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Several weeks ago Mr. R. Clark, of Medford, sent a letter to The Oregonian in which he asked certain questions as to the taxation system in British Columbia...

Several of the statements in the foregoing letter ought to arouse admiration for the nerve of the writer in intelligent voters of the state.

A notable illustration is the statement that "The so-called abolition of the poll tax in 1907 by the Legislature merely changed the name from state to road poll tax."

Another illustration is the assertion that British Columbia collects no personal property taxes, but levies a tax on stove stocks, store stocks and real property.

Moreover, British Columbia does collect taxes on personal property other than stove stocks. In a letter to The Oregonian dated October 11, 1912, the Surveyor of Taxes and Inspector of Revenue for British Columbia says:

The government does, however, collect a personal property tax and an income tax from every person in the province, whether he resides within the municipality or outside the municipality in an unorganized district.

In a subsequent letter, dated October 2, 1912, he states: "No amendment to the Municipal act affecting the question of taxation was passed at the last session."

All real and personal property and incomes of every person in the province, and the real and personal property within the province, are subject to taxation, subject to the exemptions and provisions hereinbefore mentioned and contained.

The British Columbia personal property exemptions are liberal. The exemptions include household effects; farm livestock, machinery and vehicles up to the value of \$1000; money in bank, mortgages and certain other credits.

A wide range of personal property is taxed, excepted on which direct taxes are levied by the state even though the property be in so-called single tax municipalities.

also prepare for the adequate use of the improved channel by ensuring that the river shall be kept free from railroad ownership and control, and that proper railroad connections be made with these terminals.

LUCKY DOG. PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—(To the Editor.)—I see that The Oregonian asks for a simple and easy way of voting on the laws and amendments.

First—On everything that calls for money, I vote "No." Next—If the find U'Ren & Co. Dan Kellaher or the Peoples Power League want a law passed, I vote "No." But if they are opposed to the law, I vote "Yes."

I'll bet you 30 cents I am an ardent supporter of the proposed business and easy way of voting on the laws and amendments. I give you my idea of how to vote and I hope you will try it.

GRANGE AND STATE PRINTING. The Salem Grange found that it had been utterly misled as to the state printing bill, hurried through the 1911 Legislature and containing numerous jokers, and it withdrew its support of the bill and of the supplemental initiative measure.

As the inquiry has proceeded your committee has become deeply impressed with the merits of the proposed law, and we do not believe that adequate compensation would be found for the cost and inconvenience to the state if the initiative system provided by Senate bill No. 75 or the initiative measure should be made a permanent law.

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such amendments by Republican Houses. Bryan gives Speaker Clark credit for originating the policy of schedule revision of the tariff, which is the most effective means yet proposed for bringing about genuine reduction by breaking up the combination of the protected interests.

As to publicity of campaign expenses, Bryan glories in the achievements of the House, forgetting entirely that the limitation of the amount of a candidate's expenses in running for Senate and House was inserted in the bill by the Republican Senate.

Under the caption, "Encouraging Agriculture," Editor Davey, of the Harney County News, gives Mr. William Hanley, of Burns, great credit for accomplishing much in the "back to the farm" movement.

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The murder of "Big Jack" in New York Saturday shows what witnesses in the Rosenthal case may expect.

It is hard on the fan's suspense to wait until tomorrow for the first game of the world series.

BOURNE'S REJECTION OF PRIMARY. Bournes Poor Loser. Bournes has been making great claims to prominence as the father of the "Oregon system," yet he proves to be a poor loser when the votes under the "system" are against him, and like spoiled child, says the other fellow "didn't play fair."

What Does He Take Us For? Jonathan Bourne, Jr., is in the field as an independent candidate for United States Senator. This places the astute champion of the direct primary nominating law and Statement No. 1, who was defeated in the primary election and turned down at the Salem Bull Moose convention, in a decidedly delicate and unenviable position.

Blow at Oregon System. Tillamook Headlight. As soon as Bourne lost out in the Bull Moose convention, he would not have been so anxious to announce himself as an independent candidate for United States Senator.

ONE ISSUE PLAINLY EXPRESSED. No Room for Doubt as to Meaning Equal Suffrage Amendment. PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor.)—As an ardent supporter of the Oregonian's careful study of the constitutional amendments now pending in Oregon.

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MR. HARRIS ON PRINTING LAW. Not Seeking New Job but Would Do His Best. SALEM, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Certainly I do not intend to say the Oregonian had spent money to defeat the printing law. I think it is quite clear in the course of my communication in The Oregonian Thursday that I used the second person "you" merely to give the illustration more of a personal application in order, if possible, to increase its emphasis.

Readers of The Oregonian's comments will doubtless be impressed by your want of better grounds in your opening remarks upon which to set aside the name of the printer. I am sure that decency cannot the Oregonian adhere to truth and fairness upon this subject?

Your summary of my interest in this affair is, I take it, usual, and to be expected. I am glad to see that the Oregonian assists in holding before me it knows to be doing their level best to perform their every moral duty to the state.

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Happy little married woman, if you are of perfect health and mentality, if your husband you choose is a splendid, clear-headed being, then I congratulate you on being thus blessed.

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Uniform School Clothes. PORTLAND, Oct. 5.—(To the Editor.)—I have been interested in a discussion which has arisen in one of the local periodicals in regard to the school uniforms in the dressing of school children.

It seems to me that all such discussions lead to the better, viz—uniform school suits.

Proof of an Old Friend. Judge. Miss Yellowleaf—Yes, ours is a very old family. You know, we came over in the Mayflower—indeed! And did you—er—have a pleasant voyage?

BACHELOR GIRLS ARE DEFENDED. All Not Fitted for Wedded State. Suggested. PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—(To the Editor.)—In defense of "That's Me," who received such a grilling from the pen of "One Who Knows" in The Oregonian yesterday, will say that the happy, idealized wife is not at all sparing in her denunciation of the thousands of little coquette.

If the married lady's youth has been so far above reproach and her holding alliance so broadening in its effect, I am astonished that she should be so harsh with one of her own sex.

Rather would we expect that she, a type of noble womanhood, would be first to go to the shadows and show her erring sister the way out. Instead of doing the superb thing she forgets herself long enough to flay the girl who has "The Oregonian" condemned her even stronger than the women," she writes exultingly, and we can almost hear the shrieks of the "One Who Knows" in "Crucifier," her, the "What's?"

Granted that this little woman had broken every vow in the decalogue, are we far above reproach and her holding the life of Christ whom we profess to follow? "O. W. K." is so savagely bitter toward the little woman who has so many admirers that one would be naturally led to think that possibly "O. W. K." idolizing spouse had stepped from the narrow path and found a pleasant companion in this little bachelor maid.

Those ill-visited men she mentioned as ready to attack a woman are not as deserving of the name of "Crucifier" as "O. W. K." still clings to the belief that the sole mission of humanity is to produce offspring, regardless of unfitness.

No sensible person will deny the fact that perfect mating and children of a love union are nature's divine plan. But does not the woman who would be fit to be a mother, or every old dervish of a man good enough to be a father?

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