# The Oregonian

taxation by classification, the putting of the sole power to tax in the hands of the whole people, graduated taxation of land holdings, and possibly a few other branches of the question.

It sounds formidable. It is formid-ble. There is enough in the taxation measures alone to keep the conscien tious voter of ordinary attainments fairly busy from now until November. The following is a statement in brief of the measures that will be on the

amendment repealing the An amendment which now gives the people sole power to regulate taxa-tion and exemptions and permits

county tax rule.

An amendment permittting state county to levy and collect taxes (Dion different classes of property. vorcement of state and local taxation.)

An amendment requiring that all taxes shall be uniform on the same classes of property. An amendment providing for the

An amendment exempting from taxation all household furniture, clothing and other non-productive personal property

A bill exempting from taxation bills exchange, mortgage notes and other credits.

A bill revising the inheritance tax

An amendment establishing single tax accompanied by a graduated tax on land holdings, franchises, etc. A bill (in Multnomah, Coos and

Clackamas counties) establishing single tax. The approval of some of these

measures would in themselves defeat others. For example, the repeal of the county option tax amendment, if successful, would defeat single tax in the three counties where it comes up in county measures, no matter what the vote of each county was on the issue. On the other hand, approval of state-wide single-tax measure countles, including the three where it press rates. While this report is conmes up in county measures, no matcomes up in county measures, no mat-ter how the voters in the three coun-ties with the local measures. proposing to take the business out of ties voted on the local measures.

others may be adopted without seri-ous legal entanglement. It is possible. of course, that all eight state-wide measures may carry. In that event the ones receiving the highest affirm-In that event ative vote would prevail as to all con-flicting phases. This result would es-tion is organized by private cornoratablish a chaotic condition as to taxation that could only be unraveled by the Supreme Court.

graduated tax. There is no gradu-ated tax provided in any measure ex-ated tax provided in any measure except the one which, if adopted, would Call it graduestablish single tax. ated or any other inadequate name, it is the product of the Fels Fund Com-mission, which is pledged to establish community within a period of time that has now almost will have been expended in Oregon. by other measures designed to confis-cate for the state by means of high

one measure, however. There is quite a variety of combinations to be an ticipated in the action of the people on the eight measures. Approval of the county option repeal and defeat of all other measures would put the state back exactly where it was before the last election in the matter of taxation laws and constitutional provisions. Defeat of all measures would leave it where it most medieval subjects. Browning was the most medieval poet of the Victorian age, not excepting Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The medievalism of the ment, no matter whether the charge be 25 cents or \$25. Again the containant, but Browning's was of a robust sort backed up by a stern philosophy. The only modern deed he ever did was to run away with the business, Mr. Lane has done a valuation leave it where it now stands, with the Legislature deprived of authority to so small compass that they can be

telephoned along the path of a flood, the prospective victims of which have watched its progress from a refuge on

of judges," is the apologetic outgiving of one of the thick-and-thin Wilson newspaper boosters in Oregon. This in response to the reminder by The Oregonian that these are the same little journalistic yelplets that hounded President Taft on his Oregon trip because he did not indorse the Oregon system.

The Oregonian has not observed that Mr. Taft has anywhere, since he was President, discussed any feature of the Oregon system, except the recall of judges, and he has vigorously opposed that original Oregon scheme for the same reasons that Woodrow Wilson has opposed it. Mr. Wilson's commendation of the Oregon system has been coupled with the correct qualification that it is, or ought to be, 'a club behind the door" to make representative government more repre-sentative. He has mildly commended the initiative and referendum on that basis, but up to the hour of going to press the initiative and referendum have not been adopted in New Jersey, of which Dr. Wilson is the great re-he for the recall?

But how about that other great Governor, Tom Marshall, co-partner of Dr. Wilson in the confidence of Democracy, and co-candidate on the Presidential ticket? Is he for the Presidential ticket? Is he for the Oregon system? Is he for the initia-tive? Is he for the referenders. he for the recall?

