

FORCES TO UNITE AGAINST SINGLE TAX

Equal Taxation League Withdraws Measure Backed by 13,000 Names.

TAX BOARD MAKES REQUEST

Fact Pointed Out That Too Many Measures of Similar Purpose on Ballot Might Result in Confusion at Polls.

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"We acknowledge your request of June 28, that we withdraw our proposed anti-single tax amendment, and refrain from filing our initiative petition for the same on which we have secured 13,000 signatures, and at no cost, thus evidencing the strong sentiment of the voters against single tax."

"We represent an organization of 20,000 voters, who have secured through the firm conviction that single tax in any form is unjust, inequitable and if placed on our statutes will work irreparable injury to the State of Oregon, since it will not only result in great hardship to the present citizens, but will prevent future development by putting up the bars against immigration and industry from other sections of the country."

"The Oregon Equal Tax League has at all times been in sympathy with the Tax Commission's programme and our amendment was framed for the sole purpose of defeating single tax in Oregon, and at the same time leave it open to effect desirable tax reforms."

"You state in your letter that your programme also is in distinct opposition to the single tax. In this fact, which we deem the most vital now, our cause is common with yours. We recognize that your three constitutional amendments will have the effect of repealing the U'Ren amendment passed at the last election, whereby single tax as a county measure was made possible in Oregon; and at the same time by your amendments you open the way to all rational tax reforms which the people of the whole state or the Legislature may see fit to adopt."

"We have always recognized that your amendments would have the effect of repealing the U'Ren measure. We felt, however, that the wording of your bill did not clearly define your purpose. The sole object in drawing our measure was to put clearly before the voters an anti-single tax bill, which stated clearly its purpose, so concentrate all opposition to single tax."

"To add to the number of bills having the same end in view will lead to confusion on the part of the voters, which either measure might receive if it stood alone. It appears to us, in view of the definite stand your commission has taken against single tax, and your opposition to the present single tax propaganda in Oregon will be concentrated and made more effective by the withdrawal of your bill. In other words, as you say, 'the issue will be clearly drawn between two systems of taxation—one of which is single tax and the other in opposition to single tax.'"

"Speaking for the many members of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, the 13,000 signatures on the bill, and those interested in the fight against single tax in Oregon, we see, in the above statement, sufficient reason to accede to your request."

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committee and the single taxers' carry there is no telling just where we will be, but it is certain that the situation will be most deplorable.

"In view of this we submit that it is better that your proposed amendment be withdrawn and that those who oppose the single tax scheme give their support to the carefully-considered amendments proposed by the tax commission and thereby avoid confusion. The issue will then be clearly drawn between two systems of taxation—one of which is the single tax, the other in opposition to single tax, and at the same time presenting a rational plan of tax reform, which will remove many of those causes which breed discontent, and give life and support to many radical schemes of taxation."

FIRST CHAUTAUQUA WINS

The Dalles Welcomes Educators and Orators at Meeting.

THE DALLES, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—The first annual assembly of The Dalles Chautauqua Association is in full swing here, the Union-Street City Park being an ideal scene for the meetings.

Over 1000 people attended the opening session of the Chautauqua last night, the Schuman Quintet being the attraction for the evening. Lou J. Beauchamp spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience Saturday afternoon. The Rev. William Spurgeon, of England, delivered a lecture at 3 o'clock to the meetings.

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DETECTIVE SIGNALS WITNESS, IS CHARGE

Sensation Is Sprung in Trial of Della Olds, Accused Husband Slayer.

"SECRET SIGNS" FEARED

Attorneys in Sharp Wordy Duel Are Halted by Judge, Warning Fine for Contempt—Young Widow, Prisoner, Collapses.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 1.—(Special.)—Springing a sensation in the trial of Mrs. Della Olds for murder of her husband, a pioneer Spokane doctor,

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Besides the big excursions which the Oregon Electric will run into Albany on that day, excursions will be run from Albany to the cities of the Southern Pacific, from both ends of the Corvallis & Eastern line, on the Lebanon branch line and the Woodburn-Springfield line. All lines have granted excursion rates for the day.

The first event of the celebration will be a ball game at Athletic Park between the Knights of Columbus team, of Portland, and the Albany Athletics. It had been planned to open the celebration with the parade, but this big feature will be held until the Portland excursion arrives and the Southern Pacific parade will start as soon as the Portland excursion over the Oregon Electric arrive at the celebration. The biggest and best parade ever held in the Willamette Valley. Four hundred dollars has been offered in prizes for floats and decorated entries of various kinds and the first ball game of the day will be played first.

