SHIELDS ANSWERS TAX QUESTIONERS

BCHEME APPEALS TO EMOTIONS DECLARES WRITER

Effort to Place Whole Burden Land Arouses Suspicion in Minds of Many-Confiscition is Sole Aim and End.

BY CHARLES H. SHIELDS. From all over Oregon I have received inquiries as to what Single Tax really is. Widespread and expensive as the campaign in its favor has been, there is yet much ignorance regarding it. This I propose to dispel herewith.

Single Tax is offered as a system of taxation. It is offered as a tax reform. It is offered as a panacea for all the ills of society. We are told that under the magic influence of Single Tax, the inequalities so apparent in society will completely disappear; that crime, want, misery, and even physical imperfections will vanish with the introduction of this peculiar system of so-called faxation.

Appeals to Emotions.

Single Tax appeals to the emotions -to those whose envy and prejudice are easily awakened, and most generally, to a class who are not directly interested in the class of property affected thereby. Even Joseph Fels, the multi-millionaire of Philadelphia,



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who is financing the Single Tax movement in Oregon, owns but little land. He has made his millions from the manufacture of soap, and under the Single Tax system he would pay lititle or no taxes.

Single Tax means what the term implies—one tax—a single tax—a tax on but one class of property, just one source of raising revenue to sustain the government

Suspicion is Aroused.

very fact that Single Tax means a tax on one class of property should be sufficient to arouse suspicion on the part of any thinking man or woman. It should at once to them that there was me specific design in thus relieving from taxation all forms of property, except land, other than a mere reform in the system of taxation. A tax reform measure would seek

to have all who are fortunate enough in this great struggle for existence, o possess property to pay their hare of the operating expenses of the government in the form of a tax upon their holdings.

Single Tax ignores this principle entirely. There must, then, he some other motive in urging its adoption in the state of Oregon, other than a desire to reform the present system

Object is Apparent.

tion and is condemned as a system to return to his native tand. Roerek, of taxation by all economic writers, who was a shrewd, peaceably minded worthy of the title

tax on land only, should at once be apparent to those who would give the subject a moment's thoughtdiscrimination against land. But why discriminate against land? Let us

As Henry George was the author is said, he is the only king that rests of Single Tax and as his master work in Iceland." on this subject is his book, "Progress and Poverty," from which all Single Tax advocates draw their inspiration and to the fundamental principles of which they subscribe; and as Joseph Fels, who is financing the present Single Tax campaign in Oremust save the men first, then the chilgon is an avowed Henry George Sindren and finally the women. This is Taxer, openly declaring for the abolition of private property in land, let us consult Henry George in "Progress and Poverty" and learn what this Single Tax movement in Oregon means.

Quotations From George.

The truth is, and from this truth there can be no escape, that there is and can be no just title to an exclusive possession of the soil, and that private property in land is a bold, pare, enormous wrong, fike that of chattel slavery."

"If the land belongs to the people, why continue to permit land owners to take the rent, or compensate them in any manner for the loss of rent?"

No Possible Question. Is there room for further question as to what Single Tax means? Can you not see that the object in placing all the burden on land is to destroy land values, to drive the dagger deeper and deeper into private ownership of land until the rent value

is taken in the form of taxes. Then Single Tax will have accomplished the death of private prop erty in land-the purpose for which It was designed. The state will then own the land. Oregon will have passed from a state of home owners to one of tenants. Which do you pre-

Quaint Customs In Abyssinia." Quaint customs prevail in parts of Abyssinia. When a father is getting on in years the son bids him climb into a tree and jump down from the branches. If the old man staggers on landing the son spears him on the spot -his usefulness is over. One tribe had a custom of sewing chance visitors up in green hides and leaving them to be killed by the contraction of the skins. With another the only orthodox way of dealing with strangers was to tie them in a bundle and roll them over a precipice.-London Mail.

At the Portland Theatres

LAST CAR LEAVES FOR OREGON CITY AT MIDNIGHT



GILBERT AND SULLIVAN FESTIVAL COMPANY AT HEILIG THEATER WEEK SEPTEMBER FIRST.

