

COWS OR DIAMONDS?

Which is it More to Farmers Interests to Have Taxed? Oregon City, Ore., Oct. 21, 1914. To the Editor:— This is my last letter to you on the \$1500 Homes Tax Exemption amendment, and I hope you will not only print it, but all your subscribers will read it.

This measure will exempt necessities of life from taxes, but not luxuries.

Cows are necessities for farmers and mortgages are not, but cows pay taxes now and mortgages go free.

Homes are necessary for working people and diamonds are not, but homes pay taxes now while diamonds "in actual use" are exempt by law.

Money invested in land clearings and farm implements is necessary for farmers and must pay taxes now; but nearly all money in the bank dodges the tax.

This Exemption amendment will save more than a million dollars a year to farmers and wage workers. The owners of great wealth in corporations, water powers, skyscrapers, and the land and timber speculators will pay all that the exemption saves to the farmers and wage workers.

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The brewers and distillers know that all kinds of business save theirs is better in a dry town.

They know this has been proved by figures and facts from Salem, Oregon City, Roseburg, Albany, Newberg, Ashland, Corvallis, Pendleton and many other towns. Organization Spreads Untruths. So they organized the "Taxpayers' and Wage Earners' League" to spread misinformation about Oregon dry.

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The campaign of misinformation carried on by employees of the league, who are also employees of the breweries and distilleries, is now known all over Oregon.

Brewers Spending Your Money. Every man, woman and child has to spend \$20 a year with the saloons.

If you do not drink, some one else has to pay YOUR share. So, it is YOUR money the Oregon brewers and Eastern distilleries have been using to persuade YOU Oregon wet will do YOU good. It is believed they expect to spend over \$200,000 of YOUR money.

They know Oregon dry will put them out of business and help every other kind of business in the state. Although the breweries and distilleries know Oregon dry is for better business, prosperity and more work, they are fighting it.

No Saloons; Better Business. We have had bad times with the saloon, haven't we? Why not try no saloon? It can't make things worse and is certain to make things better.

The reason is: Money spent on the saloon cannot be spent for groceries. Money spent in the saloons—much of it goes East. Money spent for dry goods and groceries stays in the towns and makes better business.

The members of the Committee of One Hundred are all Oregonians. Most of them are business men. They ask you to vote Oregon dry, because they know, as the brewers also know, that Oregon dry means better business, lower taxes, more work and a return to prosperity.

For the experience of all Oregon dry towns has proved this to be the case. Paid advertisement by Committee of One Hundred, 748 Morgan Bldg., Portland, Ore.

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"WET" LEAGUE IN FIGHT OVER COIN

Only Two "Taxpayers and Wage Earners"

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BY ORTON E. GOODWIN. Publicity Department, Committee of One Hundred.

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Oregon Equity News

P. W. MEREDITH, Editor.

We never miss the water till the well runs dry.

We won't miss our food 'till it is all shipped to Europe.

Europe's debt is increasing every day and the men to pay it are decreasing.

The world will soon look to the United States for food and a great many other things.

Moses received the commandments on Mt. Sinai, then organized his army and killed or enslaved the Canaanites.

This probably is the precedent that European kings are acting on to preserve the 10 commandments and Christianity by force of arms.

The United States will soon have a corner on food, but it will not prove a money maker for the farmer unless he organizes and gets part of the profits that have been going to the middlemen. Join the Equity and get ready to help the American Farmers' Federation.

Before the farmer can get what is due them they must organize. Farmers could have secured a big price for this year's wheat crop had they been thoroughly organized for that purpose sooner. When they did make a start the price moved up. American farmers will make good another year. Get ready now. Join the Equity.

Our next State meeting will be November 21. Shall we send a delegate to the national meeting at Pocatella, Idaho in December? Now is the time for every member to take a tight grip on the Equity for next year's market is ours for victory is in sight. All honor is due those who have stayed by and fought the good fight for co-operation. We are going to win out sooner than our leaders expected. Close up the ranks and elect delegates.

What is coming our way? Rural Credits, Parcel Post, Express rates, lower taxes, public markets and the greatest demand for food that the world has known. Two-thirds of the American farmers are ready to join hands for everything the Equity Society has been working for. The gold of the world is coming to America for food. Farmers organize and get what once went to gamblers and grafters. Join the Equity.

The farmers now control over one thousand elevators. The organized farmers have representatives on every important market. Everything is ready to market through our organization if we stand by, close up the gaps and march on. The whole world will be forced to adopt our plan or starve. Equity members must buy and sell more and more thru the organization. There is a general revival all along the line.

