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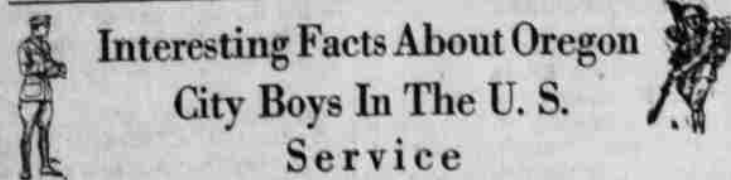
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BOYS OVER HERE—OVER THERE



Interesting Facts About Oregon
 City Boys In The U. S.
 Service

Orlando and Harry Romig, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Romig, of Williams, are on the U. S. S. Westbridge. Their mail goes in care of the postmaster of New York, N. Y.

Glen Larkins, of Multnomah, who is in the service, has been attending an automobile school at Spokane, Wash. He has been ordered to Fort Worden.

Edwin Busch, who has been at Camp Kearney, Cal., has arrived home for a 21-days' furlough, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Busch. Ed has gained in flesh, and looks army life.

John C. Doores, son of W. W. Doores, is with Company C, 32 Engineers, and is one of the well known boys of Clackamas county, who is doing his duty "over there." He was born and reared in Clackamas county, and his former home is Marquam. He has a host of friends in Clackamas county, who will be pleased to know that he is in the best of health, word having recently arrived a few days ago to his father.

Thomas Joseph Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, of West Linn, who is on the U. S. S. Leviathan, and has just completed his thirteenth trip over-seas. He is in the best of health, and expects to again sail on this boat.

William A. Gillmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gillmore, is with the 155 Aero Squadron, and is in France.

Ralph Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, of West Linn, writes his parents from Goat Island, Cal., that he has gained 20 pounds since arriving at that place. He is now tipping the scales at 152, and will celebrate his 21st birthday anniversary next April. He is delighted with the life of the sailor, and likes others there, is anxious to go on the briny deep. In a letter to his parents a few days ago, he tells them not to worry over the Spanish influenza for he says the boys are being treated at the island like they were each a million dollar bill. His brother, Fred, who is in France, with the 162 Infantry, says they are certainly making the Hunns go, and they will not return until they have licked the Kaiser good and hard, and that will not be long the way things look to the boys "Over there."

Richard R. Friedrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Friedrichs, of this city, who has been at Camp Lewis, Wash., is now with Twelfth Company, I. R. & T. T., at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. He is enjoying the best of health.

Mrs. Louis Schaber, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from her brother, H. A. Oldenstadt, of Company C, Eighteenth Engineers Railway. His postoffice address is A. P. O. 794, American Expeditionary Forces, France. In his letter the young man says that considerable rain had fallen, and had been a benefit to the pastures. He also says: "We always have good 'eats,' and yesterday we had brok-kill, beets, rice pudding, lemonade, and who would want a better meal than that, and when our time comes to eat, it is always ready for us. This is a big camp where we are located, and we have a band and a Y. M. C. A. here now. The band plays every day and in the evening. We have church on Sunday, both morning and evening. We are located but a short distance from a large city, and there we can get almost everything we need, so you see we have everything pretty good here. Well, I do not believe the war will last much longer, as they are certainly chasing the Kaiser back now. Whenever we Americans get after him he not only gets a good walk on himself, but a good run as well."

Private (First Class) Charles Richardson, of Headquarters Troop Third Army Corps, was heard from this week by his mother, Mrs. C. W. Richardson, saying he is near the front again, and that he is to get Stanley (his little nephew) a pair of wooden shoes if he has to carry them back across the ocean in his pocket, and that he has remembered that it was his birthday the following day, and says my how he would love to pick him up in his arms and hug and kiss him. He further says: "Yes, you bet we will celebrate when I return home. You have asked me if I have been at the front. I have, but that is nothing. I am going to send you a helmet and a German cap pretty quick. I received a nice long letter from Alberta Dunn, and have answered it. Give Mrs. Payne, Mrs. White and Mrs. Fry a hello for me. Have just received Mrs. White's letter. This finds me feeling pretty well."

