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DIMICK CAUSTIC IN REPLY TO U'REN

SINGLE TAX ROLL IS NOT CORRECT, DECLARES MAYOR OF CITY

GLARING ERRORS ARE REVEALED

Chief Executive of Municipality Announces That Alleged Comparisons in Booklet are False

Grant B. Dimick, who has been challenged to a joint debate on Single Tax by W. S. U'Ren Saturday wrote the following letter to Mr. U'Ren: I have received two letters from you within the last few days requesting me to meet you in joint discussion of the Single Tax Bill, which will appear on the ballot at the general election to be held on the second of November, next, and I wish to inform you that if you had printed a true copy of the assessment roll of Clackamas County for the year 1910, as you agreed to do, I would gladly discuss the Single Tax question with you, using the copy of the roll as the basis for an argument, and in fact a true copy of the assessment roll for 1910 and a comparison of the assessments therein with the proposed Single Tax assessments, would be a sufficient argument to convince the average tax payer whether he was for or against your Single Tax system.

I have just received what purports to be your copy of the tax roll above mentioned and find therefrom that more than three million dollars of assessed property on the tax roll for said year has been left out of your purported copy of the roll, and whether that has been done intentionally by you and your employees, I am unable to state, but I am informed by the County Assessor of Clackamas County that he called your attention to the gross errors in your purported roll before you circulated the same, and you promised him to make the corrections which you failed to do, but sent out those purported copies of tax rolls knowing they were full of errors.

You were informed by the Assessor that the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company had paid \$7,556.32 taxes more than you had given it credit for. The Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company had paid \$962.50 more tax than you had given it credit for.

The First National Bank of Oregon City had paid \$406.24 tax more than you had given it credit for, and the Bank of Oregon City had paid \$717.70 more tax than you had given it credit for, but notwithstanding the fact that the Assessor had called your attention to those errors before you circulated your roll, you sent out a broad cast over the state knowing it to be full of glaring errors.

I have found, with the assistance of the Assessor, a large number of names of tax payers which you have left off your purported copy of the roll, whose names appear on the original roll.

In looking over your purported copy of the tax roll I find you state that while the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company paid in 1910, \$3,584.75 taxes, that under your system their taxes would have only been \$757.16. You also state that the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company paid in 1910, \$2,562.40 taxes, but under your system it would have paid only \$19.31. You further state that in three items the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company paid \$4,716.06 taxes, but under Single Tax it would have paid nothing.

These figures given by yourself and other employees of the Fels Fund, go to show that you are working in the interests of the manufacturers and against the interests of the home and lot owner, and to show you that my position is correct I would like to call your attention to a few of the many assessments in Oregon City, wherein the owner of town lots has his taxes greatly increased under your figures, while the rich merchant and manufacturer practically escapes.

On page 115 of your tax roll, I find that Jennie B. Harding paid on her home in 1910 as taxes the sum of \$292.50, and you state that her taxes would be under Single Tax \$493.80.

Miss Nan Cochran paid on her lot in Oregon City in 1910, \$9.75, and you state that under Single Tax she would pay \$12.25, and you state that under Single Tax their taxes would have been \$12.30, so it can be easily seen that you are exempting the manufacturer and placing the entire burden on the land owner.

In the first place you have not made a correct copy of the 1910 assessment roll as you would like to lead the average citizen to believe, but you have changed a great many assessments and in some instances where people were assessed with an undivided interest, you have charged them with full ownership in the property, and also charged other undivided owners with full ownership in the same property, thereby assessing the same property for the full value to more than one owner.