The Oregonian will answer its own question by saying that he is not. What are the little Democratic papers that were so highly incensed at President Tuft's failure to go on record and so deeply convinced that he thus forever disqualified himself to be a patriotic and people-loving President, going to do about Tom Marshall?

EXPRESS AND PARCELS POST. No stronger argument for a parcels post has been presented than the facts stated by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane in his report on exprivate hands, it reveals between the antagonistic of others except the sin-gle tax-graduated tax measure. All which lost motion—duplication of work—has added to the cost of living. It is most illuminating as to the degree of economy which tion is organized by private corpora-tions, this economy is capitalized and the benefits accrue to the stockholder. most wary of is the attempt of single-taxers to becloud the issue by talking graduated tax. There is the same of the communication is the Govern-ment itself, the benefits accrue to the people. The only objection to Goveconomy which prompts the corporation to save the pennies.

Mr. Lane, however, clearly shows that the express business, as now conducted, is wasteful in the extreme from the standpoint of the patron. Division of the business among a number will be the culmination of an effort in which approximately \$50,000 collected in this and other countries to be made, more bookkeeping to be done, parcels to be carried by to be done, parcels to be carried by circuitous routes, discrimination If it is defeated it will probably be the final effort of the Feis Fund Commission to establish single tax in Oregon. If adopted, it will be followed of living. The tariffs include 600,000.-000 rates, though the aggregate business. of living. The tariffs include 600,000,ness is only half as many parcels. The cate for the state by means of high clerk must wade through this volumi-texation all privately-owned lands in nous tariff to find the rate for each Oregon.

It is the duty of the opponent of wasted time. The method of handling single tax to consider more than the the business, the diversity of ownersingle tax to consider more than the one measure, however. There is quite a variety of combinations to be an

Legislature deprived of authority to so small compass that they can be pression is borrowed from Thomas regulate taxation or exemptions. The wisdom of the rule "When in doubt of a newspaper. His plan of labels volved and obscure as possible, but vote no" is not affected by the tax complication. But to it might be added the advice "Don't be in doubt."

of a newspaper. His plan of labels of a newspaper. His plan of labels and clerical work. The economy in operation thus effected for the operation thus effected for the express enigmas. The telephone has come to the front as one of the most valuable of life-savers. By instantaneously carrying news of the approach of a flood, it gives the people of a town in its path volume resulting from thus effected for the express companies will go far to offset the their rates. The stimulation of business resulting from greater simplicity and better system, as well as the increased and spoil him. At 2 years old he was resulting from thus effected for the express companies will go far to offset the their rates. The stimulation of business and spoil him. At 2 years old he was resulting from greater simplicity and business and spoil him. At 2 years old he was resulting from thus effected for the express companies will go far to offset the opposite the provided about as one might have expected with such parents to coddle and spoil him. At 2 years old he was resulting from greater simplicity and the provided provided and the provided provided

Apparently someone is urging President Taft to get rid of certain bers of his immediate official family, who are not only out of sympathy with him and his purposes, but are in nore or less definite alliance with Mr. President Roosevelt would hesitate to off the offender's head and casting his body to the wolves? Hardly, Why uld not President Taft insist upon loyalty and service to his own adappointees?

would be absurd, of course, and head of department, for friendliness to Roosevelt that stopped short of pernicious activity. But must be keep the members of his own Cabinet who are secretly conspiring with his enemles, or the heads of various bureaus of his administration and are conspiring to elect another his successor? body, or at least not very many any-bodies. That is the trouble. He never did. He never will.

