

### U'REN DEFENDS TAX

#### Adoption of Land Value Basis Is Predicted.

### TAX DODGERS ATTRACTED

#### Admen Told at Club Luncheon That Issue Will Be Placed on Ballot in November, 1912, for Multnomah County.

That the "single tax" will be established by law in Multnomah County as a result of an initiative movement that will reach a vote in November, 1912, was asserted in an address by W. S. U'Ren before the Portland Ad Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday. Mr. U'Ren said that the issue would be submitted at the next general election and would be "carried with ease."

### DEFENSE IS TRESPASS

#### RAILROAD DENIES INJURED MAN HAD TICKET.

Jury in \$40,000 Damage Suit in Federal Court Instructed to Bring Sealed Verdict.

### Success Is Predicted.

"I believe that the single tax law upon the statute books," said Mr. U'Ren, "by the end of 1912, for this county, and it is certain that the advocates of the measure will be able to present the issue in such form that it will be on a ballot and personally I am of the opinion that it will be carried. If the cause is exploited so that all can get a fair conception of its merits, I am sure that it will be a part of our law."

"I believe that it is right to take that part of the rise in values that is created by man himself from the land value, just as it is right for you to exact money for your labor. What is created by the community as a whole must necessarily be a part of yours and of mine and in the affairs of government I do not see why we cannot take from the landowner part of the value we have created."

### Lower Rents Promised.

The speaker then dwelt upon the benefits to be secured by the revaluation of the property and asserted that it would lead to the development of better schools and better streets for the city would have more money to spend. It would cause vacant lots to be improved with costly buildings and by the aid of this competition in building would reduce rents.

"Take the corner of Fourth and Washington, for instance," said Mr. U'Ren. "I have read where John S. Deall has leased the bare ground at a certain place from Mrs. Trimble and agreed to pay \$40,000 a year rental. Now I ask you what value the ground has no use except that made by the people in passing by. The community by assembling upon the banks of the river has created here a city. They as a whole have created that \$40,000 of yearly rental value. Mrs. Trimble had nothing to do with it. Then, if we created the value, have we not the right to take some of it in the form of taxation to help support the Government. I think that we have, and that you will agree with me."

### Loving Cup is Presented

#### Steward and Stewardess of Commercial Club Receive Token.

A solid silver loving-cup was presented to Mr. and Mrs. E. May, steward and stewardess of the Portland Commercial Club, yesterday, by the employees of the club. Mr. and Mrs. May will leave this morning for a five months' sojourn in Europe. They feel that they are entitled to a rest after years of constant toil and care of the Commercial Club. They have been with the club since it moved into its new building, and the work incident to establishing a club in new quarters with more than 1400 members is by no means a small matter. On the cup is engraved the following: "Mr. and Mrs. E. May, with best wishes, by employees of the Commercial Club, May 25, 1911."

### WASCO RAINS ARE HEAVY

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last Sunday morning off the lower coast and towed the derelict into Port San Luis, arrived here today, having turned her prize over to the Red Stack tug Dauntless, which will tow the waterlogged hulk to the Golden Gate. Offshore and coastwise chartering remains rather dull, the only transaction reported today being the freighter Massachusetts, taken by the American-Hawaiian Company to carry sugar from Honolulu to the Atlantic, and the schooner S. T. Alexander, fixed by the Charles Nelson Company to load lumber on the Sound for Tahiti. The former vessel is discharging a cargo of coal consigned to the Government at California City.

Today's arrivals included the British steamer Roverette, Captain Harper, of the Australian Mail line, which was ashore on a coral reef near Apla on her voyage from Sydney. The stranded vessel was assisted off by the gunboat Encounter, whose divers patched up a hole in her port bow, enabling her to proceed here. Her cargo of 500 tons of coal and 200 tons of general merchandise was undamaged.

Captain R. J. Dunham, a well-known mariner on this Coast, died at his home here today after a long illness. Captain Dunham had a wide acquaintance on the Columbia River, having been master of steamers in the Don service for a number of years. His last command was the Rosalie.

Lumber receipts today aggregated 4,700,000 feet.