The afternoon programme in the auditorium will be devoted entirely to the railroad celebration and leading officials of the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific and representatives of the commercial bodies of Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, Dallas and other cities will speak. Splendid musical numbers will form part of the programme. A chorus of 30 young women, under the direction of Mrs. Hans Flo, of the Albany College Conservatory of Music, will be a feature.

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The witness told of following Judge Hanford late the night of October 9 as he walked home in the rain from the Rainier Club. He said he and the Judge went several times during the long walk to lean against a building or a lightpost.

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"He rode on a car up the hill to Broadway, where he got out and walked north," said the witness. "He walked rapidly as I have seen men do when trying to keep their balance. He was intoxicated. I am certain he was intoxicated. He entered an apartment building at 11:30 and stayed until nearly 2 o'clock in the morning, when he came out and went home."

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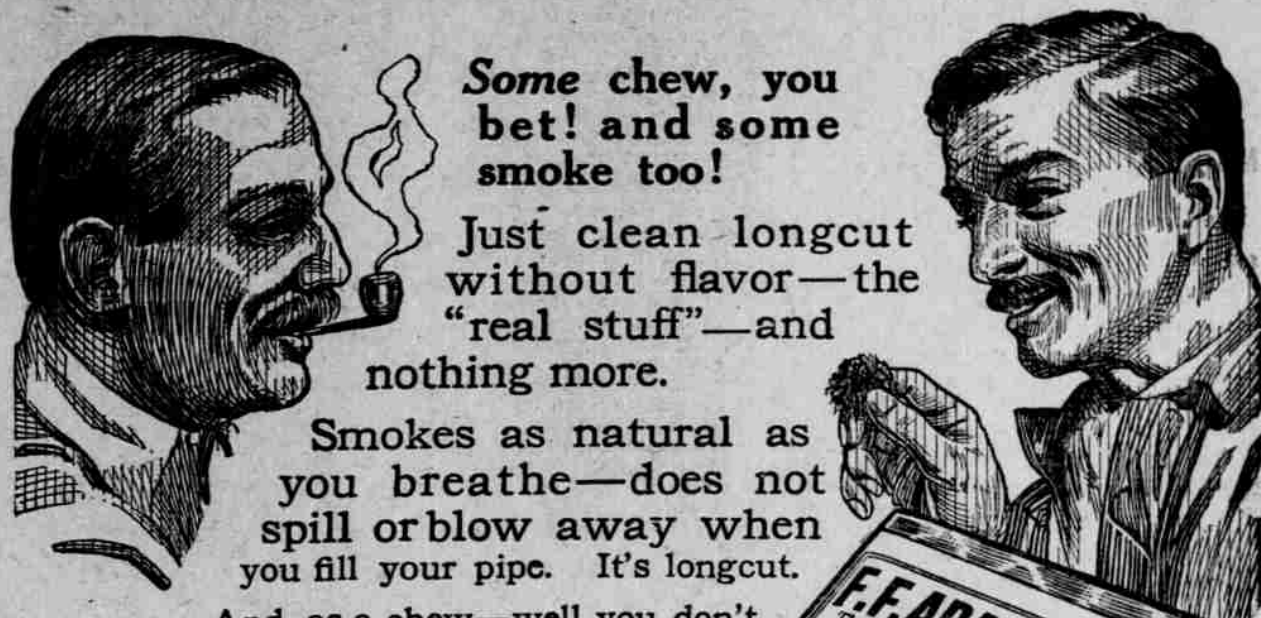
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IDAHO PROBE IS SET

Secret Inquiry Called for Boise, July 9.

BOISE, Idaho, July 1.—(Special.)—Speculation is rampant over Southern Idaho through the drawing of a special grand jury to convene here July 9, to conduct a secret probe into evidence that will be produced by the Government alleging that the Federal laws have been violated by conspirators wishing to acquire public domain without the right to do so and for alleged violation of the laws of the State.

The case to be investigated by the grand jury is that growing out of the alleged unlawful lottery conducted on the Medbury townsite in Washington Idaho, when the land in the Medbury townsite tract was thrown open for entry.

Supenas for almost 100 witnesses have been issued out of the Federal Court on the order of Judge Dietrich, summoning many men of prominence who are believed to know something about the case.

The District Attorney's office in this city refuses to throw light on the probe and Federal officials will not talk of the evidence.

The Medbury case was before a grand jury less than a year ago. At that time true bills were not returned as the evidence produced was not sufficient to warrant indictments being filed. It is understood that the Government agents have been working on the case and have additional evidence to lay before the new grand jury.

When the Medbury opening was held, it is alleged, drawings were given for property within the townsite and the mails were used as the medium of giving publicity to the scheme. Included in the drawings was one hotel to be given to the lucky number holder.

Promoters Willing to Appear. The promoters of the drawing declare that they were well within the law and that they did nothing not legitimate. They are willing to go before a grand jury, they say, and present their side of the case.