Clackamas County Equity has a county business agent that has done hundreds of dollars worth of business for Equity members and now he is better prepared than ever to supply you with any kind of machinery and can save you money. He will not be worth anything to you if you don't use him. Brother Steadman, county secretary of Washington Co., is doing good work for members of that county. Brother Smitke is another one who has the staying qualities.

Our state organ, the Oregon City Courier is always on the job and is gaining as many friends and readers among other classes as the organized farmers and it is the medium thru which all people learn the objects of the Equity and the necessity of adopting them. Other papers are beginning to teach some of our planks. The Oregon Journal has championed our \$1500 exemption. It is a good, independent city paper.

Up in Columbia county the people recalled the County Court and attorney. They refused to give up their warm places in the county's feather bed and have their lawyer hunting around for a higher power than the expressed will of the people. That such a power exists will not deny but if it is found and proves to be alive and active it will be the duty of the Equity editor to furnish our readers with our very best picture of IT with descriptions and comments.

The great war in Europe has proved all that the Equity has stood for. If the farmers are not organized and prepared to control prices on food stuffs it would make no difference to the American producer if wheat was \$10 per bushel in Europe he would be forced to sell for 65 or 70 cents, just like the speculators and combines started out to do this year. But the Equity broke the combine and now we are ready to federate and control.

Election day is drawing near and everybody who has registered should vote and study the 29 amendments sufficient to vote with intelligence. As to men we can recommend Judge Anderson, Commissioner Smith, and C. E. Spence for the legislature. These men are organized farmers and have come to the front at the right

time. They have made good and now during the crisis of the great war we are in need of men who can be trusted to practice economy and curb the questionable customs of big and little business.

The Equity Society is for the homes \$1500 tax exemption because it is a little help and encouragement to the small farmer. We contend that it is much better to have a great many small farm owners than to have only a few owners and all the rest tenants paying high rents to landlords. The time has come to protect the homes of the small producer for the big ones have always been able to take care of themselves. We need more such laws as this.

Another amendment the Equity favors is the abolishing of the state senate. Only two provinces of Canada have senates we have been told. It is an old fogy custom handed down from the feudal days of England with their House of Lords. There never was any use or reason for having two separate houses for making laws only to get the taxing power as far from the people as possible. When we know exactly who to blame for bad laws good ones will be more plentiful.

Recently an organized body of railroad presidents called on the President at the Whitehouse and laid before him the financial conditions of the roads. Of course the President was totally ignorant of these things? And this gentle body of respectable nabobs painted the picture in all of its wretchedness and on their supplication the President issued a proclamation to the American people. These proclamations are becoming as numerous as referendum amendments so we pay but little attention to them so the Equity editor deems the situation so grave that he again calls your attention to the way our railroads are headed for the jumping off place.

Congress has investigated the many steals and corruption of the Hartford and New Haven and other roads to which we call your attention. The Interstate Commerce Commission has amassed a huge amount of evidence of mismanagement, also to which we call your attention. In face of all these facts the President urges you to show your appreciation of these railroads by doing all you can as citizens to make this financial panic a bed of roses for our delinquent railroads. Now after you have paid your war tax and provided liberally for our state commissions, please dig up all you can for the destitute water stocked bond mired, rotten railroads.

No matter what policies of President Wilson's administration should prove to be failures there is one of his policies that has proved a success and that is the policy of peace. The horrors of war are beyond words of description. The painter's brush has never pictured the desolation of humanity thus caused. Civilization will yet shun a thought of wholesale slaughter with its famine and disease. Without peace on earth, good will toward men we have nothing but idolatry and barbarism.

Maple Lane Resolutions. Editor Equity News:— Resolutions passed at the last meeting of Maple Lane Local were: Whereas there is at present a threatened crisis in this country owing to the high cost of living therefore be it resolved by Maple Lane Local F. S. E., that we memorialize Congress to immediately place in embargo upon all agricultural products, against all nations now at war in Europe and Japan, permitting exports of agricultural products only to non-combatant nations and upon assurance from such governments that such exports are not intended for the proscribed nations.

Whereas there is at present in the principal Eastern cities a business being operated by certain express companies whereby the consumers of said cities may buy agricultural products co-operatively of the producer, thru said express companies, thereby benefiting both producer and consumer. Therefore be it resolved by Maple Lane Local F. S. E., that we memorialize Congress to take steps whereby the United States government shall be enabled to manage and handle this business thru the Parcel Post.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent by the secretary under seal to each of the following: Senator Chamberlain, Representative Hawley, "Up-to-date Farming" and Oregon City Courier. G. F. Mighells, Sec.

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