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SINGLE TAX PLAN SCORED IN DEBATE

BEAVER CREEK CROWD DOES NOT TAKE KINDLY TO THEORY OF U'REN

ARMER WOULD SUFFER, SAYS

Henry George Disciple Declares Oregon City Mayor Opposed Initiative And Referendum

That single tax is not the medicine the people of Beaver Creek will take next November was indicated at a debate held at Beaver Creek hall Friday night between G. H. Dimick and W. S. U'ren of this city, when the applause plainly showed the sympathy to be in favor of the negative as espoused by Judge Dimick. More than 200 persons crowded the hall long before the hour set for the opening and listened attentively throughout the debate.

The debate was opened by Mr. U'ren who charged Dimick with not being in favor of the initiative and referendum and with having worked against it. In reply Judge Dimick said that he was for the initiative and referendum and had voted for it, but he did believe that not more than six questions should be placed before the voters at one time owing to the confusion that has resulted in having a multitude of measures.

"Judge Dimick has never been with our crowd," said Mr. U'ren, "but has ever been on the side of corporations. The question of taxation is a moral one. A man ought to pay taxes to the community in proportion to what he gets from the community. Our theory is that a man should have all that he makes and earns and not be the subject of taxes."

Mr. U'ren said that taxes should be removed from all improved property, the exempting the labor man, perform and pay taxes only on the value of the location that they use.

"Labor should not pay a tax, is our principle," said Mr. U'ren. "Let the speculative interests be taxed. Let the franchises of the railroads, as franchises, be taxed and force the Southern Pacific to pay a tax on their thousands of acres of land they have tied up purely as a speculative proposition. Place the tax on the fellow that is living on the improvements of the community."

After flatly denying that the Henry George theory of taxation was not the single tax theory as advocated by the Fels Fund workers, Mr. U'ren predicted that "the day will come when the Henry George theory will be realized."

Judge Dimick was applauded when he called the attention of Mr. U'ren to a specially prepared comparative present tax and single tax roll which he had introduced in his argument. Judge Dimick stated that the county assessor had admitted that the roll as used, it being the 1910 roll, was unfair and the 1911 tax roll should be brought forth as being the latest and fairest.

In quoting the taxes that are now paid by the Hawley Pulp and Paper Co., taken from example, Mr. U'ren stated that under \$3,500 was the amount but under single tax the company would have a reduction of \$2,900, leaving a tax to pay of but \$600. This was answered by Judge Dimick to the effect that it was right that the Hawley company should pay the same as any other firm and that the burden should not be shifted from those able to pay to the shoulders of the farmer who by the sweat of his brow improved his land and enhanced the value.

Mayor Dimick spoke in part as follows: "The Joseph Fels Fund advocates in order to carry favor with the farmers and land owners, endeavor to convince them that by reason of the exemption of all improvements including buildings, mills, factories, stocks of merchandise, clearings, drains, fences, fruit trees, crops, livestock and all improvements of every kind and description, that their interests under those circumstances will be advanced.

"In order to avoid any misunderstanding of my interpretation of the Single Tax measure as presented to the legal voters of the State by the Joseph Fels Fund Commission, I wish to present to the consideration of this audience, the true purposes of the Single Tax advocates.

"There may be no question but what the Henry George theory of taxation is the one presented to the consideration of our voters by the Fels Fund Commission, and to verify my statement, I wish to call your attention to a resolution contained on page 24 of the pamphlet issued at the Single Tax conference under the auspices of the Joseph Fels Fund Commission in 1911, which reads as follows: "Whereas, the news has arrived this morning of the death of Count Leo Tolstoy, we, the Single Taxers of America, send our sympathetic greeting to Countess Tolstoy; and

"Whereas, this foremost man of the world, whose teachings have made him famous in all lands, has repeatedly announced his belief in the doctrines of Henry George, FOR WHICH WE STAND, and which we are engaged in popularizing in the United States; etc.