### RESORT IS NOT BANKRUPT

#### Ex-Senator Pierce Has Plan to Prevent Complete Failure.

BAKER, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—The Hot Lake Sanatorium Corporation has gone into the hands of a receiver. Liabilities amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, but under a proposition put up to the creditors by ex-Senator Walter Pierce, the principal stockholder and manager, it is probable that the organization will not be forced into bankruptcy.

There are against the property at the present time \$250,000 in first mortgage bonds; \$150,000 advanced personally by Mr. Pierce; due commercial creditors \$25,000.

### NELLIE WHITE TAKES LEAD

#### Queen Contestant at Mount Scott Is 545 Votes Ahead.

Nellie White took first position in the Mount Scott queen contest yesterday in a most sensational vote. Her gain for the day was 845, placing her in the lead of all others. She took a long jump from fourth position and securely landed at the top.

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# Important Notice!

**TO THE PUBLIC: The following piano bargains can be found only at Kohler & Chase's store, 375 Washington street, at West Park**

Local piano dealers can copy some features of our advertising, illustrations, and terms, but they positively cannot duplicate our piano values. A personal call of inspection and investigation will convince the most critical of buyers.

## Piano Purchasers—A Problem in Piano Mathematics—Why?

We are selling standard make pianos at lower prices than any other Western piano house.

## BECAUSE

Each and every one of the pianos enumerated below have been exchanged in as part payment on Pianola player pianos and Weber and Fischer Grand pianos. The majority of these pianos came from homes where the regular upright piano is a thing of the past, (because of no one to play the same), but where a player piano was purchased and could be used by all members of the family. In consideration of this fact we were able to obtain these pianos (many of which have been used only a few months) in many instances at less than 20 per cent of their intrinsic value.

This is not a sale exploited with the one idea in view of making an enormous profit, but a clearance sale where each and every one of these pianos must be sold regardless of cost, as our floor space is limited and we are over stocked with this kind of pianos and they must be sold.

# KOHLER & CHASE

375 Washington St. Established 1850.

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TO THE PIANO-BUYING PUBLIC

In consideration of the very inclement weather prevailing Wednesday, May 24th, we have decided to place the following bargains on sale again Thursday, May 25th, at 8:30 A. M., which will give numerous parties desiring to call Wednesday, but were unable to do so on account of weather conditions, an opportunity of inspecting the same. Open Thursday night until 9:30. **KOHLER & CHASE.**

**REFLECT**

## TO THE PUBLIC: THURSDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIFTH CLEARANCE SALE SPECIALS

These instruments will be placed on sale Thursday, 8:30 A. M., and offered on no other date. The following bargains in new, discontinued styles, and rebuilt pianos are all guaranteed to be in excellent playing condition—many of them cannot be told from new. N. B.—Kindly bring this advertisement with you, and ask salesman for bargain specified preferred, which will greatly aid us in handling the immense crowds and cause no inconvenience or waiting. **Kohler & Chase, 375 Washington St., at West Park. Established 1850.**

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# INVESTIGATE THE FOLLOWING PIANO BARGAINS

<p><b>WAS \$550 NOW \$99</b></p> <p><b>\$10<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$125 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>CHICKERING EBONY</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$450 NOW \$133</b></p> <p><b>\$10<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>FISCHER MANOGANY</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$400 NOW \$229</b></p> <p><b>\$10<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$200 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>WAINWRIGHT</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$475 NOW \$275</b></p> <p><b>\$15<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$200 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>DEASE</b></p>
<p><b>WAS \$450 NOW \$127</b></p> <p><b>\$10<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$200 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>VOSE WALNUT</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$300 NOW \$89</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$100 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>OAK NEWHAMS</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$550 NOW \$157</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$100 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>HAZELTON BROS WALNUT</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$650 NOW \$285</b></p> <p><b>\$20 DOWN \$250 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>PLAYER PIANO</b></p>
<p><b>WAS \$500 NOW \$133</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$100 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>MASON'S HAMLIN OAK</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$375 NOW \$185</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$150 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>MANOGANY ESTEY</b></p>	<p><b>WAS \$500 NOW \$133</b></p> <p><b>\$5<sup>00</sup> DOWN \$100 PER WEEK</b></p> <p><b>MASON'S HAMLIN OAK</b></p>	