By all the common rules of heredity Robert Wiedemann Barrett Browning, who has just passed away, ought to have been a highly gifted man. His mother, Elizabeth Barrett, was one of the most precocious little girls who ever lived. At the age of 6 or 7 she was caught reading books on philosoever lived. nhy and at 11 she composed fined to a sweeping revision of exoccupied herself reading Greek, and when she was 20 she published a collection of poetry called "An Essay on the Mind and Other Poems." girls at 20 are just beginning to dismind. Elizabeth Barrett married Robert Browning in 1846, when sh was 40 years old. He was in his 34th year at that time. The disparity between their ages was on the wrong side according to the popular belief, but it led to no undesirable conse-Their marriage was cele brated all over the world for its ideal harmony and spiritual graces. Elizabeth passed most of her life reclining on a couch. She was an invalid at the date of her wedding and remained in delicate health as long as she lived. She died in 1861, when Robert Wiedemann, their only son, was 12 years old. Robert Browning, the poet, was al-

ost as precocious as his wife, but not When a girl's intellect sets out to develop prematurely it usually out-strips anything the male sex can do. If he could be about that age. ahead of Browning, but then he had a humpback, which may have stimulated his brain a little. Browning had a volume of poems ready for publicadulgent father who let him do about as he pleased and his preferences ran volved and obscure as possible, but both mean a good deal after one has taken the trouble to unravel their

gives the people of a town in its path time to fice to safety. It did this service at Johnstown, though the people that they refused to credit the news companies may companies may companie. The most noticeable that they refused to credit the news construction of their business. that they refused to credit the news and thousands of them lost their lives and thousands of them lost their lives in consequence. It rendered the same service at Denver on Sunday, saving hundreds who would have perished but for the warning. On numerous a privately-owned parcel-carrying it is appearance. The most noticeable thing about a normal boy of that age construction of their business.

Although the new system of rates ought to be his ruddy cheeks and his grimy fingers, but poor little Robert Wiedemann never knew what it was but for the warning. On numerous a privately-owned parcel-carrying it has a product the public and is probable to be a prodigy.

business, the limitations on what can and, worse luck, an angelic prodigy. be accomplished are a forcible argu-ment for a parcels post, or what Rep-resentative Lewis calls a postal ex-Austrian domination, a medicyalism

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and notorious insubordination, and there is Garfield, who was not reengaged as Secretary of the Interior artistic temperament and the ineffective love of the dead past. In their
son these traits were united and some

ministration from among his own high plied. A small white worm is an alindefensible, for the President to dis-miss any subordinate or anyone under civil service, or any other official or jelly, which makes it all right for

who are striving to defeat the policies in checking the cruelties perpetrated upon which he relies for the success on the natives of the Peruvian rubber But Mr. Metcalf need not worry ough to make one shudder at the President Taft will not dismiss any sight of any article made of rubber

He read the Iliad at 8, but we are then they play great ball, but only happy to say that it was in Pope's Glants and Athletics can do that all translation. There is a story that the time. Portland is expecting too Pope himself could read Greek at much big league action in a Coast

tion when he was 12, but fortunately Astor and her beautiful sister. With for himself and the world he could all its pretensions, the exclusive set not find a publisher. He had an in-

Seattle a neighborly spirit by attending the Potlatch.

New Bedford corporations must have large unsold surplus, as the weavers are on strike. Dried loganberries and apples will fill the vold caused by a prune crop one-fourth normal.

Cherry Creek is in the scheme of nature and bound to defy the efforts

If the weather is too warm, join the Mazamas on Mount Hood.

The hops need the heat and sunshine to kill the louse.

WHAT ROOSEVELT SAID OF CANNON LAW TINKERS LEAD BACKWARD

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that the place where trade concentrates is the place where the Army should concentrate; that the place for rapid mobilization of troops is on the main lines of rail and water traffic. Therefore, it considers Vancouver an ideal spot for a brigade post.

Variety may be the spice of life, but not for the Portland man who complains in action for divorce that his wife hired and discharged eighteen servants in seventeen months. When the moving pleture gets into the kitchen, the head of the family has ground for objection.

Stream of the graves of the Chicago nominees.