"Under the single tax method of taxation there will be two classes of tax payers benefited thereby, one class is the merchants, the other the manufacturers, and to verify my statement I call your attention to the following recommendation advocated at the Single Tax conference held under the auspices of the Joseph Fels Fund Commission heretofore mentioned, and as this pamphlet was issued by said Commission, we have their own statement as to who will be benefited under and by virtue of the Single Tax Laws if adopted.

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Confectioner Enters Race For Legislature



M. E. DUNN
M. E. Dunn, the Main Street Confectioner, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative. Mr. Dunn is one of the best known men in the county, and has taken a prominent part in Republican affairs. Before coming to this city he conducted a large sawmill in Oswego. Mr. Dunn has a faculty of making and holding friends, and his supporters say he will have no trouble in winning the nomination and election.

U'REN AND DIMICK TO DEBATE HERE

SINGLE TAX LEADER IN OREGON ISSUES CHALLENGE WHICH IS ACCEPTED

MAYOR SAYS HE IS NOT UNEASY

Follower Of Henry George Declares Comments On Beaver Creek Discussion Are Satisfactory To Him

Declaring that the "comments on the joint discussion at Beaver Creek Hall Friday night were so satisfactory from my point of view," W. S. U'ren the leader of the single tax movement in Oregon, Saturday issued a challenge to Grant B. Dimick to meet him on the hustings in this city in the near future. Mayor Dimick, when asked if he would accept the challenge, said: "I shall be delighted to meet Mr. U'ren in a debate of the single tax in this city or any other place when convenient. I expect to be busy with other matters for a few days, but after that no doubt Mr. U'ren and I can agree upon a date."

The single tax question has reached an animated state in this county and there is every reason to believe that Mr. U'ren, the leading exponent of the Henry George theory, and Judge Dimick, one of the strongest opponents of the theory, will be called upon to debate in all parts of the county and probably throughout the state.

"So many of our mutual friends," says Mr. U'ren in his challenge, "have expressed a desire to hear a discussion of the county bill to exempt improvements, personal property and occupations in Clackamas County from taxation, commonly called the 'single tax bill,' that it affords me much pleasure to invite you to meet me at Shively's Hall at the earliest date that will be convenient, without expense to you for the hall or for advertising. The comments on the joint discussion last night at Beaver Creek Hall were so satisfactory from my point of view that I extend an invitation to you for Oregon City with great pleasure."

RULES OF POSTAL BANKS MODIFIED

Postmaster Randall has received the following instructions from the Post Office Department regarding the postal savings bank:

"The restriction contained in section 3 of the instructions to postmasters, by which you are permitted to accept postal savings deposits only from persons who are patrons of your post office is hereby removed, and you are authorized to open an account with any person who applies, subject to the provisions of sections 1 and 2.

"You are informed that the Board of Trustees will purchase postal savings bonds at par on application of any holder. Bonds tendered for purchase should be forwarded by the holder under registered mail direct to the Board of Trustees."

SHERIFF MASS IS OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

Sheriff E. T. Mass, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for that office, filed his declaration Saturday. His petitions for signatures are being circulated. Mr. Mass will not have any opposition in the Democratic party, but he will be opposed at the regular election by E. C. Hackett. Mr. Mass defeated Mr. Hackett two years ago, but the Republicans insist that their man will make a much stronger showing at the next election.

NET FISHERMEN DENIED RELIEF

COMMISSION HEARS COMPLAINTS AND WORKS GREATER HARDSHIP RESTRICTION ARE NOT REMOVED

Ruling It is Declared, Was Made At Instance Of Astoria Interests—Men Here To Fight

Following a visit to this city Sunday when they inspected the river in the vicinity of the falls, where salmon collect in large numbers, three members of the Fish and Game Commission, J. H. Hughes, of Gold Hill; M. J. Kinney, Portland, and G. H. Kelly, Eugene, at their meeting Monday issued an order that the deadline at Oregon City for net fishermen shall be brought down 1000 feet, or to a point on the river from the O.W. R. & N. dock to a pier on the west side of the river.

