

SINGLE-TAX GIFT OFFERS BIG FUND

Joseph Fels, Millionaire Soap Manufacturer, to Give \$12,500 for Campaign.

STATE'S SUM DUPLICATED

Evangelist of Henry George's Theory in Portland in Behalf of Lobby. Oregon Disciples Assured \$25,000 to Fight for Law.

Joseph Fels, Philadelphia millionaire soap manufacturer and philanthropist, who arrived in Portland Sunday, announced that he would give "dollar for dollar" to create a fund with which to wage a single-tax campaign in Oregon. W. S. U'Ren, assuring the philanthropist that \$12,500 would be subscribed by single-tax advocates in the state, Oregon believes in Henry George's theory have \$25,000 in sight with which to conduct a two years' campaign to get the single-tax law on the statute books.

Mr. Fels was accompanied by Daniel Keifer of Cincinnati, president of the Fels fund. Mr. Fels, Mr. Keifer, Mr. U'Ren and others interested in the campaign conferred at the Imperial Hotel and selected a committee authorized to spend the single-tax fund. The committee is composed of C. S. Wood, H. J. Parkison, W. G. Eggenstein, C. H. Chapman, George M. Otton, H. W. Stone, W. S. U'Ren and E. S. J. McAllister.

Fully a score of single-tax advocates called on Mr. Fels at his suite in the hotel. They were introduced to the millionaire by Mr. U'Ren. Among the visitors were: H. D. Wagoner, C. E. S. Wood, Alfred D. Crispe, associate editor of Labor Press, Alton M. Himes, collector for the Multnomah Business and Labor Tax Exemption League, H. A. Mosher, accountant, A. L. Wright, restaurateur, Charles Kettling, Winesmith, general manager of Young Men's Christian Association, Isaac Sweet, C. M. Robinson, Harry McKay and E. S. J. McAllister.

"I spend half my time in Europe," said the single-tax evangelist. "We have a branch factory in England and I use it as an excuse to put in my time hobnobbing with the money raisers on the other side."

SINGLE-TAX MILLIONAIRE AND HIS FRIENDS, PHOTOGRAPHED ON ROOF OF IMPERIAL HOTEL



LEFT TO RIGHT: JOSEPH FELS OF PHILADELPHIA, FOUNDER OF FELS FUND; DANIEL KEIFER, OF CINCINNATI, PRESIDENT OF THE FELS FUND; W. S. U'REN, OF OREGON CITY, AND ROBERT SCOTT, OF WINNIPEG, REPRESENTING THE MANITOBA FEDERATION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION.

bridge, the proposed span across the Willamette River now appears to be nearer a reality than at any previous time.

Mayor Simon yesterday received a letter from General Manager O'Brien, declining his cash offer for the Harriman properties which stand in the way of the east approach to the Broadway bridge, the Sullivan Gulch sewer and the park and boulevard plans in South and North-east Portland, but intimated that he would facilitate condemnation proceedings. Mayor Simon immediately called his City Attorney Grant and instructed him to prepare condemnation proceedings for the property of the Harriman line and present the petitions to the court at the earliest date possible. As General Manager O'Brien has indicated that the proceedings will be thrashed out in the courts on merit and technical details will not be interposed by the railway company, the Mayor is of the opinion that an early settlement will be made and all the contemplated improvements may proceed without hindrance.

The contract for the substructure of the Broadway bridge has been let to the Union Iron Works and the contract for the masonry work to the city and contracting company. As soon as the contract is signed work will commence.

The objectors to the bridge, who have apparently become violently insane several months ago while being held at the psychiatric hospital at St. Francis and W. J. May, charged with manslaughter, has recovered his reason, according to information received yesterday by the District Attorney's office from the State Insane Asylum. The Circuit Court will accordingly be asked to rescind the case for trial. Without Bassett's testimony it would be impossible to proceed with the case.

Bassett lost his reason, or feigned insanity, after it became known that he was responsible for the death of Mrs. Mary Roberts, who died last August from the effects of a criminal operation. Immediately after the woman's death Bassett accused Drs. Francis and May with having performed an operation. As a result of the accusation the doctors were indicted by the grand jury for manslaughter.

