

# SINGLE TAX MEN DENOUNCE U'REN

### Frank E. Coulter Is at Head of Insurgent Movement Against Deception.

## TURBULENT MEETING HELD

### Fels' Field Lieutenant and Friends Prevail After Stormy Session of League to Decide Upon Campaign Policy.

Inability to agree on a policy for further propagating the single tax in this state has caused an insurrection in the Single Tax League. Because of a several advocates of the single tax have withdrawn from the organization and expelled W. S. U'ren as the leader of this so-called tax reform.

The crisis came at a meeting of the Single Tax League Saturday night. While those attending the conference were averse yesterday to discussing the proceedings of the stormy session, it is known that some plain language was employed by both the standpatners and the secessionists.

"There are single taxers and then there are other single taxers," said Frank E. Coulter, a recognized leader in the Henry George Association, an organization having for its purpose the propagation of the single tax theory of taxation in Oregon. "As single taxers, however, myself and associates are opposed to the practice of further deception in introducing this plan of taxation in Oregon. The reform in the present method of taxation is far too important to be endangered by deception practiced through so-called leaders who are actuated entirely by political reasons."

Mr. Coulter declined further to discuss the rupture within the ranks of the single taxers.

**Crisis Long Expected.**

Associated with him in the repudiation of U'ren, self-appointed leader of the single tax oligarchy in Oregon, are understood to be C. E. S. Wood, H. D. Waggon and others.

Fraction among the single tax advocates, which culminated in Saturday night's turbulent gathering, dates about three years back. It was about that time that the Single Tax League was revived in this state and Mr. U'ren was placed at its head. Later when Joseph Fels, the millionaire soap manufacturer, came into the line and Mr. U'ren became field-leutenant and official disburser of money for the Fels Commission Fund in the single tax campaign in this state.

The first serious trouble between the two factions in the single tax movement developed last year over the submission to the people of a single tax amendment. Coulter and his friends insisted that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people for the taxation of privileges only, including franchises, waterpower rights, values in timber lands and mineral lands. U'ren and his followers refused to entertain such a measure and substituted for it the amendment, with its deceptive caption, which was adopted by the people last November. This amendment gave to each county in the state the right to regulate the matter of taxation and to make such exemptions as the voters might determine.

**Objection Due to Methods.**

It was the trickery resorted to in submitting and securing the adoption of this amendment that caused the Coulter forces to demur. They objected not so much to the deception as to the fact that the campaign for single tax in this state was being directed through an exclusive and limited number of men, rather than through a strictly democratic organization in which the voters and all sections of the state might have a voice and be represented.

Before the county option amendment can be put into effect, further initiative legislation must be enacted. It is over the consideration of what this legislation should comprise that the row resulted. The U'ren forces, it is charged, submitted a proposed measure which, under the guise of exempting from taxation property of every taxpayer to the extent of \$2000, in reality went further, and, in event of its adoption by the people, would have repealed the constitutional amendment submitted by the last Legislature and repealing the original single tax amendment, provided the amendment submitted by the Legislature should be adopted in the same election. It was against this that the Coulter people protested and because of it the revolt followed.

**U'ren Forces Prevail.**

Saturday night's meeting was called for the purpose of determining the future course of the single taxers. The Coulter forces objected to the continued prominence of U'ren; demanded that the people of the state should be more generally taken into the confidence of the single tax advocates and insisted that further deception be abandoned in seeking to introduce single tax in this state. To this the U'ren people objected. The result was that the U'ren forces, being in control of the meeting, carried the day and remain in charge of the single tax movement. Another meeting of the U'ren faction will be held in about a month

## TWO KIRMESS STARS IN COSTUME



Mrs. Charlotte Laidlaw, "Autumn Girl in the Dance of the Seasons."

when it is expected that the Oregon City man will again be chosen to head the single tax movement.

It is reported that U'ren and his co-workers have virtually completed preparation of initiative measures providing for carrying out the single tax idea in several of the counties of the state. These measures, it is understood, are to be submitted in those counties of the state where the least objection prevails against this plan of taxation with the idea of proposing the same legislation in the other counties following its adoption in the counties that are regarded as being strongest for the single tax.

Coulter and his associates will not only refuse to stand for the proposed U'ren programme but intend to propose to the people measures calling for the taxation of privileges alone, preferably by its adoption in the counties where the burden of taxation on land values is contemplated under the U'ren plan.

