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Every day Oregon is more dry.

When the European war is over, won't there be some fun with pie cutting?

With export markets closed and the greatest wheat crop in history, flour goes up, up, why?

Betting is even between Hawley for Congress and Purdy for Governor, as to which will get the nearest to the tail end.

With millions of bushels of produce for sale and millions of Europeans clamoring for it, the U. S. has no ships to deliver it.

The exposure of the influences that are fighting to wrest the control of Oregon from the people, should make some of the level-headed residents of Clackamas county think a little.

Six nominees for the legislature are out for a dry Oregon, Schabel, and Dimick, (Rep.) Clyde and Olds, (Pro.) and Thomas, (Sec.) Spence (Ind.) There is room for the Democrats to kick in.

Mr. Hawley has been almost a failure as congressman. He not only has failed to do anything for this district, but he has overrepresented a progressive state by stand-pat actions. He has not made good. Even the Oregonian does not print his record at Washington and his votes on roll calls. It looks as if Mr. Hawley was at his end.

The editor of the Woodburn Independent says he has always been honest with Mr. U'Ren in tendering him advice, and he now honestly advises him to retire. Several other men we can think of feel the same way, only they are not quite so public with it. No doubt Mr. U'Ren will appreciate their sincerity.

The farmers will bury that eight hour measure, and they should. A factory that fixes the selling price on its output may be able to get along all right on an 8-hour schedule, but the farmer who has no say as to the price of his output, he cannot stand the 8 hour law. Every farmer should register and vote it down.

There are a few candidates for the legislature who do not consider it any of your voters' business where they stand. If you voters are wise you will teach them something. If it is none of your business where they stand it is none of your business to elect them. Leave any man at home who hasn't kidney enough to line up either for or against the boose.

If it is worth \$100 and upwards to the wealthy men connected with the trust companies, real estate agencies, lumber and machinery corporations, railroads, insurance corporations, etc., to defeat the \$1500 exemption, proportional representation and inheritance measures, how much is it worth to you who do not belong to this class to CARRY these measures? Think it over. The Portland bunch have never yet played your game.

WAIT
At the time of the south African war Paul Kruger said the English might win, but it would be at a price that would stagger humanity.

This saying will apply to Germany in the present war with France, England, Russia and Belgium.

The dispatches would indicate that so far Germany has had the worst of the European slaughter, but those who are familiar with that country, its wonderful army resources, know that the war has not commenced as yet, and if she is ever compelled to yield to overpowering numbers, it will be only after a resistance the like of which the world has never seen.

Germany has a wonderful army and every soldier is a patriot. While her losses so far have been terrific, yet the thousands as reported dead, wounded and captured will hardly be missed in the millions ready to take their places.

Germany may be beaten by the big odds against her, only time can tell, but you may be sure that time is far distant, and if she is conquered, the victorious armies will have paid an awful price for what they get.

There is no army on earth that will fight longer and die harder than Germany.

The war has hardly begun yet.

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On account of the constant changes being made in mail routes, we find every year that a large number of our calendars have been mis-directed and are returned undelivered.

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USE COMMON SENSE

When Lloyd George proposed to tax land in England whether bringing in any revenue or not, or not what do you suppose the land speculators, lords and tax dodgers said?

Up to two years ago in England, if a man had an absolutely idle plot, tract or lot of land, he paid no taxes on it worth mentioning. Land worth hundreds of thousands of dollars an acre paid but a few cents taxes on a valuation made two hundred years ago.

If a lord owned a row of rickety, leaky, dilapidated buildings that did not rent, he could hold the land for a rise and pay practically no tax because the poor fellow was deriving no income from the property!

Land useful for factory sites was allowed to grow up to weeds and marsh because it could be held for a speculation. The rents asked for such plots was excessive beyond reason but as it cost nothing to hold it was the lord's business to do so.

There was no possibility of an argument against Lloyd George's proposal that such land be taxed the same as used land, according to value. But the lords, and the hirelings and patriots that always stand up and fight for special privilege could make a noise and get off a string of words. They could and did appeal to prejudice, and use epithets and beg the question and holler. What did they holler?

In Oregon the very first thing the Territorial legislature did was to provide that land should be taxed whether used or not. If it was good enough to grow on it was good enough to pay taxes on, eh? Of course. There were no lords and but few speculators to object then.

What did the English lords say to the same proposition? They said the same things that F. W. Mulkey says about the \$1,500 home tax exemption measure—the same things to a dot of an i.

They hollered S-I-N-G-L-E-T-A-X! Did they give any reason why the idle land should not be taxed? Did they tell what single tax was? Did they prove that it would depopulate the country, drive away capital, shut up factories, increase taxes on the poor farmer?

