

SINGLE TAX FALLACIES; READ THESE CAREFULLY

TAX MEASURES BRIEFLY TOLD

SINGLE TAX EXEMPTS \$350,000,000 OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND LAND OWNER TO PAY.

SCHEME IS ONLY ONE TAX

Millionaire, Banker and Capitalist All to Dodge Taxation Under Single Tax—Numbers Of Ballot are Given.

The Enterprise has often received inquiries as to just what the proposed Single Tax measures are. First of all on the ballot Number 376-377 in Clackamas County is the County Single Tax measure.

This is the Henry George Single Tax pure and simple—no qualifications, no evasions, no trickery and no denials—just plain Henry George—confiscation-to-the-State-Single Tax. Single Tax means one tax and that one tax is on land. Everything else is exempted. The exemptions amount to the taxation on \$350,000,000 of personal property.

The man who now pays thousands and even millions of dollars taxes on their homes, buildings, automobiles, diamonds, carriages, horses, department stores and businesses, bonds, stock or money, escape absolutely under Single Tax and pay nothing.

The men who now pay thousands a 50-foot lot or a thousand acre farm pays everything.

That is what Single Tax is. Graduated Single Tax is practically the same measure with the exception that the man who owns more land pays a greater percentage of taxes.

But this is only temporary and will shortly lead to the time when each will pay the same percentage of taxes according to the amount of land he owns.

It is because Single Tax is the one tax and that tax one on land that confiscation of land to the state by reason of the taxes becoming so frightfully high, is an inevitable result.

BOOK IS PROOF OF CONFISCATION

HENRY GEORGE BACKS UP CON-
TENTION OF C. H. SHIELDS—
STRAIGHT SINGLE TAX

FELS COMMISSION GIVES MORE PROOF

Vast Sum is Being Spent on Propaganda Work in Oregon—Fund Expended For One Cause And That Only.

Those who heard W. S. U'Ren debate with Charles H. Shields in Oregon City declare that Graduated Single Tax was not Single Tax and would not confiscate land, would perhaps like to read just what proof there is that the Graduated Single Tax is Single Tax and that it will confiscate the land.

Mr. U'Ren himself admits that the unprecedented funds extending to \$80,000 that are being expended this year to fatten the pockets of scores of Single Tax workers and to pay the expenses of their printing bills, are being put up by the Fels Fund Commission.

Every member of this commission is a staunch Single Taxer and the commission was founded to establish the Henry George Single Tax. This is what Henry George said about Single Tax in "Progress and Poverty." "The truth is and from this truth there can be no escape, and there is and can be no just title to an exclusive possession of the soil, and that private property in land is a hold, bare, enormous wrong, like that of chattel slavery."

SINGLE TAX NOT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

INCOMES ARE TAXED AS WELL AS MUCH PERSONAL PROPERTY

LAWS PROVE U'REN IS WRONG

Cemeteries Are Exempt, But Provincial Laws Aim to Tax All Forms Of Wealth—Capital Is Not Neglected

There is no Single Tax in British Columbia. Although every Single Taxer declares that Single Tax has been a success in British Columbia, it is easily proved that there is no Single Tax in that province.

First of all there is an income tax on all incomes over \$2,000 per year. Then, every person is taxed on his personal property. The only personal property which is exempt in British Columbia is property which belongs to cemeteries.

Every bank is taxed, every salmon cannery is taxed, and all kinds of business enterprises.

Does that look like Single Tax? Anyway you don't have to believe The Enterprise, for here is an extract from the British Columbia laws:

"All mines and minerals shall be assessed and taxed. "Every person shall be assessed and taxed on real property, personal property and income, subject to the exemptions of this act (which relates to cemeteries, etc.)

"The taxes on all incomes up to \$2,000 is 1 per cent; from \$2,000 to \$3,000, 1 1/4 per cent; from \$3,000 to \$4,000, 1 1/2 per cent; and from \$4,000 to \$7,000, 2 per cent; from \$7,000 and over 2 1/2 per cent."

"Every bank doing business in this province shall be assessed and taxed in addition to the foregoing subsection, \$1,000 per annum, and \$125 for each additional branch.

"The owner of every salmon cannery, in addition to the tax on real property, personal property other than salmon and income, shall be taxed at the rate of 2 cents on each case of salmon packed by him during the year ending the 31st day of December, and in addition to such tax, a tax of 1 per cent on the total price for which salmon, other than canned salmon, has been sold by him during said year.