Mrs. E. H. Cooper received a brief letter from her son, First Sergeant Milo R. Cooper, with Company 11, Third Battalion, A. C. S., telling of his being transferred to France. He has been in England for some time. He says: "I have surely been busy since being in the school, and I like

the work very much, though it keeps us going a good part of the time. Was in Paris a short time, but not long enough to go many places. The parts I did see I liked very much better than London; also like France better than England. The country is much prettier. I am well and have a fine appetite as usual, and am getting along O. K. You can send my mail to the old address, Company 11, Third Battalion, A. C. S., American Expeditionary Forces, A. P. O. No. 714, France, as I will not be at this place long enough to receive an answer to this.

Samuel E. Todd, son of Mrs. Vertie M. Todd, of West Linn, a well known boy of that place, who is now on his way to France, in his letter, of recent date he says: "Dear Mother, as I am expecting to leave before long, will write a few lines before I leave. I am well and hope this letter find you all the same. We have had orders from Washington, D. C., that one-third of Company 21, is to go over sea, and I was one of the selected. We haven't changed our clothing yet, but it has arrived and ready for us. I am so disgusted with this country that I don't care much where I go. It is nothing but rocks and sand. El Paso is located where there is nothing to see but rocky hills and it is so hot during the day that a person can hardly wear any clothing. I am ready to leave here as soon as they are ready to ship me out."

Samuel Todd has a brother, Albert Todd, now in France.

Mrs. William Schatz, of Stafford, received a letter from her son, Robert Schatz, who is on his way to Siberia with his company. He is a well known Clackamas county boy, and is probably the first of this county to go to Siberia to fight for his country.

The letter was written while the young man was on board the boat and is as follows:

September 21, 1918.

"Dear Mother:

"Just a line to let you know that I am still alive, and in good health. This trip across the water was great. There certainly were some sick boys on the second day, but there were a lot of them who did not become seasick. I did not feel very good for a couple of days the second week we were out, but I did not 'feed the fish' as luck would have it, and I do not know what prevented me from doing so. I did not know there was so much water before. I am still on the boat, but will soon be in Siberia. They are going to allow us to get off at Japan, and where we will be allowed a few hours. I sure do want to get my feet on Japanese soil, so that I can say that I have been in Japan.

"Well, Mother, according to what I hear, I sure will get to see some great adventures in Siberia. I certainly will be able to tell you lots of things when I return.

"Don't worry about me, Mother, for I am feeling fine. I am sure I will be able to stand all hardships that will come to soldier boys.

"As I am to go on guard duty soon, will close for this time.

"Your loving son,

"ROBERT SCHATZ."

His address is Robert Schatz, Eighth Pro. 62nd Infantry, R. P. L. Siberia, American Expeditionary Forces. His brother, Albert H. Schatz is at the training camp at Seattle.

OREGON CITY BOY RECEIVES MUCH PRAISE

B. F. Ford, son of Rev. T. B. Ford, of Oregon City, who is in France, and is a secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was one of the secretaries going over the top with infantry battalions, and carrying on their work in the midst of severest losses. B. F. Ford and F. A. Dawes were highly praised by General Allen, who said "These men specially deserved to be highly commended upon for the seal and fortitude shown during the engagement."

MAYOR HACKETT IS EXPERT SPUD GROWER HAS MANY BIG ONES

Mayor E. C. Hackett has become quite an expert as a potato grower, for those grown this year at the Hackett home on Seventeenth and Washington Streets are of unusual fine quality. These are of the Early Rose variety, and many measure in length 13 inches, while the circumference is 11 and 1 1/2 inches. A number of these tip the scales at over three pounds, and one is sufficient for a small-sized family.

TWO BILLS OF JACKSON ARE FULL OF FALSEHOODS

In his efforts to get even with the country publishers for refusing to get back of its single tax measure, the Portland Journal, thru its millionaire owner, Sam Jackson, has had initiated two measures dealing directly with the country press. One measure provides for the abolition of the publication of the delinquent tax list and the other lowers the rate provided by statute for the publication of legal notices. The rate provided by statute is exactly the same as charged by 90 percent of the country papers to their commercial advertisers for the same class of work. Mr. Jackson was very particular to see that this proposed measure did not IN ANY WAY AFFECT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHERE HIS OWN PAPER IS PUBLISHED. The voter should bear this in mind in gauging the animus back of the Jackson printing measures.