## RAILROAD MEN COMING

### Party of Milwaukee Officials Will Make Tour of Northwest.

To acquaint themselves with the new Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound line to the Coast, a party of traffic officials of the parent road, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, will leave Chicago this week on a tour of the Northwest, and will make Portland one of their principal stopping places.

The party is composed of the following officials: H. E. Pierpont, general freight agent; J. T. Conley, assistant general freight agent; W. H. Dods-worth, general agent at Milwaukee; J. C. Wood, general agent at Pittsburg; W. W. Hall, general agent at New York; G. A. Blair, assistant general freight agent; and W. H. McEwen, commercial agent at Chicago.

The special train bearing the Eastern men will arrive here some time next week. They will visit every city and town of importance in the Northwest so that they may have a thorough knowledge of the country which their road will serve with the opening of through traffic on May 25.

A. J. Earling, president of the parent company, also is expected to visit Portland early in the summer. When he comes the Milwaukee's plans for operating into Portland may have developed so far that he will be ready to arrange for carrying them into effect while here.

George W. Hibbard, general passenger agent of the Puget Sound road, will be in Portland this week to take up with local officials of the O-W-R & N Co. the question of handling passenger traffic for the new road between Portland and Tacoma following the inauguration of through service.

## Wife Contests Divorce Suit.

The divorce suit brought by R. C. Seydel against Jessie Seydel is being contested strongly by the wife, who was on the witness stand yesterday. The case is being heard before Judge Kavanaugh. Mrs. Seydel declared that her husband had caused her to submit to an operation and while she was at the hospital, in Los Angeles, he was carrying on flirtations with women in Portland. The Seydels have been separated for several months, during which time Mrs. Seydel declared she was compelled to earn her own living although her husband was earning more than \$200 a month. She asks that she be given a divorce and the custody of their 5-year-old child. They were married at Pueblo, Col., in 1903.

## KIRMESS SALE BIG

### Record-Breaking Line Forms at Heilig Theater.

## FIRST REHEARSAL HELD

### All Costumes for Dancers Received and Are Paid for by Wearers, Assuring Less Expense From General Fund.

What was declared by Manager W. L. Pangle, of the Heilig Theater, to be the longest line ever formed in front of any theater in Portland, waiting for the opening of a sale of seats, was that which stretched outward from the Heilig box-office, curled around in a letter S in the entrance lobby, led outward down the steps to the Seventh street sidewalk and turned the corner at Yamhill street yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Estimates of the number of men, women and messenger boys standing in line run from 200 to 500.

All were waiting for the opening of the seat sale of the big charity Kirmess, which opens Thursday evening with three following performances on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening.

Long before 10 o'clock, the hour announced for the opening, the line began to form, and, despite the extra service in the Heilig box-office, the file of ticket purchasers did not shrink perceptibly until the noon hour, and the sale kept up all through the afternoon and evening. The throng of Kirmess patrons purchased tickets for all four performances, the sales for the three different evenings and the Saturday matinee being pretty evenly divided. A rough estimate of the total sale of seats for the day, according to Manager Pangle, possibly passes the \$2000 mark.

Another rush is anticipated with the opening of the box-office at 10 o'clock this morning, but the Kirmess management is anxious to have it understood that the seating capacity of the Heilig Theater, multiplied by four to cover the four Kirmess performances, will accommodate a very substantial number, so "there are plenty of seats left."

The unsold gallery boxes are held at \$75 each, and these are expected to be engaged before the opening show on Thursday evening.

Yesterday afternoon the big throng of Kirmess dancers, numbering more than 200, went through the first full orchestra rehearsal at the Heilig. The inspiring effect of the orchestra music was evident at once, and even though the dancers were not in costume, the result aroused enthusiasm and shouts

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**Sago, special for today and tomorrow 5 pounds 24c**  
**Salad Dressing Powder, Golden West, on sale at 10c**
- OREGON PRUNES, \$1.00 A BOX**  
Blue Ribbon Prunes, put up in extra boxes, special at, box, \$2.50  
Extra large prunes, put up in wood boxes, special, the box \$1
- Kipped Herring, Smith's imported 15c**  
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**25c Blue Label Catsup reduced to 20c**  
**Corn, Fancy Maine, the can, at only 11c**  
**Corn, Fancy Maine, dozen special, \$1.25**

## FINE DEPOTS PLANNED

### O-W-R & N. TO BUILD WELL ON DESCHUTES LINE.

### Hunts Ferry, Gateway and Madras to Have Stations Costing \$4500 Is Announced.

Contracts for the erection of five new passenger stations on the Deschutes line of the O-W-R & N. Co. yesterday were awarded to Moore Bros., of Portland and work on their construction will be started at once.