This order will go into effect on May 1, or the day the present order closing the Willamette river to commercial fishing expires. The effect of this order will be that the salmon which collect in large numbers around the falls on their way up the river to the spawning grounds will have a large area in which to rest than ever before.

Members of the commission contend that the benefits derived from having the deadline at a distance of 500 feet from the falls, as heretofore, accrue to a group of fishermen numbering hardly more than a half dozen.

The fishermen probably will apply to the courts for relief.

The determination of the commission to allow Astoria fishermen to catch and salmon in Young's bay and the Lewis & Clark river has stirred up the fishing interests.

According to a leading packing interest who operated on the Columbia river, the commission has no authority to set aside a law of the legislature to open a stream for salmon fishing. However, the law provides that the commission can close any stream for hatchery purposes.

While the law does not close the Willamette and Clackamas rivers to salmon fishermen during the same period as the Columbia is closed, the fish commission, has, during recent seasons, issued a proclamation closing them for hatchery purposes. This is said by Willamette river interests to be done at the instigation of the Astoria people.

ROOSEVELT EXCUSED AS JUROR, PEEVED

MINEOLA, L. I. March 12.—Colonel Roosevelt was today excused as a prospective juror after he had removed his coat and hat and had settled down in a chair ready to perform his duty as a juror.

The Colonel was drawn for the jury to try the suit of Michael Carmody, 15 years old, for \$100,000 damages from the New York Central railroad for the loss of both legs in an accident. The boy got a judgment previously for \$40,000 but a higher court set it aside.

Roosevelt was juror number seven, he had no sooner settled into his chair for preliminary examination as to his fitness to serve than John Graham, the plaintiff's attorney, wasted a peremptory challenge and excused the former president. Roosevelt at once went to a rear room. He said: "It seems I am excused. I don't see why. It seems hard that I should have to come here every day for two weeks if they don't want to utilize my services."

Graham explained his action by saying: "The Colonel is busy. I think he would be conferring a greater boon upon humanity by serving it otherwise than by sitting in this case for three or four days. That was the only reason for my action."

Colonel Roosevelt conferred for five hours last night on political matters with Oscar Strauss and Alexander P. Moore of the Pittsburgh Leader.

Roosevelt was excused for the day. The attorneys for the railroad in the Carmody case said they would have accepted Colonel Roosevelt as a juror.

GLADSTONE FIGHTS FOR LOWER FARES

The Gladstone Commercial Club Thursday night decided to make a determined fight for a ten cent commutation fare to Portland. The fare now is twenty cents. It was decided to urge the city council to make a complaint to the Railway Commission, and if the relief asked is not given to take the matter to the courts. Messrs. Hunt and Buchanan, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, addressed the club and promised to urge the reduction of fares for school children to Oregon City and Portland. The contract of the railway company with the Gladstone Real Estate Association, which provides for a one cent a mile rate, was discussed. A resolution urging the council to have the water system installed as soon as possible, was adopted.

S. P. AND BIG MILL PAY \$45,000 TAXES

Two checks for taxes aggregating \$45,477.43 were received by Sheriff Mass Saturday. One from the Southern Pacific Railway on its rolling stock and road bed in this county was \$23,212.24, and the other for \$16,165.19 was from the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company. The checks were the largest that have been received since the collection of taxes for 1911 was started. The time limit for rebates expires March 16, and a big rush is expected by Chief Deputy Sheriff Blaasi, who is in charge of the collection of taxes, all this week.

Schuebel Is Urged To Offer For Legislature



C. Schuebel is being urged by friends to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative. Mr. Schuebel said Thursday that he had not decided whether he would make the attempt, but would make a decision in a few days. Mr. Schuebel said if he becomes a candidate, and is elected, he will introduce a law fixing the maximum working hours a day at ten hours and for the week sixty hours.

TAXPAYERS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE

STRICT ACCOUNTING OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IS TO BE DEMANDED

SINGLE TAX VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED

Gordon E. Hayes Elected President And William Sheahan Vice-President—No Fees Charged

The Clackamas County Taxpayers League was organized Monday evening. There were present many of the leading citizens and large taxpayers of the county. The purposes of the League are educational in their nature and the organizers have determined to study all questions of taxation, both state and county, and investigate how the people's money which is raised by taxation is expended.

