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SHIELDS AND U'REN HIT BACK HARD

SINGLE TAX DEBATE IN OREGON CITY INTERESTS LARGE

CHAIRMAN ASKS PERTINENT QUESTION

League Secretary Frankly Admits Rich Men are Behind Him-Serum Simile Is Worth Pondering

Declaring that Joseph Fels, the single tax "angel" in Oregon is in the position of the medical expert in the Rockefeller Institute Charles ii. Shields, secretary of the Equal Taxation League, in a debate with W. S. U'Ren, Fels' paid agent, scored a big point Saturday at the Shively which was crowded to the doors. Mr. Shields said that when the Rockefeller men wished to find out how certain serum would act they out to experimented upon rabbits and OREGON CITY LAWYER FORCED guines pigs, and if efficacious they later used it upon human beings. He resented Mr. Fels, who is a millionaire of Philadelphia, coming thous-ands of miles, across the continent, to Oregon, to put his theory into active operation among people just as good as any in the world. He declared if Mr. Fels were aincere, and be-lieved single tax a panacea of all ills, he should first try to put it into Secretary of Equal Taxation League operation in his home state.

Mr. U'Ren, the leading champion of single tax in Oregon, eulogized Johnathan Bourne and Theodore Roosevelt, When Mr. Shields asked his single tax opponent why he con-doned Senator Bourne's attitude in repudiating the primary law, which Mr. URen framed, the Oregon City man had no answer. The crowd seem ed to be about equally divided betment of the money received and paid the Governor Marshall Democratic out by the Equal Taxation League, rally. The crowd was keenly partisate He said the total was about \$17,000 yet was full of appreciation, and admitted that the Ladds and Both Mr. U'Ren and Mr.

been tried, in fact single tax, and had pause, been tried, in lack because they were been cast aside because they were viously from an individual who not satisfactory. He declared that seat in the center of the house. all property, regardless of what shape He thought this statement axiomatic, and declared that was why men clamored for an income tax and an inheritance tax. Property, he said, was only valuable because someone else than the owner desired

W. W. Myers, chairman of the meeting, defled both speakers to show that all taxes were not paid by the men who labored. He said no scheme had been devised, so far as he knew, to place the burden of taxation upon any but the men and womtoil. Mr. Meyers is a socialist. Mr. Shields announced that equal suffrage would be passed in Oregon and urged the women in the audience to inform themselves regarding the plans of the single taxers. He said there was no question but the promoters of the graduated tax measures hoped ultimately to have single tax, as expounded by Henry George, in operation in this state,

"Mr. U'Ren says he believes in private ownership of land," said the "but what is his object in wanting to exempt from taxation department stores, breweries, stocks palities had met in protest and bonds, etc.? Under single tax the atcoin of the government. this form of property would pay no part of the expense of the govern-

647,000. The single taxers say they will make it up through the franchise 000,000 to franchise valuations. people who patronize the public serrice corporations will have to pay

Mr. U'Ren spoke of "Charles H. Shields & Co" the "Co." he said being the Ladds and Corbetts and millionaires of Portland. He said that the land was already paying two-thirds of the taxes and the single taxers proposed that it pay the other one-third. He declared that under the single tax 2,500 land monopolists would pay two thirds of the taxes and the farmers

and workers one third, Mr. U'Ren declared that F. M. Gill, Republican nominee for representa-tive in the legislature, opposed single tax because Mr. Gill had land at Es-of the White House. Her father, Ostacada which he was holding for spec-

Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the First Baptist Church, asked Mr. Shields if the Fels trust belonged to the predatory trusts. Mr. Shields said he did not know. The pastor intimated that it would be better to be with the Fels trust, if it were not a predatory trust, than be with other July 23, 1903. The plaintiff alleges trusts that are of the predatory class her husband abandoned her Septemand are opposing single tax.