"In addition to their real estate and income tax, every insurance company, every life insurance company, every guarantee company, loan company and trust company, every telegraph, telephone and express company, every gas company, and every water works company, and street railway company is assessed and taxed upon its gross revenue, from all sources derived, arising or accrued from business transacted in the province."

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 Cannot

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 29, (Special)—The first of a mass of evidence that will show, it is declared, that single tax has already proved a failure in Alberta was produced today by Sig. Sichel, a leading dealer of Portland W. S. Jealous has written to Mr. Sichel declaring that taxes in Alberta are already so high that it is impossible to sell land at all and that very shortly all land will be confiscated to the state. The letter follows:

"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 liberty to offer some authentic facts and figures in regard to the effect of single tax in the province of Alberta. I own three raw lots in a railroad town there of 2,000 population. Last year these lots were assessed at \$900. The taxes amounted to \$40. Thus, under single tax these lots are assessed at \$2500 and the taxes are now \$145. Although these lots are assessed at \$2500 I could not sell them for \$800. In fact I could not sell them at all. Conditions are in a state of stagnation there.

"My experience with single tax is that it is nothing short of legalized robbery. From my Alberta experience I know it is decidedly harmful to the progress and prosperity of any place and the people of Oregon will do well to give it no place in that state.

Yours respectfully,
"W. S. JEALOUS"

Safe and Sound.
From the Cassville, Mo., Republican: "The country has a man in the presidential chair who can be relied upon to uphold the principals of protection and the other doctrines of the platform on which he was elected. Mr. Taft is standing courageously for the principles in which he and his party believe. Four more years of his administration offers safe and sound protection to labor and to capital."

CONFISCATION IS SOLE END IN VIEW

GRADUATED TAX WILL BREAK UP LARGER LAND HOLDINGS IN SHORT ORDER

SMALL FARMER'S TURN TO PAY

Money for Taxation Must Be Raised And When Big Landed Tracts Fail High Taxes On Lots Will Result

How very futile and ridiculous the statement is that Graduated Single Tax will not confiscate land to the state, can be easily proved.

Any one who ever heard Mr. Shields speak or heard the Secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League debate with W. S. U'Ren knows this to be the case. But to those who have not heard those debates, here is a simple, plain statement of facts:

According to Mr. U'Ren, Graduated Single Tax will break up all large land holding and will tax them out of existence. He also says—and it is difficult to reconcile his two statements—that the Graduated single Tax will obtain all its taxation from the large land-holders by means of the Graduated feature.

Just how Mr. U'Ren is tricking the worker and the wage-earner, it is easy to show.

The Graduated Single Tax will eventually tax the working-man's lot out of existence. Of course it is quite true it will break up the large holdings. The large land-owners do not deny this. They admit it to be the case. What then?

Remember they are to be taxed so high on their large holdings that they will be forced to sell. If any one owns \$100,000 worth of land and decides to sell it in ten tracts of \$10,000 each, it will then not pay one cent of taxation under the Graduated Single Tax.

As this will be done all over the state, where is the money for taxation purposes to come from?

Large holdings will be broken up, and

(1) either the state will go bankrupt, or

(2) The exemption must be immediately removed.

Then the small farmer and the lot-owner will have the opportunity of seeing if it is not true that the taxes on lot and farm will be so high as to become confiscatory.

Remember that it is what has happened in Alberta, which has only a partial application of Single Tax. Taxation will mount still higher as land that is poorer cannot pay the taxes and will be confiscated by the state. Heavier and heavier will be the burden piled on the man who has a little good land. Eventually he too must succumb and the state will be the one great landlord, and the farmer and the home-owner the tenants.

TRICKY HOME RULE TO BE REPEALED

Two years ago W. S. U'Ren secured the passage of a tricky amendment which purported to repeal the poll tax, which as a matter of fact was never in force, but which in reality gave every county in Oregon the privilege to impose Single Tax.

At the present election there is offered a measure Number 308-309 which repeals this measure, and every one who wants to register a vote against Single Tax should vote 308 X Yes.