The League is entirely non-partisan and has nothing whatever to do with politics, but was organized wholly for the benefit of the property interests of the county and for the protection of the taxpayers.

It has for its object among other things the following, said its president, Gordon E. Hayes:

"To aid in the reduction of taxes, and join in demanding a strict accounting of all officials for public money expended by them.

"To abolish all offices and commissions which are not beneficial to the people.

"To oppose the Single Tax which would burden the farmers and small home owners and add wealth to the coffers of the corporations."

The officers are as follows: President—Gordon E. Hayes, Vice-President—William Sheahan, Treasurer—James M. Tracy.

There will be no initiation fees or dues. All citizens who are in favor of a clean and economic government are invited to become members of the association.

SOCIALISTS MAY NAME COMPLETE TICKET

W. W. Myers, one of the leading socialists of Clackamas county, said Saturday that the party would probably have a complete ticket at the coming election.

"A meeting will be held at Knapp's Hall the first Sunday in April," said Mr. Myers, "and it will be decided then whether the party is to put a ticket in the field for the county offices. It is my belief that this will be done, and an astonishingly large vote will be polled."

Mr. Myers has been mentioned for the candidate of the party for the county court, but he probably will not accept this nomination. It is also reported that he will be nominated for Congress.

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RECORD CROWD TO BE AT TAFT RALLY

FULTON AND IDELMAN SPEAKERS AT BIG MEETING NEXT SATURDAY

CAMPAIGN PLANS TO BE ARRANGED

Committee Will Be Named To Promote Interests Of President—Prominent Men Promise Assistance

What promises to be the largest and most enthusiastic Republican rally ever held in Clackamas county is scheduled for Shively's Opera House next Saturday afternoon. The meeting will be in the interest of President Taft's candidacy. C. W. Fulton, ex-United States Senator and C. M. Idelman, ex-Attorney General of Oregon, will be the speakers.

After the addresses a committee will be named to look after the interests of Mr. Taft in this city and county. Sentiment among the Republicans in Oregon City and county is almost unanimous for Mr. Taft it being the opinion of even Mr. Roosevelt's friends that he should not be candidate at this time. Republicans from all parts of the county have signified their intention of attending the meeting, and it is assured that the opera house will be crowded. In fact it is probable that overflow meetings will be held. Messrs. Fulton and Idelman are two of the finest speakers in Oregon. The meeting will be called to order at two o'clock.

It also is planned to have addresses by others, and after the speaking to organize a committee for the purpose of promoting the interests of President Taft in a systematic manner. The adherents of Mr. Taft say that he, having made an excellent record as president, deserves to be given a second term, and that a change at this time would lead to confusion with no reason or explanation why it should be done.

Among the prominent Republicans who have been interviewed and will take an active part in the meeting are J. F. Albright, E. L. Johnson, M. E. Dunn, William Sheahan, W. A. Huntley, C. G. Huntley, B. T. McEldin, Dr. Hugh Mount, Gordon E. Hayes, George C. Brownell, Col. C. H. Dye, Dr. Clyde Mount, H. E. Cross, Dr. Guy Mount, W. L. Mulvey, J. C. Bradley, Frank Jaggar, J. Ritter, J. W. Moffat, R. S. McLaughlin, J. T. Apperson, W. R. Logus, W. M. Stone, and W. J. Wilson.

These men will take an active interest in the campaign for Mr. Taft and that Clackamas County will go overwhelmingly for Mr. Taft is assured, his supporters here declare.

LAFOLLETTE ENTERS FIGHT IN DAKOTA

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Determined to take the stump in North Dakota Senator Robert M. La Follette, accompanied only by his wife is speeding west today to personally get into the presidential primary fight in that state where the Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette forces are fighting for first blood in the fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

La Follette against the advice of his physicians, left here quietly last night. He is almost entirely recovered from his recent illness and if his health permits may tour Nebraska, and the western states after the North Dakota fight is settled.