Then, when inquiry began to develop Bassett's connection with the case, he suddenly became a maniac in his cell at the County Jail, where he was being held as a witness. This was after he had been confronted with the charge of manslaughter in New York and had tried to get her to visit malpractitioner.

At the time it was said by the doctors that Bassett was feigning insanity to escape exposure, he was examined by alienists he was pronounced insane and sent to the asylum. There he continued showing evidences of mental unbalance until after January 6, the date set for the trial in the case. That date past, his improvement commenced until at the present time his conduct is reported as being normal.

State Circuit Judge McGinn will be asked shortly to set the trial of the doctors for an early date. The defense, it is said, will lay the full blame of the woman's death on Bassett.

WITNESS NOW SANE

Man Doctors Involve in Woman's Death Regains Mind.

HOMICIDE CASE REVIVED

H. H. Bassett Reported From Asylum as Normal Again, to Be Summoned for Trial—Insanity Leaves as Date Passes.

DOUBLE TAX IS ALLEGED

Wells Fargo Company Complains of Too High Assessment.

Wallace McCamant, an attorney for the Wells Fargo Company complained before the County Court yesterday that a double assessment has been levied on the company's property in Multnomah County.

It is alleged that an error in the assessment was made through the independent assessments made by the State Tax Commission and the County Assessor. A hearing in the case will be held today. The value of the company's building is represented as \$540,000 with personal property representing an additional \$32,000.

\$5000 ASKED FOR EACH DIGIT

Brakeman Sues Southern Pacific for Coupling Accident.

Five thousand dollars each for the loss of five fingers was asked of the Southern Pacific Company in the Circuit Court yesterday by Samuel M. Montgomery, a brakeman.

Montgomery complains that two years ago he was coupling a train en route for San Francisco when the engine started suddenly forward tearing off five of his fingers in a coupling chain. The engineer had no signal to start. It is alleged.

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SCHOOL LAW IS PLAN

Civic Council Submits Bill This Afternoon.

REVISION IS MONEY-SAVER

System of Fireproof School Buildings Is One of Principal Points Sought in Proposed Measure. Haak Shows Waste.

Drafts of the proposed bill for the regulation of the affairs of the local Board of Education will be submitted this afternoon to a joint meeting of the Board, a citizens' committee and delegates from the Civic Council.

Members of the various committees have been working on the proposed measure for several months and now believe that they have it in such form that it will be acceptable to the members of the Board.

J. H. Haak and L. E. Latourette, representing the Civic Council, have been active in the campaign to obtain a revision of the statute governing the Board of Education. They have been assisted in their efforts by a committee of citizens consisting of Richard W. Montague, Professor William T. Foster and H. S. Platt.

The object of the revision, it is pointed out, is to secure a law that will provide for a classification of expenditure and an accounting of each department, which will make it possible to determine where, if anywhere, money can be saved in conducting the business of the city schools.

Fireproof Building Sought.

It is also aimed to establish responsibility for each separate department upon a person empowered with authority. One of the principal points sought is a system of fireproof school buildings of modern design. The view of the adoption of the law making it obligatory upon the part of the Board of Education to construct fire-proof buildings the Civic Council committee has drafted plans and estimates of the cost of such construction. They report that they can secure assurances from competent architects of modern design that safe and suitable structures can be put up at a cost not much in excess of that now required for the construction of the old-fashioned frame buildings.

Haak's Contentment Strong.

In a tabulated report of the cost of maintenance prepared by an expert accountant from the books of the Board of Education Mr. Haak contends that he has learned that the present system of accounting does not bring out some essential points, principal among which is that as he asserts, the individual cost per pupil and the cost for each room cannot be ascertained. It is impossible, according to the present method, to determine the comparative cost of conducting corresponding departments of different buildings.

"I have not one word of criticism for the members of the Board of Education, past and present," said Mr. Haak yesterday. "But I believe that the affairs of the Board can be so conducted that more money will be obtained, and that better results may be obtained.

"This is a delicate subject, inasmuch as it affects vitally the affairs of all the taxpayers on the one hand and because it brings into prominence the methods of a distinguished body of able men for whom I have the utmost individual respect, on the other.

"We tried to accomplish our object without hurting the feelings of anyone, but our seeming interference has hurt them. Yet we can't afford to drop the matter because of that.