WIRES TO COMBAT COUNTY DIVISION

COMMITTEE TO MAKE THOROUGH CAMPAIGN AGAINST SECESSION PLAN

POSTOFFICE IS CALLED UNSIGHTLY

Announcement Made That Locks Will Soon Be Transferred—Draper Tells of Planting Fish

Effective organization of the committee of the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial Club to fight the division of Clackamas County was made Tuesday. The committee, composed of J. E. Hedges, T. W. Sullivan, M. D. Latourrette, E. E. Brodie and Grant B. Dimick, has planned to make a thorough campaign in the interest of keeping the county intact. In opposition to the movement to cut off a generous slice for the formation of the new county Cascade, of which Estacada is to be the county seat. District committeemen were appointed in nearly every precinct and concerted action will be taken to raise funds and circulate literature through the state. In order to reach every registered voter prior to election day.

The Live Wires had an unusually interesting session Tuesday, following its regular luncheon, appointing F. J. Tooze, M. D. Latourrette and Frank Busch a committee to look after the appearance of the front of the postoffice building, which can hardly be termed as an ornament to the city.

H. L. Young and John Sievers were elected to membership. A resolution was adopted commending the Clackamas County Automobile Club for its action in offering \$150 in prizes to road supervisors for the best work done on trunk highways during 1913.

T. W. Sullivan, Trunk Line, reported that the arrangements for the transfer of the locks was progressing satisfactorily. He said work would be started soon.

Harry Draper, of a committee named to obtain and plant mountain trout reported that the work had been accomplished.

RECORD ESTABLISHED BY FISH HATCHERY

The Little White Salmon station of the United States Bureau of Fisheries on the upper Columbia River to date has taken more than 25,000,000 Royal Chinook salmon eggs, a record for that station, the largest having been made in 1904, when 19,000,000 eggs were obtained. The Big White Salmon station, also on the upper Columbia River, has taken 13,000,000 eggs to date. The eggs taken at Little White Salmon surpass that of any other season in the history of fish culture in the Columbia river basin. The eggs have been secured from fish which are of fine quality, many of them weighing more than 60 pounds after being spawned. Four years ago the Government fed a large number of salmon fry at these two stations, and this excellent run of fish may possibly be due to that experimental work. The collection of eggs is also under way on the Clackamas River and indications are good for a fine season there. At the present time the Government hatcheries at Little White Salmon and Big White Salmon are filled to their capacity, and the Bureau of Fisheries has been shipping eggs as soon as spawned to the Oregon State Fish Commission hatchery located at Bonneville. As high as 2,000,000 eggs have been shipped at one time during the past week. The work of the Bureau of Fisheries in this territory is under the direction of Superintendent Henry O'Malley.

CONVICTS APPEAL TO OREGON CITY MAN

Henry Hughes, of this city, a few days ago received a handsomely made horse bridle from the state penitentiary, which is the handwork of a young man who is serving "time," and who is anxious for Mr. Hughes to sell the bridle so as to obtain money to secure books on civil engineering. The young man is desirous of becoming a civil engineer when his term expires. Mr. Hughes, although a stranger to the convict, will endeavor to sell the bridle.

TAX COLLECTIONS SET NEW RECORD

Tax collections in Clackamas County this year have set a new record. About \$43,000 has been received in second payments and it is expected that the amount will be above \$60,000 when the time limit closes next Monday evening. A larger percentage of property owners paid all their taxes this year in time to receive a discount than ever before. Sheriff Mass and his deputies say the prompt payments are due to a more prosperous condition of the people than ever before. More than \$22,000 was collected Friday and about half that amount Thursday.

THE ROAST "BEEFING" OF OLD ENGLAND.



SHIELDS CHALLENGES U'REN TO DEBATE

PORTLAND, Oct. 9. (Special)—In a statement he sent all over the state W. S. U'Ren, Fels-paid Single Tax worker, charged that Charles H. Shields was afraid to meet him in debate. It is now three days since Mr. Shields, who is secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, challenged not only U'Ren, but every Single Taxer in Oregon to meet him at any time during the last two weeks of the campaign.

Neither U'Ren, Cridge, Benbough, Coulton, McAllister, Orton or any of the other numerous Fels-Workers have replied to this challenge. The challenge covers every single taxer in Oregon and is addressed to any or all single taxers anywhere. Mr. Shields wants to meet three or four of them at a time but they are strangely silent. There are no strings to the challenge.