FARMERS OF BEAVER CREEK ORGANIZE

The Beaver Creek local of the Farmers' Society of Equity was organized Saturday evening at a meeting held in the hall of W. E. Jones. The following are the officers and charter mem

Fred Kamerath, president; S. P. Londergan, vice-president; W. W. Harris, secretary and treasurer; William Thomas, J. E. Jones, O. H. Hughes, H. Henrici, F. H. Henrici, W. E. Jones, G. O. Egimann, Ben Fisher, William Grisenthwalte, Edward Brien, C. G. Pryce, William Daniel, Peter Bloom, B. Sanderson, Walter Owens, William Lewellyn, E. L. Brown, Hal Lindsley.

An open meeting will be held next Saturday evening. All farmers are urged to attend.

SHIELDS-U'REN **DEBATE IS WARM**

TO ADMIT THAT HE FAVORS SINGLE TAX

BIG PORTLAND THEATRE CROWDED

Wins Crowd When He Says Plan

Is to Confiscate Prop-

PORTLAND, Oct. 24, (Special)-Five minutes after the doors were opened at the Bungalow theater to night for the Charles H. Shields both URen debate on single tax, every ween the two speakers, and both scored telling points. Mr. Shields seat was taken. Hundreds were turn was applauded when he announced days and a greater crowd attend that Mr. U'Ren after several days of ed the two champions of single tax urging had finally come to his office and anti single tax than gathered at Saturday and got a complete state the big Gypsy Smith tabernacie for the Governor Marshall Democratic

Both Mr. U'Ren and Mr. Shields Corbetta and other rich men had con- fenced with words and more than once tributed to the fund. Their object a clash seemed imminent. Chairman was, he said, to try to prevent a Eugene Brookings time and again had scheme of taxation being foisted upon the public which would be injurand then the other was greeted with lous. He said his backers realized a riot of applause or a storm of hisses if the farmers, laborers, etc., suffered Mr. U'Ren made his appeal to the in referring to his opponent as "Wil- pecially interesting moment. Mr.

Shields had just read from Henry Mr. Shields, who spoke first, traced George's "Progress and Poverty" the growth of the present system of this extract: "Private property in taxation. He said it was the surviv-al of the fittest scheme of raising rev-enue to carry on the work of county. showed single tax would ensiave the state and union. Other systems had land owner. There was a moment's "Hear" came plainly and ob viously from an individual who had a

"I'm glad you said that, my friend should bear its just proportion of the for you a single taxer, have shown that you really believe in confiscation of all land to the state," said speaker. Mr. Shields glanced at the stranger again.

"And I want to add," he resumed, that the gentleman who just spoke is Coulter, a paid worker of the Feis and commission, now speaking for the graduated single tax. Mr. Coulter s one of those who have denied that the graduated single tax is single tax.

The net results of the debate were that Mr. U'Ren admitted that he was a single taxer and had been one for many years and that he hoped to see the scheme in operation in Oregon. Up to the present, it is said, Mr. U'Ren has not stated definitely his opinion.

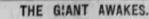
The meeting was keenly partisan. No decision was asked for or given. Mr U'Ren cited the alleged success of what he termed single tax in Brit ish Columbia and Alberta, Canada, out was staggered when Mr Shields proved that there was a \$3 poll tax in British Columbia and other person al taxes while that in Alberta partial single tax, taxes were 10 per cent on the land and twenty munici palities had met in protest against

"Under the proposed plan of taxa-tion there would be a deficit of \$1,- MRS. CLEVELAND TO **BECOME BRIDE AGAIN**

PRINCETON, N. Y., Oct. 29,-Mrs. Grover Cleveland authorizes the an-nouncement of her engagement to Archeology and History of Arts at Wella College. The date of the marriage is not yet determined, but will

be announced later. Mrs. Cleveland is a graduate of Wells College and has been a trustee of that institution since 1887. wedding to Grover Cleveland, which took place in the executive mansion in his first administration was one of the noteworthy events in the history car Folsom, was a law partner of Mr. Cleveland, who, upon Mr. Folsom's death in 1875, became Frances Fol

som's guardian. WIFE SEEKS DECREE. Mollie Childress Monday filed suit for a divorce against Clarence Child-