In Clackamas County the principal measures to be voted are 377 X No against Single Tax, and 365 X Yes against the Graduated Single Tax. Every voter should be particularly careful to cast a vote for 308 and by this means will Mr. U'Ren's power be clipped in no uncertain manner.

EVERETT IS WITHOUT SINGLE TAX SCHEME

The City of Everett has no Single Tax, although Single Tax supporters have been declaring that this city would go for Single Tax.

An election is to be held on November 5—the same day that the measure will be voted on in Oregon—and every indication now points to Single Tax being defeated by an overwhelming majority.

As Clackamas County does and as Oregon does, so will Everett do.

THERE IS REAL JOKER IN SINGLE TAX BILL

The principal joker about Single Tax is that the people who can best afford to pay, escape from taxation absolutely.

THE DANGER THAT WAS ESCAPED

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILLS HAD NOT BEEN VETOED.

The Disaster Which Threatened One County in Connecticut Would Have Been Experienced in Almost Every County in the United States.

Congressman E. J. Hill is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, tariff experts in the United States. He represents Fairfield county, Connecticut, in congress, and he has recently published a startling document in which he shows the effect the Democratic tariff bills passed during the recent session of congress and vetoed by President Taft, would have had upon these industries if enacted into law. He lists the factories in alphabetical order and shows in connection with each one just the percentage of reduction in the duty upon the article which it manufactures. The showing fills four pages of a newspaper and it has not only awakened Connecticut to a shuddering realization of the danger it has escaped, but it has aroused all New England to the menace of a Democratic victory.

Mr. Hill shows beyond question that if these Democratic bills had passed practically every industry in his district and in the entire state of Connecticut would have been put upon a free trade basis and a very large proportion of them would have been obliged to close their doors. Manufacturers from all over the country who have seen this exhibit are writing to Mr. Hill to thank him for making it and to tell him that they had no idea how near to extinction they had been. They had not realized the deadly menace to their industries which was hidden in the Democratic tariff bills and they had not realized the immeasurable debt they owe to President Taft for vetoing them. One correspondent from Delaware writes that Congressman Hill's disclosures had "set the state on fire," and that is hardly too strong a term to use to describe the intense interest aroused.

Another article which has recently appeared and which has produced almost as startling an effect upon those to whom it was immediately addressed as that of Congressman Hill, is an editorial in the "American Sheep Breeder." This editorial calls attention to the fact that neither Colonel Roosevelt nor Professor Wilson made any reply whatever when asked what their attitude would be on the question of protection to the wool industry, while President Taft answered by wire, calling attention to his veto of the wool bill and the expression of opinion which he gave in that veto.

The editorial very properly draws the inference from the silence of the Bull Moose and Democratic candidates for any consideration at their hands and it quotes the message of President Taft to show that he realizes the absolute necessity of protection in order that the industry may prosper, and that so long as he is in the White House no free wool bill can become a law.

The "American Sheep Breeder" goes to many thousand men engaged in the sheep industry and it is not in any sense a political newspaper. It is devoted to the interests of the sheep industry, however, and its expression of editorial opinion that President Taft and the Republican party alone can be trusted to safeguard that industry, can hardly fail to concentrate upon the Republican ticket the vote of all those vitally interested in that industry.

The Democratic managers realize the deep-seated distrust toward their party which exists on account of its attitude on the tariff question and are trying desperately to make it appear that the tariff plank in their platform does not really mean so very much. They plead that the Democratic program would be to reduce the tariff gradually so as not to disturb business, with the idea that ultimately the country could reach a free trade basis by easy stages—which is like the old story about gradually reducing the feed which is given to your horses until by dint of habit he learns to do without any feed at all.

But the country will not be deceived. The country knows perfectly well that Democratic victory would mean a long period of tariff agitation with nothing certain except that in the end bills would be passed under which there would inevitably be enormous importations of foreign products with corresponding contraction and stagnation of domestic trade and manufac-

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- \$200 Machine and \$25 worth free records \$150—\$20 cash, \$10 mo.

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GRADUATED TAX IS SINGLE TAX

FELS FUND PUTS UP CASH FOR SOLE PURPOSE.

Treat Battle Ground in Oregon is Seeing Fight Now at Most Crucial Point—Shields Advises on Vote.

BY CHARLES H. SHIELDS
Secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League.

Who is supporting the Graduated Single Tax?
Who is paying the hired workers and boosters for the Graduated Single Tax?