Not on your life! Like Mulkey, and like the Non-Partisan Plutocrat League of Portland, they didn't have any facts, nor reasons, nor examples to point to, but they could holler epithets at the top of their voices, and they could prophesy all manner of disasters and sudden death, and they did.

Just as in Oregon the same interests get the same kind of eminent men of ability who ought to know better, and who probably do know better, to call out S-I-N-G-L-E-T-A-X!

The British parliament passed this awful single tax measure, which was not any more than the single tax, any more than our present law in Oregon is like the single tax because it provides for taxing idle land and idle lots according to value, and there was nothing happened along the line of direful prophecies made by the conservatives.

Farmers farmed, and the rents did not go up. People built factories and worked in them just about the same, if anything a little better.

The proposed \$1,500 home tax exemption measure is a simple step towards justice. The taxing of idle land in the early days of the Territory of Oregon was simply common sense. No further steps have been taken "towards single tax since."

To relieve the burden of tax on the small farmer and home owner means better times for them to that extent directly. To encourage men to hold and to have a home is to encourage the production of all that goes to make homes—lumber, paint, paper, furniture, art, light, etc. That makes a demand for labor.

"What I want is a JOB!" shrieked a workman to the writer recently. "Damn your tax laws! I want a JOB—J-O-B! D'ye understand?" I tried to point out to him that if we stopped firing men for giving him a job he would have more jobs. If we stop punishing a man for painting a house there will be more houses painted and more houses to paint. This man was a painter out of a job. He saw the point to some extent.

This \$1500 home tax exemption measure will stop the game played by our county assessors of punishing a man for building a decent looking hen house than the justice of the peace will fine him for robbing one. It will reduce the taxes of the many, increase the demand for not only the products of labor but for land, too. It will better the condition of the workers and give the shirkers a chance to be sold.

Never mind epithets; calling names is no argument. If you want lower taxes on builders and diggers and workers, and good times, vote for No. 326 x yes on the state ballot and see that all your friends, and relatives of your wife and your half uncle do the same.

It is money in your pocket, fellow citizen, to vote taxes off the home. I would be pleased to show any audience how it would benefit any and all in a community of passably honest people, just such people as go to make up the average community in Oregon.

Alfred D. Cridge.

CANT YOU SEE IT?
A publication has started at Roseburg called "The Tax Liberator," but its real object is to fight the \$1500 tax exemption bill.

It wouldn't do to spring anything more in Portland, so to avoid suspicion this was put on at Roseburg. It costs a lot of money to put out an eight-page paper like the Liberator.

As it isn't eligible to the second class mailing privilege, a one cent stamp has to be attached to every paper.

If the paper has any circulation the stamps are another big expense.

How many of you workmen, you women, and you farmers have contributed to the fund to put out this newspaper?

We will bet not one of you has ever been asked for a nickel to fight the homes exemption measure.

Then who is putting up the hoodle to put out an 8-page newspaper under stamp postage to fight it?

You ought to know that what the Non-Partisan League bunch of Portland fights,—you should be FOR.

You ought to know that if the capitalists, the speculators and the big property owners of Portland raise thousands of dollars to fight the U'Ren \$1500 exemption measure, that you ought to know that it is a measure for the benefit of the little fellow, for the farmer and workingman. Big business never fights itself.

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YOUR PAPER FOR SALE?

The exposure of the interests fighting the \$1500 exemption and proportional representation measures, should be of considerable interest to the newspapers of Oregon.

There will be a great campaign fund behind this fight. One hundred dollars apiece is the least contribution that is solicited from the silk stocking bunch, AND "AS MUCH MORE AS IT MAY BE WORTH" to them.

The Oregonian has lined up with this bunch and is fighting these initiative measures.

Do any of you Oregon newspaper men think this big newspaper is taking this stand for sweet charity, when there is a big war chest with the cover open?

If you do, forget it. And you country newspapers that are copying the Oregonian's editorials, boosting the game for nothing while there is a great publicity fund to pay you for it—don't you think you are some sucker?

Adam Bede of the Cottage Grove Sentinel and H. A. Darnell of the Weaver State Herald are opposing the \$1500 amendment with energy and enthusiasm worthy of a good big piece of the Portland campaign fund.

Perhaps they are getting it. If not it is there for them, for the big fund is raised for publicity, and the newspapers are the best medium.

The most of the newspapers have been letting the exemption amendment and proportional representation alone.

Now, as we understand it, that the publicity fund is ready for distribution, it will be interesting to see how many of the country newspapers CAN BE BOUGHT with this Portland campaign fund. It will be interesting to see how many editorial columns are for sale at so much an inch.

The "Non-Partisan League" made that damaging circular letter. A ten year old boy should have better sense.

Its falling into other hands has exposed the scheme, and it has put the newspapers of Oregon, (those that stand for something) in a very embarrassing position.