It is also a matter of court record that the present bill providing for the payment of publication of delinquent tax list in counties of over 150,000 population, WAS BORN IN SAM JACKSON'S OFFICE IN PORTLAND, that he is its father and wet nurse and that the midwives were John P. Logan and R. W. Montague, attorneys. That is the sworn testimony of Mr. Logan in a Multnomah court, and Mr. Jackson doesn't deny it. Why didn't he fix the bill to abolish the publication then? Because he thought he had manipulated it so that the Journal could get the publication. It so turned out however that there are two papers published in Portland having a smaller circulation than the Journal and one of them is the Journal's hated afternoon contemporary, The Telegram. The advertising rates are, therefore, less and unless the Journal bids below the legal rate it can't get the printing. It prefers to do without rather than permit its rival to have it.

In its attacks on the delinquent publication notices, Mr. Jackson is taking the counties alphabetically and telling the voters what it cost them to have the delinquent list published.

Lie Number One.

In his Benton County article, for instance, he says that it cost the voters nearly \$2,000 to have published the delinquent list from 1912 to 1918 inclusive. If that were true, it would mean that Benton county collected nearly \$2,000,000 for an expense of 10 cents on every hundred dollars collected. There isn't a business man in the world but who would gladly turn all his collections over to any collector who would guarantee to collect at so low a rate. It beats green trading stamps by exactly 2000 percent.

But it is not true, as any taxpayer can find out by calling at the sheriff's office in any county in Oregon. The Journal merely hopes to fool the public. This collection HAS NOT COST THE TAXPAYERS OF BENTON COUNTY A SINGLE CENT, so it has collected for the county thousands of dollars. Nearly everybody who pays taxes, knows that the cost of the advertising is charged up to the man who is delinquent or to the man who buys a tax deed.

"This fear of publicity, and the fact that the property owner will have to pay for it," says Deputy Sheriff Taylor "is the best thing that could possibly happen to the treasury of Benton county. It is what makes many taxpayers come in and pay up before publication date. As soon as the taxes are past due, we send a written statement to the owner of the property in question. We have dozens of these owners then come in and inquire as to when their delinquency will be published and state that they will be in before that date and pay the taxes. The Journal's measure provides for a mail notice. That would not accomplish the purpose at all, for we are already, as required by the present law, sending out a mail notice to everybody who has failed to pay on the date required."

The sheriff then stuck his hand into a pigeon hole and pulled out a double fist full of notices that he had sent out and that had come back thru the mail marked "unclaimed." "Just how the Journal method would reach this class of people I do not know. It couldn't reach them, for these returned letters show abundantly that it does not. On the other hand, many of these people to whom we mail notices and who do not get them, come in after the property is advertised in the paper and pay up saying they saw the list, or that a friend saw it who knew their address and notified them. Occasionally too a man sells a piece of property and takes a mortgage. The mortgagee is interested in seeing that the mortgagor keeps the taxes paid and often this is his only means of finding out. Every state so far as I know publishes a delinquent tax and there is good reason for it. It would create chaos to abolish it."

Lie Number Two.

The lie the Journal repeats in nearly all its stories in a seeming effort to prove that the country press is venal, dishonest, crooked and full of graft. It states, "the list is published five times which is not authorized by statute." This is one of its boldest lies as any attorney can tell you who knows his business in this county, for instance, the County Court got a specific opinion on the matter from District Attorney Clarke. The district attorney said the law required the notice to be published five times. If it were not published according to law, the tax deed would be no good, therefore the five publications were expressly ordered by the County Court. Any voter can verify this by consulting Attorney Clarke.

Lie Number Three.

The Journal says "Had the list been set sold it would have reduced the price \$77." This lie presumes on the ignorance of the people as to the difference between "sold" and "loaded" type. This paragraph is set "sold." The same thing BELOW is set "loaded." The reader can count the lines and see for himself that there is not a particle of difference in the number. The lines are merely farther apart. THE DELINQUENT PAYS FOR IT BY THE LINE.

