

# SINGLE TAX MEASURE TRYING COUNTIES

Advocates of Law Endeavor to Get System on Ballot in Seven Districts.

## SALOONS ARE CATERED TO

Followers of Henry George Invade Clackamas First With Initiative Petitions—All Liquor Licenses Dropped in Their Plan.

Unless restrained in the court, the single taxers will submit under the initiative for adoption in the election next year a bill introducing the single tax in a number of Oregon counties. The initiative petitions for such a measure are already being circulated in Clackamas County and it is known to be the purpose of the advocates of this measure to submit the same measure in at least six other counties of the state in the same election. Those counties are: Multnomah, Yamhill, Washington, Umatilla, Baker and Union.

Aside from revolutionizing the present system of assessment and taxation, the bill that will be submitted in Clackamas County dispenses with the licensing of saloons and all other businesses or professions. It is the plan of the single taxers to submit the same bill in other counties of the state. The vote of each county will determine whether single tax will be submitted. The plan now followed. A substitution of the single tax plan in Multnomah County would reduce the revenues of this county to the amount of \$214,000 now received from 413 saloons at \$500 per annum each.

### Prohibits May Oppose It.

While this provision of the single tax bill might capture the liquor vote, and that undoubtedly is its purpose, it will have the effect of lining up the prohibitionists against the single taxers. To what extent the anti-liquor forces would fight any measure that presumed to remove the license from the sale of intoxicants by saloons could not be learned yesterday. E. Knodell, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, is out of the city on his vacation, while J. P. Newell and E. G. Eaton, state prohibitionists, are out of the city for the day.

There is no mistaking the meaning of the bill that has been drafted by the single taxers for submission in Clackamas County, and it will be the purpose to submit the same draft of a bill in the other counties of the state where the subject is submitted next year.

Section 1 of the measure provides that "all business, labor, trades, occupations, professions and rights to conduct, work or practice the same, and all forms of personal property, and all improvements on, in and under all lands shall be and hereby are excepted from taxation for any purpose. Succeeding clauses in the same section clearly and expressly do away with imposing and collecting liquor licenses and all other occupation taxes. That part of the section reads as follows:

### Tax on Business Fought.

"No tax shall be imposed upon any trade, labor, business, occupation or profession under the pretext of a license or the exercise of the police power of this state; and no license application to license and permits this is intended only to prevent exacting of fees therefor greater than the cost of issuing the permit or license, and is not intended to increase the power of the county, city or state."

In other words, the proposed bill provides expressly that no license shall be charged and collected for at least any other line of business or profession in excess of the actual cost to the city or county in causing the same to be printed and issued. For instance, the Portland saloonman who now pays annually into the city treasury \$500, under the single tax bill that is proposed would be called upon to pay probably 40 cents or at the rate of 10 cents to exceed the actual cost of printing the license and the clerical expense of issuing the same.

### County Initiative Tried.

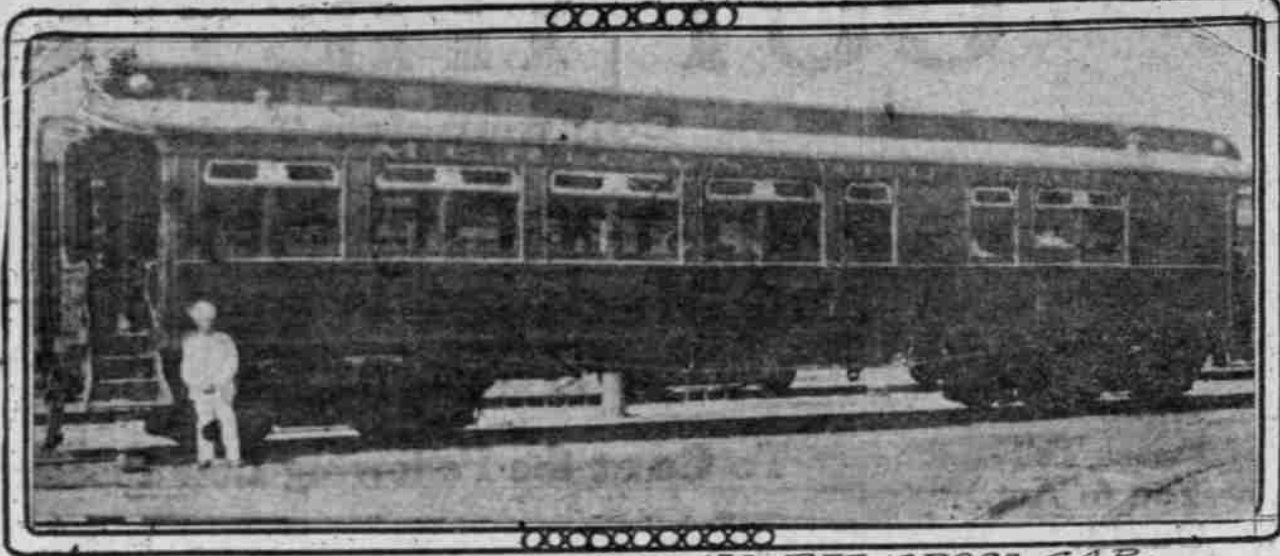
There exists a question as to whether the provisions of the amendment are sufficiently broad to permit of the circulation of county initiative petitions. This question probably will be tried out in Clackamas County, in which petitions are now being circulated. Whether the rights of the single taxers under the amendment have been established, they will begin the circulation of their petitions in other counties of the state.