"I am confident that they will approve the measure that we have prepared and that we shall be able to agree so far that a draft of it may be submitted to the Legislature for adoption."

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As a member of the party, Robert Scott, of Winnipeg, connected with the Manitoba Federation for Direct Legislation, has charge of the campaign along the coast. He accompanied Messrs. Fels and Keifer from Winnipeg west to Victoria and made charge of many of the meetings held.

Already the campaign in Multnomah County has been started under the name of the "Multnomah County Direct Legislation Tax Exemption League." This league is under the management of C. E. S. Wood, George M. Otton, E. S. J. McAllister, H. J. Parkison, W. G. Eggenstein, H. W. Stone, Will Daly and John F. Logan. Alanson M. Himes, chief solicitor for funds, is distributing blanks throughout the business district of the county.

The following proposed law is published:

Be it enacted and ordained by the people of Multnomah County, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 10, Chapter 10, of the Constitution of Oregon:

Section 1. The tax on labor, trades, occupations and professions, and the right to conduct work at, or practice the same, shall be levied on the person, and not on the estate, and all improvements on, in and about real estate, shall be levied on the person of the owner, and not on the value of the real estate.

Section 2. All taxes within Multnomah County shall be levied on the person of the owner, and not on the value of the real estate, and the assessed value of all lands and other natural resources in said county, except such as are used solely for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, shall be levied on the person of the owner, and not on the value of the real estate.

Section 3. The assessed value of public service property shall be levied on the person of the owner, and not on the value of the property.

Section 4. All taxes within Multnomah County shall be levied on the person of the owner, and not on the value of the real estate.

500 MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

Y. M. C. A. Has Campaign to Become Largest Association in World.

For the first time since the Young Men's Christian Association membership contest started, the first of last week, the membership teams today will make a systematic canvass among the employees of some of the large firms of the city. Heretofore the solicitors have worked solely among their friends and acquaintances. W. M. Ladd, president of the Y. M. C. A., will give the membership teams leaders to the state from far-off sections and Oregon men, who have made a study of the plan, will also take the field.

"Oregon is our first state," said Mr. Fels, "and, although we have the Henry George theory in Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Edmonton, Prince Rupert and Sumnerland, we are anxious to have it in the United States. Oregon is the first and we hope to try the experiment here."

Last night Mr. Fels, Mr. U'Ren and Mr. Scott, accompanied by Ben Sellins, were guests at the home of Mrs. Solomon Hirsch at Twenty-second and Washington streets. Tonight a speech will be delivered by Mr. Fels in the Temple on "Henry George's Theory of Economic Taxation." D. S. Sells Cohen will preside. At noon tomorrow a luncheon will be served at the Y. M. C. A. and a number of single tax advocates will act as toastmaster.

SPAN CONSTRUCTION NIGH

Railway Official Offers Aid to Expedite Bridge Building.

With all legal harrassing by objectors to the Broadway bridge smothered by rulings of the Circuit, Supreme and Federal courts and a disposition on the part of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman railroad interests in the Northwest, the construction of the bridge on the part of the city to obtain title to the east approach of the

Divorcee Who Marries Again, Seeks Back Pay From ex-Husband.

Eighty-seven installments of alimony, aggregating \$2046 are being sought in the Circuit Court by Mrs. Maizie McCaughey from her former husband, Perry Williams. Both are remarried and some fine points of law will be likely to be brought out. The husband and counter charges have already been hurried and when the case came before Judge McGinn yesterday on a demurrer to the husband's cross-complaint, the Court sustained the demurrer and gave Williams time in which to ascertain the relation of the Iowa laws to those of Oregon in regard to alimony.

The two were married 21 years ago in Iowa. Three children were born. Mrs. Williams got a divorce on the grounds of infidelity about eight years ago and the Court awarded her \$15 a month alimony for the care of the children. Three months later she became Mrs. McCaughey. Ten months later Williams remarried. Williams paid alimony for ten months until he found out of his wife's second marriage then he discontinued. He says his former wife met him on the street one day and laughed at him because he had been paying alimony for seven months after her second marriage.

Williams shortly afterwards came to Oregon and the question of alimony was dropped until recently when the former wife demanded back payments notwithstanding her second marriage.

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