The Fels Fund Commission of America.
Why are they doing it?
And are you aware of the fact that the Fels Fund Commission was formed in 1909 for the express purpose of establishing the Henry George doctrine of Single Tax in America within five years from that date?

How does it happen the Commission is spending its money in Oregon?
Oregon was selected as the state where the Commission was to make the attempt of establishing its doctrine and it is in Oregon that the great tax battle is now being waged. The Graduated Single Tax amendment to the state constitution is the measure the Commission through its hired workers is centering all of its forces and energies upon. You hear them say very little or nothing about the Single Tax county measures. They are spending vast sums to secure the adoption of the Graduated Single Tax.

Do you think this Commission which was organized for the specific purpose above named would spend such sums of money for the adoption of this Graduated Single Tax measure if it were not in keeping with the designs and the purpose for which it was organized?

Most assuredly not. Why should the Graduated Single Tax measure exempt all forms of wealth except land if it was not designed to establish the Single Tax or the land value tax as enunciated by Henry George? There can be no other reason given for exempting all other forms of wealth except land value other than that of establishing the Single Tax.

Business men, home-owners, farmers, merchants, mechanics, laborers and professional men, be not deceived. The Graduated Single Tax exemption amendment means Single Tax, or the Commission would not be willing to spend \$100,000 in the State of Oregon to secure its adoption. Single Tax means the destruction of private property in land. That is the fundamental principle of the doctrine—that, and that alone, is the reason for exempting all forms of wealth except land. Single Tax means that the selling value of your home, your lot, or your farm will entirely disappear.

Single Tax means that the land is to be held in common that the state is to collect the rent as a landlord now collects it. Single Tax means foreclosing of mortgages. It means that new loans cannot be secured. It means the entire disappearance of the selling value you now hold in your land, your home, or your lot. Single Tax means the overturning of the present fiscal system and a great and lasting financial depression. The Single Tax will ruin the State of Oregon. Single Tax, as is contemplated in this Graduated Single Tax measure, is not to be found anywhere in the world.

Why should Oregon sacrifice her prosperity, her good name, her future opportunities, her hope, to satisfy the theories of Joseph Fels, his Commission, and other visionaries?

The Commission and others are capable of handling their own law-making. They should let the world know that they are not going to adopt every fool measure that is offered from abroad.

To kill this attempted pernicious legislation, vote against the Graduated Single Tax 365 X NO. Vote to repeal the tricky U'Ren Single Tax Home Rule adopted in 1910, and to do this vote 308 X YES.

Let the world know that the people of Oregon are safe, sane and level-headed!

MORTGAGES AND SINGLE TAX
MORNING ENTERPRISE, (To the Editor.)—All Mortgagees are interested in keeping up the value of the lands mortgaged. Values of their securities cannot be maintained if other lands are reduced. Lack of demand always lowers prices. The avowed object of the Single Taxers is to cheapen land and their scheme is very well calculated to lower the price of all lands. When land is falling in price the demand for it becomes less and less, and it is very difficult to sell it at any price. There are many thousands of mortgages in Oregon, hundreds becoming due every day. So far foreclosures have been few because capital has been willing to either renew loans or make new ones to pay the old. But capitalists regard the Single Tax scheme as an attack on them. The ingenious and misleading figuring and unfounded assertions of Single Taxers that the Single Tax as they advocate it works well in other countries, will not prevail with them. They take the short cut that if all taxes are taken off of all personal property, the taxes on the land mortgaged to them, must be largely increased, and that this long step toward Socialism will very materially reduce values. There would be great haste to realize and the courts would be choked with suits to foreclose. There would be Sheriff's sales galore. Equities would be pushed on the market in great numbers. All of which would go a long way further to reduce values. Under the most favorable view, there is scarcely a farmer in Clackamas County, no matter how free from debt, whose lands would not fall in value many times what he would save in taxes on his improvements and personal property. Be sure to register and VOTE, for "Silence gives Consent."

So They Might.
"No use locking the stable door after the horse is stolen."
"I should say that was the very time to lock it. They might come back after the automobile."—Washington Herald.

THESE NUMBERS WILL
BAR SINGLE TAX IN OREGON

308 X Yes Against Single Tax
365 X No Against Graduated Single Tax
377 X No Against Single Tax Clackamas Co.

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