Three of these structures—one each at Hunts Ferry, Gateway and Madras—will have general dimensions of 24 by 70 feet and will be two stories high at one end. It is estimated that they will cost \$4500 each. The two others will be erected at Fargar and Paxton respectively and will cost about \$2000 each. They will be 24 by 70 feet and one story high.

The Hunts Ferry, Gateway and Madras stations will be fitted up with facilities for both freight and passenger service, commodious waiting-rooms for the public, offices and several rooms to be used as quarters by the agents.

Although these buildings will be somewhat higher than is demanded by present conditions on the new line, the company has looked into the future and intends that they be in use for five or ten years. They will be modern in every detail and will be equal in many ways to the stations on the main line.

Work on these buildings will be finished so that they will be completed by the time the road is ready for operation. Tracklayers now are approaching Madras and with the completion of the new bridge across Willow Creek at the edge of that town, the steel rails will be laid through that point to Culver Junction, which will make the line complete, as south of Culver Junction a joint track, now being built by the other Deschutes Valley road, will be used.

In the last 30 days Gateway has sprung from a scrubby town to a town of more than 200 people. At least 50 dwellings have been erected, nearly all of them housing families. Some are of crude construction, but others are of a permanent nature.

## MAINS' COST IS SURPRISE

### President of Mount Scott League Speaks of Woodmere Plant.

W. H. Meyer, president of the Mount Scott Citizens' League, expressed surprise yesterday at the price paid for the Woodmere water plant. He contended that as far as the mains secured are concerned, they are more make-shifts, which must be replaced in the course of a short time.

"However, it may be for the best," said Mr. Meyer, "as we will get Bull Run water in a short time, I am told. It would be impossible to replace the present pipelines this year, and to wait until they could be replaced would cause too great a delay. The league was opposed to paying an exorbitant price, but we are satisfied as we will get Bull Run water. The Water Board has distributed 12 and 8-inch mains out here. I understand that the 12-inch main, which was laid from the Mount reservoir to Powell road will be extended through the district to connect with the district to connect with the old plant. I understand that these pipelines are to be completed by July 1."

## CITY REFUSES TO RAISE PAY

### Ways and Means Committee of Council Is Snag That Holds Bids.

Increases in salaries of municipal employees appear to have struck a snag. The ways and means committee of the Council is the snag. Since John H. Burgess became a member of this committee and Councilman Cellars was appointed chairman to succeed Thomas C. Devin, raises in pay have been held up right along and it now looks as though there will be no more.

Yesterday new applications were presented by three deputies in the office of the building inspector. They are now receiving \$125 a month. Two asked for \$150 a month and one for \$165. All were laid on the table upon motion of Councilman Burgess, seconded by Councilman Wallace and with the approval of Chairman Cellars. There was an application from J. H. Hunter, Bartillon operator at detective headquarters, from \$100 to \$125 a month, but it also was tabled.

## COFFEE CONGESTION

### Causes a Variety of Ails.

A happy old lady in Wisconsin says: "During the summer of 1908, a coffee drinker I was subject to sick headaches, sometimes lasting 2 or 3 days, totally unfitting me for anything. To this affliction was added, some years ago, a trouble with my heart that was very painful, accompanied by a smothering sensation and faintness. "Dyspepsia, also, came to make life harder to bear. I took all sorts of patent medicines, but none of them helped me for any length of time. "The doctors frequently told me that coffee was not good for me; but without coffee I felt as if I had no breakfast. I finally decided about 2 years ago to abandon the use of coffee entirely, and as I had read a great deal about Postum I concluded to try that for a breakfast beverage. "I liked the taste of it and was particularly pleased to notice that it did not 'come up' as coffee used to. The bad spells with my heart grew less and less frequent, and finally ceased altogether, and I have not had an attack of sick headache for more than a year. My digestion is good, too, and I am thankful that I am once more a healthy woman. I know my wonderful restoration to health came from quitting coffee and using Postum." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There is a reason," and it is this. Coffee has a direct action on the liver with some people, and causes partial congestion of that organ preventing the natural outlet of the secretions. Then may follow biliousness, salivary skin, headaches, constipation and finally a change of the blood corpuscles and nervous prostration. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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