The time is at hand when loyalty to privileged by George Washington is demanded in tour try and true freedom established by George Washington is demanded in this land and not loyalty to privileged classes who, greedy for Alaska coal and other land areas, including Mexico and stee land areas, including Mexico and other land areas, including Mex

OLIVER METCALE.

Where Johnson Learned to Read.

TAMHILL, Or., July 14.—(To the Editor)—In the standing table, the Beavers are, after all, doing very well. Now and the them, portland is expecting too much big league action in a coast league game.

Of course New York society could not resist the power of the Astor millions and had to open its doors to Mrs.

Astor and her beautiful sister. With all its pretensions, the exclusive set yields to money.

The block signal is all right. The fault always lies in the engineer who runs past it and invariably is killed.

The Spokane man who at the age of \$2 essayed to climb Tillamook Head had more ambition than discretion.

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A Soothing Telephone Message.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Host—Excuse me. That's my phone.
At phone: "Oh, yes. What's that? You can't give me the hour you promised I could have tomorrow? Oh, that's all right. No, no, it doesn't incommode me in the least. Any other time will do. Don't mention it. Good-bye."

Friend—That must have been your dentist.

Correspondent Discovers Dangers in

A rapid disintegration of our state constitution by direct vote of the whole people, instead of the deliberate manner prescribed in that instrument.

A like plan of direct legislation by vote of the whole people, a small portion only of whom are qualified to exercise that function wisely, and which reduces the ballot of the wisest to a level of value with that of the letter naturalized immigrant from the

## In the Pause

Of the man you meet every day. The man who knows what it means to Who labors for daily pay. The man in the race who has given

place. To those who are not his peer

To those who are not his peers,
And struggled on though fortune
frowned
Through weary, wasting years;
He hitched his car to a lofty star.
Feeling sure of his strength and
worth,
But fate decreed there was other need,
And anchored him fast to earth. And anchored him fast to earth

There are those who lack ambition's There are those who lack amore goad.

To urge them on their way,
Who meekly plod along the road.
From dreary day to day:
Nor strive to rise above the dust.
That clogs their weary feet,
Indifferent to misfortune's thrust,
Or lure of triumph awest.

White all deplore their lowly life, While all deplore their lowly life,
And wish them a higher place,
Hero is he who in valiant strife,
Has fallen behind in the race;
To him alone is honor due,
He planned and worked but falled,
Though sore beset he struggled through the honor due,
Hard pressed, he never qualied.

ed through

With sighs and fears beset by fears,
He trod the upward road,
And murmured not nor mourned his lot
Though heavy was the load;
But in the end this common man,
Who tabors day by day,
Is destined in God's perfect plan,
The convention of the conventi

To bear the crown away. FRANK W. STONE. Vancouver, Wash

Limitations of Mother Love. Earl Barnes in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine.

All logic breaks down in the present All logic breaks down in the princed of growing things, as inexperienced city farmers and chicken growers know. Little childen need love and constant personal adjustments. Love does for them what sunshine does for plants; it is an indispensable condition which reduces the ballot of the wises to a level of value with that of the right. No, no, it doesn't incommode me latest naturalized immigrant from the latest. Any other time will do Don't mention it. Good-bye."

Friend—That must have been your dentist.

Host—It was.

The Burden of Identity.
London Tit-Bits.

Gentleman (who has just picked up a sovereign (\$4.87), to tramp who claimed it)—But how can you prove it belongs to you?

Tramp—Why, gu-nor, you can see for yerself—I've got a 'ole in me pocket!

Which reduces the ballot of the wises to a level of value with that of the latest naturalized immigrant from the latest naturalized immigrant from the most undesirable regions of the Old World.

With this cheapening of the legislative for law, a weakening and flabbiness of the earliest and most important of our powers to develop, needs constant personal adjustment as the condition of new for individual and the official, that taken together, hode ill for our future happiness and make pertinent the question. "Whither are we drifting in our group of children. It is not a matter of human ilmitations.

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