The big comic opera organiztion of 100 people will present "The Mikado," "The Pirates Of Penzance," Pinafore," and "Patience" at the Heilig Theater, 7th and Taylor Streets, during the week beginning Sunday,

The hopes of a generation which the kind of fame that is the patent first witnesed the production of the of success, both popular and well mer-series of operatettes by Gilbert and ited. Their comic operas were clean, Sullivan, and who have since mourn-wholesome, clever, and really comic, ed the decay of that golden age of in more than in music. They were the stage, will be cheered by the news grateful to the ear and eye and mind of the engagement of the Gilbert and of persons of all ages. Sullivan's Sullivan Festival Company from the tunes were sung and whistled every-Casino Theatre, New York, which in- where, and Gilbert's songs and diacludes DeWolf Hopper, Blanche Duf- logues became household words and field, Eugene Cowles, George MacFar-land, Kate Condon, Arthur Aldridge, widely than even Kipling's worst Viola Gillette, Arthur Cunningham, Alice Brady, Louise Barthel and the New York Casino chorus and orchestra, which is to be made at the Heilig who go the theatre for light enter- face of the water and is propelled with Theatre for one week, beginning Sun-tainment were either brainless or un-

"The Pirates of Penzance" Tuesday

music hall contributions. These two wonderful men never

day, September 1st, during which clean of mind. Gilbert was the mastime "The Mikado" will be presented ter of topsy turvy nonsense and meton Sunday, Monday and Saturday rical jingle, but he had plenty of ideas be used when an ordinary boat could first time of the products raised on nights and at the Saturday matinee; and was not afraid to use them. He not. flattered his audiences by assuming and Friday nights; "Pinafore" at the Wednesday matinee and on Wednesday night and "Patience" for a single theatrical directors of the present time only on Thursday night. ... time, the audiences did not resent his It was in 1875 that W. S. Gilbert faith in their ability to appreciate Rich Chinese women have thimbles and Arthur Sullivan began to work true wit and sharp satire. The best carved out of mother-of-pearl, and and Arthur Sumvan began to work true wit and sharp saute. The best together. In the following ten years test is that today, thirty-three years sometimes the top is a single precious were produced "Pinafore," "The Pi- after the production of his first opera, stone. tience," The Mikado" and "The Gon- cold print, and is liable to leave the The partnership acquired impression of perpetual freshness.

Only One King Buried In Iceland. In Iceland it is the boast of the native that "only one king is buried

dollers."

here." That was King Roerek of Norway (vide Snorri Sturiuson's Saga, The fundamental principle of Single Tax is positively at variance with the accepted principles of taxa. Holy "shipped," with the significant hint that he need not be in any hurry monarch, took the hint, went to Ice-The object of Single Tax, or a land and a thousand odd years ago settled down to farming "at a little stead | So very deaf | She might have worn a percussion cap height, Calfskin, where were but few serving folk, and there he dwelt and on the fourth winter got the Illness which brough him to his bane. So, it

Men and Children First.

The Chinese point of view of maritime disasters is peculiar. The duty of Twain wrote: "Yes, Agassiz does reca Chinese sailor is well defined. He ommend authors to eat fish because that women without husbands are des-

Fishing For Compliments. "Women are peculiar, aren't they?"

"Mrs. Wright said she had a plain red hat and then got mad because I agreed that it was plain."—Buffalo but found nothing." "What did they

The pun was at its climax early in the nineteenth century. Thomas Hood was a master punster, especially in verse. No better examples can be found anywhere than those in "Miss Kilmansegg" and the "Tale of a Trumpet." What could be neater than the argument of the fiddler trying to sell an ear trumpet: There was a Mrs F

And been knocked on the head Without hearing it snap. Well, I sold her a trumpet,

And the very next day She heard from her husband at Botany bay. -New Bedford Standard.

Fish For the Brain. Replying to a "Young Author," Mark

dren and finally the women. This is far you are correct. But I cannot belp on the theory that men are most val- you to a decision about the amount uable to the state, that adoptive par- you need to ent-at least, not with cerents can be found for children and tainty. If the specimen composition you sent is about your fair usual average I should judge that a couple of whales would be all you would want for the present-not the largest kind, but simply good, middle sized whales."

Cruel. expect?"-Baltimore American.