The Wisconsin senator charges flatly that Roosevelt broke faith with him. He declares Roosevelt sent him word by Gifford Pinchot that in no circumstance would he be a candidate, and that he would not participate actively in the campaign, but would endorse La Follette. Friends of La Follette say the Roosevelt message was delivered at a conference between Pinchot, Walter Houser, La Follette's manager, Meil McCormick and La Follette himself.

To offset this the Roosevelt men deny that the Colonel ever declared he would not enter the presidential race and assert that La Follette was never informed by them to that effect.

La Follette's determination to actively take the field in North Dakota came to a head only when he learned that Roosevelt probably would stump that state. He declared then, against all medical advice, to risk his health and get actively into the fray.

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E. D. Olds Enters Race For Legislature



E. D. Olds, a resident of Clackamas County for many years, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative. Mr. Olds is well known in Oregon City where he is now employed. He has been a worker for the success of the Republican party, and his friends say he will be one of the successful candidates in the present race.

PETITIONS OF TAFT FILED AT CAPITOL

HAVE ALMOST THREE TIMES AS MANY SIGNATURES AS ROOSEVELT RECEIVED

NAMES ARE OBTAINED WITH EASE

Congressmen Hawley And Lafferty Among Those To File Papers—131 Offer For Office

SALEM, Or., March 7.—Bearing 3499 names, in sharp contrast to the 1528 names on the petition for Theodore Roosevelt, the petitions for William Howard Taft for President of the United States were filed with the Secretary of State today. C. H. Williams of the Taft campaign committee, filed the petitions in person.

The names have not been checked over by the office of the Secretary of State as yet, but the list prepared by Mr. Williams shows a total of 3499 names in nine counties. Only 1000 names are required.

The list shows the following number of signers in the respective counties: Marion, 298; Baker, 131; Douglas, 143; Linn, 35; Umatilla, 329; Wasco, 203; Washington, 80; Union, 205, and Multnomah, 2075.

One of the signal features of these Taft petitions is the ease with which the names are obtained. As an instance, in Marion county, not a name was signed but by a voluntary signer who hunted up the petitions and affixed his signature thereto, with the possible exception of a few names in the outlying country precincts, where petitions were sent for signatures. In Salem, however, every name attached was done so by a person who sought the petitions, rather than by those who were sought by the petition peddlers.

Several other completed petitions were received today. Notably among them were W. C. Hawley, candidate for Representative in Congress from the First District; A. W. Lafferty, candidate for Representative in Congress from the Third District, and N. J. Sinnott, candidate for Representative in Congress from the Second District.

One hundred and thirty-one candidates have filed petitions.

PREMIUM LISTS TO BE SENT CHILDREN

County School Superintendent Gary has appointed the superintendents of the juvenile fairs to be given in each of the school districts in August. The premium lists will be published in a few days and copies sent to the school children of the county. Fairs will be held in the following places: Oregon City, Wilsonville, Canby, Molalla, Clarks, Estacada, Sandy, Logan, Milwaukie and Oswego. Prizes have been donated by the business and professional men in the county for the best exhibits as follows: Best general exhibit \$25; best exhibit of vegetables \$25; best and most practicable piece of furniture \$18; best mechanical toy \$20; best muskmelon \$5; three years subscription to the Pacific Northwest to each winner of a prize; best exhibit field corn year's subscription Western Stock Journal; best bird house year's subscription Oregon City Courier; best labor saving device year's subscription Oregon City Enterprise; bread \$3.50; aprons \$2.50.

Prizes also will be given for the best exhibits in the following: sweet corn, popcorn, watermelons, squashes, potatoes, cabbage, celery, grain selections, furniture, canned fruit, bread, mending, darning, dresses, asters, sweet peas, chickens, ducks, pig, etc.