SINGLE TAX IS **BLOW TO ALBERTA**

RESIDENT WRITES THAT SYSTEM IS "NOTHING SHORT OF LEGAL THEFT"

WARNS OREGONIANS AGAINST PLAN

Taxes so High That There is no Demand for Real Estate-Wants to Sell but Can-

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 29., (Special) from single tax, they naturally being of the people and mutually depend and upon each other would suffer. The speakers referred to each other as "Willie" and "Charlie", which was "Willie" and "Charlie", which was mot entirely approved by the and more entirely approved by the and them all with him, and it was not entirely approved by the and more entirely approved by the and them all with him and it was not delate that Mr. Shields forced home the realization that single and in those six states the common and it was not allowed to day by Sig.

The first of a mass of evidence that single as well as Colorado, Utah and Wyom country offices addressed a large and in those six states the common welfare of their people has been day evening. Those who spoke were since that Mr. Shields forced home the realization that single as well as Colorado, Utah and Wyom as well as Colorado, Utah and Callioria of each other size and candidates for countries as well as Colorado, Utah and Wyom as well as Colorado, Utah and Callioria of well will allow as well as Colorado, Utah and Wyom as well as Colorado, Ut The first of a mass of evidence that Hood River, and said he was justified crowd changed. There was one es shortly all land will be confiscated to the state. The letter follows:
"Dear Sir: I have run across a

iberty to offer some authentic facts and figures in regard to the effect of single tax in the province of Alberta, ment. own three raw lots in a railroad town there of 2,000 population. The taxes amounted to \$40. Thus, ed at \$2500 and the taxes are now

robbery. From my Alberta experience respect for their sex. know it is decidedly harmful to the

Yours respectfully, "W. S. JEALOUSE"

JUDGE DIMICK TALKS

Mayor Grant B. Dimlek was the min speaker at a meeting of Warner Grange, at New Era, Saturday afteroon at a discussion of equal suffrage and the various single tax measures. There was a good attendance at the grange meeting, a musical program being an entertaining feature.

Mayor Dimick explained to his auience the injurious effects of the Single Tax measures that will go on the ballot at the coming November election and was warmly applauded. In his speech favoring equal suffrage he made the following telling points:

The women 3... been given the right of franchise in the state of Washington on our north, Idaho on our east, and California on our south.

women are not represented.

that is is nothing short of legalized polls to vote, the men would lose all

People of foreign countries come (Continued on page 4)

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THE WORK FOR SINGLE TAX WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE FUND

EVEN THE FELS' SINGLE TAX COW LOOKS WORRIED

REPUBLICANS HAVE FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE BIG BORING CROWD

VOTERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND CANDIDATES ASSURED OF SUPPORT

E. B. TONGUE IS ONE OF SPEAKERS

Rally Held at Sandy Saturday Encourages Nominees-Meeting to be at Damascus Tomorrow

Republican candidates for

lence. Mr. Shields accused Mr. U'Ren cause it was designated to confiscate are already so high that it is impos- vote in this presidential election, Oreof having called him "Charley" at to the state all land values, that the sible to sell land at all and that very gon is the only coast state whose attorney, and Chris Schuebel, nominated that the sible to sell land at all and that very gon is the only coast state whose attorney, and Chris Schuebel, nominated that the sible to sell land at all and that very gon is the only coast state whose attorney. The taxes in Oregon have been in ture. There was a large attendance Dear Sir: I have run across a copy of your open letter in regard to single tax and although I was not much interested in the same I take lowed a voice in the management of meeting by representative citizens municipal, county and state govern that the Republican ticket would have a large majority in that district.