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AFRICAN FIGHTER TO STATE FAIR WILL BE MOOSE SPEAKER

Colonel King Stanley is camping on the west side of the river. Colonel Stanley is arranging with the Order

Colonel Stanley has been a member guide near Thibet, of the British Ar- this year, my under Colonel Frank Younghus-band, and was the first American to derfully fine showing of fat, sleek, mittee or the managers of the party from Mexico, where he was in sever- and a source of great pride to Oreal battles. In China during 1900 he gonians. saw service in the Boxer rebellion. After that he left for India accompanying Gauties in his exploration of There will be 50 more head of blood. When section two of the direct prithe Thibet.

WILSON MEN WILL EXPOSE T. R. FUND

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.-That manpaign in 1904 was financed almost ex- Columbia, Washington and Marion. clusively by "big business" was adtional headquarters.

When the senate committee on privtributions Chairman Moses E. Clapp vill be asked to inquire into a contri-Bliss of the Republican national com- visits the fair grounds. mittee in 1904.

Governor Wilson's managers proess to have excerpts from the minutes of a meeting of the steel trust tent on the grounds. money to Roosevelt's campaign fund

An Unsinkable "Boat,"

Among the water vehicles the most extraordinary is the catamaran of the Madras fishermen. It consists of three proceeded on the theory that people logs lashed together flush with the sur-

Fashion in thimbles is very luxuri-

CANDIDATES HAVE

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.—When the gates of the Fifty-first annual State of Moose to give an entertainment at and every piece of decoration will be the candidates' pamphlet this year ly elected Superintendent of the Orethe Shively Opera House September in place, Secretary Frank Meredith will find it to an advantage to file gon Industrial School, Roscoe Shelton. It will be entitled "A Night in In- and his corps of assistants are doing them with the Secretary of State for the past three and one-half years dia." The program will include everything possible to have all arthrough the executive committee or disciplinarian at the institution, has feats of legerderman originated by the rangements completed for the open-

of fourteen armies, and has had an and with the several new features space when arguments or cuts are fil-eventful career. He has held com- for which extra space has been pro- ed by the candidates as individuals. missions in American armies, Central vided and which have never been seen American armies and Toregu, the Yo- at the state fair before, it seems the gie and Llamas. Colonel Stanley was fair is going to reach its highest mark recognized political parties must file charge of the institution.

This year there will be about 1400

with a regularity that seems to have page is made. Each candidate is alto the subject, admitted that he had stirred up some of the other counties so entitled to the use of four pages made the last regulation and also that agers of Governor Woodrow Wilson's considerably and they are here with in the pamphlet. campaign for the presidency hope to excellent showings. The five, besides show that Theodore Roosevelt's cam- Benton, are Multnomah, Clackamas,

Much interest attaches to the chilmitted here today at Democratic na- dren's industrial exhibits. They will occupy space beneath the granstand When three-fifths of all the school leges resumes its inquiry at Wash- children in the state have engaged in ington, October 1, into campaign con- the various contests of growing and producing the necessaries of life, it ganization. may be realized what a tremendous bution of \$10,000 which the United thing this children's industrial exhib-State Steel Corporation is alleged to it will be and of what attraction it have made to Treasurer Cornelius N. will be for every boy and girl who

Another new feature is the eugenics show and program which will be held each day of the week in a big Examinations directors when the payment of the of the babies will take place Monday and Tuesday from 11 o'clock a, m, to was marched to a spot outside the was authorized, and this alleged evidence will be given for investigation from 10 o'clock until noon. At 2:30 o'clock each afternoon the story-telling hour will be observed for the children, and at 3:30 o'clock short talks charge was about to give the order to will be given by physicians. Address- fire a bullet flew into the group of ofes by physicians and specialists will given Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock. In the pavilion where the county and individual exhibits will be every

inch of space is taken and Secretary Meredith of the fair board says the tioner. exhibits will be as fine as have ever the asylum farm and of the output of the culinary department of the insti-An elaborate program of fireworks

has been arranged for Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights.

British Steamers. tonnage of over 17,000,000, sail under how to arrest and fix at any moment. the British flag

CHANCE TO SAVE

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.—Candidates Fair swing open at 8 o'clock Monday desiring to avail themselves of the agree with new rules and regulations morning, it is expected every exhibit low rate for arguments and cuts in inaugurated by W. S. Hale, the newfeats of legerderman originated by the Hindoos. Colonel Stanley claims to ing hour. Workmen will remain on the job all day tomorrow and, if necting the job all day tomorrow night.