The single taxers will have an opportunity in the general election of November, 1912, to try out their doctrine thoroughly and ascertain what the voters think of their assessment and taxation theory. In this election the voters will not only pass on the measure proposing single tax with the county as the unit, but they will also pass on a constitutional amendment repealing that section of the constitution under which the single taxers are now proceeding to impose county single tax. Such a constitutional amendment was adopted by both houses of the Oregon Legislature last winter.

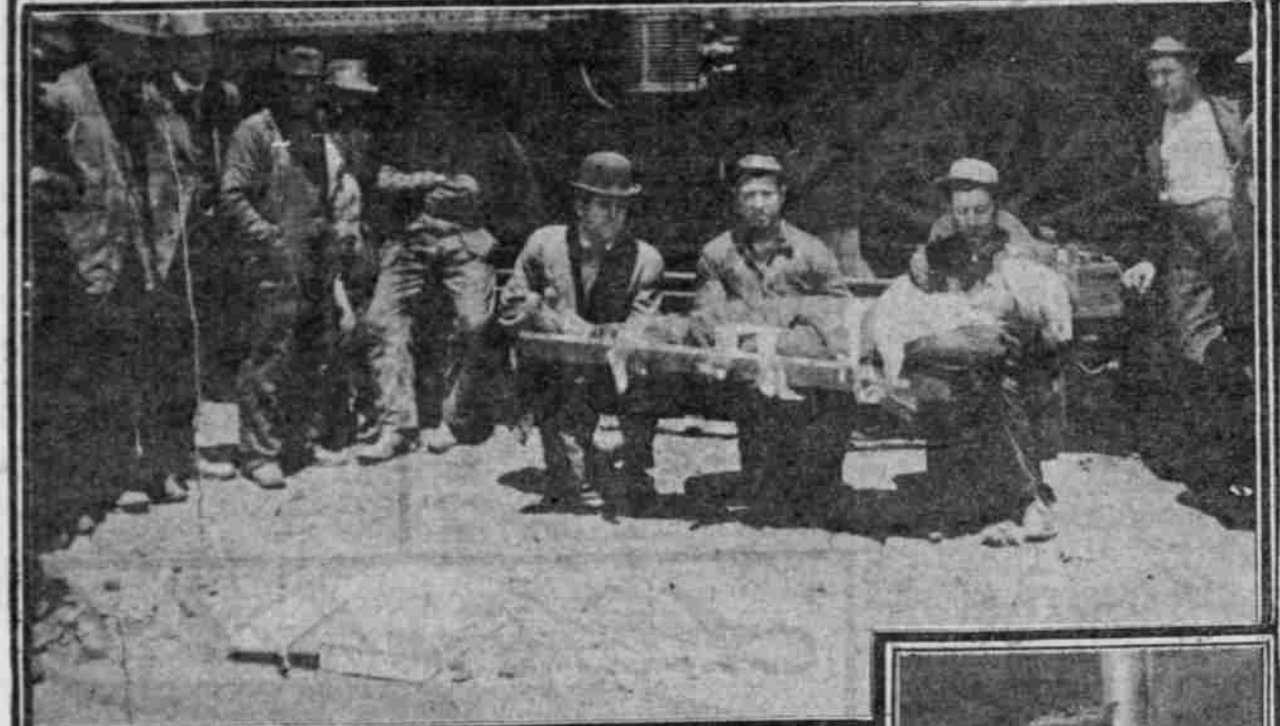
Its submission to the people of the state for their ratification in the election of November, 1912, was authorized by the Legislature by an overwhelming vote. This will give the people of the state an opportunity to express their opinion emphatically on the subject of single tax. The same vote that will adopt the constitutional amendment submitted by the single taxers will reject the proposed measure for single tax in the several counties. On the other hand, the vote that will fasten on the different counties the single tax system undoubtedly will be sufficient to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment which would do away with the single tax idea altogether.