JOHN BROWN MAY BE PRIZE WINNER

RUMORED THAT SURPRISE WILL BE SPRUNG BY HIM FRIDAY

MORE CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED

Joseph Sheahan And Miss McCord Fight Hard For First Honor—Kent Wilson Has Advantage

STANDING OF CANDIDATES

Joseph Sheahan	33,500
Ruby McCord	31,500
Kent Wilson	24,200
John Brown	15,000
Charles Beattie	6,800
John Weber	6,800
John Haleston	6,000
McColly Dale	1,000
Edna Hutchinson	1,000
Royce Brown	1,000
Barnett Howard	1,000
Dallas Armstrong	1,000
Mable Chase	1,000
Ethel Rief	1,000
Harry Miller	1,000
Fred Metzner	1,000
Frank Bruce	1,000
Leo Shaver	1,000
Mabel Albright	1,000
Mable Marsh	1,000

Two hundred and sixty dollars a month is far beyond the average salary of the average man or woman. And yet the Enterprise offers the equivalent of this amount to the winner of the big automobile contest now running. The new touring car which some resident of this county will capture June 5 represents an investment of \$785, and as only about three more months remain to get votes, the \$250 represents what pay the winner of the big race would receive if he were receiving a straight salary. As there are probably not a hundred men in the whole county receiving the stipulation a month for their services, it will be seen at once that the Enterprise offers exceptionally splendid returns for a little work and time.

Who will eventually carry off the high honors, is as yet a matter of mere conjecture, much harder to answer than the old question, "How old is Ann," or "How Many Apples did Adam and Eve together eat?"

In this big contest any resident of the county is entitled to enter, sex or age having no bearing whatever. Men and women, as well as boys and girls are working against each other with equal vim and vigor, all having the one common aim of getting the most votes. Votes are awarded the contestants for subscriptions to the Daily or Weekly Enterprise and renewals are as valuable as new subscribers. Every subscription to either paper is worth its proportionate value of votes, dependant upon the length of the subscription. Candidates are not restricted to any particular district, but are free to go wherever they will, in order to obtain subscriptions and to enlist their friends' assistance in the good work.

But in addition to the big prize, each entrant has equal chances to win one or more of the special prizes, which are given away every ten days to the entrant polling the most votes in the specified time. The second of these special contests closes Friday, when the one who has obtained the most votes between the 5th and 15th of March will be awarded a \$15 merchandise certificate on the J. Levitt store. Interest is especially keen in this special contest and every candidate is working his best to land the prize. As an merchandise in the whole store to the value of \$15 may be chosen the winner will have a wonderful array of articles from which to make his selection. The certificate may be applied toward a purchase above the \$15, which means that the Enterprise will virtually present some man or woman with a new Easter suit, provided the holder of the certificate does not prefer shoes, gloves, etc.

At the present moment, Kent Wilson, the high school student who made a spectacular "grand stand play," last Saturday by polling 20,000 votes his first day in the race, is still in the lead for the special prize. Miss McCord and Joe Sheahan who have been fighting for the top location in the standing of candidates, are pressing Wilson hard for the honors, and it is predicted by some that John Brown will spring a "surprise package" before the polls are closed Friday. As every vote cast in the special contest helps out on the grand total for the Enterprise Ford, it is thought that not so many votes will be held back as heretofore.

In spite of the intense rivalry which exists among the contestants, there is no personal feeling which often mars newspaper contests. Each entrant is proving himself or herself a "good fellow" which condition is gratifying to both those who is the big race and the contest managers.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS ARE NAMED BY GARY

County School Superintendent Gary has completed arrangements for the juvenile fairs to be given the latter part of August. Handsome prizes have been offered and the school children are taking active interest in the prospective exhibitions. Mr. Gary has appointed the following district superintendents:

Molalla, W. W. Everhart; Clarks, J. J. Gard; Logan, Miss Mahala Gill; Oregon City, George Randall; Wilsonville, Mrs. M. C. Young; Estacada, H. M. James; Sandy, Miss M. H. Maler; Milwaukie, Miss Elizabeth Beck; Canby, C. F. Romig and Oswego, Mrs. Bessie E. Pettinger.