India Telepathy in his work.

Workmen will remain on amendment to the direct primary law passed by the people at the last general election doubles the rates for Workmen will remain on with which they are affiliated, for an ployes of the institution are consider No exhibition space is left untaken eral election doubles the rates for tion of Shelton, one other resignation

their arguments and cuts for the pamphlet through the executive com- and Shelton was as to the former's go to that part of Africa. He has trav- money-making cattle ,and horses, and with which they were identified, and ment amoung the pupils. Hale, it eled extensively and speaks four-teen languages, and reads and writes fruit, the life of which will be a sur-exception was made in favor of indeeleven languages. He recently came prise to strangers within the state pendent candidates, who were allowed to file their arguments and cuts as Individuals and who were given two pages of space. The rate charg-

> ed cattle than have ever been shown mary law was amended by the people at any previous fair. More than 900 at the last general election the origichickens will be there to illustrate the nal act was broadened by airowing possibilities in raising fine poultry in candidates of recognized political parthis state. And for the first time an ties for Congress, and candidates for exhibit of China pheasants will be state offices to file their arguments tion or on the grounds. While, as near shown.
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> Six counties will contest for the sweepstakes prize for county exhibits. For the last three years Benton county has been pocketing the prize other candidates a charge of \$100 a contained in the statement.
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> The provides a game of the providates as can be learned, there was none of this, it is said the employes resented the insinuation contained in the statement.
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> Hale, when questioned with relation

Under these provisions it will, the discipline of inmates, especially therefore, be to the advantage of a on corporal punishment. Discussing candidate who is not particular about the amount of space, to file through intoxicatants, he said that he had the executive committee or the manager of the party whose candidate he is, at a charge of but \$50 a page, al and not made applicable to any one while a charge of \$100 is made where he files independent of the party or-

An Unwitting Executioner. During the Boer war of 1881 one of the sentries of a British regiment, having been found asleep at his post, was tried by court martial and condemned to be shot. At the appointed time he camp, and the troops were drawn up to witness the execution of the unfortunate man. Just as the officer in ficers and men, and the prisoner fell dead at their feet. The shot was from the rifle of a concealed Boer marksman. In "sniping" the British troops

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REFORM SCHOOL

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.-Unable to gon Industrial School, Roscoe Shelton. ing taking similar steps for the same reasons. In addition to the resignanon, farmer, though Superintendent Under the corrupt practices act as Hale says Cannon had tendered his

The chief contention between Hale action in abolishing corporal punishseems, has adopted the plan of governing the boys through love and af-fection, and Shelton is said to have taken exception to it and resigned. Several days before his resignation went into effect, Hale caught Shelton chastising a boy and him, with the result that Shelton took leave of his work at once.

Another rule which seems to have met with resentment was one an nounced by Hale, that there would be no drinking of liquors at the institu-

Hale, when questioned with relation Shelton and he could not agree upon the rule with regard to the use of school, and that the order was generespecially.

Shelton, when seen, admitted his reason for resigning was his inability to agree with Hale as to the methods of discipline, and that a number of employes had signified their intention of resigning, because of their inability to agree with Hale, but he did not know whether they had done so or not. Further than that, he would not discuss the situation

G. I. Stahl, of Portland, a former teacher in the school, has been appointed to succeed Shelton and Herbert Davis, another teacher, has been appointed to succeed Cannon.

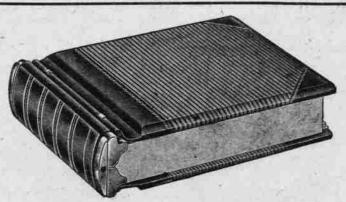
A strikingly peculiar circumstance with relation to the situation is the fact that, though the law gives the State Board sole power to appoint the superintendent and subordinates, and also to prescribe all rules and regulations, the members today, when questioned with regard to the matter, declared they had not been advised of he had unwittingly acted as execuany changes at the school, or that any new regulations had been inaugurated end were surprised when they learned ot it.

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