The adoption by the people of the constitutional amendment submitted by the Legislature with which Oregon is thoroughly acquainted will be retained and the danger of single tax experimentation eliminated.

## "FIRST AID TO INJURED" TAUGHT BY TRAVELERS TO PORTLAND FOLK



EXTERIOR VIEW OF AMERICAN RED CROSS CAR.



RAILROAD EMPLOYEES GATHERING AROUND INJURED MAN FOR FIRST AID.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES GET HINTS ON HELPING INJURED.

## "FIRST AID" SHOWN

Methods of Carrying Helpless From Burning Buildings and Restoring Life to Suffocated Taught by Red Cross Corps.

Many railroad employes yesterday were given lessons in "first aid" to the injured by a corps of Red Cross physicians. A point upon which the demonstration was now in the city.

At noon yesterday the car was taken to the Southern Pacific shops in South Portland, where the men were invited to make a detailed inspection of the apparatus carried on board. Dr. M. J. Shields, of the United States Army Corps, and his assistants gave exhibitions of how to carry an injured man, how to bandage an injured arm or leg, and how to stop the flow of blood from severed veins or arteries.

The car will be at the Union Station today and tomorrow, and the general public is urged to visit it. Practical instructions are given to everyone. The advice is useful to persons who contemplate going away on camping, fishing or hunting trips.

Police and firemen are taught how to carry injured persons how to carry persons from burning buildings. In this they are shown how to place a human body across one shoulder, holding it with one arm and hand in such a way that the other hand may be used to move up or down a ladder or to maintain a balance in walking.

## CANADIAN TOWN HAS FIRE

Loss in Grand Forks, B. C., is Estimated at \$100,000.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., July 25.—The principal business square of Grand Forks was destroyed by fire soon after daylight, causing a loss of \$100,000. The following business establishments suffered total loss:

P. Burns & Co., meat market; S. Kirk, jeweler; J. B. Tuttle, shoemaker; T. Waldron, barber; Charliner cigar store; Manly, hardware store; Broadway Trust & Investment Company; B. F. Petrie, stationery and bookstore; McIntyre, hardware; S. McKinn, grocery store; B. Gardiner, furniture store; Miss Hoffman's millinery parlors; Canadian Pacific telegraph office; Mann drug store; F. Miller, undertaking parlors; West's restaurant.

## FROLIC NEEDS 100 CARS

Fifty Autos Ready, Twice as Many More Required for "Kiddies."

One hundred autos must be obtained before 1 o'clock today, or two-thirds of the children who will be gathered at North Park playgrounds for the automobile ride under the auspices of the Portland Automobile Club, will miss the

## CITY BEHOLDEN TO ELKS

RAILROAD MAN SEES BIG CONVENTION BENEFIT.

J. T. Smith, of Pennsylvania Line, Back From Atlantic City, Tells How Lodge Advertised Home.

## FILMS SHOW CHILDHOOD

Tots at School and at Play on Welfare Reels at Star.

The child at school and play is the theme of the second child welfare lecture to be held under the auspices of the Affiliated Social Service Societies from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock this morning at the Star Theater.

## SCHOOL TO COST \$41,097

Contract Is Awarded for Fireproof Building at Rose City Park.

## MERCHANTS SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

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# HOME FIRMS PUT FIRST IN SYSTEM

City Council May Detail Committee to Act With Commercial Bodies.

## BAKER TO BROACH PLAN

Campaign of "Oregon for Oregon" Goes Apace—Great Benefit Is Foreseen by Appointment of Industries Body.