"The next time I am accused of cowardice," said Secretary Shields today. "I want everyone to know that neither U'Ren nor anyone of his friends has the manhood to take up a straight from the shoulder challenge. Is it not obvious that Single Tax is a trick when these people fail absolutely to back up their statements in debate?"

SINGLE TAX FOE CONVINCES SCORES

CHARLES H. SHIELDS ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS CONVINCINGLY

STRONG ARGUMENT MADE BY HIM

Meeting Exciting Throughout and Propaganda of Fels and U'Ren Is Given Hard Blow

Although heckled and interrupted repeatedly by Single Taxers, Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, and who is given much of the credit for the voters of Washington having defeated single tax, in an address at Willamette Hall Monday night made a fine impression. He addressed an audience of between 200 and 300, and it is safe to say that when he had finished not more than eight or ten per cent (Continued on page 5.)

M'BAIN WORKING FOR PAPER PLANT

H. T. McBain, president of the Oregon City Commercial Club, in a letter Friday, announces that there is a fine prospect of the Eaton, Crane & Pike Paper Company, of Massachusetts locating a large finishing plant here. Mr. McBain, who is in Boston, has called upon the officers of the company, who announced several weeks ago that they would establish a plant in the West. He writes that the company will not erect the plant before Spring and the officers informed him that the opportunities and advantages of Oregon City would be thoroughly investigated before a location is chosen. Mr. McBain probably will return in about a week.

COURT HEARS EVIDENCE IN LAND LITIGATION

Judge Campbell has heard evidence in the suit of J. H. Coll against the Mountain Irrigator Company and the Holman Fuel Company to determine the ownership of land in the Phillip Foster Donation claim. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants have no interest in the land and asks that they be enjoined from entering upon it. He further asks that he be declared the owner in fee simple.

BARLOW VOTERS ARE FOR TICKET

REPUBLICAN NOMINEES MAKE FINE IMPRESSION AT MEETING

ECONOMY IN OFFICE, IS SLOGAN

Superintendent of Schools, Gary, Makes Strong Speech For High School Fund Law

There was a large attendance and enthusiasm was at a high pitch at the meeting held at Barlow Saturday evening, at which the Republican Candidates for office spoke. E. P. Dedman, Republican nominee for recorder, promised the voters, if elected that he would serve with the least possible expense to the tax payers. C. Schuebel, nominee for representative was the first to speak. E. C. Hackett, candidate for sheriff, said the Democratic administrations were extravagant and that if elected he would conduct that office at a less expense than it had been conducted by Democratic incumbents.

J. F. Nelson, candidate for assessor also spoke on the same lines and promised strict economy if elected. T. J. Gary, County Superintendent of schools, spoke for the High School Fund Law, telling the audience that this bill would be carried, as it was for the benefit of the rural districts. This law, he said, was not an experiment, as it had been tried successfully in other counties. His principle reason for advocating this bill, he said, was that he did not think it wise for the parents to send children during the most critical period in life to a city, where they only spend six hours in school, and the remainder of the time, the parents would not know where they spent their time.

MOLALLA IN LINE FOR REPUBLICAN TICKET

One of the most successful meetings held by the Republican candidates for county offices was that at Molalla Thursday evening. The hall was crowded, and the candidates made a fine impression. Senator Walter A. Dimick was to have been one of the speakers, but because of an engagement made several weeks ago he was unable to attend. E. C. Hackett, candidate for Sheriff; J. F. Nelson, candidate for Assessor; E. P. Dedman, candidate for Recorder and Gustav Schnoerr and Chris Schuebel, candidates for representative in the State legislature made addresses. They declared that they would do their best to serve the interests of the county, if elected. The candidates say the sentiment throughout the county is largely in favor of the Republican ticket.

