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talinity that in no other state is factious so fierce and so unreasoning as in Oregon. It has sprung from one main source—through there have been contributory causes.

Practically unanimous sentiment favoring the bill enlarging the powers of the Port of Portland was in evidence among his opponents for use against him and his faction.

But there are other ports with which Portland is in competition for that traffic, and at the present time Portland is under a handicap in the way of an expensive and poorly managed tug and pilotage service at the mouth of the river.

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Suppose Chamberlain should receive a plurality of the popular vote today. There certainly will be a Republican majority in the Legislature.

The new administration will want the support of Oregon in the Senate. Friends and supporters of the new administration will expatiate on the absurdity of the election of an opposition Senator by the Republican Legislature of Oregon.

Like an immense snowball rolling downhill and gathering bulk as it goes, the Republican party in Oregon is booming along with a prospect of a landslide. The evidence is plain on every hand; but in no quarter is it shown to better advantage than in the extension of both urban and suburban street car lines.

Possibly, when Ross manipulated legislation in such a way as to enable him to get possession of the state school funds without paying interest, he had no intention of defrauding the state.

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Little Bob held out for 18 hours. What is needed for a real Senate hold-up is less Big Talk and more Big Stick.

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VOTE DOWN SINGLE TAX TODAY

Writer Contends That It's a Present to Privileged Classes and Subsidy to Manufacturers. HAYSTACK, Or., May 30.—(To the Editor.)—Surely the most vital measure up for consideration at Monday's election is the single tax law or reform amendment, and yet it seems that by many it is being passed on with only casual comment.

Let me consider the assessment summaries for the state during the year 1907: Items—Tillable land, \$74,904,604.00; City, town and village property, \$138,264,546.00; Improvements on city lots, \$20,127,074.00; Improvements on rural lots, \$1,000,000.00; Telephone and telephone lines, \$2,142,730.00; Street railroad bed, \$1,233,526.00; Steam machinery, \$1,000,000.00; Farming implements, etc., \$1,000,000.00; Horses and mules, \$3,343,225.00; Cattle, \$1,000,000.00; Swine, \$1,000,000.00; Total, \$281,558,918.18.

The amendment reads to exempt all dwellings—houses, barns, sheds, outhouses, etc., all machinery and utilities used exclusively for manufacturing purposes; all fences, farm trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms; all livestock; all household furniture in use, and all tools owned by workmen and in use, while the tax reformers hope ultimately to exempt everything excepting \$249,215,482 of realty, practically one-half of the entire taxable property in this state at present no doubt given in at an under-valuation. It is only fair to assume that this is a correct proportional estimate of the real value of the property.

Do the taxpayers of the state desire such an exemption? Do they realize that the people who will be the greatest beneficiaries of such a scheme are the very ones whom we are at present endeavoring to frame laws to regulate? Let us remember that by no means (as our friends urge) is the greatest evil which confronts the American people the tendency of the large bodies of land.

We are, in spite of the fact that the Tax Reform Association urges upon us the necessity of subsidizing our manufacturers by a cheerful remission of their taxes, forced to view some very plain yet painful truths. Many business men are philanthropists, they all "forget it" in the markets. The day has come when the people and the manufacturing concerns, stand in need of a subsidy.

If the people of this state vote Monday to subsidize the manufacturer, they should realize that the subsidy is added to his already great profits by what is in reality another high tariff for this state alone. I contend that the natural competitor of Oregon is not the state of California, but the state of Massachusetts, and that the people of Oregon are not required to make any sacrifice of subsidizing our manufacturers by a cheerful remission of their taxes, forced to view some very plain yet painful truths.

Another matter urged by tax reform friends is that the small farmer is being taxed. I concede that our present law has this defect. We have reached that point in progress where the employers should to a large degree employ the workers. In nearly all other shops the proprietors pay unavailingly for customers. In the case of the small farmer, he has to do it himself with his own hands, and these cost money. In nearly all other shops the proprietors pay unavailingly for customers. In the case of the small farmer, he has to do it himself with his own hands, and these cost money.

Some kinds of merchandise are especially sensitive to the influence of the weather. For example, a single pound of London fog is worth much more expensive, by reason of its impenetrable darkness. For gas alone, London exports per day, when there is a fog, \$7499 more than when there is no fog. It is pleased by such weather, for the reason that it causes a number of diseases, so that their income is doubled. The unemployed workers also have their income increased by rain and fog. Naturally, it is much more pleasant to be protected from wind and wet than to sit on the ground in the rain, and get soaked through.

So nature causes considerable expenditure for man. She herself is a spendthrift. In a storm the water giant forces. The storm that destroyed Galveston could have furnished the power given by all the steam engines of the world for years. A single thunderbolt would suffice to drive all the dynamos in existence, and the average value of a flash of lightning has been calculated as about \$1250.

After this work is finished he does chores, having about twelve houses to look after. He has a man to help him in this work. He has a horse, a cow, a pig, a turkey, a chicken, a rabbit, a cat, a dog, and a man. He has a man to help him in this work. He has a horse, a cow, a pig, a turkey, a chicken, a rabbit, a cat, a dog, and a man.

Onions Read Chicago Herald Building. Attracted and soothed by the music during the afternoon performance of the music festival at the Union Tabernacle, a big swarm of people which filled one of the small windows in the top of the building. Evidently the bees were much pleased with the music as were the crowds of people which gathered around them daily in his suite has caused the revolt.

Live Parrot on Woman's Hat. Hartford (Conn.) Dispatch. When Miss Mamie O'Connell of South Norwalk, Conn., refused to take her parrot to the office, she took it with her on her big Spring hat and Miss Mamie said she didn't know why was there until her attention was called to the fact by people on the street.