The grand jurors drawn to report in court here are as follows: W. J. Abos, Boise; F. C. Snyder, Jerome; F. F. Chamberlain, Twin Falls; Ed Miller, Sweet; Fred T. Smith, Orem; I. E. Thurber, Soldier; A. R. Southern, Delamar; W. W. Chaburn, Albion; J. W. Hepforth, Malta; E. B. Dayley, Oakley; C. H. Mull, Twin Falls; Thomas Penrose, Orem; W. G. Abbott, Halley; James S. Steele, Oakley; M. A. Zapp, Idaho City; T. P. Sholta, Clenna; Perry, M. M. Kries, Silver City; J. T. Laughlin, Boise; J. C. Goodwin, Payette; George W. Fletcher, Boise; J. H. Bonning, Ketchum; C. B. Spencer, Malta; Louis Garrecht, Idaho City; John H. Chrocherson, Brantley; Samuel R. Russell, Boise; Alex Wrigley, View; Thomas Evans, Garden Valley.

ATTORNEY SEEKING TOGA

Frank Moore, of Moscow, Will Run Against Senator Borah.

MOSCOW, Idaho, July 1.—(Special.)—Attorney Frank L. Moore, of this city, last night announced his candidacy for United States Senator on the Democratic ticket of Idaho, and will oppose Senator Borah, the Republican candidate, for re-election, whose term expires in March. The announcement following the meeting of the state platform convention recently at Boise, is regarded as being significant of something that developed at that time.

Mr. Moore was the temporary and permanent chairman of the Democratic state convention at Coeur d'Alene.

BONANZA PLANS BIG DAY

Fourth Celebration Includes Barbecue and Numerous Sports.

BONANZA, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—The Fourth of July is to be celebrated here with a patriotic programme, barbecue, sports, etc., as part of the events of the day. Horse races have been arranged for, and some of the best animals in this section are entered for the prizes.

The programme for the literary exercises which will be held at 10 A. M. follows: National anthem, Magazine Club; reading of the Declaration of Independence, Miss Martha Yahr; selection, Magazine Club; Fourth of July oration, Judge J. B. Griffith. Lunch and the barbecue will follow the exercises, and the sports will take place at 2 o'clock.

J. O. Hamaker is master of ceremonies and arrangements connected with the celebration. He is being assisted by the following committees: Barbecue committee, R. S. Sparks, Hugh Edwards and L. D. Burk; races, Hugh Edwards and L. D. Burk; races, Hugh Edwards and L. D. Burk.

OREGON CITY FOLK ATTEND

OREGON CITY, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—About 20 people from this city attended the opening Sunday of the clubhouse of the Portland Automobile Club, at the intersection of the Sandy and Base Line roads. From this city were Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Mount and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Riley and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Latourette and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Daulton, Miss Helen Daulton, Miss Bess Daulton, Ralph C. Parker, Dr. Clyde Mount.

Constable's Trial Begins.

ASTORIA, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—The trial of Constable John Sayer on an indictment charging him with manslaughter began in the Circuit Court this morning and the entire day's session was consumed in the selection of a jury. The defendant is accused of shooting and killing a soldier from Fort Stevens, on the evening of June 10, 1911, inflicting injuries from which the man died one month later.

Horse Trader Fined.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—City Attorney Story having been called to Portland, E. L. Shaw, acting Chief of Police, today prosecuted a charge against E. R. Case, accused of allowing horses to stand on the streets more than two hours. The defendant was fined \$10 by Recorder Stipp. The defendant is a horse trader.

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PURSER GETS PROMOTION TO GENERAL AGENCY AT ASTORIA.

J. P. Tapscott, of O. W. R. & N. J. P. Tapscott, for four years a purser on the Steamer Harvest Queen, one of the boats of the O. W. R. & N. Co., has been promoted to the position of "general agent" of the water lines of the company at Astoria. He will take charge of the Astoria office at once.

Mr. Tapscott began his service with the O. W. R. & N. Co. about 20 years ago, having been employed at that time as office boy for his uncle, B. R. Pearce, who was superintendent of the water lines for the company. He has been considered one of the most popular of the pursers on the river.

ALBANY AWAITS CROWD

OREGON ELECTRIC CELEBRATION JULY 4 TO BE HUMMER.

Committees Expect 50,000 Will Aid in Commemorating Completion of Line in Valley Town.

ALBANY, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—From present indications Albany will entertain by far the largest crowd in its history at the big Oregon Electric celebration next Thursday, July 4. It is believed 50,000 people will be here on that day to help Albany fittingly commemorate the completion of the Oregon Electric and celebrate in proper style the realization of its hope of many

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