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An Unfortunate Selection.

In an unfair effort to call attention to the seeming advantage of its scheme the Journal says "If mail notices prevailed, James W. Bingham, who owns an acre in Benton county, would not have been forced to pay \$50 to have his 8 cents tax published."

From the Journal's viewpoint, its selection was unfortunate for its argument. It hasn't cost James W. Bingham anything nor will it do so. James W. Bingham was notified according to the latest improved methods, a method highly recommended by the Portland Journal as being infallible, viz: THROUGH THE UNITED STATES MAIL. The letter to Mr. Bingham was returned by the postmaster marked "unclaimed." The parcel was then advertised and thru the advertisement in the papers it was discovered that another party had had adverse possession of the land and presumed that it was included in his deed given a good many years ago. Bingham's name got onto the tax roll by reason of a new platting by the county assessor. Only the publication in the paper discovered the fact that for several years it had been assessed to another man who had been paying the taxes supporting he had a clear title to the premises. We thank the Journal for mentioning this case.

The same serious failure to notify interested parties would occur in ALL cases where tax rolls failed to correspond to the records of deeds, which is constantly changing. For the same reason serious injury would work against a mortgagee, for under the proposed scheme the holder of a mortgage is not notified of the tax delinquency. The same would also apply to property held in trust and no state in the union has yet been able to find a way to issue a tax certificate of delinquency or a tax deed that was worth the paper it was written on without first advertising the delinquency. The owner of a tax deed for delinquent property not advertised in a newspaper would have difficulty finding a mortgage company who would loan any money on such a title.

The Journal complains too that because the taxes were under \$100, the statute prohibits their being advertised. This is correct and the only correct statement in the Journal's continued harangues. The Journal might also state, if it were disposed to be fair, that the statute requires ALL delinquent property to be advertised before a certificate of delinquency can be issued. There is no other way whereby a certificate can be issued. Even the county itself couldn't take over the property and perfect a title, which is what Single Tax Jackson hopes to do ultimately with his scheme. Therefore the county had the choice of obeying one law or the other. It chose to take no chances and advertised all delinquent property. In either event, it was not up to the newspapers to say whether or not it should be advertised. It takes the copy brought to it and publishes according to order.

The Journal continues, "The same situation, generally speaking, applies to every county in the state of Oregon and not to Benton county alone." If that is true, then the above argument is applicable to every county in the state of Oregon as well as to Benton county.

But when it makes this statement, the Journal publicly accuses every district attorney in the state, every sheriff and every county court of being either dishonest or incompetent. There is no other alternative if the Journal be correct. They either violate the law maliciously or ignorantly in three different instances, (1) by paying for padded lists, (2) by publishing once too often, (3) by publishing amounts less than one dollar. Either the Journal is right and every sheriff, county court and district attorney in Oregon is wrong or crooked, or the county courts, sheriffs and district attorneys of Oregon are right and the Single Tax scheming Journal is wrong or crooked. Also, every other state in the union is wrong and has been for years and only the Single Tax scheming editor of the Journal has discovered the error.

In this connection the voters of Oregon should remember that several other times Single Tax measures have been launched in disguise by this same pernicious source. The last time was in November, 1916, under the "Full Rental Land Values" amendment, which, among other things, provided "that delinquent tax sale certificates should be bought up by the State Land Board with penalties and costs * * * and thereafter the title should vest absolutely in the state." Why was the effort made to have the state get hold of these tax certificates? If the newspaper publication is wicked now, why wasn't it wicked then?

Numerous measures were sought to be put on the ballot this year. All but these printing bills failed. Mr. Jackson hired men to go out and get signatures. The other measures had to depend on volunteers. It is possible that the Fels Soap Fund has not yet been exhausted? This is the fund left by millionaire Fels to promote single tax in Oregon. It is the fund that has been used by Jackson and U'Ren to promote all their other single tax schemes. Were these bills initiated thru the millionaire's soap fund, or by millionaire Jackson himself?

