those who don't work and don't have to work.

Try it, men. See if it won't relieve you from the present burden of taxation. CAN'T make your condition worse—and it CAN make it a lot easier. Vote FOR it next Tuesday.



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GLADSTONE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy LaSalle left Sunday for Long Beach, California, where they will spend the winter with the parents of Mr. LaSalle.

Invitations are out for a Hollo-Wee ball to be given at Miller's hall Friday evening, by several of Gladstone's young people. About twenty-five couples will attend the dance.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Cross underwent an operation at the Sellwood sanatorium Wednesday, for an abscess. The little fellow rallied from the operation very well and is getting along nicely. He is about two weeks old.

Miss Georgia Cross and Mrs. T. A. Burke attended the recital of Madam Gadski, given at the Heilig Wednesday night.

At the council meeting Tuesday evening, the matter of improving Dartmouth street was taken up, and an ordinance passed to that effect. This means that before the Chautauqua next year, the street running to Gladstone park will be completely improved and a sidewalk built from the station clear out to the park.

The Harvest Home supper given in Miller's hall Tuesday evening by Gladstone ladies, was largely attended.

A. J. Bailey, a R. R. engineer, Batesville, Ark., says—he is suffering with kidney and bladder trouble so bad I was unable to work. I had such severe pains in my back I could hardly get up. I tried several physicians with no result, but Foley's Kidney Pills have done wonders for me. I recommend them to all. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Hubbard, Canby and Molalla.

"Tells the Whole Story." To say that Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is best for children and grown persons and contains no opiates, tells only part of the tale. The whole story is that it is the best medicine for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and other affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Stops la grippe, coughs and has a healing and soothing effect. Remember the name. Foley's Honey & Tar Compound, and accept no substitutes. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Canby, Molalla and Hubbard.