Approximately forty per cent. of One of the most enthusiastic rallies the taxes in Oregon are paid each held by the Republican candidates year these lots were assessed at \$900. Year by the women, and they are com- was that at Sandy Saturday evening The taxes amounted to \$40. Thus, pelled to stand at the sheriff's office About 125 voters were present, and under single tax these lots are assessligations, and are compelled to mingle lections. One of the 'argest delega-Although these lots are assessed with men of every nationality, and tions was from the Bull Run precinct. at \$2500 I could not sell them for no one who is opposed to women's It was the consensus of opinion that \$800. In fact I could not sell them at rights ever asserts that it is injurious the Republicans of that section were any price. Conditions are in a state of stagnation there.

'My experience with single tax is said that if women should g to the receive the largest vote since 1902.

PAIR ELOPES IN AIRSHIP,

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 26,-Arprogress and prosperity of any place and in two year's time, and the people of Oregon will do well by simply declaring their intention to declar to give it no place in that state.

to our state and in two year's time, thur Smith placed his fiancee, Miss by simply declaring their intention to declar to declar time. The simply declaring their intention to declar time. become citizens, are given the right today and flew to Hillsdalle. Mich., of franchise a large percentage of 75 miles away, where they were mar-

GLADSTONE HEARS SUFFRAGE URGED

Mrs. Sarah Bard Field Ehrgott. Colonel Robert Miller and George C. Brownell addressed a large crowd in Miller's Hall at Gladstone Saturday night on Woman Suffrage. Mrs. Ex-gott declared that the movement was gaining ground daily and she believed the bill would win at the coming election. Mr. Brownell called attention to the fact that about 8,000,000 women were self-supporting in the United States and said they be enfranchised in order to protect themselves. He made a strong plea for equal suffrage and his address was applanded throughout. Colonel Miller, as usual, won the crowd and he advanced several new arguments

VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMES S. SHERMAN'S CONDITION ALARMS RELATIVES AND

HIS PHYSICIANS GIVE LITTLE HOPE

Arteries are Hardening and Belief Is Expressed that Distinguished Patient Cannot Long Sur-

UTICA, N. Y., Oct 28 .- James H. Sherman, vice-president of the Univ States is seriously ill and steadily



James S. Sherman, vice-president of United States, who is seriously III.

iate danger of death, yet the patient' condition is such that it is a matter of conjecture how much longer he can withstand the ravages of the dis ease with which he is afflicted.

Dr. Peck at 8 o'clock tonight made the following statement; "Mr. Sherman has been ill all of

year, due to the condition of the kidneys, hardening of the arteries, and softening of the muscles of the heart. Sherman had an attack in the Adriondacks at Big Moose Lake, and I exis Meose and improved rapidly and ar's actority until the latter part of ignst. Since then his condition has con aggravated and he has been

"For the last three weeks, since he came back from went to rest, he has been dressed only once and that was a week ago Friwhen, against my protest, he

went to the polls to register. "Mr. Sherman is now in the condition which that sort of trouble leads single board of regents for both into and is very seriously iii, but to is, I believe, no immediate danger of

SECESSIONISTS WOULD SUE COUNTY COURT

ESTACADA, Or., Oct. 29-Persons living in the proposed Cascade Coun-ty met here Monday in the theater ters by counties as a whole, through and adopted resolutions condemning the County Court of Clackamas Country Court of Country Court of Country Coun ty for its alleged attitude in aiding those opposed to the division of control and bill 340-401, creating a State Clackamas County.

A committee or seven tarmers also was named to obtain legal advice con- its indebtedness for road building in cerning the advisability of suing the excess of two per cent of the taxable Clackamas County Court, which it is property of the state. Mr. Busch said alleged has appropriated the taxpay, that ten per cent would be a better alleged has appropriated the taxpay-limit in a state where good roads are ers money to reimburse those who needed as as they are in Oregon. O. fought; annexation to Mulinomah E. Freytag favored the County Home County in 1910 and has appropriated Rule Road Bill. 344-345, authorizing

The resolutions also empower the committee to decide if the matter shall be laid before the grand jury to ascertain whether there was violation by the court of the corrupt practices act and whether the county seat organization soliciting money from the court may be prosecuted under the same charge.