With Jackson's past record on the subject in mind these are fair questions to consider. If the delinquent tax list is not advertised, fewer delinquent certificates will be sold and not only will the county's revenues diminish but the county will get the delinquent lands themselves. The object of single tax is public ownership. As the county's revenues decrease because of delinquents, county taxes will necessarily increase on those who DO pay to make up the defi-

ciency. Thus it will become harder and harder to pay the taxes and there will be more and more delinquents and the county will become more and more a property owner and a step in the direction of Single Tax will have been accomplished.

But the Journal arguments of course do not mention single tax. They are confined to misrepresenting the publications and weeping over the poor delinquent. The voter knows, if he stops to think, that it is not the poor man who becomes delinquent. It is the speculator and the man who has so much property scattered around that he forgets whether he has paid taxes on it or not. A fine case in point exists in this county where a Portland promoter plotted out the Pacific Addition to Monroe and sold hundreds of lots to the poor laborers on the railroad there. It was sold on the installment plan, the real ownership being in the promoter. The lots were absolutely worthless and of course the laborers left the country without paying out and the promoter has had to pay the taxes or lose it. This is one of the men the Journal is weeping over. Its editorial columns have little use for a promoter, but when he can be hidden behind "a poor man who struggles day and night, etc.," then it sobbs are eloquent.

Finally, the proposed scheme is not offered in good faith; it is a subterfuge; it is impracticable; the present statute already requires mail notices to be sent out when taxes are past due; if newspaper publication was discontinued, tax titles would be worthless. The present publication law has proven successful in every state in the union; it is the best collector of revenues the county has, it compels the tax delinquent to come up and pay his just share of taxes along with the other fellow, it doesn't cost the county a single cent of money and never has and the continued and repeated statements in the Journal that it does are but added evidence of Millionaire Jackson's entire lack of good faith in both printing measures.

The intelligent voter will vote 309 "No" and 311 "No."

We have referred the questions commented on above to the proper authorities in this county and their opinion is expressed below. There is included also the opinion of A. J. Johnson, who pays taxes in four different counties and whose reputation and good business judgment are so well known in this county that it should have weight.

From the District Attorney

From a reading of the statutes of the State of Oregon it appears to me beyond question that it is necessary that tax notices be published five times, and not four, as contended. This position being correct, tax deeds procured as a result of sales where the publication has been had but four times, would not be valid.

(Signed) ARTHUR CLARKE,
 District Attorney.

From Several Authorities

I have examined the two proposed measures, relating to changing the printing laws, and am convinced that their adoption would be injurious to the taxpayers of the state of Oregon. I think the present law on the subject of publication of delinquent taxes is a fair one and should be retained on the statute books and that an exclusive mail notice as proposed would not accomplish the purpose.

(Signed) S. W. WARFIELD,
 Recorder.
 W. H. RICKARD,
 County Assessor.
 A. J. JOHNSON,
 From the Tax Collector

I have read the foregoing article in reference to the proposed changes in the publication of delinquent tax notices and am glad to confirm the statements made therein. This proposed measure should be defeated.

(Signed) W. A. GELLATLY,
 Sheriff and Tax Collector.

From the County Clerk

The delinquent tax measure which we have to vote on this fall provides that the sheriff shall notify the person taxed "at the address on the tax rolls." The tax rolls are made up March 1st. The time for paying the last half of the taxes does not expire till a year from the following October—a full year and a half after the rolls are made up. In the meantime hundreds of people may have moved away and it is impossible to find them by addressing a letter to where they were a year and a half previous. This is merely one of the very many reasons why I believe that this proposed measure is vicious and should be defeated.

(Signed) EMERY J. NEWTON,
 County Clerk of Benton County.
 —Corvallis Gazette-Times.

CEREAL ORDERS OF ALBERS CANCELED BY EUGENE MERCHANTS

Eugene, Or., Oct. 25.—Eugene wholesale houses dealing in grains and grain products yesterday canceled all orders placed with the Albers Brothers Milling Company of Portland, for undelivered quantities of cereals and other products, as a result of the arrest of Henry Albers, who resigned yesterday as president of the milling company on espionage charges. The cancellation of the orders was admitted by the managers of the local firm last night.