All city work to be given, wherever practicable, to Oregon firms, and the raw materials and manufactured products used by the city to be supplied by Portland firms, is the latest movement in the campaign for "Oregon products for Oregon people," taken up by the Commercial Club.

Councilman Baker is expected to introduce before the council today the subject of appointing an industries committee of three. He will formulate an ordinance later requiring all city work to be given to local firms.

Heads of the various commercial bodies are endorsing the movement and are believing that local firms are entitled to local business and that, when equal conditions prevail, Portland should spend its money at home.

## Plan to Help Industries.

"Factories intending to come here require switching tracks from the terminal to the city, and sewer connections made, water mains laid, streets opened or street car service furnished. We had a recent case where a track from the terminal company to a proposed factory site had to cross city property. This brought on interminable negotiations and finally the desired right was not given."

## HORSE-KICK MAY COST JOB

Policeman Injured When Drunk, Say Men in Grading Camp.

Charges against Patrolman C. L. Barbee are expected to follow his severe injury in a grading camp on Columbia street yesterday morning from the kick of a horse, the persons present alleging that the policeman was hurt when drunk.

## BONDS

We are in the market for substantial issues of municipal and school bonds.

Will also consider well-secured improvement bonds.

Correspondence solicited.

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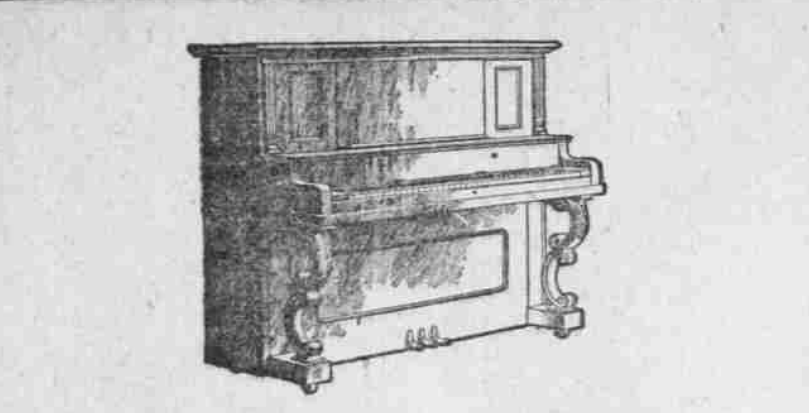
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# The Hurriedly Made Piano

The hastily made piano can be offered for little money. The one upon which expert workmen have put their best efforts and taken ample time to produce must bring a higher price, not only because it has cost more to manufacture, but because it is a better instrument. It is worth more.

Experienced musicians and other critical people invariably buy the better grades of pianos because they know that these instruments not only have finer musical qualities, but last longer.

Although many low-grade pianos are represented as having superior merit, any one who will simply investigate can readily see the difference between that kind and those which are offered at higher prices by responsible houses.

Look over our collection. We have not only very costly pianos, but also very low-priced ones.

We will show you where the difference in quality lies between instruments at different prices. Each will be shown on its merits—not offered on fictitious representations.

No matter how much or how little you wish to invest, you will find that our price is high enough to enable us to give you a good piano, and low enough to make value assured.

Easy payments may be arranged.



304 OAK STREET BET. FIFTH AND SIXTH

## 'UNSHORN' TOURISTS HELD

Klamath Falls Constable Sees Clev in Unshaven Portland Men.

Automobile from San Francisco to Portland is still plain sailing, even when the machine is geared properly and no accidents of an ordinary kind occur to mar the journey.

## Auto Law is Explained.

SALEM, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Crawford held today that the provision in the new automobile law requiring numbers on the front lights of certain vehicles extends only to such as bicycles and motorcycles and does not extend to automobiles, where the rear light shines on the regulation number in the rear.

## Now's the Time To Get a Farm

Because there's a great, new, fertile, virile logged-off district being opened up adjacent to Portland.

And for the present the prices per acre are within reason. This land, of course, will soon join the high-priced districts. Just as soon as the new buyers are supplying a big bulk of the Portland vegetables and fruit trade.

Today the Beaver Homes, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and up to 40-acre tracts are the greatest land bargains on record.

You can buy now at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$37.50 and up to \$60 per acre—all fine land, price based purely on location. If you have only \$75 or \$100 saved and can pay \$8 or \$10 a month—that's enough to put you in possession.

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