The newspaper that now comes out for this Portland bunch will certainly be under grave suspicion unless the "Paid Adv." lets them out.

City Creamery Leads Market
The Oregon City Creamery has been leading the market for butter fat, Wednesday's quotations for the creamery here being 34 cents, and 33 cents at the creamery's stations at Astoria, Molalla, and Gervais. This price is said to be 2 cents above Portland prices.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury
Mercury will surely destroy the same of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price 25c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. The Courier and the twice-a-week Portland Journal, three papers each week for \$1.75 is some bargain.

CASTO DEFIES FLOSS

Challenges Him to Make Good his Libelous Charges Against U'Ren
Editor Courier:—

Some time ago I chanced to come across the following article, which appeared in the May issue of the Pacific Grange Bulletin. It appeals to me as being so un-American that I cannot help but making a few comments upon it:—

Another View of Tax Exemptions
I can not help but send you my hearty approval of the answer you have given to Mr. W. S. U'Ren, on page 106 of the April P. G. B., in regard to his \$1,500 tax exemption bill, as this man apparently seems to judge all others by his own character, evidently without knowing "that this is an insult to all just and honest men."

No just and honest man ever asks, demands, gets, takes, or tries to force by law, from others something for nothing, but always is ready and willing to pay the due price for it, even if that something is only such a trifling thing like good government, good protection of life, rights and property, good public service, courts, schools, education for children, roads, streets, markets, etc.; and this undeniable fact proves beyond the least doubt "that only the lowest, most unjust and dishonest creatures among us can make such demands and can try to enforce them by laws," like Mr. U'Ren is trying to do with this tax exemption law and his many single tax schemes, since it is a law of nature "that never the smallest, but always the greatest dishonesty and injustice leads in all unjust and dishonest schemes."

This man U'Ren seems to be perfectly empty of any honesty and sense of justice, as he plainly shows that by his actions and schemes; as he would rob anybody of his savings and earnings by certain law schemes, if he could, to use it for the benefit of himself and all those who did not earn it. His law proposals are appeals to the meanest and lowest of what is in humans; they are appeals to this to do injustice and dishonestly to others for the sake of selfishness; and to offer such proposals to any just and honest man and voter for approval, that is of course an outrageous insult to them. And the fact that Mr. U'Ren can not see this insult, that is the positive proof "that he does not know at all what justice and honesty is and that he consequently can not feel when he gets insulted."

Yours truly,
L. FERDINAND FLOSS.

My first comment on the article is that Mr. Floss should first get acquainted with Mr. U'Ren before writing such a "prejudice leading" article as this. Also he should inform himself upon the beneficial results, (directly and indirectly, present and future,) to the common people of Oregon, of the many principles of government and laws for which Mr. U'Ren has contended these many years.

I have known Mr. U'Ren ever since he came to Oregon, and will say that he is exactly opposite in disposition to that in which Mr. Floss would lead his readers to believe. Such an article could come only from one who is entirely ignorant of his subject, or who is most awfully prejudiced.

I defy Mr. Floss to point to a man

in the State of Oregon who has and who is doing more to hasten the day when the common people will come into their own and be freed from the yoke of industrial slavery, which has become almost unbearable. I defy him to name a politician who has been so self-sacrificing, who, in the face of adversity, insult and slander, has still retained the courage to stand and fight for that which he feels and knows is right. It is to be pitied if the citizens of Oregon do not appreciate the efforts of their greatest statesman and give him that which he deserves, the highest gift in their power—the governorship.

Mr. Floss, lay aside your prejudice for a moment and compare the political records of the four leading candidates for the governorship today. What has any of them but Mr. U'Ren to recommend that they are deserving of this great honorable and responsible position? Other states almost without exception, have rewarded their most able statesmen with high positions and are the people of Oregon, the most progressive State on political lines, going to lie down and fail to recognize and reward the man who has been the power in bringing about these most blessed conditions?

You try to discredit the "Exemption Amendment" by your vicious attack upon the character of Mr. U'Ren. Is this logical argument? No. The days of such are long past and the person who tries the arguments is obsolete. You are obliged in this day and age to discuss the many political reforms upon their merits. Should you thoroughly inform yourself upon the merits of this bill you will not say that it is "An appeal to the meanest and lowest of what is in humans."

Look over the many reform measures adopted by the people in the last few years, which were drafted and defended almost solely by Mr. U'Ren and see if you can honestly say "that he does not know at all what justice and honesty is, and that he consequently cannot feel when he gets insulted."

W. T. Greene, Hopkinton, N. H., writes the following letter, which will interest everyone who has kidney trouble. "For over a year, Mrs. Greene had been afflicted with a very stubborn kidney trouble. Foley Kidney Pills did more to complete her recovery than any medicine she has taken and I feel it my duty to recommend them." Sold by all druggists.

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