One of the managers stated that if the charges against Mr. Albers were substantiated, his fortune should be confiscated and he should be immediately deported or interned.

The five firms which are known to have cancelled their orders are: Lang & Company, Mason, Ehrman Company, Allen & Lewis, Ideal Feed Company and the Grangers' Warehouse Company.

WEEKLY SOLDIER LETTER

Thomas Barry, a radio student of Mare Island, California, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barry, of Oregon City, writes interestingly of some of the experiences he has had while in the service. The young man is well known in Oregon City, and is one of the popular boys at the training school. He has contributed a number of poems to the "Short Circuit," a publication of Mare Island, gotten out in magazine form.

The following is a letter received a few days ago:

Mare Island, California.

"Dear Ones at Home:

"In the 'Y' at the island, and it is Saturday morning, a very nice, clear morning, but oh! so dull. The island is under quarantine for the recent outbreak of Spanish influenza, an epidemic, which is causing much distress throughout the various army and navy camps in the United States. It is a safety precaution, and a good measure to be sure until the crisis is over, and normal conditions prevail, and everything is once more toward the inevitable, and sure ending of autocracy.

"I am feeling great. Never felt better or had less. As I write this letter there are about 200 sailors sitting around the fire-place—some writing, some reading and some having a talk feast.

"Neal Sullivan is in the band. He is an Oregon City boy. Bert Lageron, Mike Myers, F. W. McKeiche, Thom Harris and myself are about all the Oregon City boys left here that are going to the electrical school.

"I see where R. L. Holsclaw, captain, has returned from France. I would like very much to see him. I imagine he has some very interesting tales to tell about his experiences 'Over There.'

"I have about four more months of school here.

"What are the strikers doing? Are they still 'holding down' the corner of the bridge, or is it all over?

"Do you ever hear of Lee Shannon? I never see anything in the 'Morning Breeze' about him. He is a very fine fellow. I hope he isn't or hasn't been killed or wounded by d—Huns. 'And Al Fredricks—I never see anything about him, either.

"I suppose that all the boys, who are physically able have gone by this time. Oregon City, I imagine, is very quiet.

"How did Oregon respond to the fourth Liberty Bond drive? I took out a \$50 bond, and would have liked to have taken more, but you see some times the financial condition with the sailor are not quite satisfactory.

"Mother, don't worry for me, as I am feeling fine, as you see I have al-

ready told you, and am not a victim of the Spanish influenza so far.

"Your loving son and brother,
 "TOM."

"P. S. Please answer soon, Gee! but I sure like to get a letter from you all."

Delta O. Criteser, of Battery "A," 147 F. A. America E. F. France, writes his mother, Mrs. Newt Criteser, of New Era.

France, Sept. 9.

"Dear Mother and All:

"I received your letter dated July 28 the other day and one today dated Aug. 13th, but have been so busy I didn't have time to answer any until today. I've been very anxious to get your letters to know how you are getting along, and the rest of the folks too, and I guess all you folks are just as anxious to hear from me. I'm getting along fine and am staying in pretty good order.

"Have you been wondering what I am doing in the fighting? I've been an extra cannoner part of the time and the rest of the time K. P. in the kitchen.

"We sure have got the Huns scared and are bringing in lots of prisoners. I know that you folks hear quite a bit about the war by the papers. (We got some papers to read.)

"Just at present for the last couple of days we have moved back to a rear ash grove, out of the range of the Hun guns but not their bombing airplanes, which manage to slip over in the night. We are four different fronts. We sure have done a lot of traveling.

"We are having cloudy weather and rain part of the time.

"I received a letter from Albert Mead today. Ask Mr. Brown if he received my letter. If Russel Chinn is over here, which I expect by now, I sure would like to see him. Albert and Ed (Mead) wanted to see me when they had their furlough, but didn't get a chance to.

"Well, I think we will come marching home before many months for we get the Huns on the run. I think us Americans will show them a few things before we are through with them. I have passed my second birthday in the army and don't worry because you couldn't send me a present this time.