REPUBLICANS HAVE BIG OSWEGO MEETING

George C. Brownell made a stirring address at the Republican meeting held in Oswego Wednesday evening. The speaker urged the election of all the Republican candidates, declaring that Republican officials as a rule, gave a better account of themselves than Democrats. He also urged his hearers to vote for President Taft. All the candidates for county offices spoke. An enthusiastic meeting of the Republicans was held at the schoolhouse at Frog Pond Tuesday evening. All of the meetings are being attended by large crowds and the Republican candidates say sentiment is in favor of the entire ticket.

REPUBLICANS HAVE FINE WILSONVILLE RALLY

George C. Brownell was the principal speaker at the meeting conducted by the Republican nominees for county offices at Wilsonville Monday evening. Mr. Brownell did not criticize the Democratic incumbents, but said Republicans usually gave more efficient service than Democrats. Those who spoke were E. C. Hackett, candidate for sheriff; Gustav Schnoerr, and Chris Schuebel, candidates for representative in the legislature; J. F. Nelson, candidate for assessor and E. P. Dedman, candidate for recorder. The attendance was large.

REV. KRAXBERGER'S LITTLE DAUGHTER SERIOUSLY HURT

Ruth Kraxberger, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Kraxberger, who fell and sustained a fracture of her left elbow is improving. The little girl was playing with several children near the Kraxberger home and was swinging from a tree when she fell to the cement sidewalk.

BROWNELL MAKES PLEA FOR SUFFRAGE

LAWYER'S ADDRESS AT METHODIST CHURCH CONVINCING AND ELOQUENT

LARGE AUDITORIUM IS THROGGED

Speaker Asserts that Best Way to Improve Morals of Country is to Let Women Vote

Declaring that equal suffrage is necessary to give women an equal chance in the battle of life, and that it would be adopted by every state in the Union eventually, George C. Brownell made an eloquent and forceful address in the Open Forum of the Methodist church Sunday night. Every seat in the edifice was occupied, and there was no question that the audience was in sympathy with the arguments presented. Mr. Brownell's subject was "Should Women Participate in Politics?"

Mr. Brownell declared that the church, standing for the betterment of society was the best place to discuss equal suffrage for its adoption would mean the betterment of society. He declared that if the gambler, the white slave dealer, and men who engaged in other lines of vice were allowed to vote there certainly should be no reason why the women who would help put down vice if they had the opportunity should not be enfranchised.

"Men who are battling to destroy the social fabric are voting," said the speaker, "and yet the women have no means of putting down this traffic. The right of suffrage to women would check the growth of gambling and the saloons. It has in states where it has been adopted checked the white slave traffic and raised the age of consent. It seems strange that there is an organization for the purpose of capturing girls against their will and imprisoning them, but there is a remedy. If women could be given the power the direct inter-



George C. Brownell, who made convincing and eloquent argument for equal suffrage.

est they would take would right this wrong which the men with their votes have failed to do."

Mr. Brownell scouted the idea that the women would not appreciate the responsibility of the ballot, and said they would take even greater interest in voting and vote more intelligently than the men. He drew a vivid picture of how men come here from other countries because of a better opportunity and a freer government, but said opportunity would be greater and the country would be freer if the women were placed on an equality politically with the men.

"The greatest benefit arising from equal suffrage would be to the working girls," continued the speaker. They would have something to say then regarding their employment, hours of work and remuneration and best of all the conditions under which thousands of them exist would be improved. Women, it has been demonstrated, vote more independently than men, and the result of equal suffrage would be the election of a better quality of officials. Voting gives dignity to citizenship, and the women exercise the best quality of dignity.

"In Germany are 9,000,000 women making their own way in factories, stores, fields, etc. Should they not have a voice in making the laws and in electing the officials? In this country there are 8,000,000 girls and women wage-earners. These facts must suggest to any thoughtful person that women have come into a new time and have to deal with a new condition, and that these conditions demand a new view by their double responsibility. The working woman carries a double burden, that of the home, and that of the factory or wherever she may be employed. These new duties cannot be delegated to the men but must be shared with them or the wage-earning women and the future homes of the nation will suffer.

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