Schuebel urged the defeat of 360-361 because there is no limit on the independence in the independence of the bill creating the office of Hotel Inspector and the bill fixing a percentage of freight rates.

Raiph Parker went on record against the bill making eight hours a (Continued on page 4)

WIRES DISCUSS BILLS ON BALLOT

ADOPTION OF MEASURE CREAT. ING OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR URGED

GARY FIGHTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL LAW

Mulvey Favors Amendment Which -Equal Suffrage Is Dis-

Without doubt the most Important and instructive meeting of Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial Club took place Tuesday evening, when the weekly luncheon was followed by a full and free discussion of the various measures and amendments to be vot-ed upon by the people of Oregon next Tuesday. T. W. Sullivan, Main Trunk Line of the organization, had pre-viously assigned to a majority of the members a measure for explanation and recommendation, and an active

Dr. Clyde Mount led off with a brief talk on the Equal Suffrage movement. The doctor made no recomi Mayor Dimick urged the adoption of the amendment, 302-303 creating the office of lieutenant-governor. He said it was a new office, without salary, and the principal reason he had for favoring the measure was it abolished the log-rolling that always prevails over committee appointing, and where-by votes for president of the State Senate are exchanged for committee

Senate are exchanged for committee places. The lieutenant-governor will preside over the State Senate.

County School Superintendent Gary recommended the defeat of No. 304-205, divorcing different kinds of property from taxation purposes. He said it would be detrimental to the schools of Clackamas County, in that it conveyed a right to tax certain kinds of property for different purposes. He emphasized the fact that if public ser-vice corporations were taxed for state purposes only, they should not be taxed for county purposes, and the school district of Milwaukie would lose \$360 in valuation and Estacada would lose 50 per cent of its valuation school district. Mr. Gary said that the temptation for graft would be the temptation for graft would be sreater than under the present system County Clerk Mulvey favored the constitutional amendment 308-309, which repeals the single tax amendment adopted two years ago. He said the amendment was indorsed by Governor West, the State Tax Commission and the Legislative Tax Commission

310-311. This provides that a votes cast must be considered and the enactment of a constitutional amendment must be dependent upon its receiving a majority of all votes cast at the election, instead of a majdrity of the votes cast on the particular amendment. Mr. Eby said that there are now 14 new amendments proposed on the ballot this year, and while he was at first opposed to the While his physician, Dr. Fayette majority rule amendment, he had concluded it would be wiser to safe guard the constitution to the extent that it would not be so easy to attach amendments to it.

E. H. Cooper advocated the adoption of 312-313, making stockholders banking corporations liable to pay for the benefit of depositors an amount equal to the par value of the stock held by any stockholder, in addition to having originally paid the par val-

J. E. Hedges made a very lucid exure, 314-315, which gives the State Railroad Commission power to late all Public service corporations, unless they are municipally owned. of the bill to create Cascade County and dividing Clackamas County. He referred to the few residents of the proposed new county who favor the measure, outside of the town of Estacada. The ballot number is 318-319.

L. Stipp talked in favor of the en actment of the Mileage Bill for the University of Oregon and the State Agricultural College, providing for a stitutions and everlastingly doing away with the legislative fights for appropriations of these two educational institutions.

J. E. Hedges, talking for W. M Stone, who was unable to be present, explained 322-323, amending the constitution to require a majority of the electors on a bill or amendment to secure their enactment. He made no commendation.

The various road bills were discuss ed at some length. William Hammond favoring 324-325, one of the Grange measures, providing for the construct not favor the enactment of 342-343, prohibiting the state from increasing money this year to help fight against to the creation og Cascade County.

Counties to issue 20-year bonds to build roads within the county. C. Schuebel urged the defeat of 360-361