"As it is getting late will close for this time, hoping this will find everyone well.

"From your son
 "With love,
 "DELTA."

A brother, Ernest V. Criteser, is at Camp Lewis, Wash., in the base hospital suffering from the Spanish influenza, and his sister, Mrs. Etta Woodard, is in The Dalles hospital with the typhoid fever.

MAIL NOTICES WON'T REACH ALL TAXPAYERS

That part owners or mortgage holders will have to pay fees to title companies to investigate whether taxes are paid upon many classes of property is the condition that will be faced if the Jackson bill is enacted next Tuesday. The bill abolishes publication of the delinquent tax list, and substitutes a flimsy and necessarily incomplete system of private notification by mail.

The mail notice cannot reach more than one person, while there are many pieces of property that are owned jointly, or in which an individual owns an equity. The taxes might go unpaid for many years without such owners ever having any chance to find out about it. Often the party receiving the mail notice would have failed to pay the taxes, and his associates out protection unless they engaged the services of a title company to look up the records, a service which might be expensive.

Besides the actual owner of property, there are holders of mortgages, purchasers under contract, assignees of contracts, holders of unrecorded instruments, lessees and others who are interested in the payment of taxes. Mail notice would never reach these

interested parties. Under the present in ownership would be entirely without system of annual publication anyone can see whether the taxes are paid or not, and those interested in property on which taxes have become delinquent are enabled to take proper steps for their own protection.

Confusion, misrepresentation, delay in tax payments and gross breaches in trust are all certain to be fostered by abolishing publication and substituting the inadequate system of mail notices. No one owning any interest in a piece of property, or expecting to buy property, will vote against tax list publication after carefully considering what would be sure to happen were open publicity dispensed with for the incomplete private notice system.

MEN IN NAVY OUTSIDE STATE CANNOT VOTE

SALEM, Oct. 29.—Lieutenant Commander Taintor, of New York, commander of the third naval district, has written Secretary of State Olcott inquiring if there is any provision under the Oregon law whereby Oregon men who are on duty in that district can vote at the election next Tuesday. Secretary Olcott has replied that there is not.

OREGON'S CONGRESSMEN ARE O. K. Senators and Representatives Have Made Good In Office

Loyal and dependable support of the President and his prosecution of the war is the prime requisite demanded by all American citizens of every candidate for office at this time. Win the war and win it now is the demand. Nobody has any time for the pacifist. Men of action are wanted. Officials in office who have measured up to these demands should be retained. They are on the job and intimately acquainted with the needs of the government. They know what has been done to expedite the war. They know what should be done to hasten the unconditional surrender of the Huns.

It is with a full knowledge of these facts that the Republican State Central Committee commends to the voters of the state every Republican nominee on the ticket. Senator McNary and Representative McArthur, Hawley and Sinnott have made good. They have subordinated politics and are working earnestly for the one great cause—win the war. Each has a 100 per cent record in his support of the President. Never have they faltered in backing up the President's war program. They have given him support at times when such Democratic leaders as Champ Clark, Kitchin and Dent balked and by their attitude imperiled the enactment of legislation vital to the successful

prosecution of the war, foremost of which was the selective draft law.

Here at home, Governor Withycombe has cooperated with the President in every war activity. His zeal in patriotic work has been unbounded. He is intensely American. The unparalleled record Oregon has made in all war time activities and the alacrity with which the state has responded to every call for patriotic endeavor is due in part to the leadership of Governor Withycombe.

Both in the halls of Congress at Washington and in the Governor's office at Salem, the people of Oregon are fortunate in having experienced men with a record 100 per cent American—men who are standing behind the President for a vigorous prosecution of the war to a speedy victorious conclusion.

Senator McNary, Representatives McArthur, Hawley and Sinnott, and Governor Withycombe should all be re-elected. They are at their posts of duty. None is making a campaign. They are too busy serving their state and nation. They should be returned for continued service. Election of new and untried men, lacking in ability and experience to fit them for the positions, would not only be unwise at this time, but would fall far short of the patriotic duty of the voters of this state.